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Our mission: "To promote the appreciation, conservation and restoration of ecosystems, focusing on the biological diversity of birds, other wildlife, and their habitats, particularly in San Luis Obispo County"

SWEET SPRINGS NATURE PRESERVE, MCAS' CROWN JEWEL

One would be hard-pressed to find residents in this area, young or old, that are not familiar with Sweet Springs Nature Preserve. Since the 1970s when our chapter was bequeathed this 26 acre property, many long hours and much hard work has gone into maintenance and habitat restoration. With the help of volunteers, our chapter has removed literally tons of weeds and carefully replaced them with native trees and shrubs.

As part of this ongoing effort and in keeping with our mission statement: "restoration of ecosystems, focusing on the biological diversity of birds", MCAS will remove approximately 20 eucalyptus trees and replace them with up to 15 species of natives, including many coast live oaks on one acre of the preserve. Other plants include; black sage, Morro manzanita, sticky monkey flower, mock heather, pitcher sage, buckwheat, silver lupine, ceanothus, coyote bush, hummingbird sage and fuchsia flowering gooseberry. A greater diversity of plants leads to a greater diversity of microorganisms, insects, reptiles, mammals and birds. Our native plants have evolved to thrive in this nutrient-poor soil, enriching it, while providing foraging, nesting and shelter for dozens of species of birds.

Eucalyptus trees are not native to our habitat and create a "dead zone" of leaf litter underneath. Insects and microbes that break down eucalyptus leaves into rich soil are not present in our ecosystem. The oil in the eucalyptus plant is highly allelopathic, poisonous to other plants prohibiting them from sprouting. This resinous mat of leaf litter increases soil erosion, altering runoff and sedimentation (Arnold Thompson, Department of Geography, Resource Management and Environmental Planning, San Francisco State University).

In a non-native habitat, Eucalyptus trees reduce biodiversity. The eucalyptus tree is included on list A1, "**most invasive wildland pest plants**; widespread" by the California Invasive Plant Council (CAL-IPC.ORG). A weed, like eucalyptus, veldt grass or ice plant, by their nature overtake areas that could be used by a greater diversity of plants

Eucalyptus trees are harmful to many of our resident and migratory birds. According to Richard Stallcup's study at the **Point Reyes Bird Observatory**, birds have evolved body types, especially bill shapes and lengths in accordance with their environment, they're feeding strategies, and the plants in which they forage. Kinglets, vireos and wood warblers have short straight bills. To seek insects or nectar within the eucalyptus blossoms, they must insert much of their heads, thus plastering their faces with the black, tar like pitch and sealing their nostrils shut. Species diversity among birds can drop by at least 70 percent in eucalyptus groves. (www.prbo.org)

This project is also being undertaken with fire hazard in mind. As expressed in the UC Berkeley press release, referring to a 10-year plan to remove 25,000 eucalyptus on the campus and surrounding hills, "**The non-native eucalyptus trees are aggressive growers and are particularly dangerous in a fire. Once ablaze, the gummy trees tend to explode, spewing out blazing material that can land miles away, sparking new fires**" (www.berkeley.edu).

More extensive version of this essay will appear on the website (www.morrocoastaudubon.org), see: SWEET SPRINGS NATURE PRESERVE, HABITAT RESTORATION PROJECT.

We urge you to visit the public preserve. Ongoing volunteer opportunities are also available for those that want to learn about native plants and lend a hand. The preserve is also available for school groups and tours. Please contact us at 772-1991 or via e-mail: mcas@morrocoastaudubon.org.

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To report a dead sea otter south of Cambria 772-1135

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Flyways by E-Mail

If you're like me, then you like sitting down with a real book rather than an electronic book. And maybe you like to receive your *Pacific Flyway* through the post so that you can read it in your easy chair after dinner. Maybe you even keep a history of these newsletters.

But consider the costs of the paper *Flyway*. Morro Coast Audubon Society pays to have the newsletters printed and mailed. And then there are the trees. But you're all environmentally aware, so I don't have to go into detail on that.

The point is that the *Flyway* is available by e-mail. It is sent in PDF form, which means you would need the Acrobat Reader program, but that is easily downloaded for free, and it's very likely you already have it because so many online documents come in that form.

Currently, nearly 50 of our subscribers are receiving their *Flyways* via e-mail. One big advantage is that you receive it before you would receive the paper one, up to two weeks earlier. That gives you a better heads-up on events for the coming month.

So, if you are receiving this newsletter regularly through the mail, give the e-mail *Flyway* a chance. E-mail me, Rosalie Valvo, at rvalvo@kcbx.net and give me enough information to make sure that I don't confuse you with someone else.



Our Website

www.morrocoastaudubon.org

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

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General Meeting

Morro Coast Audubon Society
presents...

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT 2006

Saturday December 16

Dawn to dusk, rain or shine!

AND/OR

apres COUNT POTLUCK

6:00 PM

The post Xmas bird count potluck/
tally will be held at the **Morro Bay
Community Center, Auditorium**
(note the venue change over last year),
December 16, 2006, 6 p.m. 8:30 p.m.

***Everyone welcome. Meet the birding
volunteers.***

Results will be tabulated.

Follow along with your own checklist.

Bring utensils and one of the following: a
side dish, a salad, or a dessert
MCAS will provide turkey and drinks.
Information – Call Cheryl Lish 481-8945
or Cheryl-lish@earthlink.net, or see
www.morrocoastaudubon.org

MCAS BOARD MEETING

Monday December 4

6:45 PM

MCAS office, Marina Square Bldg. Morro
Bay. All interested members are invited to
attend.



BIRDS AT EBB TIDE

Gloria Rasmussen, with over 35 years of observing birds in the field, will host viewing/educational sessions at the beautiful 4th St Overlook in Los Osos. This season, thanks to a generous donation from one of our members, we will have a *Celestron* spotting scope available during these sessions.

**See the MCAS website: www.morrocoastaudubon.org
for the December-January schedule.**

The Overlook is in Baywood Park and can be reached by turning west on Santa Ysabel-the traffic light on South Bay Blvd., then going west to Third Street. Turn right on Third to the end of the street, turn right again onto a short dirt lane to the Overlook parking area.. For further information call 772-1413. Heavy rain cancels! *Gloria Rasmussen*



To Our Newest Members

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FIELD TRIPS

DECEMBER 2nd: (SATURDAY) RAPTORS AT THE CARRIZO:

Meet leaders Paul Andreano and Henry Pontarelli at 7:00 AM at the Park-and-Ride parking area just east of the Santa Margarita exit off of Rte 101. Paul is an MCAS member, former intern with the Condor Recovery Program at Hi Mountain, and currently with Predatory Bird Research Group. Henry is the current MCAS president, and frequent volunteer with the Predatory Bird Research Group. They will share not just raptor ID, but give us glimpses into the world of field biology and raptor conservation. Birders at all skill levels will enjoy this trip. Bring lunch, water, a scope (we will have some extras on hand), field guides, and a walkie-talkie radio if you have one (the latter is great for car-to-car communication about directions and birds seen en-route). **Be sure to have a full tank of gas and plenty of enthusiasm!** Minimal walking involved. We will return by about mid-afternoon. Contact Paul Andreano (paul@projectgutpile.org) if you have questions.

Carrizo Plain CBC

The Carrizo Plain CBC will be on Saturday, December 30, 2006. We will be meeting at the Community Center/Fire Station on Soda Lake Road at 8:00 a.m. There is a five dollar fee for each participant. Depending on the weather conditions, some participants might want to camp out or stay at the Painted Rock Ranch the night before. No official arrangements have been made at this time. I'll keep you posted if you are interested. Usually some of us scout the area the day before as well as get up early on the count date to look for owls and watch the sunrise over the Tumbler Range. Be prepared for cold temperatures but on the contrary some counts have been very pleasant.

I usually break the group into 7-8 parties in the morning then re-group at 1 p.m. for lunch and to check the number of species observed. I maybe assigning section leaders for those who are dedicated and knowledgeable of certain areas. Bring your own food/water and come with a full tank of gas. Several parties bird the afternoon depending on what we need to find or confirm. I'm looking forward to a productive count as well as great day of birding.

If interested please email or call me to let me know that you are participating.

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PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE READ THIS AND THINK ABOUT IT!

In a recent national survey of 386 birders, when asked, "When were you first introduced to birding?" 43% responded before age 10, 22% responded at age 11-20 and only 3% responded over age 50. But how many children and young adults do you see out birding, with or without parents? (None have joined an MCAS field trip in the past three years.) Why are they not out there? Are we missing something? Are we missing our chance to nurture a generation's love of birds ... and perhaps all things wild?

I think that we owe our youth the chance to see the beauty ... to feel the peace and quiet that we find in nature. Will you help me? Please.

We need three basic things to get a youth program started: equipment, helpers and kids.

MCAS is currently working on the purchase of binoculars and books suitable for younger birders.

I need helpers. I am not asking for a big part of your time. I am not asking for expert birders. I am asking for your small part toward a worthy goal. I am asking for those of you who like to work with kids to talk with me and share your ideas. I am asking for some of you who would be willing to help lead some youth-directed field trips to talk to me. And most of all, I am looking for several of you with more experience than I to spearhead a youth field trip program.

The third part, finding interested, motivated young people will be easy. More about that later.

Starting a meaningful youth program is too much and too important for me to do alone. But with our SLO County adult membership of over 800, we CAN do it! Please call me or e-mail me and let's talk about how you might help!

ALAN SCHMIERER, MCAS Field Trip Chair: 772-2026. <aaschmierer@yahoo.com>



IN MEMORIAM

We have lost three great personages in the past few months. John Perkins was a sitting board member and a community activist. John McDonald was a great birder and very active with the chapter until a few years ago. Mary Coffeen was not a birder, but she was one of the most celebrated MCAS members in the larger community of local nature lovers. Starting with John Perkins we are printing their obituaries in the next several issues.

John Perkins



Morro Coast Audubon Society lost a longtime stalwart supporter September 22, 2006, when John Perkins died. He had been ill for months, but we were all taken by surprise and shocked when he passed. Anyone who had been following his letters to the editor would never have suspected.

John was born in Colorado in the 1930s and raised in Los Angeles. He was with the military for 39 years, having joined at a young age; seven of those years he spent in Germany.

In 1989, he and his wife Pat, who died in 1999, bought a house in Los Osos near the newly acquired Sweet Springs Nature Preserve. He happened to wander over during an early Sweet Springs work day, and he never left.

John has served as Lands Committee Chair since 1995, working with the California Conservation Corps and other agencies to remove exotic plants and put in natives. He has also secured additional parcels and expanded Sweet Springs, as well as fought legal battles to protect lands belonging to MCAS. In 2002 a boardwalk and viewing platform were installed by the CCC at Sweet Springs.

In addition to his work with Sweet Springs and the other lands, he was MCAS President for three years during the 1990s. He has also worked with Bill Moore representing MCAS with booths at Oktoberfest, the Botanical Garden Festival, and many other events.

In 2003, the Nancy Vaughan Scholarship Fund was established. Nancy was the first Lands Committee Chair, John's predecessor, and she established the Sweet Springs Endowment Fund. After Nancy died in 2002, her husband Tom worked with John to establish the memorial fund to award scholarships to students in ecological or environmental studies at Cuesta College. *It is requested that donations be made to the Nancy Vaughan Scholarship Fund, c/o Morro Coast Audubon Society, P O Box 1507, Morro Bay, CA 93443. by Rosalie Valvo*

2006 Western Snowy Plover Nesting in San Luis Obispo Coast District of California State Parks

2006 Summary:

- 226 nests Districtwide
- 46% successfully hatched
- 141 nests at Montana de Oro Sandspit
- 34 nests at Morro Strand State Beach
- 38 nests at Villa Creek
- 11 nests at San Simeon

Protection measures implemented:

- Symbolic fencing of nesting habitat
- Single nest exclosures at Morro Strand
- Enforcement of State Park policies
- Monitoring 5 days per week
- Interpretive & enforcement signage

Public outreach:

- Interpretive and regulatory brochures
- Workshops for local agencies
- Lectures for local groups and the public.

San Luis Obispo Coast District's Western snowy plover breeding season for 2006 had 226 total nests with a 46% hatch success rate. During the 2006 season, not as many plovers were in the area which resulted in fewer nests, but the nesting hatch rate has remained about the same. Nesting numbers for the District have not yet been compared to the range-wide data to determine if trends are the similar throughout the entire range of the plover.

The Montana de Oro State Park Sand Spit continues to be one of the largest contiguous breeding sites for the WSP in its range. The continuing long term conservation of this incredible dune complex will undoubtedly benefit the WSP.

Regena Orr, Environmental Scientist for San Luis Obispo Coast District.



Dick Boyd

HI MTN DONATIONS



The following donations to the Hi Mountain Lookout Project have been received. **Thank-you!**

Supplies, Materials, and Labor:

Marcelle Bakula, Cambria>>>
display board design and exhibit materials; business card design and xeroxing; Hi Mtn. hat design (for sale)

Jeff Osborne, San Luis Obispo>>>
construction of natural rock and concrete water bars on the trail downslope to the outhouse (built with assistance from intern Kelly Biesen).

Brian P. Lawler, Cal Poly, SLO>>>
2 labelled Hi Mountain panoramic photos (46 inches wide)

Paul Andreano, San Luis Obispo>>>
payment of Hi Mountain Lookout website hosting and domain name annual fees; website design and management; display board design and exhibit materials; design of Hi Mtn. merchandise, ie. coffee cups, postcards and stationary, tee shirts, vehicle license plate brackets (for sale at website www.condorlookout.org)

Doug Stinson, San Luis Obispo>>>
1 10x50 Bushnell binocular

Ted and Bonnie Pope, Wild Birds Unlimited, SLO>>> 1 10x50 Bushnell binocular

Jim Duff, Pozo>>>
provision of generator power each year for the annual open house evening speaker presentations; providing homemade pineapple upside down cake for dessert each year at the annual open house dinner!!

Financial donations:

Dave Richardson, Sylmar and Gretchen Keeler, Northridge>>> 4th annual birdathon fundraiser...this one day birdathon and "Big Day" event held in April started at daybreak in the Mojave Desert and concluded in the evening on the Pacific coast. \$976 was received from pledged sponsors.

Morro Coast Audubon Society Board of Directors and Cal Poly Biological Sciences Department>>>
sponsorship and salary for 4 Cal Poly student interns, summer 2006

Donations to the project can be made by writing a check to: "MCAS Hi Mountain Project" and mailing to:
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Contributions are tax deductible under IRS Code 501(c)(3).
Steve Schubert

Eureka!

THE BIRDS OF SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY – October 2006

Many species of waterfowl arrived during the month: Snow Goose, one at Morro Bay 21 Oct (DGS); Ross's Goose, one at Morro Creek 30 Oct (GPS); Brant, 30 seen flying over Morro Strand State Beach 24 Oct (FH); Eurasian Wigeon, one at Morro Bay 8 Oct (JSR); Canvasback, two females at Whale Rock Reservoir 29 Oct (TME); Ring-necked Duck, six on Oso Flaco Lake 4 Oct (MLS); Greater Scaup, two males on Morro Bay (DML); Bufflehead, five at Oso Flaco Lake 25 Oct (MLS); and Red-breasted Merganser, a female near the mouth of Morro Bay 26 Oct (LT). Other first of the fall reports were: Horned Grebe, one off the Northpoint Natural Area in north Morro Bay 27 Oct (MLS); Ferruginous Hawk, one along Hwy 166 east of the Cuyama River 11 Oct (MLS); Wilson's Snipe, six at the Atascadero Wastewater Treatment Plant on 28 Oct (RHZ); and Herring Gull, one on Estero Bay 11 Oct (BKS).

Weather for the Morro Coast Audubon fall boat trip on 1 Oct was perfect and helped those aboard find two Flesh-footed Shearwaters, ~100 Buller's Shearwater, 3-4 South Polar Skua, and ten Pomarine Jaegers with another eight left unidentified.

Greater White-fronted Goose – 10 Oct, two immature birds at the north lagoon at Morro Strand State Beach were the first for fall (AFS); 16-31 Oct, an additional four immature birds were reported along the coast (mob)

Cackling Goose – 27-28 Oct, four Aleutian and one *minima* race bird were at the mouth of Old Creek, Cayucos (GPS,DML); 31 Oct-2

Nov, two probable *leucopareia* race birds at San Simeon Creek (AFS)

Wood Duck– 29 Oct, at least 12 were on Whale Rock Reservoir (TME)

Blue-winged Teal – 10 Oct, seven females were on the north lagoon at Morro Strand State Beach (TME)

Redhead –rare at any time of the year, a female was at Oso Flaco Lake on 4 Oct (MLS)

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Eureka (con't from previous page)

Harlequin Duck – 12-23 Oct, a female was photographed near the mouth of Morro Bay (LT); 26 Oct-4 Nov, a male was with Surf Scoters off the Northpoint Natural Area in north Morro Bay (MLS)

White-faced Ibis – 7 Oct, two ibis flying over head at Morro Bay are presumed to be this species (TME)

Broad-winged Hawk – 4 Oct, a rare dark morph bird flew past Deer Canyon (BKS)

American Golden-Plover – 31 Oct, a juvenile was at the San Simeon Creek Mouth (TME- see photo at <http://www.morrocoastaudubon.org/pics.htm>)

Mountain Plover – 24 Oct, one was photographed on the Morro Bay Sandspit (JS); 25 Oct, four were near Soda Lake at Sprague Hill Road (AFS) and another 21 were near the “south end” of the Carrizo Plain on 26 Oct, (KS)

Red Knot – 31 Oct, one was at the mouth of San Simeon Creek (TME)

Baird’s Sandpiper – 30 Oct, a very late bird was at the mouth of the Santa Maria River (BAB)

Pectoral Sandpiper – 5-30 Oct, at least six were reported along Morro Strand State Beach (mob)

Sharp-tailed Sandpiper – 29-30 Oct, a juvenile was photographed at the SLO County portion of the SMRM (MPB)

Ruff – 9-10 Oct, a juvenile photographed on Morro Strand State Beach (MDH) was later present at the mouth of Morro Creek 11-16 Oct.

Black-Skimmer – 19 Oct, one was on the inner side of the Morro Bay Sandspit (DS)

Pigeon Guillemot – several late birds were reported including two at the mouth of Morro Bay on 22 Oct (JSR) and two juveniles off the Northpoint Natural Area in north Morro Bay on 31 Oct (TME)

Marbled Murrelet – 31 Oct, one was offshore at the mouth of San Simeon Creek (TME)

Burrowing Owl – two were found along the coast with one along the paved sandspit access road south of Hazard Canyon on 28 Oct (JSR) and another on the inside of the Morro Bay sandspit on 24 Oct (JS)

Black-chinned Hummingbird – 18-27 Oct, a young male at a feeder in Arroyo Grande provided the county’s latest date (CL)

Ruby-throated Hummingbird – 16-25 Oct, a young male photographed while visiting a feeder in Arroyo Grande provided the first county record and only the seventh California record (CL, see photos at <http://www.morrocoastaudubon.org/pics.htm>)

Lewis’s Woodpecker – 24 Oct, one was found 13.7 miles east of the Junction of Hwy 58 and Pozo Rd (MLS)

Red-naped Sapsucker – 17 Oct, an adult returned to a pepper tree on the front lawn of the Cal Poly Kennedy Library (MDS)

Olive-sided Flycatcher – 6-12 Oct, a late individual was at Spooners Cove, Montana de Oro State Park (MLS)

Tropical Kingbird – 2 Oct, two were at Oceano (BKS)

Cassin’s Kingbird – 29 Oct, one in the eucalyptus row at the Morro Bay State Park marina was late (MLS)

Plumbeous Vireo – 2 Oct, one was photographed at Pismo State Beach Oceano Campground (BKS)

Yellow-green Vireo – 30 Sep-5 Oct, one was at the Pismo State Beach Oceano Campground (MLS.TME, see photos at <http://www.morrocoastaudubon.org/pics.htm>)

Mountain Chickadee – 10-14 Oct, one at the MU Ranch in the southern Carrizo Plains National Monument (KS, see photos at <http://www.morrocoastaudubon.org/pics.htm>)

Swainson’s Thrush – 27 Oct, one at Morro Bay State Park was very late (TME)

Virginia’s Warbler – 1 Oct, one was found at Spooners Cove Campground in Montana de Oro State Park (JSR)

Northern Parula – 16 Oct, an immature female was in the willows on the south side of Morro Rock (GPS)

Chestnut-sided Warbler – 29 Sep-2 Oct, an adult male was photographed at Pismo State Beach Oceano Campground (MSi); 12 Oct, one was at Spooners Cove Campground (BAB); 14 Oct, a first year male at Pismo State Beach Oceano Campground (TME)

Magnolia Warbler – 11-13 Oct, one was at the Pismo State Beach Oceano Campground (MSi)

Black-throated Blue Warbler – 14 Oct, a female was along Santa Rosa Creek upstream of the Windsor Ave Bridge (JSR)

Pine Warbler – 26 Oct, a bird suspected of being this species was seen on Black Hill, Morro Bay State Park (MLS)

Palm Warbler – 21 Oct, one was along Santa Rosa Creek upstream of the Windsor Ave Bridge (TME); 24 Oct, one was at Spooners Cove Campground (MT)

Blackpoll Warbler – single birds were found at Morro Bay State Park on 1 Oct (RHZ), Pismo State Beach Oceano Campground on 7 Oct (RHZ), and Santa Rosa Creek on 14-15 Oct (JSR)

Black-and-white Warbler – This was the most reported “vagrant warbler” with single birds at Spooner’s Cove Campground on 14-16 Oct (RHZ), a female along Santa Rosa Creek on 14 Oct (JSR), an adult male along Santa Rosa Creek on 21-24 Oct (TME), a female in the willows along Pecho Road at Henrietta in Los Osos (GPS), one along Arroyo Grande Creek near Fair Oaks Blvd on 23 Oct (BAB), and a female at Spooners Cove Campground on 24 Oct (MT) that may be the same bird found there mid-month.

American Redstart – 1 Oct, one was at Morro Bay State Park (RHZ); 3 Oct, a first year bird was at Santa Rosa Creek (MLS); and 27 Oct, an adult male was at Morro Bay State Park (TME)

Prothonotary Warbler – 21 Oct, a male near the mouth of Santa Rosa Creek in Cambria (TME)

Yellow-breasted Chat – 14 Oct, very rare in fall, one was at the Pismo State Beach Oceano Campground (MLS)

Summer Tanager – 1 Oct, a female was at Morro Bay State Park (JSR); 21-25 Oct, a female was at found at the Pismo State Beach Oceano Campground (MLS,MDS)

Clay-colored Sparrow – single immature birds were at the mouth of Islay Creek on 1-7 Oct (JSR), the mouth of Morro Creek on 11 Oct (MDS), a feeder in San Luis Obispo (NJM), and again at the mouth of Islay Creek on 24 Oct (MT)

Swamp Sparrow – 14 Oct, one calling under the Pico Creek Bridge on Hwy 1 was the first for the fall (JSR)

White-throated Sparrow – 17 Oct, an adult photographed at a feeder on Canet Road in the Chorro Valley was the first for the fall (AFS). Others were in San Luis Obispo on 22 Oct (NJM) and Atascadero on 22 Oct (RHZ)

Black-headed Grosbeak – 27 Oct, a first winter male was at a residence feeder near the MB State Park Sector Office (MLS)

Baltimore Oriole – 13-14 Oct, an immature male was at Pismo State Beach Oceano Campground (MLS)

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Eureka (cont'd from previous page)

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