

Santa Barbara Audubon Society Welcomes New Peregrine Falcon to Eyes In the Sky at the SB Museum of Natural History

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SANTA BARBARA, CA, USA, April 7, 2022 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [Santa Barbara Audubon Society](#) (SBAS) welcomes a new bird to its [Eyes In the Sky Program](#) (EITS) located at the Audubon Aviary at the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History. The Peregrine Falcon, "Koda," is believed to be approximately four years old and suffered a broken wing



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Koda will continue to train and settle into his new home. In 2021, EITS lost Kisa, a female Peregrine Falcon who had been with EITS for over 10 years. “Peregrine Falcons were nearly extinct at one time because of human behavior;

however, with intense and focused conservation efforts, they have made an amazing comeback. We are fortunate to have Koda so we can continue to educate people about raptors,” explained

Hannah. "It is particularly exciting to have a Peregrine Falcon on our team because they are the fastest bird in the world."

EITS has been Santa Barbara Audubon's key wildlife education program since 2000. It features five birds of prey that serve as education ambassadors: three owls, one falcon, and one hawk. The birds are in SBAS care because they cannot survive in the wild, with circumstances ranging from blindness to broken wings. Each bird had to be rescued because of a permanent disability. EITS, the only federally licensed raptor education program in Santa Barbara County, provides up-close educational experiences to community members of all ages, from all walks of life. The goal is to foster respect and understanding for these wild species and their habitats. The EITS birds are presented by volunteer handlers at the Audubon Aviary in the Museum Backyard from 2:00 – 4:00 PM each day the Museum is open. They can be seen in their aviaries during Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History open hours, 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM daily except for Tuesdays.



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Santa Barbara Audubon Society protects area birdlife and habitat and connects people with birds through education, conservation, and science. The Santa Barbara Audubon Society, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. For more information on SBAS, to become a member, or to learn about programs, please visit the website <https://santabarbaraaudubon.org/>.

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