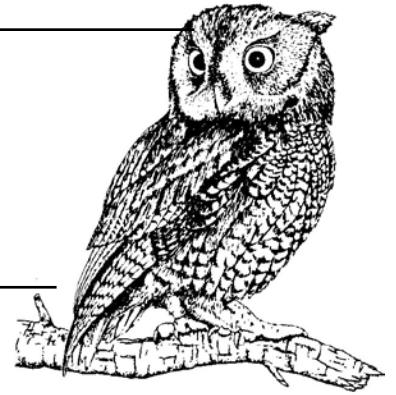


# El Tecolote

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## Christmas Bird Count 2011

For Santa Barbara Birders,

The Year Ends on High Note.

Rebecca Fagan Coulter

After weeks of clear, cold weather, December 31 dawned with a dense fog lying along the coast, stretching inland to about midtown. My first thought: those poor sea-watchers! But since my home near the municipal golf course showed stars in a clear, dark sky, I had hope. And as a new compiler of this venerable Santa Barbara Christmas Bird Count, with its 100+ year-history, hope—and a dose of beginner’s luck—was all I could ask! As the day dawned, I knew that whatever the results, it would be memorable. With the help of my three co-compilers, **Dave Compton, Jared Dawson, and Joan Murdoch**, I knew we had done the scouting and planning to make the best of whatever the day would bring.

And so, Santa Barbara birders went to work counting all the birds to be found from the Pacific Ocean on the south to Gibraltar Reservoir on the north, and from Ellwood on the west to San Ysidro Road on the east, a 15-mile-diameter circle encompassing mountains, foothills, neighborhoods, coastal plains, beaches, and offshore waters. For some, like those in the mountains, the day was warm, clear and beautiful, if a bit windy on the ridges. Others along the coast and on the water were fogged in until at least mid-morning, challenging some birders to see through the gloom to pull out an i.d. But as usual, Santa Barbara birders rose to the challenge and recorded a remarkable 215 species during the 24-hour period of count day.

The “stake-out” birds that we knew about beforehand and observed on Count Day were: a female Williamson’s Sapsucker and a Townsend’s Solitaire at La Cumbre Peak; Costa’s Hummingbird (one in Montecito and one at the Bird Refuge); the Vermilion Flycatcher at Ocean Meadows Golf Course; Hermit, Palm, Grace’s (returning for a fourth year), and Black-and-White Warblers; three Summer Tanagers; a Clay-colored/Brewer’s Sparrow in the Goleta agricultural fields; and an oriole sweep with Orchard, Hooded, Bullock’s, Baltimore and Scott’s. Surprises on Count Day included Xantus’s Murrelet from the boat, White-faced Ibis and Vesper Sparrow at Rancho La Patera, Common Poorwill in the foothills, Eastern Phoebe at Lauro Reservoir, Tropical Kingbird at the Bird Refuge, and a nice showing by swallows with Tree, Violet-Green, and Northern Rough-winged.

Last year, Red-breasted Nuthatch and Pine Siskin, normally montane species, were to be found everywhere; this year, we counted one nuthatch at the Trout Club and one siskin on the Riviera. This is truly a good indicator of the phenomenon of montane irruption, where numbers of certain mountain species fluctuate wildly year-to-year.

There are always a few “misses”—birds that we had hoped to get but that didn’t show up on Count Day. Among these were Caspian Tern, all the jaeger species (probably due to the foggy conditions), and staked-out but not found Long-tailed Duck, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, White-headed Woodpecker, Pygmy Nuthatch, and Brown Creeper. In addition, two very rare species arrived in the few days before the count (Tundra Swan and Little Gull), but had disappeared by Dec. 31.

Organizing and compiling this monster Christmas Bird Count is a daunting job—beginning in October and still ongoing well into January—but with the excellent compilation committee (the compilers plus **Bill Pollock** and **Patrick McNulty**), the job is easy. Together, we support each other and tame all that raw data into an animal we can manage. A huge thank-you goes to these dedicated volunteers. And once again this year, Santa Barbara will have one of the very highest participant counts nationwide with 214 people joining the fun—from the seasoned veterans to the brand new birders to **Mark** and **Susie Johnson**, who graciously donate their boat services each year. It is this commitment that sets us apart. And we thank Santa Barbara Audubon for its encouragement and generous support of all these efforts year after year.

So how did Santa Barbara compare to other CBCs in California and nationwide? We finished a very close second in California behind San Diego’s total of 216 species. The two big Texas counts at Mad Island Marsh (244!) and Guadalupe River Delta (225) were way ahead of all of us. But at fourth in the nation, Santa Barbara’s count sits right up there in the rarified “top-five” club. We are known nationwide for the diversity of our count circle habitats, our enthusiastic and skilled birders, and the accuracy of our data. We can all be proud of that accomplishment.

The mission of the Santa Barbara Audubon Society is to help conserve and restore the earth’s natural ecosystems and improve its biological diversity, principally in the Santa Barbara area, and to connect people with birds and nature through education, science-based projects and advocacy.

# Santa Barbara Christmas Bird Count Dec 31, 2011

**DUCKS, GEESE, SWANS**

<u>11</u>	Gr. White-fronted Goose
<u>    </u>	Snow Goose *
<u>4</u>	Ross' Goose *
<u>    </u>	Brant
<u>13</u>	Cackling Goose *
<u>152</u>	Canada Goose
<u>15</u>	Wood Duck
<u>49</u>	Gadwall
<u>1</u>	Eurasian Wigeon *
<u>214</u>	American Wigeon
<u>533</u>	Mallard
<u>1</u>	Blue-winged Teal *
<u>17</u>	Cinnamon Teal
<u>446</u>	Northern Shoveler
<u>48</u>	Northern Pintail
<u>73</u>	Green-winged Teal
<u>3</u>	Canvasback
<u>25</u>	Redhead
<u>144</u>	Ring-necked Duck
<u>5</u>	Greater Scaup *
<u>10</u>	Lesser Scaup
<u>26</u>	Surf Scoter
<u>132</u>	Bufflehead
<u>3</u>	Common Goldeneye
<u>19</u>	Hooded Merganser
<u>48</u>	Common Merganser
<u>5</u>	Red-breasted Merganser
<u>339</u>	Ruddy Duck

**QUAIL, TURKEYS**

<u>22</u>	Wild Turkey
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**Mountain Quail**

<u>283</u>	California Quail
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**LOONS**

<u>5</u>	Red-throated Loon
<u>1</u>	Pacific Loon
<u>4</u>	Common Loon
<u>4~</u>	Loon species

**GREBES**

<u>72</u>	Pied-billed Grebe
<u>19</u>	Horned Grebe
<u>38</u>	Eared Grebe
<u>491</u>	Western Grebe
<u>6</u>	Clark's Grebe
<u>~</u>	Clark's / Western Grebe

**SHEARWATERS**

<u>    </u>	Northern Fulmar
<u>1</u>	Black-vented Shearwater

**PELICANS**

<u>243</u>	Brown Pelican
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**CORMORANTS**

<u>173</u>	Brandt's Cormorant
<u>227</u>	Double-crested Cormorant
<u>1</u>	Pelagic Cormorant

**HERONS**

<u>1</u>	American Bittern *
<u>    </u>	Least Bittern *
<u>47</u>	Great Blue Heron
<u>63</u>	Great Egret
<u>52</u>	Snowy Egret
<u>    </u>	Cattle Egret
<u>8</u>	Green Heron
<u>129</u>	Black-crowned Night-Heron

**NEW WORLD VULTURES**

<u>113</u>	Turkey Vulture
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**HAWKS**

<u>2</u>	Osprey
<u>20</u>	White-tailed Kite
<u>7</u>	Northern Harrier
<u>10</u>	Sharp-shinned Hawk
<u>29</u>	Cooper's Hawk
<u>44</u>	Red-shouldered Hawk
<u>119</u>	Red-tailed Hawk
<u>1</u>	Golden Eagle

**FALCONS**

<u>42</u>	American Kestrel
<u>6</u>	Merlin
<u>3</u>	Peregrine Falcon

**RAILS, GALLINULES**

<u>10</u>	Virginia Rail
<u>14</u>	Sora
<u>2</u>	Common Gallinule (Moorhen)
<u>2356</u>	American Coot

**PLOVERS**

<u>200</u>	Black-bellied Plover
<u>188</u>	Snowy Plover
<u>69</u>	Semipalmated Plover
<u>175</u>	Killdeer

**STILTS, AVOCETS**

<u>56</u>	Black-necked Stilt
<u>    </u>	American Avocet

**SANDPIPERS**

<u>14</u>	Spotted Sandpiper
<u>30</u>	Greater Yellowlegs
<u>48</u>	Willet
<u>1</u>	Lesser Yellowlegs *
<u>32</u>	Whimbrel
<u>32</u>	Long-billed Curlew
<u>36</u>	Marbled Godwit
<u>    </u>	Ruddy Turnstone
<u>44</u>	Black Turnstone
<u>533</u>	Sanderling
<u>6</u>	Western Sandpiper
<u>131</u>	Least Sandpiper
<u>22</u>	Dunlin
<u>59</u>	Long-billed Dowitcher
<u>3</u>	Wilson's Snipe
<u>    </u>	Red Phalarope *

**GULLS, TERNS, JAEGERS**

<u>    </u>	Black-legged Kittiwake *
<u>4</u>	Bonaparte's Gull
<u>247</u>	Heermann's Gull
<u>136</u>	Mew Gull
<u>146</u>	Ring-billed Gull
<u>783</u>	Western Gull
<u>788</u>	California Gull
<u>15</u>	Herring Gull
<u>2</u>	Thayer's Gull *
<u>23</u>	Glaucous-winged Gull
<u>    </u>	Caspian Tern *
<u>5</u>	Forster's Tern
<u>117</u>	Royal Tern
<u>142</u>	Black Skimmer
<u>    </u>	Pomarine Jaeger
<u>    </u>	Parasitic Jaeger
<u>~</u>	Jaeger species

**ALCIDS**

<u>12</u>	Common Murre
<u>25</u>	Rhinoceros Auklet

**PIGEONS**

<u>628</u>	Rock Pigeon
<u>446</u>	Band-tailed Pigeon
<u>132</u>	Eurasian Collared-Dove
<u>    </u>	White-winged Dove *
<u>431</u>	Mourning Dove
<u>    </u>	Common Ground-Dove *

**CUCKOOS**

<u>2</u>	Greater Roadrunner
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**OWLS**

<u>2</u>	Barn Owl
<u>12</u>	Western Screech-Owl
<u>19</u>	Great Horned Owl
<u>2</u>	Northern Pygmy-Owl
<u>1</u>	Burrowing Owl

**SWIFTS**

<u>2</u>	White-throated Swift
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**HUMMINGBIRDS**

<u>761</u>	Anna's Hummingbird
<u>2</u>	Costa's Hummingbird *
<u>48</u>	Allen's Hummingbird
<u>53~</u>	Selasphorus sp.

**KINGFISHERS**

<u>17</u>	Belted Kingfisher
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**WOODPECKERS**

<u>640</u>	Acorn Woodpecker
<u>    </u>	Red-naped Sapsucker *
<u>13</u>	Red-breasted Sapsucker
<u>78</u>	Nuttall's Woodpecker
<u>39</u>	Downy Woodpecker
<u>12</u>	Hairy Woodpecker
<u>83</u>	Northern (red-shftd) Flicker
<u>~</u>	Northern (yel.shftd) Flicker *

**TYRANT FLYCATCHERS**

378 Black Phoebe  
53 Say's Phoebe  
1 Tropical Kingbird \*  
62 Cassin's Kingbird

**SHRIKES**

21 Loggerhead Shrike

**VIREOS**

71 Hutton's Vireo

**JAYS, CROWS**

11 Steller's Jay  
487 Western Scrub-Jay  
16 Yellow-billed Magpie  
1442 American Crow  
8 Common Raven

**CHICKADEES, TITMICE**

3 Mountain Chickadee  
4 Chestnut-backed Chickadee  
342 Oak Titmouse

**BUSHTITS**

1794 Bushtit

**NUTHATCHES**

1 Red-breasted Nuthatch  
84 White-breasted Nuthatch

**CREEPERS**

       Brown Creeper

**WRENS**

6 Rock Wren  
8 Canyon Wren  
160 Bewick's Wren  
43 House Wren  
8 Pacific Wren  
13 Marsh Wren

**KINGLETS, GNATCATCHERS**

       Golden-crowned Kinglet  
409 Ruby-crowned Kinglet  
85 Blue-gray Gnatcatcher

**THRUSHES, WRENTIT**

153 Western Bluebird  
1 Townsend's Solitaire  
101 Hermit Thrush  
445 American Robin  
1 Varied Thrush  
195 Wrentit

**MOCKINGBIRDS, THRASHERS**

158 Northern Mockingbird  
57 California Thrasher

**STARLINGS**

825 European Starling

**WAGTAILS, PIPITS**

214 American Pipit

**WAXWINGS**

377 Cedar Waxwing

**SILKY-FLYCATCHERS**

5 Phainopepla

**WOOD-WARBLERS**

310 Orange-crowned Warbler  
2 Nashville Warbler \*  
3 Yellow Warbler \*  
2897 Yel.rumped (Audubon's) Wrblr  
77~ Yel.rumped (Myrtle) Warbler  
1 Black-throated Gray Warbler  
274 Townsend's Warbler  
5 Hermit Warbler \*  
1 Palm Warbler \*  
1 Black-and-white Warbler \*  
261 Common Yellowthroat  
12 Wilson's Warbler

**TANAGERS**

3 Summer Tanager \*  
10 Western Tanager

**SPARROWS**

146 Spotted Towhee  
808 California Towhee  
2 Rufous-crowned Sparrow  
5 Chipping Sparrow  
22 Lark Sparrow  
       Sage Sparrow \*  
80 Savannah Sparrow  
10 Fox Sparrow  
293 Song Sparrow  
54 Lincoln's Sparrow  
2 Swamp Sparrow \*  
4 White-throated Sparrow  
1783 White-crowned Sparrow  
216 Golden-crowned Sparrow  
803 Dark-eyed (Oregon) Junco  
2~ Dark-eyed (Slate-col) Junco

**GROSBEAKS**

       Rose-breasted Grosbeak \*  
       Black-headed Grosbeak \*

**BLACKBIRDS, ORIOLES**

317 Red-winged Blackbird  
1 Tricolored Blackbird  
155 Western Meadowlark  
279 Brewer's Blackbird  
52 Great-tailed Grackle  
6 Brown-headed Cowbird  
1 Orchard Oriole \*  
2 Hooded Oriole \*  
2 Bullock's Oriole  
2 Baltimore Oriole \*  
1 Scott's Oriole \*

**FINCHES**

26 Purple Finch  
1553 House Finch  
1 Pine Siskin  
567 Lesser Goldfinch

       Lawrence's Goldfinch  
148 American Goldfinch

**OLD WORLD SPARROWS**

295 House Sparrow

**UNESTABLISHED EXOTICS**

101~ Nutmeg Mannikin

**ADDITIONAL SPECIES (counted)**

1 White-faced Ibis  
1 Xantus's Murrelet  
1 Spotted Owl  
1 Northern Saw-whet Owl  
2 Common Poorwill  
1 Williamson's Sapsucker  
1 Eastern Phoebe  
1 Vermilion Flycatcher  
1 Cassin's Vireo  
5 Violet-green Swallow  
1 Tree Swallow  
1 No. Rough-winged Swallow  
1 Tennessee Warbler  
1 Grace's Warbler  
1 Northern Waterthrush  
1 Clay-col / Brewer's Sparrow  
1 Vesper Sparrow

215 **SPECIES GRAND TOTAL**  
34211 **Bird count grand total**

\* = Rare -- requires written description  
x = Seen in Count Week (3 days before and 3 days after Count Day) but not on Count Day  
~ = Birds counted but species not countable

**Additional Count Week Sightings**

x [1] White-headed Woodpecker  
x [7] American White Pelican  
x [3] Lawrence's Goldfinch  
x [6] Tundra Swan  
x [1] Little Gull  
x [1] Brown Creeper

**The new Santa Barbara  
 Christmas Bird Count web page  
 is now on line, find it here:**  
<http://www.casbbirdcount.org/>

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## Santa Barbara Audubon Programs

All programs will take place at Farrand Hall, Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History, Mission Canyon, Santa Barbara. Free on-site parking. All programs will begin at 7:30 p.m. and are free to the public. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. **SBAS** members are encouraged to bring guests.

### The Wetlands and its Birds

Larry Jon Friesen  
February 29

Over the last several years, Dr. Friesen has documented the seasonal inhabitants of several wetland areas including marshlands, vernal pools, salt lakes and estuaries. From microscopic algae to the top predators, his talk may well be titled “How sunlight creates a an Osprey.” This presentation will include hundreds of the best images from his research on the organisms associated with wetlands with an emphasis on the support system for the birds that visit.



As professor at Santa Barbara City College, Dr. Larry Jon Friesen teaches a wide variety of courses from Cell Biology to Natural History. As a photographer, he has contributed to several journals and textbooks and supplied many of the photographs for the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History Bird Hall and their bird identification computer kiosk. Each morning for the last 10 years he has sent a photo-essay to subscribers to his Nature Journal “Good Morning!” newsletter.

### Birds of Columbia

Christopher Calonje  
March 28



Christopher Calonje will be give a presentation on the birds of Columbia. Colombia boasts the world’s longest list of bird species, now over 1870 more than North America and Europe combined. Much of this diversity is due to the country’s complex topography, which includes three Andean ranges and the valleys between these ranges, Atlantic and Pacific coasts, vast grasslands bordering Venezuela and a very large portion of the Amazon Basin. Birding in Colombia promotes responsible environmental and social ecotourism and provides the opportunity of a lifetime for birdwatchers.

Mr. Calonje has been conducting birding tours in Columbia for several years. He specializes in wetlands, botanical surveys, environmental education, and biological assessments. Mr. Calonje also is involved with various non-profits in Colombia that work for conservation and to support local communities.

## Thanks To Audubon Supporters by President Darlene Chirman

In September, we sent a letter to all Santa Barbara Audubon Society members about the Endowment inviting you to donate for long-term funding of the chapter’s core programs, such as Eyes in the Sky. Thanks to your generous support, the Endowment principal has grown from \$20,000 to over \$34,000. We now have seven new members of Tecolote Circle, who have contributed \$1000 or more to the Endowment, and one more member who notified us that a bequest has been set up. Since June, two Tecolote Circle members made additional gifts to the Endowment. Thank you for your vision!

Each fall the chapter has an Annual Appeal, our main source of funds for chapter programs. Twelve members joined me in pledging a total of \$10,000 before the Annual Appeal letter was sent to all members asking you to match that amount. We made it! Thanks to all who contributed to support the White-tailed Kite Coordinator, Eyes in the Sky, the Endowment Fund or general funding. In total, we raised over \$20,000!

Eyes in the Sky this year had a Challenge pledge from a board member to match up to \$5000 raised each year for three years in support of EITS programming. Chapter members, EITS volunteers, and non-member EITS supporters met the challenge, raising a total of over \$10,000 for EITS this year.

Your support enables the chapter to provide education about birds and their habitats, monitor local development projects to ensure natural resource protection, restore bird habitat, and engage the community in citizen science that promotes conservation. Thank you!

## Santa Barbara Audubon Field Trips

*These trips are fun for both beginning and expert bird watchers. Binoculars are useful for enjoyment of birds, but if you don't have a pair please call the trip leader and we'll lend you a spare. Trips are free unless noted. Please contact Jack Sanford (805) 566-2191 or [jacksanford@hotmail.com](mailto:jacksanford@hotmail.com) for details or questions.*

### Duck Ponds/Wetlands (next to Pt. Mugu Naval Air Station)

Sunday, February 12, 8 a.m.-12:00 noon  
(Note: This field trip is on a Sunday)  
(7:00 a.m. car pool time)

**Target Birds:** Waterfowl, Virginia Rails, Merlins, Peregrine Falcons, American Bittern, White-faced Ibis, Yellow-headed Blackbirds, Vermilion Flycatchers, etc.

**Leaders:** Peggy Kearns, Jeff Hanson

**Directions:** We will car pool from the Andree Clark Bird Refuge at 7 a.m. (\$8.00 gas money to drivers.) If you want to meet us at the Duck Ponds/Wetlands at 8 a.m., take Hwy. 101 to Oxnard. Due to construction take the Rose Ave. exit towards the ocean. Turn left on Hwy. 34 (5th St.) and right on Rice Ave. to Hwy. 1 (south) to the Hueneme Rd turnoff. Turn right onto Hueneme Rd. Turn left on Casper Rd. Proceed about a mile to the end of Casper Rd. Turn left into the Duck Ponds/Wetlands. Please park on the paved road near the drainage ditch.

We will bird the area on foot for an approximately 3-mile walk. We must remain as a group. This is a private area, and it is a wonderful opportunity for us to bird the Duck Ponds/Wetlands. Thanks to Peggy Kearns and Jeff Hanson for making the necessary arrangements. Enjoy.

### Rancho Santa Barbara (Lone Star) (East end of Lake Cachuma)

Saturday, March 17, 8 a.m.-noon  
(7:30 a.m. at car pool location)

**Target Birds:** Geese, Common Goldeneyes, Wood Ducks, Lewis's Woodpeckers, Bald Eagles, Clark's Grebes, American White Pelicans and other water and song birds

**Leader:** Rob Lindsay

**Directions:** To car pool area: Coming from the south take Hwy. 101 to Lake Cachuma/State St. off ramp. Turn right on State St. and turn right into the Five Points Shopping Center. Coming from the north take Hwy. 101 to the State St. off ramp. Turn left onto State St. Turn right into the Five Points Shopping Center. Park near Carl's Jr. restaurant. We will car pool from here at 7:30 a.m.

Or you can meet us at 8:00 a.m. at the gate to Rancho Santa Barbara (4001 Hwy. 154, identified by a pipe gate with a large star on it). We must all meet at the gate and enter the ranch as a group.

Wear walking shoes. Binoculars and spotting scopes are useful. Bring water and a snack. Enjoy ranch owners Lee and Charles Carr's hospitality at one of the best inland winter birding areas in the county!

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## Sandhill Crane Field Trip plus a bonus visit to Atwell Island Wetlands

Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 18-19  
(This is the 3-day Presidents' Day weekend.)

**Target Birds:** Sandhill Cranes, Burrowing Owls, Common Moorhens, Horned Larks, Loggerhead Shrikes, Lark Sparrows, Blue-winged Teals, Marsh Wrens, Great Horned Owls plus many other species.

**Leader:** Jack Sanford

**Cost:** Camp ground fees are \$20. Motels are 20 minutes away in Lost Hills or Delano.

This Audubon field trip will visit the Colonel Allensworth State Historic Park (CASHP), the Atwell Island Wetlands (AIW), the Pixley National Wildlife Refuge (PNWR) and the Kern National Wildlife Refuge (KNWR). It will be an overnight trip with camping at one of two places. CASHP has a nice campground with showers (\$20/night). As a back up we can primitive camp at KNWR. Motels at Lost Hills include Motel 6 and Day's Inn. At Delano there is a Holiday Inn. Everyone must make their own vehicle arrangements and bring the necessary camping equipment, layers of clothes, food and drink plus birding equipment.

We will not caravan; each participant will travel from the Santa Barbara area leaving approximately at 6 a.m. on Saturday or earlier to meet just outside the CASHP at noon or so. After determining where we will camp, we will bird the park for a very short time looking for Burrowing Owls. About 12:45 p.m. we will travel to AIW. This is a new BLM 7000 acre restoration project that recently opened with a viewing platform overlooking the wetlands. After that (between 4-5 p.m.) we will travel to PNWR and view the Sandhill Cranes coming in till dark. After Sunday breakfast we will bird the KNWR for several hours. We will return home Sunday evening.

**Directions:** It is approximately 200-230 miles to CASHP. One way to get there is to take Hwy. 101 to Paso Robles. Take Hwy. 46 to Lost Hills. Once you cross Hwy. 5, continue for 18 miles to Hwy. 43. Turn left (north) on Hwy. 43 and proceed to CASHP (15 miles). Or you can take Hwy. 101 south to Hwy. 126 to Hwy. 5 to Hwy. 46. Take Hwy. 46 east to Hwy. 43 (18 miles). Turn left (north) on Hwy. 43 to CASHP (15 miles).

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## Friday Bird Walks

*Join us on the second and fourth Fridays of each month at 8:30-10:30 a.m., except as otherwise noted. Please call Bird Walk leader **Jack Sanford 566-2191** or email at [jacksanford@hotmail.com](mailto:jacksanford@hotmail.com) if you are interested in leading a future bird walk to your favorite birding location or have any questions.*

### Lake Los Carneros

**February 10**

**Target Birds:** Waterfowl, winter songbirds

**Directions:** From Hwy. 101 take the Los Carneros off ramp and head towards the mountains. (Stow House is on the right.) Turn into the driveway by the fire station. We will meet in the parking lot behind the fire station.

### San Jose Creek Area (near Kellogg Tennis Courts)

**February 24**

**Target Birds:** Songbirds, Woodpeckers, Thrashers, Thrushes, Kinglets, etc.

**Directions:** From Hwy. 101 take the Patterson Ave. off ramp and head towards the mountains. Turn left on Cathedral Oaks Rd. Turn left at the Kellogg Rd. stoplight. Park and meet near the tennis courts.

### Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History.

**March 9**

We will meet in the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History parking lot near the Blue Whale.

### Elings Park

**March 23**

**Target Birds:** Raptors, songbirds, Juncos, Warblers, Finches, Hutton's Vireos, California Thrashers, etc.

**Directions:** From Hwy. 101 take the Las Positas off ramp and head towards the ocean. Look for the Elings Park entrance sign and turn left on Jerry Harwin Parkway. Proceed to the Battistone Foundation Soccer parking lot located in front of the park office building. Park in that immediate area. We will meet there and bird the area.

## Field Trips/Bird Walks Do you have an idea?

We are always looking for suggestion for places to visit on our monthly field trips. If you have an idea and are not sure where or what to do next, or are interested in helping coordinate a field trip contact **Jack Sanford (805) 566-2191**.

## Welcome!

**SBAS** extends a warm welcome to our newest members.

We look forward to seeing you at our programs and field trips. Thanks for joining!

Suzanne Abbitt  
Arthur T. Alter  
Edna M. Arnold  
Joan Barnett  
Nina Baskett  
Penny Braniff  
Patricia Butler  
Yvonne Chin  
Elaine P. Detwiler  
Erin Eamer  
Marcia Engelmann  
Judy Escalera  
Arleen R. Euring  
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Florence Knowles  
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Shirley Miller  
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Jamell O'Toole  
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Betty Popnoe  
Stephen Ringler  
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# OPPORTUNITIES

## Volunteer Habitat Restoration

*Audubon helps recruit volunteers for habitat restoration; come help to restore a creek or estuary while spending a morning in a beautiful bird habitat. We now have a new Audubon-managed project at Coal Oil Point Reserve as well. Contact Darlene Chirman at President@SantaBarbaraAudubon.org or 692-2008. Contact Coal Oil Point Reserve: Reserve Steward Tara Longwell at tara.longwell@lifesci.ucsb.edu or 893-5092. Contact the Land Trust for Arroyo Hondo Preserve: Volunteer Coordinator Sally Isaacson at 260-2252 or volunteer@sblandtrust.org*

### ARROYO HONDO

Contact: **Sally Isaacson**

Sunday February	5	9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Sunday March	4	9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

### COAL OIL POINT RESERVE

#### Saturday, 9 a.m.-noon

Date	Restoration	Contact
February 11	Audubon Planting	Darlene Chirman
February 25	COPR Trails	Tara Longwell
March 3	Audubon Planting	Darlene Chirman
March 10	COPR Trails	Tara Longwell

### CHANNEL ISLANDS RESTORATION

February 18 Lake Los Carneros 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Contact: Volunteer Coordinator Sarah Amiri at volunteer@cirweb.org

Please consult their website or Sarah on restoration projects including Lake Los Carneros, San Marcos Foothills, Santa Barbara Zoo, Carpinteria Creek, Anacapa Island and others. Their website is: www.cirweb.org

## Work with the SBAS Birds Eyes in the Sky

Eyes in the Sky has ongoing opportunities for new volunteers to work with our birds of prey.

Volunteers must be available during daytime hours. Call Gabriele (805) 898-0347.

## Plover Project Docent Training

Training takes place at Coal Oil Point Reserve

Training takes place at the West Campus Conference Center at Coal Oil Point Reserve, from 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

### Training dates:

February	..... 4
March	..... 3

### Training Schedule:

Tour	..... 9-11 a.m.
Training	..... 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Those interested should call for more information or to register at (805) 893-3703

### Audubon Society Membership Application

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- Membership is for a FAMILY!
  - Memberships initially received between October 1st and March 31st: Renewals Due December 31.
  - Memberships initially received between April 1st and September 31st: Renewals Due June 30.
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  - Cost: \$25 Annually.
- Make check payable to: Santa Barbara Audubon Society

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Officers and Chairs meet the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Members are welcomed to attend.  
Call the SBAS office to verify dates and times. FAX: 967-7718. Cover art by Daryl Harrison.

**Calendar of Events**

Check our website for any changes or late additions  
to our Bird Walks, Field Trips or Programs:  
<http://www.SantaBarbaraAudubon.org>

**February**

Feb.	4	Plover Training
Feb.	5	Restore Arroyo Hondo
Feb.	10	Lake Los Carneros Bird Walk
Feb.	11	Restore Coal Oil Point: Planting
Feb.	12	Duck Ponds/Wetlands Field Trip
Feb.	18	Restore Lake Los Carneros
Feb.	18 & 19	Sandhill Crane Field Trip
Feb.	24	San Jose Creek Area Bird Walk
Feb.	25	Restore Coal Oil Point: Trails
Feb.	29	Program: The Wetlands

**March**

Mar.	3	Plover Training
Mar.	3	Restore Coal Oil Point: Planting
Mar.	4	Restore Arroyo Hondo
Mar.	9	Natural History Museum Bird Walk
Mar.	10	Restore Coal Oil Point: Trails
Mar.	17	Rancho Santa Barbara Field Trip
Mar.	23	Elings Park Bird Walk
Mar.	28	Program: Birds of Columbia

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