



## THE 123RD AUDUBON CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

by Rebecca Coulter

As I write this, a few days into November, the first rain of the season is soaking our region, bringing with it an audible sigh of relief from plants, birds, and birders alike. While I have a healthy caution about predictions, there is definitely an air of hopeful things to come. The drought has wearied all of us, and the low lake levels, dry creeks, drought-stressed trees, and generally grim conditions are impossible to ignore. These few rainy days are a tonic, especially coupled with our recent fall migration season. During its peak, the insect-riddled trees in business parks continued to highlight the changing “hotspots” where migrating birds concentrate when drought limits options for feeding. With a few exceptions, places we have birded for decades—small patches of riparian habitat along creeks and near the coast—have been underwhelming compared to the tipu and eucalyptus trees infested with psyllids that form a sticky honeydew



The Tucker's Grove group birding in the park at a past CBC event. Photo by Nikhil Deshmukh

on the leaves, creating a feeding bonanza for birds. This phenomenon is not new, but the lack of suitable food and water availability elsewhere has concentrated birds in these easy-to-reach places, where birders have enjoyed sightings of vagrant warblers, vireos, and flycatchers, as well as catching up with friends after the long months of COVID-19 isolation.



Nashville Warbler from 122nd CBC. Photo by Sophie Cameron

**The Audubon Christmas Bird Count is a community science bird project. The annual data collected help Audubon researchers and others in their work to study trends and environmental issues, and to protect the health of bird populations.**

Santa Barbara Audubon's annual **Christmas Bird Count** (CBC) will be held on Saturday, December 31, New Year's Eve. Already at work preparing is our coordinating team: Libby Patten, Liz Muraoka, Glenn Kincaid, Wim van Dam, and Conor McMahon join me to bring together a 24-hour census of all the birds in our count circle. Assigning coverage, securing access, managing notifications, creating forms, crunching data, and submitting everything to National Audubon are all part of

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*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.*

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the work we do throughout the CBC season. We look forward to another successful count thanks to our many dedicated field participants, and hope to see you out there!

The Santa Barbara count circle's center point is the intersection of Cathedral Oaks Road and Highway 154, and radiates 7.5 miles in all directions. Before Count Day, you can help by keeping eyes open and ears tuned for these birds during your outings in the area:

- Blue-winged Teal
- Greater Scaup
- White-throated Swift
- Virginia Rail
- Wilson's Snipe
- Greater Roadrunner
- Mountain Quail
- Horned Lark
- Any tanagers
- Any grosbeaks
- Lark Sparrow
- Rock or Pacific Wrens
- Any orioles
- Any swallows
- Lawrence's Goldfinch
- Common Raven
- Sapsuckers other than Red-breasted
- Any owls other than Great Horned or Barn
- Any hummingbirds other than Anna's or Allen's
- Any warbler species except Orange-crowned, Yellow-rumped, Townsend's, or Common Yellowthroat
- PLUS these montane species: Mountain Chickadee, Pygmy Nuthatch, Townsend's Solitaire, Varied Thrush, Brown Creeper, and Cassin's Finch.

If you see these birds in the count circle during December, please let the coordinating team know by posting to the sbcobirding listserve: [sbcobirding@groups.io](mailto:sbcobirding@groups.io) or emailing [infocbc@SantaBarbaraAudubon.org](mailto:infocbc@SantaBarbaraAudubon.org)

## CBC COMPILATION DINNER – IT'S ON!

You all are invited to celebrate the Christmas Bird Count tally on Saturday, December 31, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in Fleischmann Auditorium at the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History. Catered by Jack's Bistro, the dinner will include a choice of meat or vegetable lasagna, green salad, garlic bread, and a delicious chocolate chip cookie.

**Please bring your own cups and beverages:** No drinks or water will be provided. Also, while other tableware (plates, flatware, napkins) will be provided, we encourage you to bring your own to reduce consumption of single-use items. If you prefer to bring your own dinner, you are welcome to do so.

The cost of the catered dinner is \$19, plus the Eventbrite processing fee.

**The deadline to purchase dinner tickets is Friday, December 23, at 11:59 p.m.** Buy tickets on Eventbrite:

**meat dinner:** [2022-sbas-cbc-meat-dinner.eventbrite.com](https://2022-sbas-cbc-meat-dinner.eventbrite.com)     **veggie dinner:** [2022-sbas-cbc-veg-dinner.eventbrite.com](https://2022-sbas-cbc-veg-dinner.eventbrite.com)

See you there! Questions? Go to [SantaBarbaraAudubon.org/contact-us/cbc-dinner-questions](https://SantaBarbaraAudubon.org/contact-us/cbc-dinner-questions)

## WINTER BIRD COUNT 4 KIDS

### INTRODUCING YOUNG PEOPLE TO THE FUN OF BIRDWATCHING JOIN US!

**Saturday, January 21, 2023, 9:00 a.m. to Noon**

**Lake Los Carneros Park, Goleta**

- Birding basics event for kids and teens 8-16 years old accompanied by a responsible adult
- Take a guided walk around the lake with an experienced naturalist
- Binocular Boot Camp (borrow ours or bring your own)
- Record and tally the bird species observed
- Free souvenir bird list and free T-shirt (for the first 75 kids)

*No pre-registration necessary. Please bring your own water to drink.*

**Meet at the Stow House Parking Lot:**

**304 N. Los Carneros Road, Goleta**



*Sponsored by the Santa Barbara Audubon Society with support from the City of Goleta, Goleta Valley Historical Society/Stow House, South Coast Railroad Museum, and Christ Lutheran Church*



## FROM THE DESK OF KATHERINE EMERY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Through our Education Committee and our Conservation/Science Committee, SBAS is actively working on many projects. This update provides an overview of selected current projects, goals, and opportunities for member engagement (project list is not all-inclusive).

Through education, conservation, and science work, and sharing the joy and beauty of birds, SBAS sparks a passion for nature and inspires the community to protect birds and our natural environment. **Eyes in the Sky (EITS)**, the key wildlife education program of SBAS since 2000 and the only federally licensed raptor education program in the county, connects members of the public with birds and

nature through presentations at schools, after-school programs, and the Audubon Aviary at the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History (SBMNH), which is open every day except Tuesdays. SBAS also gives EITS educational live bird presentations at preschools, retirement communities, and other locations. SBAS's signature **Meet Your Wild Neighbor (MYWN)** school program, which provides interactive curriculum for children in lower elementary school to learn about birds and the environment, will be taught in 14 Santa Barbara and Goleta classrooms throughout the 2022/2023 academic year. This year, SBAS will continue to incorporate more bird sounds, music, and a "bird sit," and explore adding Spanish vocabulary. Schools may contact Hannah Atkinson for information about pricing and scheduling and to be added to the MYWN waitlist.

SBAS continues to provide engaging monthly **Evening Programs** and bolster innovative partnerships with UCSB Arts & Lectures and the SBMNH to host local and nationally renowned speakers. SBAS's educational and fun bird walks and field trips remain in high demand. More than 35 bird walks/field trips are scheduled for 2022/2023. SBAS members, nature enthusiasts, and new birders are welcome to join these **SBAS activities**.

SBAS prepares for the annual **Winter Bird Count 4 Kids (WBC4K)** on January 21, 9 a.m. - Noon. SBAS is deeply grateful for the eight years of dedicated volunteer service and leadership by event Co-chairs, Judy Blue and Joan Cotich. There is an immediate need for new WBC4K Co-chairs. If you are interested and/or know someone who is organized, passionate about birds, children, and educational outreach, and willing to focus on leading this important event annually starting in 2024, please contact Janice Levasheff right away. Shadowing the 2023 WBC4K would be an excellent start.

Learn more about SBAS programs and activities at [SantaBarbaraAudubon.org](https://SantaBarbaraAudubon.org)

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## A BIG AUDUBON FAREWELL

**Joyce Carasa** has edited El Tecolote since 2017, and we thank her very much for her dedicated service over the past five years. Introduced to us by Teresa Fanucchi who worked with her at UCSB, Joyce oversaw virtually flawless quarterly productions of the chapter's newsletter in her time as editor. During her tenure, "ET" was a regular, helpful channel of communication with Santa Barbara Audubon members, describing chapter activities and achievements, introducing new Board members, sharing members' bird photos, announcing field trips, bird walks, programs and much more. Her high standards were reflected in every issue. We can't thank Joyce enough for her rigorous and professional approach to this very important part of our chapter and for being a joy to work with.

**Judy Blue** and **Joan Cotich** have co-chaired our Winter Bird Count 4 Kids for years and we thank them heartily as they step down. Judy was there at the beginning in 2015 for the initial WBC4K, co-chairing with Karen Schroeder for the first year, before Joan moved into that role. Judy and Joan led this important educational outreach program with enthusiasm, creativity, and affection. They called upon their friends to lead groups of children around Lake Los Carneros each January and brought their knowledge and experience in the educational community to enrich SBAS's efforts. The result is the highly successful annual event which has grown each year since its beginning.

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## DONOR LIST ERRATA

**Nancy Caponi** was inadvertently omitted from the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Donor List in our September issue of this publication. We sincerely apologize for this error.



## EITS WELCOMES NEW AMERICAN KESTREL

by Hannah Atkinson

Eyes in the Sky (EITS) is excited to welcome a new American Kestrel to our aviary! Our newest ambassador will be a young female of the smallest falcon species in North America, and one of our most colorful local birds of prey. She will teach Museum visitors and elementary school students about raptors and their habitats.

This new bird will be the first kestrel to join the team after Kanati, our male, passed away in early 2022. Kachina, our last female kestrel, passed away in 2018. Each bird lived into their teen years, which is remarkable for a species that often survives only five years in the wild. Prior to arriving at the aviary, each had been struck by a car and suffered a permanent wing injury.

The incoming kestrel is a more unusual case: like Max, our Great Horned Owl, she is imprinted on humans. She hatched in 2020, was found on the ground as a baby, and believed her human rescuers to be her parents. She now has an irreversible relationship with humans. Because imprinted birds are dangerously human-oriented and have never learned the skills they need to survive in the wild, she is considered non-releasable.

Following EITS tradition, the volunteers will vote on her new name once she arrives at the aviary in the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History. We are excited to welcome a new bird into the family!



*EITS Ambassador American Kestrel  
Photo by Vicki Gardner*

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## CONSERVATION/SCIENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Thanks to generous donor support, SBAS was able to run a tree trimming awareness ad in the Santa Barbara Independent three times this fall. The conservation/science committee is addressing issues related to excessive tree trimming during Purple Martin breeding season at Nojoqui Falls Park, the presence of dogs at Coal Oil Point Reserve, and off-leash dogs at beaches near the reserve. The committee is following the City of Goleta's management plans for Stow Grove Park, Lake Los Carneros Open Space, and Ellwood Monarch Grove. SBAS received an update from Channel Islands Restoration on the impact of sheep grazing at San Marcos Foothills Preserve to promote native grass habitat for grassland-reliant bird species. We have been working with the Environmental Defense Center and other groups to ensure development in Goleta adheres to the city's environmental policies and regulations. If you would like to learn more or want to help, please send a message through our website contact form:

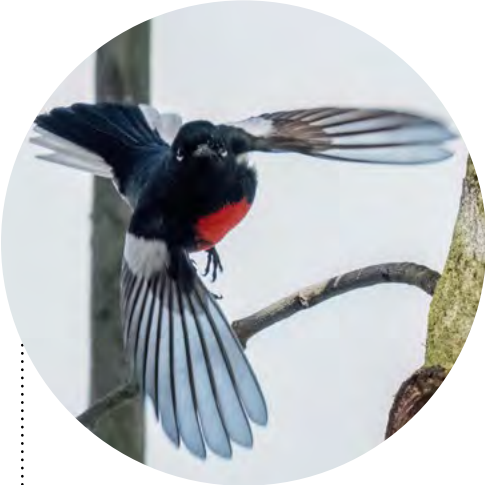
[SantaBarbaraAudubon.org/contact-us/contact-con-sci/](https://SantaBarbaraAudubon.org/contact-us/contact-con-sci/).



*Purple Martins  
Photos by Glenn Kincaid*

**WARBLERS, WOODPECKER, WOOD THRUSH AND MORE!**

Local bird photographers shared these images of the many exciting and rare visitors in our area this fall.



**Painted Redstart**  
Photos by Steve Colwell



**Palm Warbler**  
Photo by Lisa D Walker-Roseman



**Sage Thrasher**  
Photo by Betsy Mooney



**Bay-breasted Warbler**  
Photo by Aaron Kreisberg



**Black-throated Blue Warbler**  
Photo by Tom Bolton



**MacGillivray's Warbler**  
Photo by Marc Bierdzinski



**White-headed Woodpecker**  
Photos by Steve Hovey



**Wood Thrush**  
Photo by Hugh Ranson



## WFO CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

by Santiago Lupi

Western Field Ornithologists (WFO) is an organization that brings birders and ornithologists together to share their passion and knowledge about western birds. This year I had the honor of receiving the WFO Conference Scholarship for young birders.

The conference was in Reno, Nevada. My first field trip was in a place named Tahoe Meadows. This area had great high-altitude bird habitat. Some of my highlights were seeing Clark's Nutcrackers, MacGillivray's Warblers, and a flock of Pinyon Jays -- these were lifers for me! Another noteworthy activity was bird banding at McCarran Ranch. We checked mist nets that had been put up in a lush riparian habitat, and learned about the process of banding, examining, and recording data about the birds.



Santiago Lupi (right) at the WFO Conference with Nora Livingston, WFO field trip leader and Lead Naturalist Guide at the Mono Lake Committee Photo by Janice Levasheff

The presentations were an incredible opportunity to learn about ornithology and the scientific side of birding. One presentation I found very interesting was by Kelly Colegrove and Kayla Henry about Pinyon Jays. I learned about these unique birds and their habits, including their lifestyle, social nature, and habitat preferences. Another highlight was the conversations with other birders. Young birders were invited to talk about our experiences with birding and WFO, as well as our ideas for future conferences. I've never sat down and talked about these issues with other birders. A lot of important points were brought up, like diversity in the birding community and ways to make these conferences more accessible.

Lastly, I want to express my gratitude to Janice Levasheff and Mark Holmgren for their encouragement and support for this opportunity, as well as to our birding community here in Santa Barbara.

To learn more about WFO and the Conference Scholarship Program, visit [westernfieldornithologists.org/about/students/scholarships/](https://westernfieldornithologists.org/about/students/scholarships/)

## GET MORE INVOLVED WITH AUDUBON IN 2023

Our active chapter depends on leadership by members who step up to work at the Board level. Many of you have done that over the years, and we salute you. Right now, we have a Board opening for Education Chair, and we could always use help with various activities and events.

If you're interested in volunteering and/or have questions, contact Janice Levasheff or Katherine Emery: [SantaBarbaraAudubon.org/board-of-directors/](https://SantaBarbaraAudubon.org/board-of-directors/).

Make this your New Year's resolution and help Santa Barbara Audubon grow even stronger!



Acorn Woodpecker  
Illustration by Jamie M. Chavez

## KRISTIE MAINGOT RETURNS TO OUR FLOCK



by Janice Levasheff

**K**ristie Maingot and I met in September 2014. She and her family had moved out of the area, and I volunteered to join the Board and take over for her as Publicity Chair. Fast forward to February 2022, when Kristie contacted our former President Dolores Pollock with news that her family would be moving back to Santa Barbara -- and she was eager to return to SBAS and jump right back in to help. She has rejoined the Board to serve as Development Chair.

Kristie brings with her 15 years of experience in finance, accounting, budgets and networking. She has a Master's degree in Environmental Economics and shares her passion for birds with her daughters, who have been birding "since they can remember."

**Welcome back, Kristie!**

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## OUR ANNUAL APPEAL

by Kristie Maingot

**Y**ou have probably just received our Annual Appeal letter, asking for your support. The Annual Appeal is our single most important fundraising effort. Each year, we create an annual budget to support the highest-quality Audubon experience, being mindful of the cost to our members. We include tax-deductible opportunities like the Annual Appeal fund for unrestricted giving to support all our activities. These unrestricted gifts are directed wherever the need is greatest, giving our local chapter the flexibility to take advantage of emerging opportunities and to respond to unanticipated needs and challenges. Every gift, big or small, is important and greatly appreciated. Our Board leads the way with 100% participation.

If you did not receive a letter but want to help us help our local birds, go to [SantaBarbaraAudubon.org](https://SantaBarbaraAudubon.org) and click the orange "Donate Now" button in the upper right corner. Thank you all!

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## SO MANY WAYS TO GIVE...

**Gift a Chapter Membership!** It's the gift that gives all year, to the recipient and local birds! Chapter memberships are separate from National Audubon memberships; 100% of your chapter dues goes to work locally towards our efforts in education, conservation, science, and advocacy. Complete the membership form at the back of this newsletter or at [SantaBarbaraAudubon.org](https://SantaBarbaraAudubon.org).

**Smile!** Do 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 purchase amount to SBAS – all year round and at no extra cost to you! In order for Amazon to donate to SBAS, you must use the web address [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com).

**Double Down for the Birds!** Many corporations will match their employees' donations to charity. Please ask if your employer has a matching program.

**Planned Giving:** Consider leaving a legacy for future generations. 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.

**Direct a Qualified Charitable Distribution:** If you are age 70.5 or older, you can support our local birds with this incredible tax-saving gift! Consult your financial/tax advisor and IRA administrator first, then ask your IRA custodian to direct funds from your IRA to Santa Barbara Audubon. The amount you direct will satisfy part of your Required Minimum Distribution. There are other tax advantages as well. Certain rules apply, so please consult your advisor for details.



# SBAS: PROGRAMS

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



*Brazilian Tanager*



*Guianan Cock-of-the-rock*



*Hooded Visorbearer*



*Hyacinth Macaw*



*Red-necked Tanager*



*Silvery-cheeked Antshrike*

*All bird photos in this article are by Satie Aïramé*

## SATIE AIRAMÉ, JEFF CHEMNICK AND RAPHAEL E. F. SANTOS UNFORGETTABLE BIRDS OF BRAZIL

*Presented by the Santa Barbara Audubon Society and the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History.*



*Toco Toucan*

**Wednesday, January 25, 2023 | 7:30 p.m. | FREE**  
**Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History, Fleischmann Auditorium**

Home to 1,971 bird species, Brazil is a birding paradise with more than half of the species found in South America. Many of the world's most interesting bird species live in Brazil's patchwork of habitats, including more than 260 endemics that occur nowhere else on Earth. Some are colorful and gaudy birds such as parrots, macaws, and toucans. Others are elegant, glittering gems such as hummingbirds, jacamars, cotingas, and manakins.

Motivated by Brazil's astonishing birds and a sense of urgency to see and photograph them prior to further

declines, Santa Barbara bird enthusiasts Satie Aïramé, Jeff Chemnick, and Mark Holmgren teamed up with Brazilian biologist and bird guide Raphael E. F. Santos on multiple expeditions to Brazil. The indefatigable explorers traveled to remote localities with complicated logistics to observe and photograph wild birds in their natural habitats. This presentation features a collection of stunning bird photographs as well as stories, insights, and (often humorous) commentary by the birders as they share their experiences with the unforgettable birds of Brazil.

**SPEAKERS:** Satie Aïramé is Assistant Dean at the UCSB Bren School of Environmental Science & Management. She received a PhD in ecology



*Left to right: Jeff Chemnick, Satie Aïramé and Raphael E. F. Santos*  
*Photo by Mark Holmgren*



# SBAS: PROGRAMS

from the University of Chicago and served as a science and policy advisor to NOAA's Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary and UCSB's Partnership for Interdisciplinary Studies of Coastal Oceans (PISCO), supporting the design of marine protected areas in California. **Jeff Chemnick** is the owner of Aloes in Wonderland, a specialty plant nursery in Santa Barbara. Recognized as an authority on Mexican cycads, Jeff serves as a Research Associate at Ganna Walska Lotusland. Jeff is a keen international birder who has traveled to more than 60 countries and has seen over 5,200 bird species. **Raphael E. F. Santos** is a Brazilian field biologist, environmental consultant, and birding guide with 20 years of experience leading birding tours around Brazil and neighboring South American countries. He is the founding director of an environmental consulting company, Fieldwork Consultoria Ambiental, and the author of several books and scientific articles on birds of southern Brazil.



Wire-tailed Manakin

## FEBRUARY PROGRAM *By Roman Baratiak, Programs Chair* DOUGLAS BRINKLEY

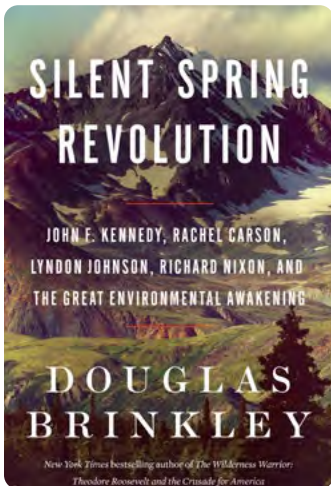
### SILENT SPRING REVOLUTION AND THE GREAT ENVIRONMENTAL AWAKENING

*Presented by the Santa Barbara Audubon Society and the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History.*

*Courtesy of Chaucer's, books by the author will be available for purchase and signing at the event.*

**Monday, February 13, 2023 | 7:30 p.m. | FREE**

**Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History, Fleischmann Auditorium**



Presidential historian and bestselling author of *Silent Spring Revolution*, Douglas Brinkley will speak on the rise of environmental activism during the Long Sixties (1960-1973), telling the story of an indomitable generation that saved the natural world under the leadership of John F. Kennedy, Lyndon Johnson, and Richard Nixon.

Brinkley will pay tribute to activists who inspired conservation and combated the mauling of the natural world in the Long Sixties: Rachel Carson, David Brower, Barry Commoner, Coretta Scott King, Stewart Udall, William O. Douglas, Cesar Chavez, and others. Carson's book *Silent Spring*, published in 1962, depicted how detrimental DDT was to birds and other living creatures. The exposé launched an ecological revolution that led to landmark legislation including the Wilderness Act (1964), the Clean Air Acts (1963 and 1970), and the Endangered Species Acts (1966, 1969, and 1973). Brinkley will discuss such epic events as the Donora (Pennsylvania) smog incident, JFK's Limited Nuclear Test Ban Treaty, Great Lakes preservation, the Santa Barbara oil spill, and the first Earth Day. With the United States grappling with climate change and resource exhaustion, Douglas Brinkley reminds us that a new generation of 21st-century

environmentalists can save the planet.

**Douglas Brinkley** is the Katherine Tsanoff Brown Chair in Humanities and Professor of History at Rice University, presidential historian for the New York Historical Society, trustee of the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library, and a contributing editor at *Vanity Fair*. He is the recipient of such distinguished environmental leadership prizes as the Frances K. Hutchison Medal (Garden Club of America), Robin W. Winks Award for Enhancing Public Understanding of National Parks (National Parks Conservation Association), and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Lifetime Heritage Award. He is the recipient of seven honorary doctorates in American studies and author of numerous bestselling books.



Douglas Brinkley

# SBAS: BIRDING ADVENTURES

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## SBAS PRECAUTIONS FOR ALL BIRDING EVENTS

We continue to monitor COVID safety and may need to cancel events if the situation warrants. We ask that:

- All participants be vaccinated, bring a mask to the event, and practice social distancing as much as possible.
- Masks be worn in carpool situations.
- If you are sick, or feel unwell, please do not attend.
- Prior to attending a trip, visit [santabarbara-audubon.org/activities/](https://santabarbara-audubon.org/activities/) for detailed directions and event updates.

## SBAS: FIELD TRIPS

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### NORTH CAMPUS OPEN SPACE (NCOS)

**Saturday, January 7, 2023 (8:00 - 11:00 a.m.)**

**Target Birds:** waterfowl and shorebirds

**Leader:** Rob Lindsay at [thisisroblindsay@gmail.com](mailto:thisisroblindsay@gmail.com)

**No reservations required. All are welcome. Directions to the meeting place can be found on our website**

[santabarbara-audubon.org/activities/](https://santabarbara-audubon.org/activities/)

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

**Saturday, February 11, 2023 (9:45 a.m. check-in at boat dock; 10:00 -11:30 a.m. boat trip)**

**Target Birds:** Bald Eagle, White Pelican, Common Loon, Osprey, Great-tailed Grackle, Peregrine Falcon, ducks, grebes, other sea and freshwater birds, etc.

**Leader:** Park Naturalist Rosey Bishop

**Cost:** \$18 for the boat trip, payable on the boat (please bring exact change), and \$10 per car for entering Cachuma Lake County Park.

**Special note:** Sturdy shoes are advised due to the long walk from the meeting place to the boat. There is no wheelchair access.

**Limit:** 20 people

**Reservations required:** On or before February 4, you must email Rob Lindsay at [thisisroblindsay@gmail.com](mailto:thisisroblindsay@gmail.com) to make a reservation. He will confirm your reservation.

## SBAS: FRIDAY BIRD WALKS

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THESE FRIDAY BIRD WALKS ARE FREE AND OPEN TO ALL. NO RESERVATION REQUIRED.

### SANTA BARBARA HARBOR

**Friday, December 9, 2022 (8:30 - 10:30 a.m.)**

**Target Birds:** waterbirds, shorebirds, Peregrine Falcon, songbirds

### SAN MARCOS FOOTHILLS PRESERVE

**Friday, December 23, 2022 (8:30 - 10:30 a.m.)**

**Target Birds:** songbirds, raptors

### ANDRÉE CLARK BIRD REFUGE

**Friday, January 27, 2023 (8:30 - 10:30 a.m.)**

**Target Birds:** waterfowl, herons, egrets

### LAKE LOS CARNEROS

**Friday, February 10, 2023 (8:30 - 10:30 a.m.)**

**Target Birds:** waterfowl, winter songbirds, raptors

### NORTH CAMPUS OPEN SPACE (NCOS)

**Friday, February 24, 2023 (8:30 - 10:30 a.m.)**

**Target Birds:** waterfowl, winter songbirds, raptors



Santa Barbara Breakwater Photo by Dolores Pollock



# SBAS: SPECIAL BIRDING EVENTS FOR SBAS MEMBERS

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## SAND POINT ROAD (SANDYLAND)

**Friday, January 13, 2023 (8:00 a.m. - Noon.) Please meet here at 8:00 a.m. sharp!**

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

**Leaders:** Peggy Kearns and Jeff Hanson

**Limit:** 20 people

**Reservations required:** On or before January 7 you must contact Peter Thompson

([SantaBarbaraAudubon.org/contact-us/contact-field-trips/](https://SantaBarbaraAudubon.org/contact-us/contact-field-trips/)) to make a reservation. Peter will confirm your reservation.

## SANDHILL CRANE OVERNIGHT (TULARE AND KERN COUNTIES)

**Saturday and Sunday, February 18 and 19, 2023 (Presidents' Day Holiday Weekend)**

**You must arrange your own travel and overnight accommodations. On Saturday at noon, we will meet at the front gate of Colonel Allensworth State Historic Park (CASHP). You do not need to reserve a space on the field trip itself.**

**Target Birds:** Sandhill Crane, White-faced Ibis, Burrowing Owl, Common Moorhen, Horned Lark, Loggerhead Shrike, Lark Sparrow, Blue-winged Teal, Marsh Wren, Great Horned Owl, plus many other species

**Leaders:** Peggy Kearns and Jeff Hanson and Trip leader emeritus Jack Sanford. They will be camping at Colonel Allensworth State Historic Park.

**Cost:** CASHP Campground fees \$20 per night, plus a \$7.99 online reservation fee. Motels are 20 minutes away in Lost Hills or Delano; cost varies.

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

## VENTURA DUCK PONDS/WETLANDS

**(Next to Point Mugu Naval Air Station)**

**Sunday, February 26, 2023 (8:00 a.m. - Noon.) Please meet here at 8:00 a.m. sharp!**

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

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

**Leaders:** Peggy Kearns and Jeff Hanson

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

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## THANK YOU TO

- Those of you who have already responded to our **annual year-end appeal for donations!** We couldn't be as successful without you!
- **Our Conservation/Science Committee**, for bringing expertise and time to many local issues and projects, working diligently to prevent adverse impacts to birds. Their actions are truly "what hope looks like to a bird!"
- **Our birdwatching and field trip leaders** who are very generous with their time and expertise in sharing their love of birds.
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