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**www.morrocoastaudubon.org**

Past issues of the *Flyway* are available at the website

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## MCAS BOARD MEETING

no July Meeting  
**Monday August 1, 2005**

6:45 P. M.

The Board Meetings are held at the Los Osos Community Center off of Los Osos Valley Road in Los Osos. All interested members are invited to attend.

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## BIRDS AT EBB TIDE

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*Over for the Summer. Will continue next Fall when the migratory birds return.*



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## SECOND SATURDAY AT SWEET SPRINGS

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*It's good old Summer time and time for vacations. No Second Saturday in July or August.*

## GENERAL MEETING

No July or August programs but mark your calendars for the Fall Potluck!

**September 19, 2005**

Questions: Call Rosemary 528-8193  
[www.morrocoastaudubon.org](http://www.morrocoastaudubon.org)



Shorebirds coming, next page!

## MOJAVE FIELD TRIP REPORT

### **JUL-AUG 2005 FIELD TRIPS**

#### **JULY 9<sup>TH</sup> (SATURDAY) SAN SIMEON STATE PARK**

Leader: Alan Schmierer. We will walk a slow-paced 3-4 mile loop thru grasslands, pines and willows, finishing at or before mid-day. We will be on trails, mostly flat, but with several short up-grades. Beginner and young birders are welcome and are encouraged to come along and join the fun (extra binocs will be available). Meet at 7:00AM at the SW corner of Spencer's Market parking lot, located on the north end of Morro Bay (drive north on Main Street from where Main Street crosses Rte 41, and you will see it in a few blocks on the right). Have binocs, bird guide, water and snacks. Some may want to have lunch before returning south. Those with scopes will find them useful for a quick look out from the shore as time permits. As on most "caravan" trips, an FRS/walkie-talkie radio tuned to 11.22 will be useful. **Please RSVP, so that I can tell you of any last minute changes:** [aaschmierer@yahoo.com](mailto:aaschmierer@yahoo.com) (preferred) or 772-2026.

#### **AUGUST 13<sup>TH</sup> (SATURDAY) SHOREBIRDS**

Spend a morning looking for and identifying shore birds with leader Maggie Smith. This field trip is for beginning birders of all ages, or anyone who wants to become more familiar with shore birds and birding spots around the Morro Bay estuary. Minimal walking. Trip will begin at 8 AM and finish by noon. As usual bring binoculars, a field guide if you have one, water and a snack. Bring a Walkie-talkie radio if you have one. To reserve a spot and get more details, call Maggie at 481-9292 before 8 PM or email her at [milleniummaggs@charter.net](mailto:milleniummaggs@charter.net).

#### **SEPT 10<sup>TH</sup> (Saturday) FALL PELAGIC TRIP**

This will be an all-day trip out of Port San Luis and all within "County waters". We expect to go well off-shore, but we will go wherever the prospect of good birds takes us. *Please note that this is the MCAS annual "Fall Pelagic Trip" and not one of the Estero Bay trips.* More details later.

**A sign-up form is included as a insert in this issue**

The Morro Coast Audubon trip to the Mojave area was held on the weekend of May 14-15. Eleven birders joined the leader for a beautiful weekend in desert environs. The group birded Butterbredt Springs, Galileo Park and California City. Western migrants were still passing through the desert. Our highlights at Butterbredt Spring included a gorgeous alternate plumaged male Magnolia Warbler and Hammond's Flycatcher, along with a host of local species such as Mountain Quail, Chukar, Ladder-backed Woodpecker, Le Conte's Thrasher and Sage Sparrow. Galileo Park (home of the Silver Saddle Club) is a wonderful desert oasis with trees, ponds, and lawns. We birded the park on both Saturday and Sunday finding an Osprey, White-winged Dove, Willow Flycatcher, Dusky Flycatcher, and a Chipping Sparrow, plus more desert species like Verdin and Black-throated Sparrow. Late afternoon we spent a little time at California City where we saw a Tundra Swan, Ross's Goose, 8-10 Red Crossbills and several Black-chinned Hummingbirds, but returned before dusk for the Lesser Nighthawk show over the golf course ponds. While Yellow-headed Blackbirds called from the pond beside us, up to 25 nighthawks hawked bugs over the golf course and ponds with some coming as close as ten feet! A total of 75 species were seen by the group over the weekend.....

*Tom Edell*

### **Summer Seabird Study Boat Trip**

MCAS in partnership with Cal-Poly University and the Marine Interest Group (MIG) invite the public out on a Pelagic Boat Trip to observe a Seabird Study conducted by Graduate Student Katie Gordon. Learn how this scientific study is designed to identify species and qualify abundance of ocean birds that come to the waters of Estero Bay. Your guide, Kara Hagedorn, will share natural history information and help with bird and marine mammal identification on this full day ocean adventure. The Pacific Horizon, a 60-foot fishing boat with a galley and indoor seating, will be taking us out.

**When: MONDAY, July 25th, 2005 from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm**

**Where:** We'll leave from Port San Luis in Avila Beach and follow the coast north to Estero Bay

**Cost:** \$65 for adults, \$45 for enrolled college students, and for children up to 18 years old.

Limited to 20 people so please register early!

Call Kara Hagedorn at 805-772-3915 or e-mail [karahagedorn@hotmail.com](mailto:karahagedorn@hotmail.com) to register

## Hi Mountain Lookout Project

Since the inception of the Hi Mountain Lookout Project 9 years ago, Morro Coast Audubon Society has had a rewarding and successful collaboration with several organizations and many hard working staff and volunteers. The rehabilitation of an old abandoned fire lookout into a functioning biological research station and interpretive visitor center has been a source of great satisfaction and pride for all involved in the project.

This upcoming 2005 summer field season marks our 4th season of field operations and demonstrates the breadth of these collaborative efforts. MCAS has funded the purchase of a heavy security gate and signage that will be installed by the U.S. Forest Service, providing staff time and labor. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's condor staff will be providing our interns and volunteers onsite field training in radio tracking, note taking, and condor nest watching at Hopper Mountain National Wildlife Refuge in Ventura County. The Ventana Wilderness Society (VWS) near the Big Sur Coast continues to provide condor movement information through GPS (global positioning systems) tracking, with exact location data relayed to satellites in earth orbit by transmitters attached to the wings of free-flying condors. Other VWS condors equipped with radio transmitters are tracked from Hi Mountain Lookout as they occasionally fly north and south through SLO CO on their long flights from Big Sur country to Hopper Mountain refuge, and back again. Hi Mountain Lookout staff also radio track condors released at Pinnacles National Monument, in cooperation with the National Park Service.

One more example of our collaborative efforts: Dr. Francis Villablanca through the Biological Sciences Department at Cal Poly has recently obtained funding to hire and supervise 5 student interns, who will be working in shifts staffing Hi Mountain Lookout (along with our volunteers) full-time this summer! The focus of this student internship will be on conducting several biological research projects at Hi Mountain, including California Condor radio tracking, studying ecological community dynamics by surveying resident and nesting birds, live-trapping small mammals, conducting vegetation sampling, and analyzing Geographical Information Systems (GIS) information- in study plots set up within chaparral, oak woodland and riparian habitats. All 5 of these college students will be speaking and giving power point talks about their research methodologies and findings, presented to professors and their student peers at Cal Poly, following their summer internship experiences at Hi Mountain Lookout.

Learn more about the Lookout Project at [www.condorlookout.org](http://www.condorlookout.org)

Visit the lookout this summer, tour the facilities and visitor center, and participate in condor radio tracking demonstrations. New volunteers are encouraged to get involved. Please contact me in advance to make arrangements for a visit.

Steve Schubert  
MCAS Volunteer Coordinator,  
Hi Mountain Condor Lookout Project

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## President's Message

Summer is in full swing, the chicks have fledged and many adults have begun the molting process to replace the feathers worn by defending territories, building nests, and rearing young.

Our fund drive is again on track and a statement of our members support. We thank one and all. These funds go to directly support our programs:

- Pelagic survey – Two more boat trips are scheduled this year, and we are considering supporting this study for another year.
- Loon survey – 18 loons were banded this season, and the survey will continue observing behavior and tracking individual birds. Toxicology and genetic studies are being conducted. Results of these studies will be available later this year. We will begin banding again in November.
- Plover program – This program continues to be effective to protect not only the breeding needs of the plover, but also vital dune habitat.
- Education – Plans are in the works to create a greater presence in local classrooms this year through the use of the National Audubon educational programs.
- Audubon Properties – Restoration work continues on Audubon properties in Los Osos to enhance bird habitat and biodiversity in our community.
- The Hi Mountain Condor Project, whose report is in this issue.
- Winter Bird Festival – Not financially supported but we are the lead sponsor. Preparations are in full swing for another successful bird festival in January in Morro Bay.

In addition, members of our board participated in a statewide tri-colored blackbird workshop and surveys to identify habitat and to gather information about population trends. We undertook this effort and we will continue with the above efforts, because we feel that they are important.

Please see our website for more details ([www.morrocoastaudubon.org](http://www.morrocoastaudubon.org)), or call me, Henry, at 528-4587.

*Henry Pontarelli*

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Prothonotary Warbler – 21 May, a male was at the Oceano Campground (MF)

Yellow-breasted Chat – 5 May, one was singing in the willows at Spooners Cove Campground (SCS) and 7-13 May, another was at Point Piedras Blancas (RAR)

Rose-breasted Grosbeak – 16 May, basic plumaged male was at a feeder at the end of Canet Road in Chorro Valley (AFS) with an alternate plumaged male there on 21 May (GPS)

Blue Grosbeak – 4 May, an immature male near Quail Springs (Caliente Range) was away from a known breeding site (AFS)

Yellow-headed Blackbird – 1 May, a female was at a residence on the Nipomo Mesa (JA) and 4-18 May, up to 22 were at Oso Flaco Lake (DML,MLS)

Great-tailed Grackle – 8 and 30 May, one was singing at Oso Flaco Lake (MLS); 9 May, a male was found along Moonstone Drive in Cambria (KC); 9 May, a male was at Laguna Lake (MTH); and 20 May, single males were at the Dairy Unit, Swine Unit, and in a pasture adjacent to Highland Ave on Cal Poly (MDS)

Scott's Oriole – 4 and 25 May, two males were in the east Caliente Range at Quail Springs and near Lawson Springs (AFS)

Red Crossbill – 23 May, a first year male in Los Osos was completely unexpected and a first for this year (JLR)

**OBSERVERS:** Thanks to the many birders that report their sightings. The following people are cited above: Jackie Allison, Mark Brown, Karen Clarke, Mitch Dallas, Tom M. Edell, Marc Fenner, Michael T. Hanson, Dave M. Lawrence, Sal and Ada Lucido, Jennifer Moonjian, Donna O'Shaughnessy, John L. Roser, Richard A. Rowlett, Jim S. Royer, Alan F. Schmierer, Brad K. Schram, Steve C. Schubert, Gregory P. Smith, Maggie L. Smith, Bob Stafford, Mike D. Stiles, Linda Tanner, Mike Tyner, and Roger H. Zachary. For information about birds or locations mentioned in this report, contact Tom Edell at (805) 995-1691 or tedell@aol.com....*Tom Edell*

## Eureka!

### THE BIRDS OF SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY – May 2005

- Yellow-billed Loon** – 17 May, very rare, a sub-adult was seen on the water 700 meters off Point Piedras Blancas (RAR).  
Western Grebe – 22 May, adult w/3 young, adult w/4 young, and 2 adults on nests at Whale Rock Reservoir (TME). 29 May, two on Laguna Lake appeared to be “paired” and suggest the possibility of nesting (TME)  
Clark’s Grebe – 22 May, 2 separate adults with 2 young and 2 adults on nests were at Whale Rock Reservoir (TME)  
Black-footed Albatross – 18 May, an immature was off Point Piedras Blancas (RAR)  
Pink-footed Shearwater – 19 May, two were seen on an Estero Bay seabird survey (TME)  
Sooty Shearwater – 28 May, thousands were off the Nipomo Dunes, Grover Beach, and Pismo Beach (TME,MLS)  
**Brown Booby** – 1-31 May, the female found on 22 Apr continued at Point Piedras Blancas (RAR,MLS)  
American Bittern – 9-31 May, at least two were at Laguna Lake suggesting nesting there (MTH,JM)  
Great Blue Heron – 29 May, six nests were seen in a eucalyptus tree at the 11<sup>th</sup> tee of the San Luis Bay Inn Golf Course and at least three more were in coast live oaks above the paved golf cart road adjacent to the San Luis Creek (JSR)  
California Condor – 6 May, two were seen flying near the intersection of Santa Rosa Creek Road & Cypress Mountain Road (RAR). Others were reported flying along east Cuesta Ridge near the communication towers and at Beartrap Mountain in the La Panza Range (historic condor nesting location) in early May (fide SCS)  
Greater White-fronted Goose – 2 May, one flew past Point Piedras Blancas with a Cackling Goose (RAR) and on 3 May, possibly the same bird was at the mouth of Santa Rosa Creek in Cambria (KC)  
Canada Goose – 3 May, four were at the mouth of Santa Rosa Creek in Cambria (KC); 29 May, ten adults and seven young on the San Luis Bay Inn Golf Course provided the County’s third nesting record (JSR)  
Cackling Goose – 2 May, three (two then one) flew by Point Piedras Blancas (RAR)  
Brant – 29 May, an unbanded bird was on San Luis Creek at Avila (JSR)  
Cinnamon Teal – this species is an uncommon nester in the county. 7 May, it was found nesting at the big dam on Barrett Creek on the Chimineas Ranch (BS); 25 May, nine included six young and one pair at the Cholame Road wetland (TME); 30 May, a pair with five young were at Oso Flaco Lake (MLS)  
Scaup sp. – 31 May, a male scaup at Whale Rock Reservoir was late (MLS)  
Harlequin Duck – 11-28 May, the male that wintered off the Hwy 1 vista point at post mile 61.3 appeared to be molting and may summer locally (RAR)  
Black Scoter – 14 May, female sitting just outside the surf at Point Piedras Blancas was late (RAR)  
Osprey – 4 May, one was at Oso Flaco Lake (MLS) and 12 May, two flew over upper Deer Canyon together (BKS)  
Bald Eagle – A survey of known nesting sites found nests around/near Nacimiento Lake at Tierra Redonda, Las Tablas, Bee Rock and two at Dip Creek, plus others at Camp Roberts and Lopez Lake (S&AL). 8 May, a third year adult was seen along the ocean bluff north of Point Piedras Blancas (MD)  
Swainson’s Hawk – 12 May, a sub-adult flew over upper Deer Canyon (BKS)  
Peregrine Falcon – 23 May, a pair with two fledglings was along the Field (Pecho) Ranch north of Diablo Canyon (SCS)  
Virginia Rail – 3 May, adult with young at a pond north of Cayucos provided one of the County’s few nesting records (GPS)  
Black-necked Stilt – 21 May, two were at the mouth of Arroyo Grande Creek (MLS) and 23-25 May, up to six chicks and three adults were at the Chalome Road wetland (LT,TME)  
American Avocet – 23-25 May, up to eight adults, but no chicks, have been at the Chalome Road wetland (LT,TME)  
Wandering Tattler – 31 May, late date, one just south of the Hwy 1 vista point at postmile 61.3 (TME)  
Franklin’s Gull – 3-24 May, seven adults were seen flying north past Point Piedras Blancas (RAR)  
Black Tern – 3 May, four were observed at Oso Flaco Lake (MB)  
Black Skimmer – 25 May, two flew north past Point Piedras Blancas (RAR)  
Ancient Murrelet – 11-12 May, a “pair” was off Point Piedras Blancas (RAR)  
Band-tailed Pigeon – 22 May, one at the Oceano Campground was away from a breeding locality (MLS)  
Common Ground Dove – 4 May, four were seen adjacent to a lemon orchard along Danna Foothill Road in Nipomo (DML)  
Black Swift – 6 May, two were over Deer Canyon in Arroyo Grande (BKS) with one there 11 May (BKS) and 31 May, three were seen on an overcast morning at the Ragged Point Inn (MLS) where they nest on the cliffs nearby.  
Rufous Hummingbird – 7 May, male at San Simeon Creek Mouth was late (KC)  
Purple Martin – 26 May, nesting continues in a sycamore tree at San Gabriel Road and Hwy 41 (DO)  
Bank Swallow – 8-18 May, up to three transients were seen feeding over Oso Flaco Lake (MLS)  
Winter Wren – 15 May, a very rare breeder, two fledglings were seen and a singing bird heard along Coon Creek in Montana de Oro State Park (Mike Tyner); 27 May, one was singing along Coon Creek between bridge 1 and 2 (AFS)  
**Townsend’s Solitaire** – 16 May, one at Point Piedras Blancas provided the county’s first spring record (RAR)  
American Redstart – 21 May, an adult male was along Santa Rita Creek Road (RHZ) *cont’d p 6*

**Morro Coast Audubon Society Membership Application**

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**SEPT 2005 MCAS ANNUAL FALL PELAGIC TRIP**

**When:** Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2005, from 6:00 AM to not later than 6:00 PM.

**Where:** Out of Port San Luis, SLO County, CA heading approximately 15-30 miles out toward the Santa Lucia Banks, all within San Luis Obispo County waters. We will head for wherever the birds are. This is our annual fall pelagic bird trip. (Sept 2004 Species List and Potential Species List available on request). Expect a good variety of sea mammals also.

**Boat:** The 65 foot "Pacific Horizon". (See [www.patriotssportfishing.com](http://www.patriotssportfishing.com) for photo.) "Hot galley" food and drinks will be available.

**Leaders:** Tom Edell and Brad Schram, both expert and experienced pelagic trip leaders.

**Cost:** per person \$100. (This is higher than it "used to be", but is a break-even amount for MCAS. Last year several MCAS members "sponsored" part of the fee for students and other deserving young people. To sponsor a student or for more information, call Alan at 805-772-2026.)

**Applications:** Please sign up early! This makes the planning process, sponsorship decisions and the go/no-go decision much easier for me and others involved.

**For more information:** contact Alan Schmierer at [aaschmierer@yahoo.com](mailto:aaschmierer@yahoo.com) or call him at 805-772-2026.

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