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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"

Audubon work sells for \$5.6 million.

If you dallied in making a visit to the Providence Rhode Island Library to see John James Audubon's "The Birds of America", you missed it. The complete edition of Audubon's, 1838, opus magnus was auctioned at Christie's in New York for \$5.6 million. If there was any question in the value of what John Audubon offered the world, here's an answer. For evidence of the current value of his legacy, look to the local chapters. Our obligation (as a local chapter) is to create valuable works for our community. Our board members work hard to develop, manage, and track programs in education, field trips, monthly presentations, publicity, conservation, communications and hospitality. The catalyst that turns our efforts into "value" is the link with our members. We thank you for your financial support in 2005. We consider every dollar that we receive a vote in support of what we are doing and an incentive to grow, and improve. The final note on J.J. Audubon's "Birds of America": a spokeswoman for Christie's, Benedetta Roux, said the buyer purchased the work by phone. She did not identify the bidder.

We especially thank all those members who supported us this year in our fund drive. We hope that you look at it as an investment that will bring many returns.

On November 15, we held a fundraiser for the Winter Loon Study at Bloom wine bar in Los Osos. What started as a trial event grew into a gathering of over 200 people and generated over \$1500 for the Morro Coast Audubon Society. Almost half of that money was raised from local businesses weeks before the party. A special thanks to those who created the fliers, sent the e-mails, made the phone calls, and helped all the logistics come together: Lisa Wise, Trevor Keith, Keith Miller and venue owners Martha Nieder and Jackie Bloom. And a big shout out to our DJ/ornithologist, Paul Andreano. Thanks to businesses that chose to participate in our efforts through financial support: Crawford, Multari and Clark, Sunshine Health Food Store, CCU Merchandising, Padre Consultants, Albertson's (Morro Bay), Vons (Los Osos). A standing ovation to the hundreds of people who came and made the event a vibrant, warm gathering and stuffed the tip jars full (all proceeds and tips were donated to the Audubon Society). Stay tuned for the next party!

Henry Pontarelli - President Morro Coast Audubon



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MCAS BOARD MEETING

Monday February 6, 2006
6:45 P. M.

Community Center off of Los Osos Valley Road
in Los Osos. All interested members are invited to
attend.

GENERAL MEETING
Morro Coast Audubon Society

presents...



“Vagrants I’ve Known and Loved”
BRAD SCHRAM

Brad Schram is a well-known and respected world-wide birder. He is a native Californian and started birding when he was 9 years old. Brad became hooked on migrants around 1971 in Santa Barbara County. He moved to Arroyo Grande in 1983 and discovered Oceano Campground as a vagrant trap. Now retired, he works part-time as a tour guide for Victor Emanuel Nature Tours. He is known as the “Master of Ceremonies” for his many birding stories told round the desert campfires. Join us for a taste of his migrant stories.

Monday, February 20, 2006 – 7:00 PM

Laguna Middle School – multi-purpose room
11050 Los Osos Valley Rd, San Luis Obispo
CA 93405

(nearly across from Congregational Church where we
used to meet)

Raffle & Refreshments at the end

This presentation is the fourth in the Natural History Series of MCAS brought to members and the general public FREE of charge. Bring your friends. For more information call 528-8193.



SECOND SATURDAY AT SWEET SPRINGS

Feb. 11, 2006 9:00 AM - 12 Noon

Everyone is invited to help maintain your nature preserve. Winter is here and if we have been lucky it has rained a couple of times our struggling oaks have had a needed drink of water. But the trails need a little cleaning. There are lots of little things that need to be done. None of the work is difficult. We have a very small group of regulars that need some help so everybody come help them. Besides your self only a pair of gardening gloves are needed, we’ll furnish all the necessary tools. Bring your binoculars or spotting scope. The shore birds and waterfowl should be back and we can do a little birding afterwards

Meet at the main entrance to the preserve on the 600 block of Ramona in the community of Los Osos. We’ll do a little birding afterwards, rain cancels. For more information contact John at 528-0540.

John Perkins
Chairman, Land Committee

FEBRUARY 2006 FIELD TRIPS

FEB 11-12th (SAT-SUNDAY): LOS BANOS: We will meet in the parking lot at the Los Banos Wildlife Area at 9 a.m. on Saturday Feb.11 (on Henry Miller Ave/off of N. Mercy Springs Rd). The drive is about 2 hr. 45 min. from Atascadero. We will bird the Wildlife Area and then drive over to Merced National Wildlife Refuge to bird that afternoon. We usually return to our motel in the late afternoon and share appetizers/drinks in someone's room. There is no formal dinner. The next morning we arise early and drive over to San Luis Wildlife Refuge. We bird that area until after lunch then go our own way home. Bring extra food and whatever you think you might need. Two-way radios are helpful so bring them. We usually get about 100 species of birds over the weekend and the waterfowl displays at some of the areas are spectacular. We stay at Best Western Executive Inn in Los Banos (209) 827-8891 or there's camping nearby and other motels. This trip is limited because of the number of cars caravanning and driving through the refuges. I would like to limit the vehicles to a total five--I'm flexible. Some folks can carpool from San Luis area. Rain cancels. Call me if you would like further information (805) 466-6222. Roger Zachary

FEB 18th (SATURDAY): DINNER and OWLING: Leader: Jim Royer. Meet at 4:30 PM for dinner and owling around the San Luis Obispo area. Finish at about 10:00 PM. Wind / rain may cancel. Number limited. Reservations only: call Jim at 528-8933.

REMINDER: I will periodically schedule some last-minute field trips via the **slocobirding list-serve**. I would urge **anyone who has any interest at all in field trips** to join the list-serve by emailing slocobirding-subscribe@yahoogroups.com and following the instructions there. There is no charge for this service, and you are under no obligation to post anything on it. Members who choose to do this will receive notification of these "extra", short-notice trips, and other field trip updates. I understand that all members do not have access to email. I am sorry; this is not a perfect system, but is the **only** way available to us at this time to notify people on short notice. For those without a computer, perhaps you could ask a birding buddy of yours to share info on these trips.

Alan Schmierer, MCAS Field Trip Chairman

MARCH 18th (SATURDAY): HOPPER MT/SESPE: Nick Todd (assisted by Maggie Smith) will lead this trip to the Hopper Mt/Sespe Condor Sanctuary to observe Condors, to hear about the Sanctuary and its history and programs and to do some general birding. The destination is about a 3-hour drive from SLO. There will be enough time to return home comfortably on Saturday night, but some may want to spend Saturday night at a motel or camping down there and "bird" their way back on Sunday. There will be an option for about 20-30 minutes of gentle

walking to one site. **Reservations are required and number limited.** For reservation or for more info please call Maggie Smith at 805-710-4356 **before 8:00 PM**

2005 Carrizo Plain CBC Report

The total count species number at Carrizo Plain CBC totaled 57. Thanks for all the help out there. Twenty-five participants endured windy and rainy weather, foggy binoculars/scopes, wet pants, and muddy boots/vehicles/check-lists. Some birds of note included a single male Lark Bunting (Garvey/Cucamonga), 99 Mt. Plovers, 1 Sage Thrasher, 2 Long-eared/ 2 Short-eared Owls, 4 Greater Yellowlegs, and a Lapland Longspur (Cornel/Cucamonga). Doug Stinson saw the Longspur after the lunch break when he went over to look for the Lark Bunting. The next Carrizo CBC will take place on December 30, 2006. Mark your calendars and happy birding in 2006...

Roger Zachary
Carrizo Plain CBC Complier
Atascadero

2005 Morro Bay Christmas Bird Count Totals

This year marked the 52nd Morro Bay Christmas Bird Count. There were approximately 41 parties covering the count circle. Together the parties spent 63 hours driving 313 miles, 192 hours walking 113 miles, 9 hours boating and kayaking 17 miles, 2 hour bicycling 4 miles, 4 hours at a feeder, and 14 hours and 17 miles owling (foot & car). The count total of 50,699 individuals was 2,732 greater than the average of the past 24 years and the total of **197 species** was two shy of the 23 year average. Had the three count week species been recorded on count day, this year's total would have been 200 species. Northern Parula and Common Grackle were new for the count and bring the cumulative (1948-2005) species count total to 312 species. Thanks to the 76 volunteers that contributed to this year's success. A special thanks to Bert and Elaine Townsend for coordinating the count, and to the Sector Leaders Maggie Smith, Mike Stiles, and Bill Bouton for organizing the participants. [Bold = rare species or high count, CW = bird seen during Count Week, but not on count day]

Snow Goose – 4	Snowy Egret – 54	Wilson's Snipe – 8
Brant – 3437	Green Heron – 3	Bonaparte's Gull – 1
Cackling Goose – 3	Blk-crowned Night Heron – 42	Heermann's Gull – 1498
Canada Goose – 111	Turkey Vulture – 468	Mew Gull – 5
Wood Duck – 4	Osprey – 1	Ring-billed Gull – 749
Gadwall – 3	White-tailed Kite – 32	California Gull – 74
Eurasian Wigeon – 2	Northern Harrier – 33	Herring Gull – 3
American Wigeon – 1029	Sharp-shinned Hawk – 8	Thayer's Gull – 1
Mallard – 276	Cooper's Hawk – 14	Western Gull – 715
Blue-winged Teal – 93	Accipiter sp. – 1	Glaucous-winged Gull – 3
Cinnamon Teal – 29	Red-shouldered Hawk – 49	Caspian Tern – 33
Northern Shoveler – 329	Red-tailed Hawk – 167	Royal Tern – 13
Northern Pintail – 109	Ferruginous Hawk – 11	Forster's Tern – 1
Green-winged Teal – 151	Golden Eagle – 6	Common Murre – 2
Canvasback – 1	American Kestrel – 140	Rhinoceros Auklet – 2
Ring-necked Duck – 44	Merlin – 2	Rock Pigeon – 353
Greater Scaup – 1	Peregrine Falcon – 3	Band-tailed Pigeon – 4
Lesser Scaup – 639	Prairie Falcon – CW	Eurasian Collared Dove – 158
Surf Scoter – 378	Virginia Rail – 11	Mourning Dove – 371
Long-tailed Duck - 3	Sora – 6	Greater Roadrunner – 1
Bufflehead – 423	American Coot – 906	Barn Owl – 8
Common Goldeneye – 3	Black-bellied Plover – 129	Western Screech-Owl – 14
Hooded Merganser – 3	Snowy Plover – 65	Great Horned Owl – 21
Common Merganser – 2	Semipalmated Plover – 29	Burrowing Owl – 3
Red-breasted Merganser – 44	Killdeer – 68	Spotted Owl – 2
Ruddy Duck – 302	Black Oystercatcher – 28	Long-eared Owl – 3
Wild Turkey – 84	American Avocet – 97	Short-eared Owl – CW
California Quail – 498	Greater Yellowlegs – 20	Northern Saw-whet Owl – 4
Red-throated Loon – 1	Willet – 1284	White-throated Swift – 4
Pacific Loon – 23	Wandering Tattler - 1	Anna's Hummingbird – 415
Common Loon – 49	Spotted Sandpiper – 4	Selasphorus sp. – 4
Pied-billed Grebe – 44	Whimbrel – 34	Belted Kingfisher – 13
Horned Grebe – 11	Long-billed Curlew – 972	Acorn Woodpecker – 49
Eared Grebe – 169	Marbled Godwit – 1401	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker – 1
Western Grebe – 34	Black Turnstone – 99	Red-naped Sapsucker – 2
Clark's Grebe – 10	Surfbird – 2	Red-breasted Sapsucker – 7
American White Pelican – 54	Red Knot – 2	Nuttall's Woodpecker – 42
Brown Pelican – 626	Sanderling – 2411	Downy Woodpecker – 20
Brandt's Cormorant – 519	Western Sandpiper – 2954	Hairy Woodpecker – 6
Double-crested Cormorant – 646	Least Sandpiper – 3057	Northern (R-s) Flicker – 81
Pelagic Cormorant – 527	peep sp. – 35	
Great Blue Heron – 65	Short-billed Dowitcher – 14	
Great Egret – 67	Long-billed Dowitcher – 93	

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Black Phoebe – 184	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher – 44	Savannah Sparrow – 104
Say's Phoebe – 96	Western Bluebird – 167	Savannah (Lrg-billed) - 1
Cassin's Kingbird – 6	Hermit Thrush – 111	Fox Sparrow – 46
Loggerheaded Shrike – 11	American Robin – 90	Song Sparrow – 122
Hutton's Vireo – 23	Wrentit – 148	Lincoln's Sparrow – 18
Steller's Jay – 76	Northern Mockingbird – 114	Swamp Sparrow – 1
Western Scrub-Jay – 306	Sage Thrasher – 1	White-throated Sparrow – 4
Yellow-billed Magpie – 9	California Thrasher – 27	White-crwn'd Sparrow – 1896
American Crow – 1130	European Starling – 3394	Golden-crwn'd Sparrow – 831
Horned Lark – 10	American Pipit – 177	Dark-eyed Junco – 462
Tree Swallow – 7	Cedar Waxwing – 171	Red-winged Blackbird – 1412
Violet-green Swallow – CW	Orange-crowned Warbler – 15	Tricolored Blackbird – 71
Chestnut-sided Chickadee – 191	Northern Parula – 1	Western Meadowlark – 596
Oak Titmouse – 45	Yellow-rumped Warbler – 339	Brewer's Blackbird – 2669
Bushtit – 834	Y-r (Aud) Warbler – 893	Common Grackle – 2
Red-breasted Nuthatch – 1	Y-r (Myrt) Warbler – 85	Great-tailed Grackle – 2
White-breasted Nuthatch – 54	Townsend's Warbler - 91	Brown-headed Cowbird - 727
Brown Creeper – 2	Common Yellowthroat – 50	Purple Finch – 27
Rock Wren – 19	Wilson's Warbler – 4	House Finch – 916
Canyon Wren – 2	Summer Tanager – 1	Pine Siskin – 1
Bewick's Wren -93	Western Tanager – 1	Lesser Goldfinch – 146
House Wren – 14	Spotted Towhee – 57	American Goldfinch – 197
Winter Wren – 3	California Towhee – 207	House Sparrow – 169
Marsh Wren – 4	Rufous-crowned Sparrow - 109	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet – 475	Lark Sparrow – 46	

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- Clay-colored Sparrow – 4-10 Nov, one was at a feeder below Hollister Peak (AFS); 6 Nov, one was at a feeder at Laguna Lake (MTH); 7 Nov, one was at the mouth of Islay Creek (MLS); and 12 Dec, one was along the coast north of the vista point located north of Arroyo Laguna (BAB)
- Lark Bunting – 30 Dec, male in California Valley (RHZ)
- Savannah Sparrow – 3 Nov-17 Dec+, up to two of the “large-billed” race were seen and mist netted (one of which was banded in 2002 (RO)) in the coastal scrub just south of the Morro Bay State Park Marina (GPS)
- Fox Sparrow – 25 Nov, very rare along the Pacific Coast, a “red” race bird was in a Los Osos yard (MDS)
- Swamp Sparrow – 13-23 Dec+, one was at the mouth of Morro Creek (MLS)
- White-throated Sparrow – 4 Nov-24 Dec, eight were reported from the coastal inland to San Luis Obispo (mob)
- White-throated Sparrow x Golden-crowned Sparrow – 8 Nov, bird returned for its third winter at Deer Canyon in NE Arroyo Grande (BKS)
- Rose-breasted Grosbeak – 3-9 Dec, first year male at Camp Keep, MDOSP (SCS)
- Black-headed Grosbeak – 24 Dec, male at Oceano campground (DML)
- Indigo Bunting – 29 Nov-3 Dec, female at a feeder in Morro Bay (DB)
- Yellow-headed Blackbird – 10-25 Nov, one at Cal Poly cattle yard along Mt. Bishop Road (MLS) and 27 Nov-18 Dec, up to six (both males and imm/females) at the Men's Colony Evaporation Ponds (MLS)
- Common Grackle** – 27 Nov-22 Dec+, a male at the upper Men's Colony Evaporation Pond and at the Achievement House near Cuesta College provided the county's first record of this species (JSR)

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Eureka!

THE BIRDS OF SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY – November/December 2005

Western Grebe – 12 Nov, adult with one half-grown young at Santa Margarita Lake (RHZ); 23 Nov, 2 adults w/2 immatures at Lopez Lake (MLS); and 24 Nov, pair with a half-grown young at Whale Rock Reservoir (TME)
Clark's Grebe – 24 Nov, pair building a nest at Whale Rock Reservoir (TME)
Short-tailed Shearwater – 17 Nov, one was seen between Morro Bay and six miles off Pt. Buchon (GPS)
Cattle Egret – 25 Nov, up to three at Cal Poly with one at Shepard Reservoir through 29 Dec (MLS)
Mute Swan – 9-23 Dec, up to six (adults and immatures) were on San Luis Creek at Avila (WH)
Greater White-fronted Goose – 5 Nov, last date for the two immatures at the mouth of Cayucos Creek (TME); 6 Nov, an adult was on Whale Rock Reservoir (DML)
Snow Goose – up to 12 were reported in the county: 28 Nov, one at Morro Bay (DS); 4-22 Dec+, immature bird at Laguna Lake (MLS); 4 Dec, 3 over the Marigold Shopping Center in SLO (DS); 11 Dec, adult w/6 juveniles at Oso Flaco Lake (MLS); and 27 Dec, an immature bird at Pismo Coast Village RV Resort next to Pismo Creek (JMC)
Ross's Goose – 30 Dec, an adult was at a pond along Hwy 58 at highway post mile 50 (TME)
Cackling Goose – 7-16 Nov, one at the Cuesta Ponds (MLS) and 4-23 Dec+, up to three at Laguna Lake (TME)
Brant – 11-24 Dec, one was at Ocean County Park (MLS)
Eurasian Wigeon – 3 Nov-17 Dec+, at least two males and a female on Morro Bay (MLS)
Blue-winged Teal – 1 Nov-17 Dec+, up to 93 in Baywood Cove (mob)
Redhead – 10 Nov, a male at Oso Flaco Lake provided the lone report for the county (DV)
Harlequin Duck – 12 Nov and 21 Dec, a male was along the Estero Bluffs where one wintered last year (MLS)
Black Scoter – 22 Dec, a female was seen from the Port San Luis Pier (MB)
Long-tailed Duck – 10-29 Dec+, up to three in Morro Bay harbor off the north end of the sandspit (TME)
Hooded Merganser – 16 Nov-2 Dec, up to three males and three females at a pond along Buckley Road (MLS) and 11 Dec, three "pairs" were in a pond on the corner of the Kmart parking lot in Arroyo Grande (RF)
Osprey – 1 Nov-29 Dec, eight were reported along the coast and at Lopez and Santa Margarita lakes (mob)
Bald Eagle – 13 Nov, adult at Santa Margarita Lake (RHZ); 17 Nov, juvenile was seen diving on a Brant at Morro Bay (JLR); and 27 Nov, two at Lopez Lake (fide MA)
Rough-legged Hawk – 11 Nov, a dark morph bird was on the Chimineas Ranch in the Caliente Range (JLR) and 23 Dec, one was on the Carrizo Plain (RHZ)
Peregrine Falcon – 23 Dec, one was on the Carrizo Plain where this species is rarely seen (RHZ)
Common Moorhen – 13 Nov, an immature was at Santa Margarita Lake (RHZ)
Sandhill Crane – 2 Dec, 20 at Soda Lake was the sole report for the period (NS)
Mountain Plover – 3-5 Nov, three groups totaling 146 birds on the Carrizo Plain were the first reported this winter (KS)
Ruddy Turnstone – 13 Nov-21 Dec+, up to eight along the Estero Bluffs are apparently the only wintering birds (TME)
Red-Phalarope – 26 Dec, rarely found onshore in winter, one was at Oso Flaco Lake (DML)
Thayer's Gull – 6-22+ Dec, first winter bird at Laguna Lake (TME); 12 and 22 Dec, one at the mouth of Pismo Creek (BKS)
Elegant Tern – 19 Nov, late date, 16 were at the mouth of Old Creek in Cayucos (TME)
Black Skimmer – 18 Nov, two were along the inside edge of the Morro Bay sandspit (JA) with three there on 25 Nov (TME)
White-winged Dove – 25 Nov-2 Dec, one was along Fresno Ave in Morro Bay (DB)
Selasphorus hummingbird – 25 Dec, one at Oso Flaco Lake was likely an Allen's Hummingbird (MLS)
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker – 14 Nov-26 Dec+, female in the row of pepper trees along University Road at Cal Poly (MDS)
Red-naped Sapsucker – 16 Nov, one at El Chorro Regional Park (MLS); 27 Nov-26 Dec+, male by mathematics building and in front of the library at Cal Poly (JSR); and 15-17 Dec, one at the Camp SLO walnut orchard (DR)
Cassin's Kingbird – 7 Nov-24 Dec+, up to 21 along Arroyo Grande Creek behind the "Village" (BKS); 15 Nov, one in the eucalyptus at the east end of Highland Ave (MDS); and 25 Nov-17 Dec+, up to three in the old walnut orchard at Camp San Luis Obispo (RHZ)
Yellow-billed Magpie – unusual reports included the first magpie to be recorded at Deer Canyon, Arroyo Grande on 1 Nov (BKS) and three at the Washburn Ranch in the Carrizo Plain National Monument on 27 Nov (MDS)
Barn Swallow --- 22-25 Dec, three to five were present at Oso Flaco Lake (MLS) and 31 Dec, two were seen heading north past the mouth of Santa Rosa Creek (MI)
Golden-crowned Kinglet – small numbers are present this winter with two at the Oceano Campground on 11 Nov (BKS), one on the northeast side of Black Hill, Morro Bay State Park on 10-23 Dec (MDS), and one at the Pismo Coast Village RV Resort adjacent to Pismo Creek on 27 Dec (JMC)
Swainson's Thrush – 10 Nov, singing bird at Oceano Campground lagoon was very late (BKS)
Varied Thrush – 14 Nov, female in Lopez Canyon (BAB); 21 Nov, one along Hi Mountain Road (BAB); and 28 Nov, one at the Oceano Campground (LM)
Gray Catbird – 1-5 Nov, one at Camp Keep in Montana de Oro State Park provided the third county record (SCS)
Sage Thrasher – 16-25 Dec, one at Bishop Beak Park in San Luis Obispo was along the coast where it is unexpected (RJ)
Phainopepla – 13 Nov, one was at Santa Margarita Lake (RHZ)
Tennessee Warbler – 10-17 Nov, a first fall bird was at the Oceano Campground lagoon (BKS)
Nashville Warbler – 19 Nov-4 Dec, one in the bottle brush tree by the maintenance building in Morro Bay State Park (GPS)
Lucy's Warbler – 6 Nov, one at Oso Flaco Lake (MT)
Northern Parula – 17 Nov-24 Dec+, immature males at the Morro Bay State Park Coastal Sector Office (LA)
Chestnut-sided Warbler – 17 Nov, one at the Morro Bay State Park Coastal Sector Office (RO)
Magnolia Warbler – 15 Nov, one at Morro Bay State Park (GPS)
Hermit Warbler – 10 Dec, one on the NE side of Black Hill (MDS)

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Morro Coast Audubon Society Membership Application

Yes, I would like to join the Morro Coast Audubon Society and the National Audubon Society, and receive the Flyway and Audubon Magazine. Enclosed is a check payable to the NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY in the amount of:

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