

# El Tecolote

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## THE 122<sup>ND</sup> AUDUBON CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

By Libby Patten

It's that time of year! Santa Barbara Audubon's annual Christmas Bird Count (CBC) will be held on Saturday, January 1, 2022, and our coordinating team is already busy with myriad preparation tasks. With support from Glenn Kincaid, our intrepid gang of three – Liz Muraoka, Joan Murdoch and Libby Patten – is digging deep this year so that our esteemed leader, Rebecca Coulter, can take a much-deserved hiatus from the huge job as head compiler, or “driving the bus” as she puts it. We'll endeavor to keep this bus on track and have another successful count thanks to our many dedicated field participants.

As always, the weather running up to the CBC can play a significant role in what shows up on count day. The ongoing drought, a continuing concern, nevertheless led to some bright spots during fall migration. Many were shocked to see the lowest water levels in memory at the Andree Clark Bird Refuge, but this condition resulted in unusually diverse and large populations of shorebirds feasting in the food-rich but malodorous edges of the shrinking lake. With dry creeks providing little food, migrant warblers and other landbirds clustered instead at insect-infested trees in business parks, with highlights including Canada Warbler, Ovenbird, Chestnut-sided Warbler, Red-eyed Vireo, and Yellow-green Vireo. Our first rain of the season, in October, has already revived several wetlands and many areas are greening up, but will we have more rain before count day? We'll soon see, and, after all, uncertainties in weather and the birds we'll find on a given day are a big part of what keeps us hooked by the unpredictable nature of birding!



The Santa Barbara count circle's center point is the intersection of Cathedral Oaks Rd and Highway 154, and its area radiates out 7.5 miles in all directions. Before Count Day, you can help by keeping eyes open and ears tuned during your outings within these boundaries. Let us know about the following interesting or unusual birds:



Zone-tailed Hawk by Steve Colwell

Blue-winged Teal  
Greater Scaup  
Mountain Quail  
Virginia Rail  
Wilson's Snipe  
Greater Roadrunner  
Any owls other than Great Horned or Barn  
White-throated Swift  
Any hummingbirds other than Anna's or Allen's  
Sapsuckers other than Red-breasted  
Horned Lark  
Any swallows

Rock or Pacific Wrens  
Common Raven  
Any warbler species except Orange-crowned, Yellow-rumped, Townsend's, or Common Yellowthroat  
Any tanagers  
Any grosbeaks  
Lark Sparrow  
Any orioles  
Lawrence's Goldfinch  
PLUS: these montane species: Mountain Chickadee, Pygmy Nuthatch, Townsend's Solitaire, Varied Thrush, Brown Creeper, and Cassin's Finch.

## NO COMPILATION DINNER THIS YEAR, BUT...

Sadly, as last year, we will have no in-person evening gathering. Instead, we are planning a Zoom compilation event. The “Zoom count-down” will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 1. Details will be sent out via sbcobirding and posted on the CBC website: [www.santabarbaraaudubon.org/santa-barbara-christmas-bird-count/reminders](http://www.santabarbaraaudubon.org/santa-barbara-christmas-bird-count/reminders). We hope to see you (virtually) there!

*Santa Barbara Audubon Society protects area birdlife and habitat and connects people with birds through education, conservation, and science. While we continue to champion birdlife and its importance to a healthy and vital ecosystem, we do so fully aware of and engaged in doing our part to address the pandemic, attendant economic hardships, and systemic racism. We are committed to bringing opportunities to all community members to enjoy nature and birds regardless of skin color, age, gender, mobility, religion, and economic and cultural background.*

## LOCAL CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNTS

**Cachuma: Wednesday, Dec. 29, 2021**

*Info:* Peter Schneekloth, [peterschneekloth@yahoo.com](mailto:peterschneekloth@yahoo.com), (805)245-7749  
<https://cachumacbc.wordpress.com/>

**Carpinteria: Saturday, Dec. 18, 2021**

*Info:* John Callender, [jbc@jbcsystems.com](mailto:jbc@jbcsystems.com),  
<https://carpbirdwatchers.org/cbc/>

**La Purisima: Sunday Dec. 19, 2021**

*Info:* Alex Abela, [abela@lightspeed.net](mailto:abela@lightspeed.net), (805)934-2873

**Santa Barbara: Saturday, Jan. 1, 2022**

*Info:* [infocbc@santabarbaraadubon.org](mailto:infocbc@santabarbaraadubon.org)  
<https://santabarbaraadubon.org/santa-barbara-christmas-bird-count>

**Santa Maria/Guadalupe: Sunday, Dec. 26, 2021**

*Info:* John Deacon, [iseekbirds@verizon.net](mailto:iseekbirds@verizon.net), (805)314-8201

*Great Blue Heron by John Ahlman*



## WINTER BIRD COUNT 4 KIDS POSTPONED

This event is now tentatively scheduled for April 9 In-Person from 9:00 a.m. to noon at Lake Los Carneros! This is subject to change depending upon COVID activity, so please watch for an update in the March issue of this newsletter, as well as on our website.

A big thank you to the City of Goleta, the South Coast Railroad Museum, and Christ Lutheran Church for their support. Special thanks to WBC4Kids Co-Chairs, Judy Blue and Joan Cotich, for planning this event.

## GET MORE INVOLVED WITH AUDUBON

Our active chapter depends on leadership by members who volunteer to work either at the Board level or on a committee. Many of you have stepped up over the years, and we salute you. Right now, we have a Board opening in Development. We will have an opening for Programs Chair next year (2022), and it would be very helpful for that person to start working with us in April. We also have needs in newsletter layout (we use InDesign), MailChimp, and volunteer organizing.

If you're interested and/or have questions, please contact Janice Levasheff at [President@santabarbaraadubon.org](mailto:President@santabarbaraadubon.org) or Katherine Emery at [Director@santabarbaraadubon.org](mailto:Director@santabarbaraadubon.org). Make this your New Year's resolution and help Santa Barbara Audubon grow even stronger.

*House Finch by Rich Block*



## FROM THE DESK OF KATHERINE EMERY, Ph.D., EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

SBAS is actively working on many projects related to our main focus areas: education and conservation/science. This column will be updated regularly with an overview of selected current projects and goals (project list is not all-inclusive). The goals summarize what each SBAS committee is working toward with occasional opportunities for member involvement.



CURRENT PROJECTS	GOALS
<b>Education</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Providing SBAS outreach at local retirement communities (Contact Dotti Pak to set up.)</li> <li>• Presenting Eyes in the Sky raptor ambassadors to local schools (Contact Hannah Atkinson to set up.)</li> <li>• Providing monthly Evening Programs via Zoom (Recorded programs are available at: <a href="https://santabarbaraaudubon.org/additional-resources/videos/">https://santabarbaraaudubon.org/additional-resources/videos/</a>)</li> <li>• Sharing new SBAS Tree Swallow nest box video (<a href="https://santabarbaraaudubon.org/learning-resources/">https://santabarbaraaudubon.org/learning-resources/</a>)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teach newly tailored Meet Your Wild Neighbor curriculum to local kindergarten through 3rd grade classrooms.</li> <li>• Bring birds and habitat lessons to older students.</li> <li>• Provide 2022 Winter Bird Count 4 Kids event.</li> <li>• Continue collaboration with Goleta Coast Audubon (UCSB Campus Chapter).</li> </ul>
<b>Conservation/Science</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting with agency decision-makers, providing public comments, and authoring conservation letters to promote bird, habitat, and biodiversity protections</li> <li>• Using science to advocate for bird and habitat protections for Goleta creeks and watersheds and proposed wind turbine energy projects offshore of the Central Coast</li> <li>• Increasing Breeding Bird Study records</li> <li>• Collaborating with UCSB Cheadle Center for Biodiversity and Ecological Restoration to process aquatic invertebrate data for Coal Oil Point Reserve and North Campus Open Space to understand and evaluate ecosystem health.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue to build advocacy to protect local open spaces, wetlands, bird habitats, and ecosystems (e.g., protecting White-tailed Kites and the health of open spaces they rely on).</li> <li>• Outreach to key departments within the City of Goleta, City of Santa Barbara, and SB County to advocate for birds and bird habitat protections</li> <li>• Continue reminding homeowners and agencies that tree-trimming should occur during months ending in “BER” to avoid nesting season. Trim in September, October, November and December.</li> <li>• Continue to monitor SB County’s only population of Purple Martins.</li> <li>• Continue to work with Goleta Coast Audubon to analyze the 12th year of Nest Box monitoring data of breeding Tree Swallows and Western Bluebirds at Lake Los Carneros (LLC).</li> </ul>

## “WHY I SUPPORT SANTA BARBARA AUDUBON”



We asked Sharon Metsch, an ardent supporter of Santa Barbara Audubon, “Why do you think it is important to support SBAS?”

She responded, “The Conservation/Science Committee deserves to be recognized for all the work it does!” Sharon feels that this Committee’s efforts improve the lives of local birds, and funding support helps increase their capacity to do so. She also appreciates our educational outreach, such as the Winter Bird Count for Kids and “getting children involved.” Sharon believes that if our membership knew more about our chapter activities and could provide funding, it would make a difference for the birds and provide a better environment for everyone, now and in the future. Sharon’s message to all: “Let’s get the word out about all the good that SBAS accomplishes!”



## AUTUMN AT THE AVIARY

By Hannah Atkinson, EITS Director

The raptors of Eyes in the Sky are settling in for cooler, wetter weather. Our owls, hawk, and falcon have now finished molting out their old feathers and growing in fresh sets for the new year. They will spend the winter greeting the public on crisp afternoons beneath the oak trees of the museum's Backyard.

For the moment, one aviary stands empty. The space inhabited by Kisa, our Peregrine Falcon for 10 years, has not yet been filled. The search continues for a new ambassador bird: a wild raptor too disabled by illness or injury to continue life in the wild, but still young and healthy enough to adapt to a new life among humans. We look forward to welcoming a new bird to continue the legacy of the ambassadors we've lost.

In the meantime, the five raptors on our team are doing well. Puku, the little Western Screech-owl, and Kanati, the vibrant American Kestrel, continue to charm children and adults alike, while our Barn Owl Athena looks sleepy each afternoon on a handler's glove. Ivan, the Red-tailed Hawk – now well into his mid-twenties, if not older! – remains as regal as ever. Max, the Great Horned Owl beloved by thousands of local children, hoots to his wild neighbors from the window of his aviary.

We hope for a winter of classroom presentations in breezy outdoor spaces, easing into an in-person presence after keeping a careful distance for so long. It's a mission made possible by the volunteers who care for these birds day in and day out, sharing their beauty year after year with a new generation.



Athena by Betsy Mooney



White-tailed Kite by Kevin Scott

## OUR ANNUAL APPEAL

We hope our Annual Appeal successfully made it to your mailbox, asking for your support. This past year, through your generous donations and memberships, we have connected more people with birds. Your support enables us to protect area birdlife and habitat and connect people with birds through education, conservation, and science. Your **end-of-year gift to our Annual Appeal** is more important than ever as we work to direct those funds to where the need is greatest, whether that be emerging opportunities or a response to an unanticipated need or challenge. Every gift (like every bird), big or small, is important and greatly appreciated. Please consider making an end-of-year contribution to our Annual Appeal to **help us help the birds**. (Send a check to Santa Barbara Audubon Society, PO Box 6737, Santa Barbara, CA, 93160 or go to <https://santabarbaraaudubon.org/donate/>.)

## SO MANY WAYS TO GIVE

**Gift a Chapter Membership!** It's the gift that gives all year to your giftee and local birds! Chapter memberships are separate from National Audubon memberships. One hundred percent of Chapter membership dues goes to work locally toward our efforts in education, conservation, science, and advocacy. A Membership Application can be found at the end of this newsletter or on our website at <https://santabarbaraaudubon.org/join-sbas/>.

**Smile!** Remember to do all your online shopping through [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com). Register once and select Santa Barbara Audubon Society as your charity. Thereafter, every time you shop through [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com), Amazon will donate 0.5% of your qualifying purchase amount to SBAS all year round at no extra cost to you!

**Double down for the birds!** Many corporations have a program to match their employees' donations to charity. Consider asking your employer if they have such a program.

**Donor Advised Funds:** Many of our supporters are now giving to SBAS through Donor Advised Funds. To initiate a grant, please contact the organization where your fund is being held.

**Direct Qualified Charitable Distribution:** If you are age 70.5 or older, you can support our local birds with this incredible tax-saving gift! Ask your IRA custodian to direct funds from your IRA to a qualified charity such as Santa Barbara Audubon. The amount you direct will satisfy part of your Required Minimum Distribution. There are other tax advantages as well. Certain rules must be met. Please consult your financial/tax advisor and IRA administrator.

**Planned Giving:** Consider leaving a legacy for future generations. Please talk with your financial or legal advisor about different ways you can make a bequest to Santa Barbara Audubon Society and preserve what you cherish. If you have already included a bequest to SBAS in your estate plan, THANK YOU. You have the option to be recognized as a member of our Tecolote Circle. If you choose to do so, please let us know by sending a note to [President@santabarbaraaudubon.org](mailto:President@santabarbaraaudubon.org).

## VIEWS FROM GOLETA COAST CHAPTER'S BIG SIT

Conor McMahon has kindly shared these photos from the Goleta Coast chapter's Big Sit experience on November 13. (If you haven't done a Big Sit, visit <https://santabarbaraaudubon.org/events/the-big-sit/> for details.)





## MEET JAMIE CHAVEZ, A TRUE FRIEND TO SANTA BARBARA AUDUBON

By Joyce Carasa

Santa Barbara bird lovers have a generous and talented friend in Jamie Chavez, who has created the sbcobirding.com website. A native of Santa Maria whose forebearers include a Chumash great grandmother, as well as European stock, Jamie has deep roots in Santa Barbara County, where he has lived all his life.

He traces his fascination with birds – and also his love for creating bird art – to a moment at age 12 or 13, when a friend showed him a copy of *A Field Guide to Western Birds* by Roger Tory Peterson. He was immediately drawn in by the color palette, fascinated by the detailed renderings and the sheer beauty of the birds. He begged his parents for his own copy and has been hooked ever since. Although he began bird artwork at a young age, he did not start serious birding until he learned to drive. He read widely, joined the Los Padres (Santa Maria) Audubon Chapter (sadly now bygone), and learned enough to begin leading walks himself. He was a field trip leader for the Morro Bay Winter Bird Festival for 13 years and can be counted on for the SBAS Christmas Bird Count each year.

With his continued dedication to birds and meticulous attention to accuracy, in 1999 Jamie decided to share more broadly by hosting a free online message forum for local birders. When it expanded to a dotcom, new expenses arose, and SBAS agreed to sponsor the resulting sbcobirding.com, where we can all find amazingly detailed current and historic information about Santa Barbara avifauna.

In addition to moderating the site's discussion feature, Jamie scours numerous sources, carefully vetting accuracy and assessing interest to local birders, to include information about local events and phenomena, as well as including an annually updated species list, frequently updated seasonal items, and suggested birding sites. For beginning birders, Jamie recommends downloading Paul Lehman's *The Birds of Santa Barbara County, California* to learn about the true status and distribution of local birds (second item that drops down when you scroll over Birds on the home page) and looking in on discussions to learn what experienced birders find intriguing. There's also information about contests, 400 Club membership, and much more.

Besides curating and managing sbcobirding.com, Jamie works at Vandenberg Space Force Base, he is an eBird reviewer for Santa Barbara County, and he continues to enjoy rendering birds with pen and ink drawings (see p. 7). Two illustrators have particularly inspired him: Ian Lewington (*Rare Birds of North America*) and Lars Jonsson (*Birds of Europe*). Some of his own work has appeared in Brad Schram's *A Birder's Guide to Southern California* and in *Western Birds*, the quarterly publication of Western Field Ornithologists. Jamie and SBAS warmly encourage you to pay a visit to sbcobirding.com, whether you're a newbie or already a seasoned participant.



Jamie Chavez by Darlene Chavez

## OUR VIDEO LIBRARY IS GROWING, WITH TWO NEW ENTRIES!

Thanks to technology and our science project monitoring nest boxes of Tree Swallow (TRES), we've recorded some TRES behavior during breeding season and have uploaded a short movie on our LEARNING RESOURCES web page, <https://santabarbaraadubon.org/learning-resources/>.



Snowy Plover by John Callender

In addition, we've added a recording of John Callender's recent program on the Carpinteria Snowy Plover population. To watch footage of these irresistible chicks, learn more about them, and bring a smile to your face, visit our ADDITIONAL RESOURCES web page at <https://santabarbaraadubon.org/additional-resources/videos/>.



Tree Swallows by Steve Senesac



Pen-and-ink renderings - Magnificent Frigatebird and MacGillivray's Warbler by Jamie Chavez

## THANK YOU TO:

Those of you who have already responded to our annual end of the year appeal for donations!

**Alex Loos**, for doing the layout design of this newsletter over the past couple of years, as well as managing MailChimp since September. She has done this deftly and graciously, but now needs to devote time to her growing business. Thank you for sharing your time and talent, Alex!

**Our Conservation/Science Committee**, for bringing their expertise and time to bear on many local issues and projects that could adversely impact birds. Their actions are truly "what hope looks like to a bird!"

**Cher & Bruce Hollingworth** and **Arnie Schildhaus** for independently donating tripods and binoculars. Their generosity was shared with Goleta Coast Audubon, enabling the UCSB chapter to reach more students.

**Judy Blue** and **Joan Cotich** for planning an in-person Winter Bird Count for Kids in 2022, COVID permitting!

The **SB CBC Compilation Team** for their efforts on the upcoming 122nd Christmas Bird Count.

Our **Eyes in the Sky** volunteers, who lovingly care for our rehabilitated raptors every day of the year.

The **Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History**, for generously allowing us to "share their nest." SBAS is fortunate and grateful for our partnership with them.

The **local bird photographers** who let us use their photos in our publications.

**Everyone** who supports us through their volunteerism, memberships, and donations.

**Thank you – we are stronger because of you!**

## THANK YOU FOR JOINING OUR FLOCK!

*We wish a warm welcome to everyone who has joined our Chapter\*, or National Audubon\*\*, or both\*\*\**

Satie Airame & Jeff Chemnick**	Barbara Edmison**	Herbert Kroemer**	Andy Patrick & Megan Bay*
Susan & Willard Allard**	Jack Ehmer*	Barbara Kuhn**	John Patterson**
Jack Amon**	Canda & Bruce Emmeluth**	Gary Larson*	Laurie Potter**
Art Andrews**	Honora Evans***	Waverly LaTourette**	Sarah Powers***
Heather Annese***	Stan Evenson**	Emily Lawson**	Zoe Primrose**
Bruce Anticouni**	Mark Ferrer**	Linda Leary**	Catherine Quinn**
Rick Applegate*	Erika Fischer-Corners**	Jennifer LeMay*	Deborah Reber**
James Babbe**	Ruth Floyd**	Kathleen & Stephen Linowski*	Kate Reed*
Lillian Ball**	Diana Freeman**	Judith Long**	Romy Reicker**
Barbara Bazeghi**	Joan Fried**	Jessica Loomis**	Gail Reynolds**
Gretchen Beckert*	Betty Lou Frost**	Judith Lorimer**	Marlene Roberts**
Donald Beeks**	Betty Fussell**	Milton Love*	Kathleen Rogers**
Judith Bennett**	Vicki Gardner*	Elliot Lowndes*	Barbara Rosenblum**
George Berg**	Andrea Giroux*	Paula Lund**	Kathleen Rosenthal*
Ted Bergstrom**	Susan Gomez**	James Lynch**	Shannon Ross**
Marc Bierzinski*	Helen Gordon**	Laurie MacMillan*	Maureen Russell*
Deana Blackwood*	Sharon Granoff*	Joann Magistad**	William Shapiro**
Karen Bogart**	Colin Grant*	Nina Marcoux**	Lisa Sideris**
Jane Cairns*	Patricia Green**	Linda Marsh**	Tom Simmons**
Otis Calef**	Christa Gumtow**	Diane Martin**	Susan Skenderian**
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Les Charles*	Christine Hall**	Trevor Martinson**	Karl Smerecnik*
Dorothy Churchill-Johnson**	Douglas Hall**	Tobin Master***	Eric Sonquist**
Jean J Clarke**	Mary Harris**	Joan Matthews**	Marilyn Spencer**
Angela Coady**	Jerri Harrison**	Laurie McDonald**	Luke Sweetland*
Cristine Crooks**	Gregg Hart***	Donald McKenzie***	Irwin Teichman**
Patrick Cudahy**	Karl Hauck**	Forest Melton**	Tana Thomas**
Steven Dandrea**	Fred Heidner**	Wieke Meulenkamp***	Guy Tingos*
Nancy E. Darrow**	Sylvia Hendlin**	Suzanne Michaud**	Danel Trevor**
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Karen Dellabarca*	Sarah Hinton**	Martin Moore**	L. Van Meter Cline**
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Lynn Doetch**	Robbie Jacobs**	Stephen and Jane Murray**	Alan Wexlar*
Rose Donnola**	Cheryl Johnson**	Brooke Musselman**	Nik Wheeler**
Rodney Draper**	Stacia Keller**	David Nagler**	Phylene Wiggins**
Pema Duffy**	Beverly King**	Naomi Newman*	Jamaal Wilkes***
	Patricia Kinnahan***	Dawn O'Brien*	Ken Wilson*
	Katherine Knudsen**	Kimberly A. Olson*	Mary Woodyard**



*Blackburnian Warbler by Hugh-Ranson*

Many thanks to those of you who have recently joined or renewed or gifted a chapter membership to others. Your support is key to our success!

### Questions about Membership?

If you have questions about your membership status, or want to know more about the difference between national and chapter memberships, please contact Sam Franz, Membership Chair, at [Membership@santabarbaraaudubon.org](mailto:Membership@santabarbaraaudubon.org).



## SBAS GROUP BIRDING ADVENTURES ARE BACK, WITH PRECAUTIONS DUE TO COVID 19

Directions to meeting locations for all field trips and bird walks can be found on our website ([santabarbaraadubon.org](http://santabarbaraadubon.org)).

TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF OUR LEADERS AND PARTICIPANTS, THE FOLLOWING PROTOCOLS HAVE BEEN ADOPTED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE:

1. All participants must be vaccinated to attend a bird walk or field trip.
2. Decisions about masks will be left to the discretion of the trip leader, so each participant should bring a mask to the event.
3. Social distancing will be practiced during the event.
4. If you are sick, or feel unwell, do not attend.

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## SBAS: FIELD TRIPS

### NORTH CAMPUS OPEN SPACE (NCOS)

Saturday, January 8, 2022 (8:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.)

Target Birds: waterfowl and shorebirds

Leader: Rob Lindsay ([ThisIsRobLindsay@gmail.com](mailto:ThisIsRobLindsay@gmail.com))

### LAKE CACHUMA WINTER WILDLIFE (EAGLE) BOAT CRUISE

Lake Cachuma County Park

Saturday, February 12, 2022 (9:45 a.m. check-in at boat dock; trip 10:00 a.m.-12 noon)

Target Birds: Bald Eagles, White Pelicans, Grebes, Common Loons, sea and freshwater birds, ducks, Ospreys, Great-tailed Grackles, Peregrine Falcons, etc.

Leader: Park Naturalist Rosey Bishop

Cost: \$15 for the boat trip, payable on the boat. \$10 per car for entering Lake Cachuma County Park.

Limit: 25 people. You must email Rob Lindsay ([ThisIsRobLindsay@gmail.com](mailto:ThisIsRobLindsay@gmail.com)) to make a reservation on or before February 5th. He will confirm your reservation.



Male Hooded Merganser by Betsy Mooney

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## SBAS: FRIDAY BIRD WALKS

### ANDREE CLARK BIRD REFUGE

Friday, January 21, 2022 (8:30-10:30 a.m.)

Target Birds: waterfowl, herons, egrets

### LAKE LOS CARNEROS

Friday, February 11, 2022 (8:30-10:30 a.m.)

Target Birds: waterfowl, winter songbirds, raptors

### ELINGS PARK

Friday, February 25, 2022 (8:30-10:30 a.m.)

Target Birds: raptors, winter songbirds, juncos, warblers, finches, Hutton's Vireos, California Thrashers, etc.

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## SBAS: SPECIAL FIELD TRIPS

### SAND POINT ROAD BIRD WALK/FIELD TRIP (SANDYLAND)

Friday, January 7, 2022 (8:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.)

Target Birds: Long-billed Curlew, Great Egret, Snowy Egret, Osprey, White-tailed Kite, waterfowl, sandpipers, etc.

Trip leaders: Peggy Kearns and Jeff Hanson

Unfortunately, only a limited number of birders will be allowed to sign up for this bird walk. If interested, please email Peter Thompson at [Fieldtrips@santabarbaraadubon.org](mailto:Fieldtrips@santabarbaraadubon.org) ASAP. Leave name and phone number or email address, and Peter will confirm your reservation.

### VENTURA DUCK PONDS/WETLANDS (next to Point Mugu Naval Air Station)

Sunday February 27, 2022 (8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon) - Please meet us here at 8:00 a.m. [sharp!](#)

This SB Audubon members only field trip is also open to Goleta Coast Audubon members.

Target Birds: raptors, waterfowl, shorebirds, marsh birds, songbirds, waders and more.

We will bird on foot for approximately 3 miles on flat walkable roads and must remain as a group. Bring plenty of water, snacks, layered clothing.

Trip leaders: Peggy Kearns and Jeff Hanson

Questions? Contact Jeff at [jlh749@cox.net](mailto:jlh749@cox.net).

# SBAS: PROGRAMS

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*By Emily and Aaron Kreisberg, Programs Co-chairs*

Our monthly programs continue to be virtual presentations. As each date approaches, look for an email – or consult the SBAS website or social media – for a connection link. If you are new to Zoom, we can help you get started. Call 805-679-1578 or email us ([programs@santabarbaraudubon.org](mailto:programs@santabarbaraudubon.org)). Both programs are on Wednesdays, beginning at 7:30 p.m.: January 26 and February 23.

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## CONSERVATION AND DROUGHT IN THE CENTRAL VALLEY: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITY

*Presented by Xerónimo Castañeda*

**Wednesday, January 26, 2022, 7:30 p.m.**

Xerónimo Castañeda will talk about the conservation projects he is working on with Audubon California, focused on habitat restoration and enhancement, developing multi-benefit management programs for Central Valley wetlands, agricultural operations, and groundwater recharge projects, to benefit birds and people.



*Xerónimo Castañeda by Saxon Holt*

Xerónimo Castañeda is a Conservation Project Manager with Audubon California. In addition to the projects he'll present to us, he is the lead for Audubon's Tricolored Blackbird conservation program in the Central Valley. A California native, Xerónimo has lived and worked from Monterey to Arcata, with short adventures along the east coast. He eventually found his way to Sacramento to work with Audubon. When not at work, he spends time cooking, riding bikes, working on his new home, and, of course, birding.



*Tribal Wetland Project by Xerónimo Castañeda*

## OFFSHORE WIND PROJECTS ALONG THE CENTRAL COAST

*Presented by Kristen Hislop*

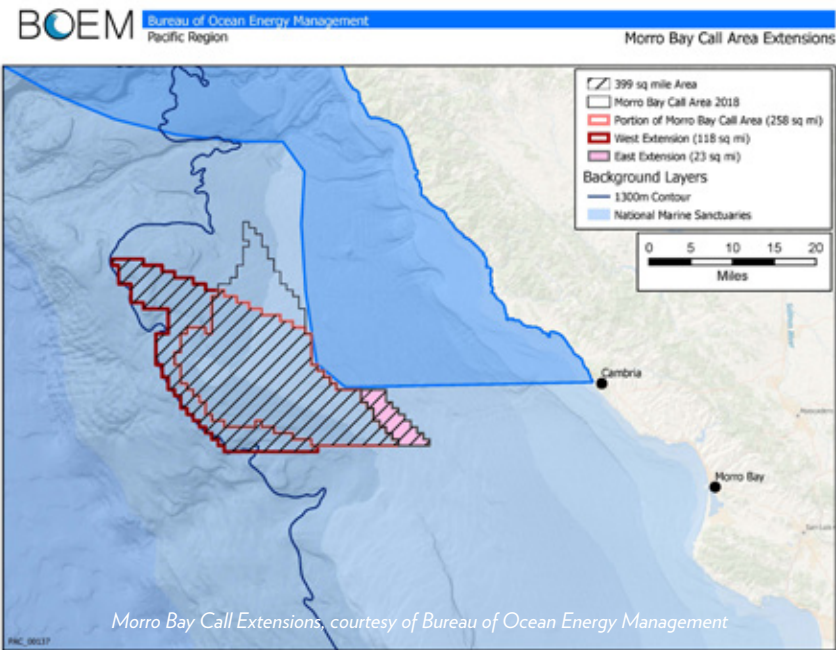
**Wednesday, February 23, 2022, 7:30 p.m.**

For the past five years, the Environmental Defense Center (EDC) has been engaged in conversations with industry and state and federal agencies, partnering with nonprofits (including the Audubon Society), about proposals for offshore floating wind projects along the Central Coast. Kristen Hislop will provide an overview of the potential for offshore wind to help our communities achieve carbon neutrality goals, as well as the need to avoid negative impacts to marine and coastal resources. Specifically, she will focus on a proposal about 20 miles offshore from Morro Bay and two proposals in nearshore waters off Pt. Arguello near Vandenberg Space Force Base.

Kristen Hislop is the Senior Director of the Marine Program at the Environmental Defense Center. She works on issues ranging from offshore energy, to marine protected areas, to marine shipping. She earned her B.A. in geography from UCSB and her Master of Environmental Science and Management (M.E.S.M.) degree, with emphasis in coastal and marine resources management, from UCSB's Bren School of Environmental Science and Management. While studying at the Bren School, she worked for the EDC as an environmental advocacy intern. She enjoys hiking Santa Barbara trails, paddling along our coast, and exploring the Channel Islands.



*Kristen Hislop by courtesy of EDC*



*Windradar, courtesy of State Lands Commission*





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