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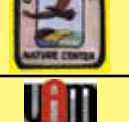
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## This Month's Theme: Fall Birds in Santa Barbara County

### Passing Through!

Every year many different bird species migrate along a major north-south route called the "Pacific Flyway" that runs from Alaska to Patagonia, in South America, in the spring and fall. Some of the birds are traveling great distances following food sources, traveling to breeding grounds, or traveling to a safe location to wait out the winter season. The birds fly roughly the same route every year and usually at about the same time. The migration of some species is so predictable that bird lovers can often guess to the day when a particular bird species will show up in their area.

Santa Barbara County, part of California's Central Coast, is located on the Pacific Flyway. With its islands, coastal plain, estuaries, forests, and interior valleys, the county holds important habitats for many different species of birds.



Robert Bateman, "Immature Bald Eagle."



Detail: Ewoud de Groot, "Phalaropes," Red-necked phalarope.

### Christmas Is The Time To Count Birds!

California offers birders the opportunity to help scientists by picking a pre-assigned day to count as many different bird species as they can find during December and January. Participants are usually assigned to teams based on their bird-identification skill. There is a small fee to help pay for the cost of tabulating and publishing the results. Santa Barbara birders will be doing their counting on January 2, 2011. Last year, 220 people participated and counted 216 different species of birds! If you are interested in participating, contact the Santa Barbara Audubon Society for more information.



B. Hugh McPeck, "Brown Pelican."

### Central Coast Birding Trail

Did you know there is a "Central Coast Birding Trail"? It is located within four counties: Monterey, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura. The trail highlights a variety of places where you can go for good birding opportunities. Within these four counties are 83 excellent birding sites and eight "Globally Important" bird areas. Santa Barbara County has 25 sites on the Central Coast Birding Trail.

#### Santa Maria Valley Area

1. Rancho Guadalupe Dunes County Park
2. Grassy Fields & Wastewater Treatment Plant
3. Waller County Park

#### Lompoc Valley Area

4. Ocean Beach County Park
5. Waterfowl Natural Resource Area
6. Barka Slough
7. La Purisima Mission State Historic Park
8. Miguelito Canyon & County Park
9. River Park
10. Sweeney Road

#### Santa Ynez Valley Area

11. Nojoqui Falls County Park
12. Happy Canyon Road
13. Cachuma Creek Campground
14. Figueroa Mountain
15. Lake Cachuma County Park
16. Lake Cachuma Dam Vista Point
17. Refugio Road



Detail: Patricia Pepin, "Ausable Romance," Rock Dove.

#### Goleta, Santa Barbara and South County Beach Areas

18. El Capitan, Refugio, & Gaviota State Beach Parks
19. Lake Los Carneros
20. Goleta Beach County Park
21. Patterson Avenue & Atascadero Creek Bike Path
22. Rocky Nook Park, Museum of Natural History and Botanic Garden

#### South County Waterfront Areas

23. Channel & Island Cruises
24. Harbor, Beaches, Bird Refuge, & Zoo
25. Carpinteria Creek & State Beach Park

### Have You Seen A...?



Detail: Jeremy Paul, "Reflections in a Green Jar," House Sparrow.



Detail: Catherine McClung, "Lions and Lamb," Mourning Dove.



Kathleen Dumphy, "Not Now, Boys," Wild Turkey.

- Brown Pelican?**  
They like the coastal areas.
- House Sparrow?**  
They like areas around your house.
- Mourning Dove?**  
They like where open areas and forests meet.
- Rock Pigeon or Rock Dove?**  
They like where open areas and forests meet.
- Bald Eagle?**  
The like to live near large bodies of open water.
- Wild Turkey?**  
They like open areas and forests.

### Check Out These Websites!

**Santa Barbara Audubon Society**  
<http://www.santabarbaraudubon.org/index.html>

**Central Coast Birding Trail**  
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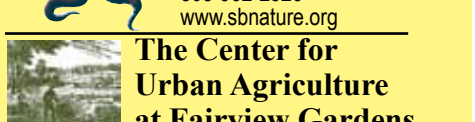
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