



SANTA BARBARA AUDUBON SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING AND CELEBRATION

Sunday, June 11, 2023

3:00-5:00 p.m.

Stow Grove Park, Area 3, Goleta*

Note: By the time printed newsletters arrive in mail, this date may have passed.

A postcard notifying everyone of this meeting has been sent in advance.

This popular event gives the SBAS chapter a chance to hear the latest news, visit with members, and select your Board for the coming year—our 60th!

Changes on the Board for the upcoming year:

- Kris Mainland White returning as Communications Chair
- Sam Franz transferring from Membership to At-Large
- Rob Lindsay and Kristie Maingot stepping down

SLATE OF NOMINEES FOR ELECTION TO SBAS BOARD

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At-Large – Ron Hirst

Three Board Chair positions are open: Membership, Development, and Education. If you or someone you know may be interested in joining the Board, please contact Janice Levasheff, SBAS President, via the Contact Us button at the bottom left corner of our website's home page, SantaBarbaraAudubon.org. We are grateful to Board Members for their outstanding service and commitment. SBAS is for the birds, but it runs on people power!



Vermilion Flycatcher. Photo by Steve Colwell

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



FROM THE DESK OF KATHERINE EMERY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Through our Education and Conservation/Science committees, Santa Barbara Audubon Society (SBAS) is actively working on many initiatives. 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 habitat and connects people with birds through education, conservation and science. It's been a whopping year! SBAS 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, brought our signature Meet Your Wild Neighbor curriculum to 14 classes across Santa Barbara and Goleta school districts (42 sessions). SBAS also provided live raptor visits to

many other local classrooms and senior centers and bird presentations at the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History daily (except Tuesdays). Thank you, SBMNH, for this partnership! We're now introducing our new Peregrine Falcon, Ace, to the public. We revamped the bird aviaries with beautiful natural branches and enrichment, and we have a new outreach table, featuring a hands-on exhibit with feather specimens and replica bones. This summer, we'll continue to strengthen and expand the MYWN curriculum to prepare for the coming academic year.

We also celebrated many growing partnerships this year. SBAS was delighted to partner with the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden for "Family Bird Fest," the Wildling Museum of Art and Nature for "Bird's Eye View: Four Perspectives," and the Cheadle Center for Biodiversity & Ecological Restoration and UCSB affiliates for the "Bringing

Back our Wetlands" film screening. Collaborating with other nonprofits, we are stronger at protecting birds and their habitats.

We invite bird enthusiasts to get involved and join us at future programs, bird walks, and field trips. Learn more at SantaBarbaraAudubon.org/join-sbas.

The SBAS Board has three volunteer opportunities for organized people who like birds and outreach.

1. Education Chair or Co-chair to help with outreach activities
2. Development Chair or Co-chair
3. Membership Chair or Co-chair

Contact Janice Levasheff for more information on volunteering: janice.sbas@gmail.com.

Thank you for your support of SBAS.

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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Northern Flicker at nest cavity. Photo by Dennis Power



Eyes in the Sky: Puku

by Hannah Atkinson, Eyes in the Sky Director

For nearly a decade, the Eyes in the Sky (EITS) aviary was home to a team of seven birds: Max, Ivan, Kisa, Athena, Kanati, Kachina, and Puku. Over the past few years, we've had to say goodbye to most of these raptor ambassadors. Many reached their expected lifespans, even after surviving disabling injuries in the wild, because they received such love and care.

This April, we said goodbye to Puku, the sweet little owl with the cloudy blue eyes. At 14 years of age, she passed away due to heart failure, an illness associated with her advanced age. In a string of losses, this one has hit particularly hard, in part because

her decline wasn't as visible—she remained calm, sweet, and charming.

She was the first bird many volunteers handled, and the first to visit thousands of children in local schools. Audiences delighted in her quiet call and her ability to vanish against a strip of tree bark. She served as an ambassador for nearly 13 years.

Puku was found in the wild, blinded by an infection from which she would never fully recover. Without human help, she wouldn't have survived on her own. I'm deeply glad that she was rescued, and that we had so much valuable time with her. She inspired

a love of nature in people of all ages. Puku was lucky to be rescued, and we were luckier to have her. She will be remembered.

Of the birds I met nearly a decade ago, only Max and Athena remain. But these empty spaces have begun to fill. Mouse, our American Kestrel, is a charming and expressive imprinted bird—she spends the day chirping and calling to her trainers. Ace, our new Peregrine Falcon, has responded quickly to training and now hops to a handler's glove each day. With every loss, we can offer a space to a new bird in need of a home. It's my favorite silver lining.



Puku the Western Screech-Owl. Photo by Hannah Atkinson

SBAS: IN THE COMMUNITY

Earth Day Celebration

In April, SBAS hosted a booth at the Santa Barbara Earth Day celebration. Alameda Park was a busy place as longtime friends stopped by, and new friends were introduced to SBAS. Thanks to Ali Weiss and David Levasheff for helping with set-up, and to Ali for staffing the booth much of the day. Thanks also to Roman Baratiak,

Jeff Hanson, Coni Edick, Kris Mainland White, Ron Hirst, and Kathleen Boehm for staffing in shifts throughout the day. Many thanks to Kathleen Boehm for organizing the booth's volunteer team and staying for clean-up. The hours flew, and we were pleased to connect with so many people!

Jeff Hanson engages visitors in learning and bird advocacy during the Earth Day event.



Family Bird Fest at the Garden

In May, Santa Barbara Audubon Society and Santa Barbara Botanic Garden collaborated for the second year during Bird Month events in the garden. Wendy Kanter organized a team of SBAS Board members, staff, and volunteers to host a table at Family Bird Fest, offering information on bird conservation, planting ideas for bird-friendly gardens, and more. Guests enjoyed community, conservation, and science by engaging with SBAS and SBBG staff, creating art, finding birds in the garden, and dissecting owl pellets.



Karen Dorfman and Wendy Kanter volunteer during Bird Month events at SBBG.



Discovering bones and other wonders inside an owl pellet. Photo by Karen Dorfman



Masked bird enthusiasts Jessie Altstatt and Dylan Schuyler inspire art and birding activity at the Garden.



Owl pellet dissection sparks curiosity and learning.

SBAS: IN THE COMMUNITY

Learning with the Library

by Ariana Bilec, Circulation Supervisor, Santa Barbara Public Library

As part of the California State Library Parks Pass grant program, the Santa Barbara Public Library partnered with Santa Barbara Audubon Society for a bilingual birdwatching event for families. At Lake Los Carneros, Rob Lindsay led a birdwatching tour that took participants along the exterior of the lake where many birds were spotted. Twenty adults, ten children, and one teen joined in the tour. One participant commented, "It is so cool to listen to someone who knows what they're talking about in a setting like this! Rob is so knowledgeable." Another said, "Thank you for all the work you put into this fabulous outing. I learned so much. Rob Lindsay is a wonderful teacher and has so much knowledge."

Library staff member Rebecca summed up a day of fun learning:

"A couple of very cool things happened from an early literacy perspective.

One-year-old Maverick's mom held up the bird guide and pointed out the birds and named them, and then asked him to repeat the names. They worked at this for 10 minutes together. Toddler Violet's mom informed us that three months ago they checked out the bird literacy kit from the library (in preparation for this event), and as a result Violet can correctly identify many birds, both male and female, by their distinct coloring. Everywhere they go she is noticing birds. She doesn't talk much, but if her parents ask her to point out a bird she will, and then she will say "mama" or "dada" based on its coloring."

The bilingual birdwatching event was part of the Santa Barbara Public Library's Parks Pass Grant programming, created with funding provided by the State of California, and administered by the California State Library.



Lake Los Carneros



Mute Swan at Lake Los Carneros

Passing the Baton for the Nest Box Program

by Dolores Pollock, SBAS President Emeritus

When you see a brown nest box at Lake Los Carneros, thank Steve Senesac. Steve is stepping away from the Nest Box Program after a remarkable run. He was recruited to the SBAS Board on Earth Day 2015. He quickly set out to build on the work of previous SBAS science advisors, particularly Don Schroeder, and led our nest box program with great diligence and dedication.

First, noticing the boxes needed a little love, he set up a workshop in his garage, recruited helpers like Board Member Peter Thompson, and got to work with his table saw. Along the way, Steve invented an ingenious method of lowering the nest boxes—an extra “pipe” on each of the 22 SBAS boxes.

And this was just the beginning. The nest boxes had to be transported, erected, and maintained. Volunteers had to be recruited to check the contents during the breeding season and report on precise egg laying dates for each nest box. Knowing precise egg dates is essential to accurate calculation of the limited three-day window during which nestlings can be safely banded. Then, the boxes needed to be cleaned in preparation for the next season. Steve gives endless thanks to volunteers like Peter Thompson, Jayne Wamsley, Betsy Mooney, and Elaine Tan for their faithful service, checking the nest boxes twice a week.

Bird banding also ensued, led by trained ornithologist Don Schroeder, with many volunteer banding assistants. The results of this intensive banding effort added greatly to what we know about local Tree Swallows and Western Bluebirds, and opened many questions to be explored.



Steve Senesac demonstrates his next box adaption. Photo by Tim Bezek

Steve also initiated and ran a parallel Aquatic Invertebrate Monitoring program at UCSB, first with Coal Oil Point Reserve and then at North Campus Open Space, where it continues as a collaboration with UCSB's Cheadle Center for Biodiversity & Ecological Restoration and SBAS. Many birds eat bugs; so, it is important to know a lot about this critical food supply.

SBAS Executive Director Katherine Emery writes after reading Steve's 91-

page final nest box report: "Words don't do justice, but thank you so much for your hours and hours of commitment towards this project. Your dedication towards this research, your banding, box engineering and science analysis skills, and your coordination of volunteers to make it all happen are extraordinary."

We thank and salute Steve Senesac, who reflects on his years of service by simply saying: "It's in my DNA to try to make things better."

Rebecca Coulter Completes CBC Leadership

by Dolores Pollock

For 11 years, Rebecca Coulter has handled the huge task of coordinating the Santa Barbara Christmas Bird Count (CBC) with skill, patience, and extraordinary organization. Everyone who has participated benefited. Rebecca, as you begin a well-earned retirement from this important work, we all say a hearty “Thank you.”

After wrapping up CBC 2022, Rebecca wrote, “We have enjoyed one of the largest counts in the country, both from a species and participant standpoint, for many years. It’s been an honor to be at the helm since taking over for Joan Lentz in 2011. And now, it’s time to hand it over to a new team. I look forward to many years as a Santa Barbara CBC participant, but I’m stepping down from leading and compiling to leave it in someone else’s worthy hands.”

Rebecca gives huge credit to her faithful team and many seasoned assistants, but leadership is key to the success of this annual effort involving over 200 people. We thank Rebecca Coulter for her outstanding leadership and service on behalf of birds and people in our community.



Rebecca Coulter. Photo by Chris Coulter

With Appreciation for the Birding and Board Service of Rob Lindsay

by Janice Levasheff, SBAS Board President



Rob Lindsay. Photo by Chris Alderman

Stepping down from the SBAS Board this year is Rob Lindsay, who has most recently served as Board Member At-Large while also coordinating SBAS Field Trips. Rob has served our chapter in various roles for well over 40 years. The August/September 1981 issue of *El Tecolote* welcomed Rob as newsletter editor. The following year Rob became SBAS President, a position in which he served for three years, while still editing the newsletter. He has led field trips for several years, bringing his professional teaching skills to the role of sharing knowledge with birders of all levels. Though completing his Board service, Rob will continue to lead field trips, and chapter member and expert birder Dane St. George has volunteered to lead field trip coordination.

Upon rejoining the Board years ago, Rob said he was eager to turn his energies “in whatever direction seems to create the most good for the chapter.” His remarkable contributions, his enthusiasm for sharing his knowledge of birds, and the positive feedback we receive from field trip attendees all demonstrate that he has done exactly that. We truly cannot thank Rob enough.

Board News:

Kris Mainland White Returns to Our Flock

by Janice Levasheff

Kris Mainland White has returned to serve on our Board as Communications Chair. She initially joined the SBAS Board in early 2013 as Secretary, and after serving in that position became the Audubon representative to the Naples Coalition a short time later. Kris has remained an active volunteer with SBAS, helping at the Winter Bird Count for Kids in that event's early years. She's also been a key member of the Christmas Bird Count Dinner Committee. In January 2023, eager to put more of her skills to work again for SBAS, Kris offered to come back onto the Board as our Communications Chair and serve as the CBC Dinner Committee Chair. She has already jumped in writing press releases for events and discovering ways to spread the word about the good work of SBAS.

Kris brings to the Board her experience in writing and publicity, along with a love of nature and the outdoors. She has been the Book Club Chair and served on the Outreach Committee for the Gaviota Coast Conservancy. She also is a member of the Channel Islands Naturalist Corps. We are so glad to welcome Kris back to the SBAS leadership team!



Kris Mainland White. Courtesy photo

Welcome to the ET Team

Dennis Power joined the *El Tecolote* team in February to serve as designer, combining his lifelong interest in birds and conservation with his re-emerging interest in photography, design, and publication software. He holds a PhD in Zoology from the University of Kansas, and MA and BS degrees from Occidental College.



Dennis Power and wife, Leslie, in the Eastern Sierra.
Photo by Bill Hallier

Dennis credits an ornithology professor at Occidental for inspiring his path to study birds. "He was a true mentor... with tolerance for a student with limited knowledge," says Dennis.

Early in his career, Dennis held a curatorial position in the bird department of the Royal Ontario Museum, Toronto. He then accepted the position of director at the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History. As Dennis recalls, "Eastern Canada is no place for a southern California kid, plus I'd already started research on avian evolution on the Channel Islands."

After 22 years at SBMNH, he relocated to lead the Oakland Museum of California and later served as president of Laguna College of Art and Design. Though he has just recently returned to the Santa Barbara community, his name has been here all along. Since 2008, visitors to the SBMNH have been able to study

hundreds of bird specimens in The Dennis Power Bird Diversity Hall.

What led him to volunteer with SBAS? Dennis attributes it to both birds and people. "Although not a birder per se, I am happy to be of some value to an organization that includes conservation in its mission and has attracted some great people who have been rewarding to get to know," he says.

Colette Becker began as editor of *El Tecolote* in December of 2022. Colette works as a communications director in the nonprofit sector and is a second-spring birder confounded by first-winter gulls. If you see her in the field, she welcomes birding tips!

Sad Story with Happy Ending

by Charles A. Cagara

When last we “spoke,” I described my happiness when the mated pair of Western Bluebirds returned to build a nest this March in the same box from which they fledged a successful brood last July. Incubation began on March 30 and the five lovely blue eggs hatched together on April 12. Next came the “tag team” as the excited parents continually flew to and fro delivering fresh, live meal worms to the famished five. This continued apace until the morning of the 24th.

As I walked towards the “restaurant” to replenish the worms, I caught a glimpse of something up ahead in the grass. My heart sank. A small pile of brilliant blue feathers lay scattered about with even more in the birdbath. The adult mated male had been killed. I confess to welling up at the sight. I surmised that the killer was likely a crow that had been harassing the pair for days. (In fact, two years ago a crow, or crows, killed young Titmice hatchlings and were consuming them, dipping them in the birdbath as if in a fondue.)

Now, of course, my thoughts turned to the mated female and whether she would be able to continue the arduous

struggle of feeding the brood by herself or would elect, as is frequently the case, to abandon the nest entirely. At first, that morning she flitted about hectically as if waiting for the arrival of her mate to take up the day’s feedings. Early that afternoon something must have signaled to her that she was now alone, for she re-started the feeding program with vigor. And then serendipity visited the female and her hungry brood.

Late the next afternoon there appeared a new, younger male at the restaurant who began taking worms right into the nest box alongside the adult female. I can’t know with certainty, but I believe it may be one of the males from last July’s brood: not uncommon behavior under the circumstances.

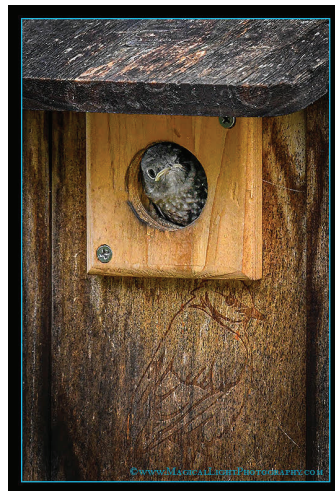
The feedings continued while I awaited fledging day to see if we’d have a fully successful brood. I became slightly nervous as fledging seemed to be taking a bit too long and I hadn’t once seen any curious beaks at the hole taking a gander at the world. Not to worry—all five successfully fledged on Friday, May 5, and now are scattered in their several hiding places to keep safe



from predators as Mama and Foster Papa continue to deliver my delicious meal worms.

They will stay in hiding for a week or more as they gain strength and skill to avoid predators. Then, like last year, I will hope to see them all crowding around my meal worm restaurant for a period of time before they disperse to find their way in a dangerous world.

Photos by Charles A. Cagara / MagicalLightPhotography.com



SBAS: EVENTS & PROGRAMS

Field Trip: Coal Oil Point Reserve

Sunday, August 27, 2023

8:00 - 11:00 a.m.

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

Leader: Nick Lethaby

Join us for an opportunity to see late summer Santa Barbara specialties. This is a good time of year to spot migrating shorebirds and terns. Meet at the intersection of Del Playa and Camino Majorca in Isla Vista (furthest point from UCSB). Detailed directions are on

our website. No reservation needed. For questions, contact Rob Lindsay at: thisisroblindsay@gmail.com.

Note: Regular SBAS Friday Bird Walks and Programs are on summer hiatus and will resume in September.



Snowy Plover

Programs

by Roman Baratiak, Programs Chair

Thanks to everyone who has attended SBAS public events, either in person or via Zoom, during the past nine months. The free talks have spanned a variety of venues and community partner collaborations and have included presentations on: the historical and cultural importance of the Bald Eagle; the biology and behaviors of owls, corvids (ravens, crows, jays, and magpies), and LeConte's Thrasher; a spectacular tour of the birding paradise

that is Brazil; a look at the pioneering scientists who solved the mystery of bird migration; and reflections on searching for seabirds in the open ocean and monitoring them on the Channel Islands.

Free public events will return in the fall. Lynn Scarlett, former deputy secretary and chief operating officer of the U.S. Department of the Interior, will be delivering an illustrated talk titled "Bird

Conservation around the World and in Our Backyards: From Awe to Action" on Wednesday, October 18, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. in Fleischmann Auditorium at the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History. Lynn is an avid local birder and a talented photographer. The talk is co-presented by Santa Barbara Audubon Society, the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History, and the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden.

Celebrating North Campus Open Space

by Dolores Pollock

The Michael Love documentary *Bringing Back Our Wetland* drew a crowd of well-wishers to the Santa Barbara International Film Festival to watch the story of all that has been achieved at the former Ocean Meadows Golf Course in Goleta. Ten years of careful planning and fundraising have presented the community with an invaluable resource, now part of UCSB. The Trust for Public Land played an important role in the acquisition of the property, and SBAS donors contributed towards the Audubon Overlook there.

From the ribbon cutting to the Chumash blessing, through all the time preceding the culmination of the restoration, Lisa Stratton of UCSB's

Cheadle Center for Biodiversity & Ecological Restoration played a lead role. She credits her worthy staff and the many volunteers who made this unlikely dream a reality, but those who have watched Lisa over the years recognize the importance of her vision, perseverance, and leadership.

Thank you for celebrating North Campus Open Space, director Michael Love and cinematographer Elliot Lowndes. You've told the story well, honoring this monumental accomplishment—truly a local success story with far-reaching significance as a model for environmental restoration efforts.



SBAS friends gather to celebrate the "Bringing Back Our Wetland" film screening with Elliot Lowndes, Lisa Stratton, and Michael Love (center).

SBAS: GRATITUDE

Tecolote Circle connects the community with birds and nature—now and for generations to come.

Through their vision and generous donations to our endowment, Tecolote Circle donors sustain the core programs of SBAS in perpetuity. Tecolote Circle members have made a gift of \$1,000 or more to the endowment, or advised us that they have named SBAS in their will. Endowment gifts are invested, and income generated is available to support the ongoing work of SBAS.

Please consider becoming a Tecolote Circle member by contacting Janice Levasheff, SBAS President, via the contact form on our website, or send a note to P.O. Box 6737, Santa Barbara, CA 93160. Thank you to our Tecolote Circle members listed here (as of May 1, 2023).

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Thank You:

The City of Goleta for their continuing support of our Winter Bird Count for Kids. The City Council approved an award to SBAS of \$3,300 for the 2024 event. This would not have been possible without the support of a strong committee and all of our WBC4K volunteers.

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

Bob Hamber for selecting Alicia Zekaria as the Joy Parkinson Awardee for her Science Olympiad project "Does Temperature Affect Beetles?" We thank Alicia for her concern about the environment and the impact that global warming has on it.

The friends of Judy Blue, who honor her every year by donating to SBAS on her birthday.

The Santa Barbara Independent and chapter member **Hugh Ranson** for continuing the monthly (and popular!) Santa Barbara Birding column.

Eyes in the Sky volunteers who persevered through another tough year and are giving a warm welcome to our new Peregrine Falcon and American Kestrel.

Coni Edick, a longtime EITS volunteer who helps nearly every day at the Aviary. Coni also makes presentations about SBAS, is on the Winter Bird Count for Kids committee, helped staff our Earth Day booth, and makes name tags for the board and volunteers.

Ali Weiss, Roman Baratiak, Ron Hirst, Coni Edick, Jeff Hanson, Kris Mainland White, and David Levasheff for staffing our Earth Day booth. We appreciate Ali's help with set up and staffing, Ron's creativity in making a "Save our Birds" flag, and David's assistance with assembling and de-assembling the booth. We are grateful to **Kathleen Boehm** for coordinating signups, staffing the booth, and helping with clean up.

Jessie Altstatt, Colette Becker, Karen Dorfman, Katherine Emery, David Levasheff, Kristie Maingot and Dotti Pak, who volunteered to help at Bird Month at the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden. A huge note of appreciation to **Wendy Kanter** for coordinating this event.

Our members, donors, staff, and volunteers who have contributed to our success this year. We couldn't do this without you!



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