



SANTA BARBARA AUDUBON SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING AND GET-TOGETHER

LET'S CELEBRATE GETTING TOGETHER IN PERSON AFTER A TWO-YEAR HIATUS!
ELECT YOUR BOARD FOR THE COMING YEAR!

SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 2022, 3:00-5:00 p.m.
STOW GROVE PARK, AREA 3

Bring finger food to share | BYOB

Please bring your own plates and cutlery

to minimize the use of single-use disposables.

Our programs are on hiatus June through August and will resume in September. We are planning for in-person events! Also on hiatus are our regular Bird Walks and Field Trips; however, Nick Lethaby has kindly offered to lead two special field trips in late summer (see page 11).

We are grateful to all Board Members for their outstanding service to Audubon and that most will continue to serve on our Board next year. There are a few changes:

SLATE OF NOMINEES FOR ELECTION TO SBAS BOARD

- › **President** – Janice Levasheff
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- › **At-Large** – Rob Lindsay



Photo by Janice Levasheff

• Many thanks to Dotti Pak, who is stepping down as Education Chair after two years of chapter leadership. She has creatively managed to keep the Education Committee strong and visible in the community, despite the pandemic shutdown.

• Thanks also to Emily and Aaron Kreisberg, Programs Co-chairs this past year, who are stepping into parenthood and life after grad school for Aaron (who is also on our Conservation/Science Committee). We've enjoyed their energy, programming, and expert navigation on Zoom. They'll be greatly missed but we hope to see them birding around town with their new son Leon.

(Article continues on page 2)

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 enjoy nature and birds regardless of skin color, age, gender, mobility, religion, and economic and cultural background.

ANNUAL MEETING AND GET-TOGETHER *(continued from page 1)*

- Roman Baratiak has volunteered to become Programs Chair. Roman has extensive programming and non-profit experience in our community, and you'll read more about him in a future issue. Welcome aboard, Roman!
- Maureen Russell stepped up as Communications Chair in January. We are pleased to present her profile on page 5.

If you or someone you know might be interested in chairing our dynamic Education Committee, or helping us in Development or at events, please contact Janice Levasheff, President, via the Contact Us button, found at the bottom left corner of our website's home page. Audubon is for the birds, but we do run on people power!



Photo by Janice Levasheff

FROM THE DESK OF KATHERINE EMERY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



SBAS is actively working on many projects related to our three main focus areas: conservation and science, recently combined into a single committee, and education. 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

Education

- Celebrating new SBAS-Santa Barbara Botanic Garden "Bird Month" collaboration at the Garden in May
- Outreach at the new Audubon Overlook at UCSB North Campus Open Space (NCOS) in May
- Piloting new Meet Your Wild Neighbor "bird sit" and Science Technology Engineering Art and Math "How talons work" curriculum at local schools
- Completing provision of MYWN program in 11 classrooms for the 2021-2022 school year
- Sharing recorded Evening Programs: <https://santabarbaraudubon.org/additional-resources/videos/>

- Finish and share the new Lake Los Carneros (LLC) SBAS outreach film to increase awareness about the importance of birds at LLC and the critical need to protect this open space for birds and other wildlife
- Continue to bring Eyes in the Sky raptor ambassadors to local schools (Contact Hannah Atkinson)
- Schedule MYWN classrooms for fall 2022
- Schedule outreach at retirement communities for fall 2022
- Plan birding events and monthly Evening Programs for the coming year
- Eleven volunteers work on this 13th year of nest box monitoring, observing and banding birds.

Conservation/ Science

- Meeting with agency decision-makers, providing public comments, and/or authoring conservation letters to promote birds, habitat, and biodiversity protections associated with two projects: Heritage Ridge development in Goleta and El Capitán Entrance Improvements Project
- Increasing Breeding Bird Study records for 7th year
- Providing comments about the offshore wind power plan off the Santa Barbara County coastline with respect to impact on birds
- Assisting UCSB Cheadle Center for Biodiversity and Ecological Restoration as it processes SBAS aquatic invertebrate data for Coal Oil Point Reserve and NCOS to understand and evaluate ecosystem health important to birdlife

- Strengthen advocacy efforts to protect local open spaces, wetlands, bird habitats, and ecosystems
- Outreach to key departments within the City of Goleta, City of Santa Barbara, and SB County to advocate for bird and bird habitat protections
- Use science to advocate for bird and habitat protections for Goleta creeks and watersheds and proposed wind turbine energy projects offshore of the Central Coast
- Monitor breeding Tree Swallows and Western Bluebirds at LLC (22 boxes are currently being used.)

THE FALCONS OF EYES IN THE SKY

By Hannah Atkinson

Spring has brought sudden changes to the Eyes in the Sky aviary. We are heartbroken to report the passing of Kanati, our male American Kestrel. We knew him as a little bird with a big personality, and when he outlived his companion Kachina in 2018, he became the sole representative of his species in our aviary. He suffered a heart attack and passed away this past March.

His loss was very sudden. Unlike the gradual illness we saw in Kisa, our Peregrine Falcon who passed in 2021, we did not see signs of serious illness until his collapse. An American Kestrel in the wild may live only a few years; Kanati may have been as old as 13. He served as a well-known raptor ambassador for more than a decade.

“ WE WILL MISS KANATI, BUT WE ARE GLAD TO WELCOME KODA TO THE FAMILY. ”



Kanati

Photo by Jeff Hanson



Koda

Photo by Hannah Atkinson

We are grateful and heartened, therefore, to also welcome a new arrival to the aviary. For the first time since 2011, we have a new bird under our roof. He is a Peregrine Falcon, smaller and starker in coloration than Kisa; but like her, he lost his ability to fly due to a wing injury sustained in the wild. He suffered a fracture in his left wing which significantly limits his range of motion. He would not be able to perform the feats of aerial speed and acrobatics needed from a Peregrine in the wild, but he is a wonderful addition to our education team.

Our volunteers chose the name “Koda,” which means “friend” in the Dakota Sioux language. Koda has quickly settled into his space in the aviary, where he spends his afternoons watching museum visitors from a perch beside the window. His manner is bright and curious – very reminiscent of Kisa! At the time of writing, he is still cautious of humans and reluctant to be handled, but his training is ongoing.

HYBRID MALLARD UPDATE

For those of you who may be wondering about the hybrid Mallard Duck described in our last issue, Steve Colwell reports that the experts now are thinking it is most likely the result of some domestic-turned-feral genes.



Photo by Steve Colwell

OUR HARD-WORKING AND VERY PRODUCTIVE CONSERVATION/SCIENCE COMMITTEE

By Katherine Emery, Executive Director

Santa Barbara Audubon Society is proud to highlight some of the critical work that our Conservation/Science Committee is doing. For example, marine biologist and Committee Co-chair, Jessie Altstatt, recently met with *LA Times* reporter Louis Sahagún regarding the offshore wind power plan off the Santa Barbara County coastline. <https://www.latimes.com/people/louis-sahagun>

Other ongoing projects relate to advocacy and community science to conserve local habitat and protect birds that live here year-round and those that migrate through Santa Barbara County. We are grateful to our committee researchers and birders, all of whom generously volunteer their time and expertise to better the world for birds. Of note, in April 2022, Sharon Metsch, a generous and longtime member, gifted SBAS \$10,000 to support the important and committed work that SBAS continues to do. She challenges our current and prospective members to match her gift to help SBAS succeed in advancing our mission to protect birds through education, conservation, and community science initiatives. Please contact me if you are interested in contributing toward this exciting match. SBAS is active in the community as the voice for birds. Your support makes our work possible.



Photo by David Levasheff



GIVE BIRDS A CHANCE

Trim trees in months ending with "BER"

January – August is when most birds breed and baby birds are vulnerable. Schedule your tree trimming during the non-nesting months of **September, October, November, and December.**



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A SERIES INTRODUCING THE DIRECTORS OF OUR CHAPTER

INTRODUCING MAUREEN RUSSELL, COMMUNICATIONS CHAIR *By Maureen Russell*



Photo by Chris Perry

Greetings, fellow SB Audubon members and friends! I was very fortunate to join the board as the Communications Chair earlier this year, and it has been a fantastic experience so far! I was introduced to SBAS last summer, when I organized a bird outing with SB Audubon at Lake Los Carneros. Later, when I saw the open position for Communications, I jumped on it! I love all things about nature and enjoy long walks and discovering all that nature brings to us. My background in communications spans 25 years and I'm thrilled to share my skills and experience with this terrific organization. I'm a recent graduate of the Community Environmental Council's (CECSB) Climate Steward Program, where I deepened my knowledge about how to effectively communicate climate change with science and data. I moved to Santa Barbara just over three years ago from Colorado, where I volunteered and participated in several environmental groups, including the Build Green Program with the Homebuilders Association and the Communications Director with the Boulder Green Building Guild.

My "day" job is managing a boutique marketing and public relations communications consultancy firm in Santa Barbara. I love to write, create, and get outside as much as possible. I'm a strategic hands-on communications practitioner with a "birds-eye" view, helping executive leaders align overall business strategy with marketing to drive results. I offer a uniquely collaborative approach to validate organizational mission and goals that focus on business growth/expansion through marketing and communication strategy, tactical brand development, and omni-channel engagement. I am passionate about helping communities and organizations become more resilient and resourceful with their marketing communications strategies and tactics.

MARGHERITA SCUSSAT WINS 2022

JOY PARKINSON SCIENCE FAIR AWARD *By Dotti Pak*

The 2022 Santa Barbara County Science Fair was held virtually on March 11, 2022. We were delighted to award Dos Pueblos High School junior, Margherita Scussat, the Santa Barbara Audubon Society Joy Parkinson Award for her project entitled "How does rainfall impact the salinity of brine groundwater wells in the North Campus Open Space in Goleta, California?" In addition to the Joy Parkinson award, Margherita was also recognized with the top Senior High Life Sciences Division award by the Science Fair.

Margherita has been working with the Cheadle Center for Biodiversity and Ecological Restoration (CCBER) monitoring water quality at North Campus Open Space (NCOS) since 2018. For this project, she sampled NCOS monitoring wells weekly to determine the correlation between rainfall and well salinity. Her results showed that although increased rainfall did indeed lower the salinity in the wells, the weak correlation indicated that it was not the only factor. Her further studies suggest that the water level of the Devereux Slough and surrounding soil salinity also play a role.



The Joy Parkinson Science Fair Award is given annually by the Santa Barbara Audubon Society in honor of Joy Parkinson, who was a founding member of the chapter and a community environmental activist. Congratulations to Margherita for her outstanding work!

TECOLOTE CIRCLE

Tecolote Circle donors sustain Audubon's core programs in perpetuity through their vision and generous donations to our endowment. They gave a one-time donation of \$1000 or more to the endowment or have advised us that they have named SBAS in their will. Many continue to donate. Endowment gifts are invested, and income generated is available to SBAS to support our work. Our Circle is growing — consider becoming a member by contacting Janice Levasheff, President, via the contact form on our website, or send a note to P.O. Box 6737, Santa Barbara, CA 93160. Connect the community with nature...now and for generations to come.

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THANK YOU!

Judy Blue and Joan Cotich for co-chairing our eighth annual Winter Bird Count for Kids, and to Dotti Pak, who handled registration and the t-shirt/goody bag handout. **Thanks to the City of Goleta for their continuing support of this community event.**

To the **Unitarian Society of Santa Barbara**, who has chosen SBAS to be the recipient of its monthly offertory collection for the month of May. We are grateful to **Kathleen Boehm** for nominating our chapter for this honor.

Dotti Pak, Rob Lindsay, and Katherine Emery for judging at the County Science Fair, held virtually this year.

Michael Love of Sage Hill Films and the **Mosher Foundation** for their support in the production of our new video about Lake Los Carneros. Once this video is complete and has been posted, we will let you know.

To the friends of **Judy Blue** who celebrate her birthday each year with donations in her honor to SBAS.

To the **Santa Barbara Independent** and Santa Barbara Audubon member, **Hugh Ranson**, for continuing the monthly Santa Barbara Birding column. Watch for it!

To all our **Eyes in the Sky Volunteers** who have patiently and steadfastly helped maintain the program during this past year and are giving a warm welcome to our new Peregrine, Koda.

To everyone who has volunteered to help at our May events at the SB Botanic Garden and North Campus Open Space. It's a busy month, and we couldn't do it without you!

To **all our friends** for supporting SBAS in a challenging time! The birds thank you!

WINTER BIRD COUNT FOR KIDS 2022

By Dotti Pak

Due to continued COVID-19 concerns, the 2022 Winter Bird Count for Kids was held as a Bird-on-your-own event this spring. Families were invited to register and to pick up their birding materials, including a t-shirt, instructions, illustrated bird checklist for Lake Los Carneros, Bird Bingo card and other goodies, on April 9, 2022. We registered 120 children, including students from ten different schools in Goleta, as well as Girl Scout troops #50614 and #55508. Many thanks to the City of Goleta for their partial funding of the event and to Judy Blue and Joan Cotich for their continued leadership!



Photos by Jennifer Mislang

SPRING BIRD WEEK AT CASA DORINDA

By Peter and Linda Beuret

The latest issue of *El Tecolote* included two wonderful articles on getting children interested in birding. But since birding is a lifelong interest, we decided to create a Spring Bird Week for the senior folks at Casa Dorinda.

We invited our residents to grab their binoculars and join bird leaders Linda and Peter Beuret and Penny Arntz for a week of bird walks in the beautiful oak woodlands and trails shared by Casa Dorinda and the Montecito Trails Association. An eager dozen or so showed up each morning and chalked up a list of 27 species by the end of the week.

In addition to the five bird walks, we presented three bird talks in the Casa auditorium. Peter and Linda told the story of how they visited the Galapagos Islands when they turned fifty and suddenly discovered that birds are totally fascinating! One thing led to another, and this trip turned out to be a life-changing event that has taken us on countless birding adventures around the world.

Casa resident Steve Johnson explained the “Keys to Flight”, the remarkable physiology of birds that has evolved over millions of years from their dinosaur ancestors.



Photo courtesy of Linda and Peter Beuret

The response from the residents has been terrific, and we plan to do a Casa Spring Bird Week again next year.

SANTA BARBARA AUDUBON SOCIETY PARTNERS WITH THE SANTA BARBARA BOTANIC GARDEN FOR MAY BIRD MONTH

By Maureen Russell

This past May, Santa Barbara Audubon Society and Santa Barbara Botanic Garden (SBBG) created an exciting new “Bird Month” collaboration. Together, our two non-profits hosted weekly events at the Garden with a shared goal to deepen community awareness and understanding about the critical relationship between healthy habitats and native plants for the protection and conservation of birds.

SBAS Board members, staff, and active volunteers welcomed guests and birders at the Garden and provided information about SBAS, owl pellet dissections, bird bingo, and reading material about native plants, why they are important to birds, and how to create a bird-friendly garden.



Photo by Jayne Wamsley

“SBAS was excited about this new collaboration with the Garden. It was an ideal opportunity to outreach about the synergistic relationship between native plants and healthy birds. We were thrilled to celebrate bird-friendly gardens with our flock, welcome new SBAS members, and build this important community partnership” shared Katherine Emery, SBAS Executive Director.

“The Garden was pleased to partner with Santa Barbara Audubon for Bird Month. The relationship between plants and birds highlights ways that everyday actions can have big impacts on environmental outcomes. Native plants provide the shelter, nesting material, food, and particularly insects that birds need to survive. During this season of birds migrating and breeding, native plants are critical for the successful regeneration of the bird populations that provide beauty, support biodiversity, and contribute to a global effort for environmental conservation,” said Scot Pipkin, SBBG Director of Education and Engagement.

Since its founding in 1963, when the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History’s Bird Study Group became a chapter of the National Audubon Society, SBAS’s priorities are to protect area birdlife and connect people with birds through education, conservation and community science. As the first botanic garden in the nation to focus exclusively on native plants, SBBG has dedicated nearly a century of work to better understand the relationship between plants and people. Growing from 13 acres in 1926 to today’s 78 acres, the grounds now include more than 5 miles of walking trails, an herbarium, seed bank, research labs, library, and a public native plant nursery. Amid the serene beauty of the Garden, teams of scientists, educators, and horticulturists remain committed to the original spirit of the organization’s founders: conserve native plants and habitats to ensure they continue to support life on the planet and can be enjoyed for generations to come.

We thank SBBG Executive Director Steve Windhager, Director of Education and Engagement Scot Pipkin, and staff, SBAS Education Chair Dotti Pak, Communications Chair Maureen Russell, Member At Large Rob Lindsay, Executive Director Katherine Emery, Meet Your Wild Neighbor teacher Wendy Kanter, and active SBAS volunteer Jayne Wamsley, for their work making this new collaboration a success!



Chalk Artwork by Jessie Altstatt
Photo by Katherine Emery



Photo by JennyMcClure

NESTING CLIFF SWALLOWS

(from <https://santabarbaraaudubon.org/nesting-cliff-swallows/>)

One of the avian hallmarks of spring in our region is the return of cliff swallows to nest. They delight us with their aerial acrobatics, colonial gatherings, and intricate mud nests.

Yet Santa Barbara Audubon Society and their nesting behaviors. Many or removal of cliff swallow nests are from homeowners/residents who and/or remove the nests.

It is important to highlight that all 1918 (MBTA) and, as such, are protected by and Wildlife is the state's enforcement agency the swallow nesting season. Nests active during without a permit from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife (e.g., nesting colony at an airport which may impact aircraft safety). Outside of these dates, the nests can be removed without a permit.

SBAS tracks nesting bird records through our Breeding Bird Study and documents local breeding activity for cliff local data supports California Department of Fish and Wildlife's nesting season and for the prohibition of nest disturbance and destruction without a permit from the federal U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

ciety (SBAS) regularly receives inquiries during the nesting season about cliff swallows of the questions come from concerned citizens who observe the physical destruction during the nesting season (which is illegal, more about this below). Other queries have cliff swallows nesting under their eaves and are seeking ways to prevent

swallows are included within the federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act of state and federal regulations. The California Department of Fish for the MBTA and considers February 15 to September 1 to be this time period cannot be touched, disturbed, or destroyed Service. Such permits are only issued in extreme cases

Photo by David Levasheff



swallows from March through August. This time frame of February 15 – September 1 for the

The University of California Integrated Pest Management Program (UCIPM) is a resource for the public and provides (1) detailed guidance in accordance with federal and state regulations for homeowners/residents who are dealing with nesting cliff swallows and (2) strategies to discourage and prevent nest building prior to the nesting season.

Specific information published by the UCIPM on cliff swallows can be accessed here: <http://ipm.ucanr.edu/PMG/PESTNOTES/pn7482.html#SOURCES>. Additional guidance on nesting cliff swallows is provided by the UCIPM in their PestNotes publication, found here: <http://ipm.ucanr.edu/PDF/PESTNOTES/pncliffswallows.pdf>.

We are privileged to witness the extraordinary natural processes of migration and breeding as the swallows return to nest and raise their young. We ask the public to respect the protective measures that have been put in place over 100 years ago to ensure the continuity of our birds for generations to come.



Photo by David Levasheff

VOLUNTEERING IN THE GALAPAGOS ISLANDS

By Darlene Chirman, SBAS President Emerita

Fourteen years ago I traveled in the Galapagos as a tourist. When I visited the Charles Darwin Research Station, and the breeding center for land tortoises, I thought I'd like to return someday as a volunteer. I contacted the Charles Darwin Foundation (CDF) last year and applied to volunteer for the Galapagos Verde 2050 program for 3 months, starting in early January. The staff, researchers from around the world, and volunteers engage in science in various fields to assist the Galapagos Islands National Park (GINP) in managing the Park that encompasses 97% of the islands, located about 600 miles west of mainland Ecuador.



American Flamingo by David Levasheff

As a restoration biologist, my assigned primary job was to assist staff in planning for the habitat restoration experiments for 7 remote islands for the coming 5 years, and writing the next Action Plan. I read documents to summarize what has been learned from experiments so far, and helped to design future experiments in restoration to determine the most efficacious and cost-effective means of landscape-level restoration in degraded habitats in the Galapagos Islands.

I traveled to two other islands for work and another for fun snorkeling, exploring beaches, and taking highland hikes on Santa Cruz Island. See other photos on the Audubon website at www.SantaBarbaraAudubon.org.



Galapagos Rail by Hugo Silva



Program staff and students planting *Scalasia affinis* by Darlene Chirman



Darlene planting native landscaping by Liliana Jaramillo



Blue-footed Boobie by David Levasheff



Charles Darwin Research Station, Courtesy of Charles Darwin Foundation

NORTH CAMPUS OPEN SPACE GRAND OPENING



Photo by Janice Levasheff
President Emerita Darlene Chirman speaks at ceremony

SBAS was invited to be part of the North Campus Open Space Grand Opening Celebration on May 12. Having been on the board and involved with this project from its inception, President Emerita Darlene Chirman represented SBAS. A ribbon cutting followed presentations.

We were also invited to have a table at the Community Open House on Saturday, May 14. Katherine Emery spoke at the circle of gratitude ceremony, and Eyes in the Sky volunteers visited with Max and Athena, our Great Horned Owl and Barn Owl.

SBAS especially celebrated the opening of the Mesa Trail, which leads to the Audubon Overlook. Many thanks to Darlene for spearheading the campaign for the Audubon Overlook and to our generous SBAS members and donors who contributed to this important cause.

Thank you to all who supported this event, through volunteering or paying a visit to this wonderful new venue.



Photo by Janice Levasheff

Ron Hirst gives SBAS information to visitors at the Community Open House

SBAS: LATE SUMMER FIELD TRIPS (AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 2022)

Each participant should bring a face mask and follow all Covid protocols as instructed by the leader.

Check our website for event updates.

COAL OIL POINT RESERVE

Sunday, August 28, 2022 (8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.)

Target Birds: Snowy Plover chicks, Least Tern, migrating ocean and shorebirds

Leader: Nick Lethaby

Join us for an opportunity to see some late summer Santa Barbara specialties. This is a good time of year to see migrating shorebirds and terns. Meet at the west end of Del Playa (furthest point from the UCSB Campus) in Isla Vista. Detailed directions can be found on our website: <https://santabarbaraaudubon.org>. For questions, contact Rob Lindsay at thisisroblindsay@gmail.com

OCEAN PARK, NORTH SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

Saturday, September 10, 2022 (3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.)

Target Birds: Shorebirds and water birds

Leader: Nick Lethaby

Join us for a rare opportunity to visit this North County site that sometimes offers exceptional birding. Much will depend on the water level in the ponds found at this wetland at the mouth of the Santa Ynez River. If the ponds have shallow water and exposed mud, we will find good numbers of shorebirds, including many dowitchers and yellowlegs, egrets, and ducks. The sandbar at the river mouth often has tern flocks. Meet at the parking area at Ocean Park, a few miles from Lompoc. Detailed directions can be found on our website: <https://santabarbaraaudubon.org>. For questions, contact Rob Lindsay at thisisroblindsay@gmail.com



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We urge you to join SBAS and invite friends, colleagues, neighbors, and relatives to join us, too.

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