



THE 123RD CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

by Rebecca Coulter, Santa Barbara CBC Head Compiler

People always say: be careful what you ask for. Well...lesson learned! The 123rd Santa Barbara CBC was one for the record books. Not exactly the bird records we wanted to set, but count day on New Year's Eve gave way to record-breaking rainfall in January. We've come to appreciate every bit of rain in these drought-cycle years. But even the hardest birders were weary of constant binocular wiping, inadequate (old!) rain gear, and cold, wet conditions, by the end of the day turning to a true downpour, as we gathered at Fleischmann Auditorium in the evening. Nevertheless, we had nearly 200 participants give their best efforts to pull 196 species out of the gloom!



Rebecca Coulter conducts the CBC compilation with Libby Patten (on screen) on December 31 in Fleischmann Auditorium. Photo by Dolores Pollock



Burrowing Owl. Photo by Sophie Cameron

There were many highlights, even on such a soggy birding day. **Snow, Ross's, and Greater White-fronted geese** were all found around Goleta, the latter with our highest ever number on the CBC. **Black Scoter, White-winged Scoter,** and our only **Forster's Terns** were seen from the boat—thank you to ChannelKeeper for the donation to equip a count team with their boat, a captain, and adventurous spirit. One birder watched from shore inside a protective blind and was able to identify **Common Murre, Northern Fulmar, and Sooty/Short-tailed Shearwater.** **Yellow-crowned Night-Heron** was at Goleta Beach for a third year in a row, and the continuing **Pacific Golden-Plover** was found on East Beach.

Land birding was difficult, and several long-staying "regulars" were in hiding on count day, including the **Winter Wren** on Arroyo Burro Creek, the **American Bittern** at NCOS, and the **Short-eared Owls** on More Mesa. But a second **MacGillivray's Warbler** was found in Isla Vista, adding to the returning bird in the Goleta Tech Park. The **White-headed Woodpecker** originally discovered at that location was located at another of its occasional haunts, Bella Vista Open Space, foraging near the ground on the trunk of a pine tree.

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A **Lucy's Warbler** at the Milpas Post Office, two **Black-and-White Warblers**, two **Tennessee Warblers**, three oriole species (**Hooded**, **Orchard**, and **Bullock's**), two **Swamp Sparrows**, and a remarkable twelve **White-throated Sparrows** were nice finds. The **Warbling Vireo**, very rare in winter, was found once again at Bohnett Park for the tenth year in a row! In the mountains, eight **Mountain Quail**, eight **Townsend's Solitaires**, eight **Rufous-crowned Sparrows**, and a single **Brown Creeper** (one of only two birds total seen on Kinevan Road!) made the tough conditions worthwhile.

Aside from the no-show **Short-eared Owls**, our owl successes were **Spotted**, **Northern Saw-whet**, **Barn**, **Great-horned**, **Western Screech**, and a very grumpy **Burrowing Owl** peering through the downpour. **Anna's**, **Costa's**, and **Allen's hummingbirds** were all found, though numbers were predictably low in wet conditions.



*Goleta Beach/Tecoloto Creek CBC crew.
Photo by Steve Colwell*



Tucker's Grove CBC crew. Photo by Betsy Mooney

Surprising on count day was a **Winter/Pacific Wren** at the Bird Refuge, not identified to species due to a very quick view in low light and heavy rain, but nonetheless an unexpected find. Other interesting finds were an apparent **Townsend's x Hermit Warbler** hybrid in a downtown parking lot, and another hybrid during count week, the long-staying **Red-naped x Yellow-bellied Sapsucker** along San Roque Creek.

Perhaps the best find of count week was an unexpected **Red Phalarope** at Devereux Slough, the first report of what was to be a high number of this small shorebird seen in unusual inland locations in early January throughout California, largely thought to be storm-stressed and pushed inland.

Thanks to Santa Barbara Audubon, and especially to the hard-working coordinating and compiling team: Linus Blomqvist, Glenn Kincaid, Conor McMahon, Liz Muraoka, and Libby Patten. Without their dedication and patience, this count would not be possible. And most of all, thank you to all the birders who dragged themselves out on a day when it was so tempting to have another cup of coffee and stay inside! We are so grateful for your support.

The full list of species and numbers of birds recorded in CBC counts will be available soon on the SBAS website:

santabarbaraaudubon.org/santa-barbara-christmas-birdcount/latest-results.

ISLAND ADVENTURES IN FOR THE COUNT

by Lucy London, SBAS Board Student Representative

January 3 was a day few would call beautiful: windswept seas, gray skies, and a sprinkling of rain. Yet on that stormy morning, 12 people, outfitted with binoculars, cameras, and waterproof clothing (you guessed it, they're birders!) excitedly boarded the *Island Adventure* bound for Santa Cruz Island. And how could you not be excited? It was the Santa Cruz Island Christmas Bird Count!

While the Santa Cruz Island CBC is always something of an adventure, the "atmospheric river" that swept over Santa Barbara during the count posed a few extra challenges. Muddy roads reduced our search area, our three-day trip was cut to just one day, our participant numbers dropped, and the conditions on count day weren't the most birding-friendly. But despite all of these challenges, the CBC was on! A brief break in the storm gave us a one-day birding window for which we were all grateful.

The boat ride to the island afforded views of **Rhinoceros Auklets**, **Black-vented Shearwaters**, gulls galore, and a single migrating gray whale (though none of these were added to our final count as they were out of the count circle). Some highlights from the day were **Merlin**, **Canyon Wren**, **Virginia Rail**, hundreds of **Western Grebes**, **Burrowing Owl**, and **American Wigeon**, the latter being a first for the island (perhaps a result of the storm).



*The Santa Cruz Island CBC crew covered ocean waters and trail puddles.
Photo by Lucy London*



*The Santa Cruz Island CBC crew.
Photo by Conor McMahon*

After we left the island, Lyndal Laughrin, Santa Cruz Island Reserve Director Emeritus, got some of the birds we missed, including **Loggerhead Shrike** and **Northern Saw-whet Owl** (that's right, he saw-a-wet owl)! At the end of the day, our total came to 64 species, only 10 fewer than last year. Pretty darn good, considering!

In the end we all left the island with big smiles on our faces and our inner adventurers satisfied—truly an amazing day!

Mark Your Calendar for Celebrations:

SBAS at Santa Barbara Earth Day Festival • Saturday, April 29, 2023 • Alameda Park

Visit the SBAS informational booth (Saturday only) to say hello to SBAS Board members and volunteers and learn about local bird habitat and conservation efforts. Event volunteers needed: If you can help staff the booth to represent SBAS at this event, please contact Kathleen Boehm at kathleenmboehm@gmail.com.

SBAS Annual Meeting and Celebration • Sunday, June 11, 2023, 3-5:00 p.m. • Stow Grove Park, Area 3

Save the date to celebrate our accomplishments and elect your Board for 2023-2024! The slate will be announced.

- Bring your own beverage.
- Bring your own plates and cutlery to minimize single-use disposable items.
- Please bring finger food to share, and invite a friend or new birder.



FROM THE DESK OF KATHERINE EMERY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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

SBAS protects area birdlife and habitats and connects people with birds through education, conservation and science. SBAS's Eyes in the Sky (EITS) program, the key wildlife education program of SBAS since 2000 and the only federally licensed raptor education program in the county, connects people to birds and nature through presentations at schools, afterschool programs, and the Audubon Aviary at the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History. The new American Kestrel, "Mouse," is now meeting the public, and we are welcoming a new Peregrine Falcon (stay tuned for the name). SBAS is providing Meet Your Wild Neighbor school lessons to 14 classrooms in 2022-23. We continue to schedule offsite educational programs and raptor visits at camps, classrooms, retirement homes, and other venues. For details, contact Hannah Atkinson: EITSDirector@santabarbaraaudubon.org

Congratulations to Michael Love and Sage Hill Films for having their short film *Why are Birds Important?* selected for the prestigious Bird and Nature Festival in Abbeville, France. View the film at santabarbaraaudubon.org/learning-resources.

We thank Don Schroeder and Steve Senesac for their diligent leadership running the Nest Box Project at Lake Los Carneros and for their gifts of time, skills, and knowledge. Watch for data and research findings to be posted on SBAS's website.

Kudos to the Christmas Bird Count leaders and Winter Bird Count for Kids volunteers for organizing these important endeavors, helping to build awareness about bird conservation. Thank you to Hugh Ranson for continuing to share Santa Barbara birding stories, including CBC news, in his monthly column in the *Santa Barbara Independent*.

SBAS continues to provide engaging monthly evening programs and fun and educational bird walks and field trips. Over 40 events are planned in 2022-23! We invite SBAS members, nature enthusiasts, and new birders to join us. And, SBAS is delighted to partner a second year with the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden for May Bird Month. Watch for details.

SBAS has critical volunteer opportunities for organized people who like outreach, respect birds, and/or are curious about fieldwork:

- Education Chair or Co-chairs to help with Earth Day and other community activities.
- Leader and/or coordinator for the SBAS Nest Box Project at Lake Los Carneros.
- Assist the Conservation/Science Committee in areas such as research or letter writing.

Contact Janice Levasheff for more information on volunteering: janice.sbas@gmail.com. Thank you for your support of SBAS.

BOARD NEWS

LORI GASKIN STEPS DOWN AS CONSERVATION/SCIENCE COMMITTEE CO-CHAIR. Lori Gaskin has co-chaired our Conservation/Science Committee for five years, and we thank her for bringing her experience and passion to making that work so successful. This committee is regularly faced with a mountain of challenges to local birds and must prioritize the areas in which they can be most effective. Making those decisions and then directing the work of dedicated volunteers takes rare skills, and Lori displayed those abundantly.

Of the committee's work, Lori has said, "The issues are deep, quite complex, involve governmental entities, regulatory entities, and other environmental non-profits. We are the watchdogs and must be on alert all the time." Lori will remain as an active member of the committee. We are immensely grateful for her past and present leadership, and her continuing dedication to furthering the work of our chapter in protecting our local birds and the places they need to thrive.

FAREWELL TO MAUREEN RUSSELL. Last year Maureen quickly answered our call for a Communications Chair, understanding our mission and thinking about new ways to communicate the importance of our work. With increasing career demands now keeping her busier than ever, she has resigned from Board service. Maureen stepped up when we needed her, and we are grateful she shared her talent, ideas, and perspectives with us. Thank you, Maureen!

9TH ANNUAL WINTER BIRD COUNT 4 KIDS (WBC4K) — WE'RE BACK!

by Janice Levasheff

After a two-year COVID hiatus, the in-person WBC4K event returned in force! This year, 42 young birders attended, representing 20 schools.

Birders age 8-16 years examined specimens provided by Andy Lanes from the UCSB Cheadle Center for Biodiversity and Ecological Restoration, learned to “fox walk” with Wendy Kanter, and observed owls Puku and Athena with volunteers Pat Woodruff and Alexandre Beale. Families went through Bino Boot Camp before setting off in groups with one of our exceptional birding group leaders. Three volunteers were stationed at the Lake Los Carneros dam with spotting scopes, providing close-up views of birds. In total, 54 species of birds were spotted.

UCSB students and high school students, including Lucy London, SBAS Board Student Representative, and Santiago Lupi, Western Field Ornithologist 2022 Conference scholarship recipient, brought their birding skills and positive energy to serve as role models for young birders.

SBAS thanks the many volunteers who led groups and those who helped in other ways to make the WBC4K a success. We also thank the City of Goleta, the Goleta Valley Historical Society/Stow House, and Christ Lutheran Church for their generous support. We couldn't do this event without all of you!

It is our fervent hope that our event sparks an interest in all young attendees to continue birding into the future. If you would like to help at a future event and be part of inspiring the next generation, please contact Kathleen Boehm or use the Contact Us form on our website: santabarbaraaudubon.org.

WBC4K Committee: Kathleen Boehm, Coni Edick, Wendy Kanter, Janice Levasheff, Hilary Peattie, and Karen Schroeder



Andy Lanes leads the tally of birds spotted. Photo by Anne Burdette



Birding groups practiced their bird identification in the field.
Photo by Betsy Mooney



Goleta Councilmember Luz Reyes-Martín with her family at WBC4K.

NEW KESTREL AT THE AUDUBON AVIARY

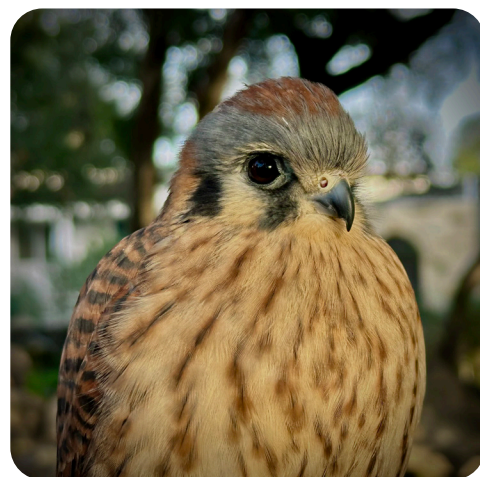
by Hannah Atkinson

It has been a year of changes at Eyes in the Sky (EITS). Kanati, our male American Kestrel, passed away in the spring of 2022; Ivan, the Red-tailed Hawk who spent nearly 25 years in our care, passed only a few months later. Koda, our Peregrine Falcon, suffered a progressive decline due to the severe injury he sustained in the wild; the pain in his broken wing continued to worsen beyond what our veterinary team could control. He passed away in December.

After these losses we welcomed the arrival of Mouse, an imprinted female American Kestrel with a big personality, and recently welcomed another new bird in need of a home.

The new Peregrine Falcon is a young male, about two years old, who suffered a wing fracture in the wild that affected his ability to fly. Because of lingering damage from the injury, he cannot fly with the precision needed of a high-speed aerial predator. He was deemed non-releasable by wildlife rehabilitators at Ojai Raptor Center and has now been placed in our care. He is adjusting well to his new space, and seems brightly curious, active, and engaged with handlers. Each day, he can be seen hopping from perch to perch or watching the forested Museum backyard through his window. As is tradition, EITS volunteers will vote to decide his name.

With the arrivals of our new American Kestrel and Peregrine Falcon, we now have only one aviary room standing empty: a space set aside for a Red-tailed Hawk. With luck, we may be able to offer the space to a young bird this autumn or winter. In the meantime, we are glad to help our two new falcons settle into their new home!



The newest American Kestrel EITS Ambassador is named "Mouse." Photo by Cody Westheimer



EYES IN THE SKY IN THE NEWS

Thanks to dedicated SBAS Eyes in the Sky volunteer and former Board member Mo McFadden, KEYT reporter Mina Wahab visited the Audubon aviary on January 20. She interviewed Mo, Coni Edick (EITS volunteer), and Briana Sapp (SBAS Board Vice President, EITS volunteer, and Director of Marketing and Communications at the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History). The video aired on the evening news and can be seen on our website: santabarbaraaudubon.org/category/news/news-media

Mina Wahab (left) with Puku the Western Screech Owl and EITS volunteer Mo McFadden. SBAS Photo

JOHN O'BRIEN: CREATING A LEGACY OF SERVICE

Congratulations to John O'Brien, who was selected as a recipient of the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History Legacy Award. The award recognizes community supporters, donors, and volunteers who have made extraordinary contributions to the Museum and the natural world.

John O'Brien is a long-time volunteer for both SBMNH and SBAS. He served on the SBAS Board and became an early volunteer with the Eyes in the Sky raptor education program. He has been instrumental in stewarding the partnership between SBAS and the Museum, especially in the building and operation of the aviary.

"It's a great honor to be recognized for 20 years of volunteering," said John. "Every day I volunteer I'm rewarded by my interactions with visitors, whether in the planetarium with a school group...or while I have a bird of prey on my gloved hand. The feedback I receive is reward enough."



John O'Brien works with a Peregrine Falcon in the Museum Backyard. Photo by John O'Brien

NEW BOOK BY JOAN EASTON LENTZ

by Dolores Pollock

Joan Easton Lentz's newest book, *Birding Against All Odds*, was published in the fall of 2022. Joan is widely known through her previous works, her leadership of the Santa Barbara CBC for 17 years, and her birding classes and field trips where so many of us learned to appreciate local birds and their habitat.

At a book signing at Tecolote Book Shop, Joan greeted friends and admirers who enjoyed her previous books and were eager to read this one. Many shared gratitude to Joan Lentz for launching them on years of birding enjoyment. As local birder Joan Kent said, "Joan taught me to love birds, and that passion has taken me to beautiful places that I never would have seen."

An introduction from the book cover: *Joan Easton Lentz, a prolific author on birds and natural history in the Santa Barbara region, shares with her readers her greatest adventure and challenge of all—continuing to pursue her passion while living with a life-threatening disease. This is not a story of grief and remorse, but of a person pursuing what she wants with humor, careful planning, and blessed support. Her pages talk to you as a friend, and her comments and journals both inspire and strengthen your admiration for a woman who will end her life's journey doing the two things she loves most: birding and writing.*



Joan Easton Lentz (center) with Janice and David Levasheff at her book signing event.
Photo by Dolores Pollock

In Memoriam: Margaret A. Carlberg (1934-2022)

Margaret Carlberg and her husband, David, spoke in 2017 at an SBAS program. They told of working to save Bolsa Chica Wetland, the largest saltwater marsh between Monterey and Tijuana. The work of the Carlbergs and others is a textbook example of how the perseverance of a group of private citizens can block the destruction of a major ecological resource. They were part of one of the most successful environmental battles in the state's history.

Margaret was a past president of the Sea and Sage Audubon Society chapter in Orange County and a retired high school chemistry teacher. Over 20 years, she and her students designed many gardens on campus. They became intrigued with natural plant dyes, and Margaret went on to study weaving using her plant-dyed yarns. When the Carlbergs moved to Santa Barbara in 2013, Margaret became an active member of the SB Fiber Arts Guild.

Santa Barbara Audubon recognizes the environmental stewardship of Margaret A. Carlberg. She inspired many who will strive to continue her impressive work and contributions.

How You Can Help

You know the importance of SBAS's work: conservation of important habitats and education for people of all ages to learn about birds. If you've felt a desire to work with us on these goals, we'd like to talk with you.

The Communications Chair and Education Chair positions are open. Both have descriptions available, and veteran Audubon volunteers are happy to discuss the positions. The Board meets monthly, with ongoing opportunities to support events and activities. Additionally, the Conservation/Science Committee needs help with research and letter writing.

To explore these openings, please talk with any Board member (see list on last page) or contact our President at janice.sbas@gmail.com.

SBAS: PROGRAMS

By Roman Baratiak, Programs Chair

Jay Sheppard

CHASING A DESERT APPARITION: LECONTE'S THRASHERS (illustrated)

Note: This virtual event was held February 22 on Zoom, with a recording available to view on the SBAS website after the event.

The LeConte's Thrasher is a shy, little-known, and little-studied species found in the hottest and driest deserts of the American Southwest and northwestern Mexico. The bird rarely, if ever, drinks any water. Jay Sheppard spent years studying this enigmatic bird and in 2018 published a monograph, "The Biology of a Desert Apparition: LeConte's Thrasher (*Toxostoma lecontei*)."

At the February program, he shared results of his study and insight into the thrasher's daily life.



Jay Sheppard is a retired ornithologist from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. He previously worked at the Bird Banding Laboratory on the Patuxent Research Refuge in Maryland, and later in the endangered species program office in Washington, DC.



Kaeli Swift

SOMETHING TO CROW ABOUT: STORIES AND BIOLOGY OF CROWS, RAVENS, AND MAGPIES (illustrated)

Wednesday, March 22 • Virtual Event via Zoom • 7:30 p.m. • FREE

The recording will be available on the SBAS website after the event, through April 12, 2023

Corvids, including crows, ravens, jays, and magpies, are found on nearly every continent, and many thrive in human-dominated environments. They have influenced art and literature throughout history, and whether they inspire love or hate, they have certainly impacted the hearts and minds of the humans who share their space. Because American Crows are so common, it may be easy to overlook their intelligence, complex behaviors and social structures. Dr. Kaeli Swift will explore commonly asked questions about crows, how crows have co-evolved with people, and what crows and other corvids can teach us about the nature of intelligence.



Kaeli Swift with a Canada Jay.
Photo by Jacob Gaposchkin

Kaeli Swift earned her PhD in avian behavioral ecology from the University of Washington. While there, she studied American Crows, with a special emphasis on behaviors around death.

She is currently a postdoctoral researcher at the University of Washington. You can read her popular science articles on her blog: corvidresearch.blog. You can also find her on Twitter, Instagram, and TikTok at the handle [@corvidresearch](https://twitter.com/corvidresearch). Her research has been featured by National Geographic, PBS, *The New York Times*, *The Atlantic*, Ologies podcast, Science Friday and many others.



Black-billed Magpie. Photo by Kaeli Swift

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By Roman Baratiak, Programs Chair

Rebecca Heisman

FLIGHT PATHS: HOW A PASSIONATE AND QUIRKY GROUP OF PIONEERING SCIENTISTS SOLVED THE MYSTERY OF BIRD MIGRATION (illustrated)

Wednesday, April 19 • S. B. Central Library, Faulkner Gallery • 7:30 p.m. • FREE

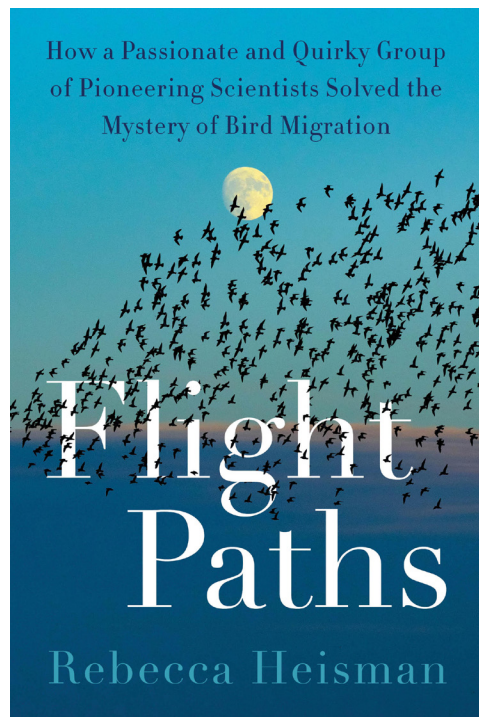
Presented by the Santa Barbara Audubon Society and the Santa Barbara Public Library

Flight Paths is the never-before-told story of how a group of migration-obsessed scientists in the 20th and 21st centuries engaged nearly every branch of science to understand bird migration—from where and when birds take off to their flight paths and behaviors, their destinations, and the challenges they encounter getting there.

Bird enthusiast and science writer Rebecca Heisman will trace the development of each technique used for tracking migratory birds, from the first attempts to mark individual birds to the cutting-edge technology that enables ornithologists to trace where a bird has been, based on unique DNA markers. Along the way, she'll share the almost-forgotten stories of the scientists who harnessed breakthrough inventions to further our understanding of nature.

Heisman will speak about how the real power of science happens when people work together, focusing their minds and knowledge on a common goal. While the world looks to tackle massive challenges involving conservation and climate, the story of bird migration research offers a beacon of hope that we can find solutions to difficult and complex problems.

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



Rebecca Heisman is a science writer based in eastern Washington who loves nerding out about birds. She's contributed to publications including *Audubon Magazine*, *Sierra Magazine*, *Hakai Magazine*, *bioGraphic*, *Living Bird* (the magazine of the Cornell Lab of Ornithology), and *Bird Conservation* (the magazine of the American Bird Conservancy).

From 2015 to 2020, she worked for the American Ornithological Society (AOS), the world's largest professional organization for bird scientists. First as an independent contractor helping promote research published in AOS's scientific journals, and then as its first full-time communications staffer, Heisman used social media, blog posts, and more to bring cool bird science to the broader scientific community and the public. While at AOS, she became intimately familiar with the North American ornithological community and got excited about the varied and wonderful methods for studying bird migration.

SBAS: PROGRAMS

By Roman Baratiak, Programs Chair

David Pereksta

PELAGIC BIRDING OFF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA: SEARCHING IN THE OPEN OCEAN (illustrated)

Wednesday, May 24 • S. B. Museum of Natural History, Farrand Hall • 7:30 p.m. • FREE

The lives of the birds inhabiting Earth's oceans hold mysteries that science is only just starting to unravel. Many seabirds come ashore only to breed, spending nearly their entire lives in the ocean. The waters offshore of southern California are home to an exciting mix of seabirds rarely seen from land. They can be found at sea if you know when, where, and how to look for them. David Pereksta will help answer these questions.

Our speaker took his first pelagic trip in 1994. Since then he has spent hundreds of days on the water, immersing himself in understanding the lives of seabirds. Pereksta will share what southern California pelagic birding trips offer, including the species found off our coast, how the status and distribution of species have changed, where local pelagic trips go and how they operate, and how to best schedule a trip to spot the birds (and marine mammals) you want to see. He will also share anecdotes from some of the most memorable local trips, in a program richly illustrated with the best of the thousands of photos Pereksta has taken at sea.



Scripps's Murrelet. Photo by David Pereksta

David Pereksta is an Avian Biologist with the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, where he studies the effects of offshore oil and gas and renewable energy development on birds off the Pacific coast and Hawaii. Prior to his position at BOEM, Pereksta spent 16 years working with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. He has studied imperiled bird species including Snowy Plovers, Piping Plovers, Least Terns, Ospreys, Northern Goshawks, Brown Pelicans, Spotted Owls, and Ivory-billed Woodpeckers. An avid birder for over 45 years, Pereksta organizes pelagic trips off southern California and elsewhere in the Pacific and the Atlantic. He has seen over 2,200 bird species, photographing many of them in his travels around the world.



Nazca Booby. Photo by David Pereksta

SBAS: BIRDING EVENTS

FIELD TRIPS

Rancho Santa Barbara (Santa Ynez)

Saturday, March 18, 2023 • 8:00-11:30 a.m.

Target Birds: Geese, Common Goldeneye, Wood Duck, Lewis's Woodpecker, Clark's Grebe, American White Pelican, and other waterbirds and passerines

Leader: Rob Lindsay (ThisIsRobLindsay@gmail.com)

Please contact Rob Lindsay through the SBAS website to reserve a space and for detailed directions to the meeting place.

This trip is limited to SBAS members only. Reservations are required.

Hollister Ranch Field Trip

Saturday, April 22, 2023 • 8:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

(Meet at 7:45 a.m. at mandatory carpool location)

Target Birds: Songbirds, ocean and pond waterfowl, raptors, and perhaps an owl or two

Leader: Guy Tingos

Please contact Rob Lindsay through the SBAS website to reserve a space. Your reservation will be confirmed by email. Detailed directions to the meeting place can be found at santabarbaraudubon.org.

This trip is limited to SBAS members only. Reservations are required.

Nojoqui Falls Park

Saturday, May 20, 2023 • 9:00 a.m. – Noon

Target Birds: Yellow-billed Magpie, Purple Martin, Blue Grosbeak, Lazuli Bunting, Barn Owl, vireos, woodpeckers, and orioles.

Leader: Rob Lindsay

Detailed directions to the meeting place are at santabarbaraudubon.org.

This trip is open to everyone. No reservations needed.

FRIDAY BIRD WALKS

These Friday bird walks are free and open to all. No reservations needed.

Detailed directions to meeting places are at santabarbaraudubon.org

Carpinteria Salt Marsh Nature Park

March 10, 2023 • 8:30-10:30 a.m.

Target Birds: Long-billed Curlew, Killdeer, ducks, teals, egrets, godwits, gulls, herons, and raptors

UCSB Lagoon

March 24, 2023 • 8:30-10:30 a.m.

Target Birds: grebes, herons, dowitchers, ducks, godwits, plovers

Tucker's Grove Park

April 14, 2023 • 8:30-10:30 a.m.

Target Birds: raptors, warblers, woodpeckers, and sparrows

Goleta Beach/Atascadero Estuary

April 28, 2023 • 8:30-10:30 a.m.

Target Birds: egrets, herons, waterfowl, and shorebirds

Farren Road

May 12, 2023 • 8:30-10:30 a.m.

Target Birds: Western Bluebirds, hummingbirds, sparrows, and others

Lake Los Carneros

May 26, 2023 • 8:30-10:30 a.m.

Target Birds: waterbirds, songbirds, and raptors



Yellow-headed Blackbird. Photo by John Ahlman

Thank You:

- Hardworking CBC head compiler Rebecca Coulter and the entire CBC team.
- Chris Coulter for the successful hybrid Zoom/in-person CBC compilation.
- CBC Dinner team: Gayle Hackamack, Kris Mainland White, and Joan Kent with her homemade chocolate chip cookies.
- Our Conservation/Science Committee, which works tirelessly and with a high level of professionalism, often behind the scenes, to advocate for our local birds and habitat.
- Winter Bird Count for Kids Committee and volunteers for holding a successful ninth annual event.
- All Audubon volunteers: over 150 volunteers tallied almost 13,800 volunteer hours last year!
- All EITS volunteers for their flexibility, endurance, and hard work in 2022.
- Colette Becker and Dennis Power, our newsletter editor and layout designer respectively, for crafting this publication so professionally.
- A special thank you to CJ Oliverson, who volunteered creativity and talent to do the layout design for our newsletter for the past year. SBAS was fortunate to be the beneficiary of her lovely work.

The SBAS Board is grateful for your support of work to protect birds and the habitats they need to thrive.

SBAS Event Safety Precautions: Please do not attend events if you have COVID symptoms. Prior to attending an event, visit santabarbaraudubon.org/activities for details and updates.



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