



Santa Cruz Bird Club Newsletter Vol. 70 No. 7 July 2026

Welcome to The Albatross! A monthly eNewsletter that can be viewed directly from your email on a computer or mobile device. You can also download a pdf version from our [website](#). We hope that you enjoy it and encourage your feedback and recommendations.

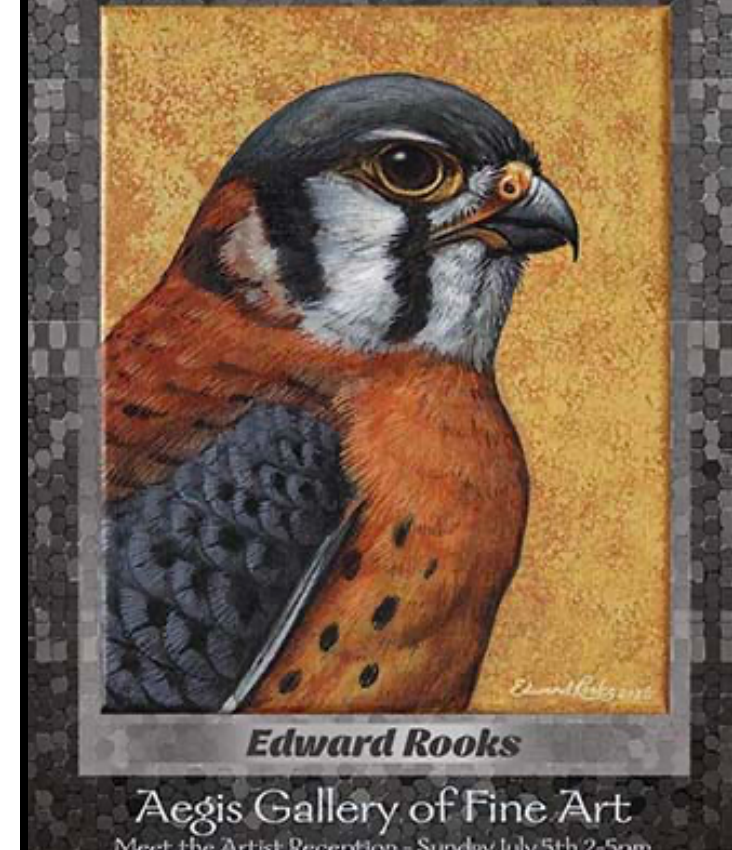


Brandt's Cormorant photo courtesy of Kimberly Butts

SCBC July Field Trips

- July 7th** - 8:30 am - Quail Hollow County Park
- July 12th** - 6:00 am - Sand Hill Bluff - Member's Only Sign-up Required
- July 14th** - 2:30 pm - Pinto Lake County Park
- July 17th** - 8:30 am - Glenwood Preserve East
- July 18th** - 8:30 am - Sandhills of Henry Cowell

[Get Field Trips Details Here](#)



Please join us at a very special exhibition of the art of

- Edward Rooks -

The illustrator of the birds in the **Santa Cruz Bird Club's Breeding Bird Atlas!** The exhibition is on view from July 1st to 26th at the [Aegis Gallery of Fine Art](#) located at 14531 Big Basin Way, Saratoga, CA.

An artist's reception will be held on Sunday, July 5th, from 2 to 5 pm.

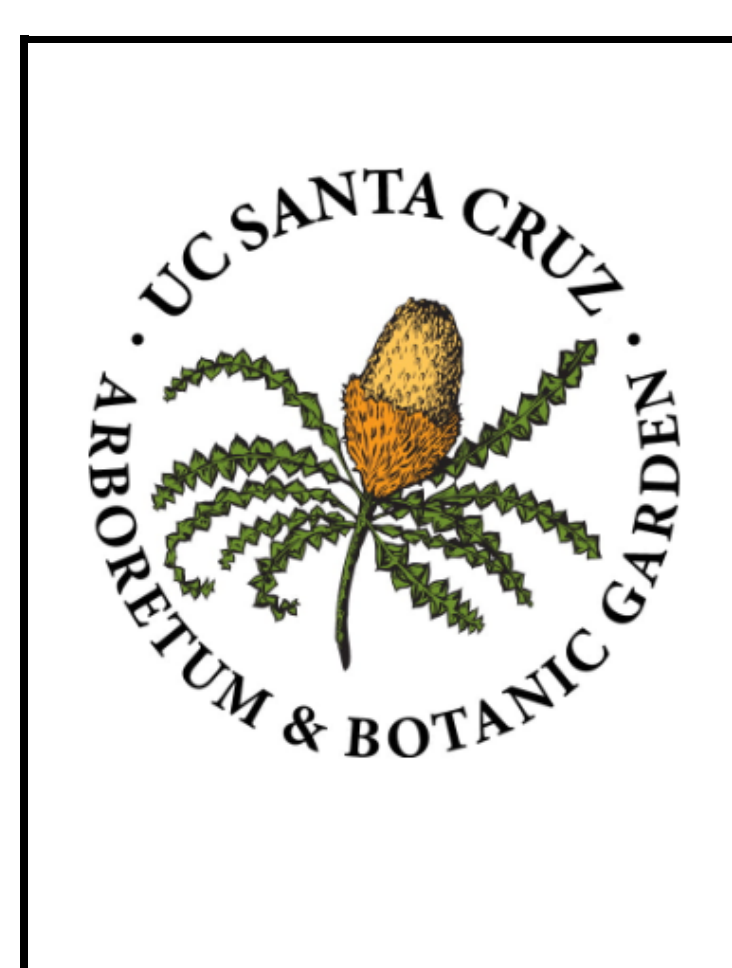
We hope to see you there!



World of Birds Summer Camp July 27th to 31st Santa Cruz Museum of Natural History

Looking for a fun way to introduce your kids to birds? Campers will use scientific tools to study the many species of birds that visit the Museum and the surrounding habitats to study the great diversity of birds that call Santa Cruz home during the summer.

Learn More [Here](#)



UC Master Gardeners Hands-on Summer Workshop Series

Your garden can make a difference!

Join UC Master Gardeners to learn ways to provide food, water, and shelter for beneficial insects and birds, reduce reliance on pesticides and fertilizers, conserve water, and build a more resilient garden.

[Get More Info and Register](#)



Be On the Lookout for These Birds in July

Many species are still actively breeding and some are even raising a second brood. There seems to be recently fledged young everywhere and lots of juveniles can be heard begging for food from their parents.

Read all about the many birds and places to see them throughout July by clicking [HERE](#).

Elegant Tern photo courtesy of Pete Sole

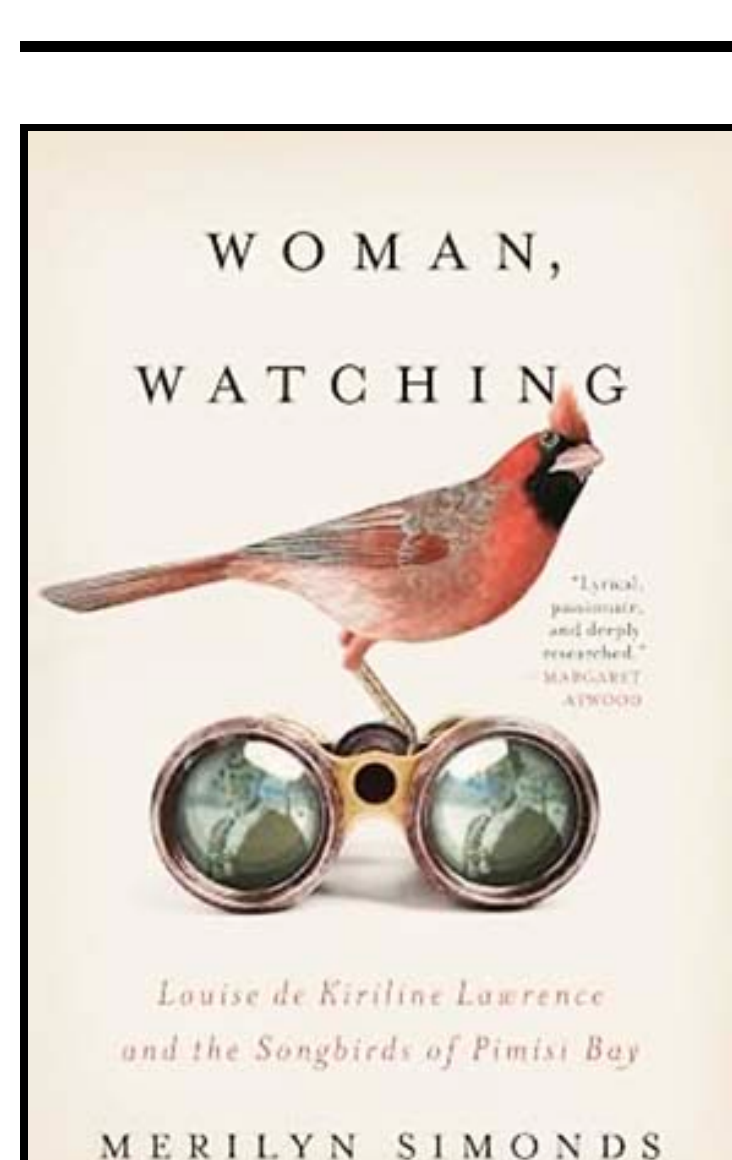


Rescued Bald Eagle Returns to the Wild!

On December 21, 2025, [SPCA Monterey County's Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation Center](#) rescued a severely injured bald eagle.

He had suffered a broken coracoid, a bone essential for flight, and showed signs of electrocution. Our skilled wildlife rescue team immediately began the intensive work of helping this majestic bird heal. Through many weeks of specialized care, he was able to be released back into the wild on June 19, 2026.

[Watch the exciting release](#)



Environment for the Americas

Bird Book Club

You are invited to join a virtual book club meeting on July 9th when we discuss "Woman, Watching" by Marilyn Simonds. This biography explores the life of Louise de Kiriline Lawrence, a pioneering ornithologist whose observations of songbirds shaped bird science. Discuss birds, nature writing, and women's contributions to ornithology with the author.

[Register Here](#)



Great Horned Owl photo courtesy of Pete Sole

Important Club Announcements

Save the Date for the Annual Santa Cruz Bird Club Steve Gerow Summer Picnic on Saturday, August 29th, at the Twisted Tree Picnic area in DeLaveaga Park.

The picnic is a potluck affair and the club will provide water. All are welcome so bring your significant other and friends.

Phil Brown will be leading a bird walk before the picnic. Check the [WEBSITE](#) for details.

We are pleased to announce that all of the Club Officer positions are filled for the 2026-2027 year! We are grateful for the service of the individuals shown below, some of whom have served for many years and others who are new to the positions.

President	Bob Meads
Programs	Barbara Banfield
Field Trips	June Langhoff
Conservation	Jane Orbuch
Hospitality	Ann Chandler
Outreach	Kimberly Butts
Membership	Dana Crompton (Pending)
Secretary	Larry Corridon
Treasurer	Stephanie Singer
Bird Records	Alex Rinkert
Albatross Editor	Debbie Diersch
Webmaster	Phil Brown
Historian	Elizabeth Foster

Please take the opportunity to say hello at future SCBC events.

Thank You New Donors!

Elaine Kennedy

Welcome New Members!

We are pleased to welcome **Paige Anderson, Donna Cowan, Karen Kroslowitz & Richard Muller, and the Jackie Turner Family**

It's Renewal time for your Santa Cruz Bird Club membership

If you haven't yet renewed then please do so to keep your membership current.

Dues are \$25 Individual, \$35 Family, Life Membership just \$400.

You can pay online, using PayPal. Just go to the website and follow the links: www.santacruzbirdclub.org. Or you can mail us a check, payable to 'Santa Cruz Bird Club' and mail to PO Box 1304, Santa Cruz, CA 95061

Announcing an easier way to donate to the Bird Club!

We're happy to announce that you can now make donations on our website via PayPal. Simply go to the Join/ Renew section of our website and The "Donate" button is at the bottom below the Automatic Renewal options. You can enter any amount you desire. We appreciate any and all donations, which are used to enhance club activities for members and to support the good work that other organizations are accomplishing for the benefit of all.

Of course, you can always mail us a check, to PO Box 1304, Santa Cruz, CA 95061!

[Join or Renew Your Membership, or Donate Here](#)



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