



# THE SEQUOIA

Bulletin of the Sequoia Audubon Society, Inc.

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APPLAUSE: To all officers and members whose efforts and ideas helped to make the year interesting, productive, and happy. To all those who helped to set up and maintain our booth at the Fair. To all those who helped to put the Screen Tours over. (Total expense of Screen Tours \$915.26. Total ticket sales \$902.25). To all Audubon members who are brought together by their love of nature to learn more of it, to appreciate it and its uses, and to conserve wisely.

Our new year has started with this Bulletin. The President would appreciate all members looking over the different committees to see if those who have not yet been asked to serve will volunteer to do so on a committee of their choice. We can use more members on the Membership, Conservation, and Mailing Committees. We shall need members to man our booth at the Fiesta from August 3-11.

The Telephone Committee Members and also the Membership Committee Members are special contact people for information on coming events, for assistance to get to meetings or on field trips. The August Bulletin will carry their addresses and telephone numbers.

The Bulletin will be published every other month, and we expect it to arrive at your homes on or before these dates: June 15, August 15, October 15, December 15, February 15, and April 15. All Chairmen are to supply the Editor with interesting information about their committees in good time. This will make her work easier and our Bulletin more interesting.

Our new By-Laws call for an Auditing Committee so our Treasurer asks that anyone needing money for stationery, stamps, or other expenses present a bill oked by some officer. Harvey Cranfill and Ruth Breckenridge are on the Auditing Committee.

The next regular meeting of Sequoia Audubon will be held at the San Mateo Public Library, September 27. Hold this date. Your August Bulletin will give you information on the program for that night, and on field trips up to October 15. You may always bring friends on field trips and to our regular meetings.

Our newest members are:

Dr. and Mrs. Otis Sharpe, 617 Crescent Avenue, San Mateo

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 Land of the Scarlet Macaw  
 Nov. 29 (Thurs) Alexander Sprunt, Jr.  
 Cypress Kingdom  
 Jan. 24 (Thurs) Howard Cleaves  
 Animals at Night in Color  
 Feb. 21 (Thurs) Robert C. Hermes  
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 Mar. 15 (Fri) Fran William Hall  
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Tickets:

Adult Season \$5.00  
 " Single 1.25  
 Student Season 2.00  
 " Single .50  
 Family Season 10.00  
 Patron 10.00 Reserved Seats

Four of the members of Sequoia Audubon Society will be at the Audubon Camp at Sugar Bowl Lodge, Norden, this summer. They are Mrs. Minnie Massie of Menlo Park, Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Valentine of San Mateo, and Miss Carol E. Boyd of Burlingame. Mrs. Massie was honored by receiving a Campership. We do not know the details yet.

Fiesta Booth:

Expect to hear from the Fiesta Committee soon to see if you can give some morning, afternoon or evening to manning the booth. Drop by and see us in the Pacific Pavilion opposite the Hobby Railroad - August 3-11.

In the latest Audubon Magazine the President of National Audubon, John Baker, begins his article with an account of our bird Sanctuary at Greco Island. We call it ours, for Neil Dickinson has done so much to obtain it, and our Society has carried the torch for it for some time.

All Committee Chairmen are asked to circle this date on their calendars: October 20, 1956. This is the date for the Fall Conference at Mills College for Audubon Societies of northern California.

IUPN GENERAL ASSEMBLY (From THE FLYING EGRET, April 1956)

Scotland is host this year to the Fifth General Assembly of the International Union for the Protection of Nature. Delegates, members and observers from all over the world will gather at Edinburgh for the meetings, which will take place from June 20 to 28. Concurrent with the General Assembly will be IUPN's Sixth Technical Meeting, at which scientists and specialists from many nations will discuss conservation problems of international importance.

Also, a brand new feature, an International Nature Film Week has been scheduled in connection with the Edinburgh meetings. It is designed to show progress in high quality nature films in recent years. Best films submitted from 16 countries will be shown daily throughout the meeting period, both for delegates and as a public attraction. Audubon members going to Europe this summer may wish to include the IUPN doings in their itineraries.

IUPN is composed of more than 200 organizations interested in conservation from 46 nations. Twenty-one United States organizations, including the National Audubon Society, are members. The Society will be represented in Edinburgh by its president, John H. Baker.

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- March 17: Field Trip to Butano Creek. It's time to visit the skunk cabbages again! Meet at the junction of Skyline Drive and the road to Half Moon Bay at 8:30 A.M. Jed McClellan will again share with us his extensive knowledge of California native plants. This is planned as a morning trip but those of us who find interesting reasons for lingering into the afternoon should bring lunch. Friends welcome.
- March 22: Evening Meeting, San Mateo Public Library, 8:00 P.M. Mrs. Frank A. Scott of the Golden Gate Audubon Society will show us her film "Water Birds of the West". This is a very special treat and we hope many members and guests will be able to attend.
- March 24: Dorothy Lilly will lead a morning field trip into the area around Carlmont School where roads and fire trail through the chaparral plant community offer excellent birding. Meet at San Carlos S. P. Station at 8:30 A.M.
- April 7: Field Trip through Sawyer's Grove Road. Meet at Crystal Springs Dam on Skyline Drive at 8:30 A.M. This is an excellent time of year for seeing birds as well as the early spring flowers.
- April 19: Screen Tour, San Mateo High School Auditorium, 8:00 P.M. Bert Harwell comes to us again — this time with his movie, "Canada North", a thrilling story of the far Eskimo country. This is the last Screen Tour of this season and as advance publicity for next year, you may bring a guest free with your season ticket.
- April 21: Boat trip to Greco Island. Meet at the Belmont Sea Scout Base, Bayshore Highway and Belmont overpass at 8:45 A.M. A donation of 50¢ per person will be collected to help defray expenses of the Mariners. This will be a joint trip with members of the Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society, which is also one of the sponsors of Greco Island Sanctuary.
- April 26: Evening Meeting, San Mateo Public Library, 8:00 P.M. Claire Stewart, our Conservation Chairman, is arranging a program of movies on conservation.

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Board of Directors has elected the following to serve on the Nominating Committee: Mrs. James A. Waldron, Chairman, Mrs. Ellsworth R. Stewart, and Mrs. Howard Evans. Members of the Society are invited to offer suggestions for nominations for members of the Board of Directors and officers. Election of officers will be held at our Annual Meeting in May.

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Thomas Mitchell will salute the Audubon Society on Audubon's Birthday, Thursday, April 26, 10:00 P.M. on "Mayor of the Town".

## "THE BIGGEST BIRD WATCH"

We hope you have read "The Biggest Bird Watch", SPORTS ILLUSTRATED, January 16, 1956. Twenty-four Peninsula residents, members of the Sequoia Audubon Society, guests from the Santa Clara Valley and Golden Gate Audubon Societies, and friends were happy to play a part in that big bird watch. On January 2 they counted 126 species of birds and more than 10, 000 individuals.

Lying within the census area, a circle of 7½ miles radius originally laid out by the late Jim Rigby of the Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society in 1948, is perhaps the most varied collection of habitats available to any Audubon Society in the United States — the open Pacific around Pillar Point, the more sheltered waters of Half Moon Bay, farm lands of the coastal plain, the wooded canyons of Purissima Creek and other waterways, rolling grasslands, chaparral, the mountainous terrain of the Skyline, deep redwood groves, the great bodies of fresh water of Crystal Springs Lakes, yards and gardens of towns, the salt marshes around Belmont Slough, and the open bay and mudflats between Coyote Point and San Mateo Bridge. Census takers hiked, motored, and canoed over this area to note the following species:

Common Loon, 6	Arctic Loon, 6	Red-throated Loon, 4
Horned Grebe, 15	Eared Grebe, 12	Western Grebe, 38
Pied-billed Grebe, 26	White Pelican, 8	Brown Pelican, 2
Double-crested Cormorant, 430 +	Brandt's Cormorant, 1	Pelagic Cormorant, 13
Snowy Egret, 4	Great Blue Heron, 33	American Egret, 107
Canada Goose, 24	Sooty Shearwater, 1	Black-crowned Night Heron, 38
Gadwall, 6	Cackling Goose, 1	Mallard, 39
Pintail, 5	Am. Widgeon, 112	European Widgeon, 1
Ring-necked Duck, 96	Shoveller, 20 ±	Redhead, 3
Lesser Scaup, 1021	Canvas-back, 71	Greater Scaup, 5
White-winged Scoter, 250	Am. Golden-eye, 4	Bufflehead, 22
Hooded Merganser, 1	Surf Scoter, 500 +	Ruddy Duck, 250 +
Cooper's Hawk, 1	Am. Merganser, 1	Red-breasted Merganser, 58 +
Golden Eagle, 2	Turkey Vulture, 5	White-tailed Kite, 1
Sparrow Hawk, 28	Red-tailed Hawk, 24	Sharp-shinned Hawk, 1
Am. Coot, 500 +	Marsh Hawk, 1	Peregrine Falcon, 1
Long-billed Curlew, 100 +	California Quail, 26	Clapper Rail, 4
Western Sandpiper, 250	Killdeer, 14	Black Turnstone, 13
Sanderling, 54	Hudsonian Curlew, 3	Spotted Sandpiper, 1
Western Gull, 12	Willet, 47	Greater Yellow-legs, 1
Bonaparte's Gull, 400 +	Dowitcher, 4	Red-backed Sandpiper, 250
Mourning Dove, 1	Herring Gull, 77	Glaucous-winged Gull, 57
Belted Kingfisher, 1	California Gull, 1000 +	Ring-billed Gull, 85 +
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, 3	Caspian Tern, 4	Ancient Murrelet, 1
Say's Phoebe, 5	Short-eared Owl, 1	Anna's Hummingbird, 3
Scrub Jay, 81	Red-shafted Flicker, 48	Acorn Woodpecker, 27
Common Bushtit, 64	Hairy Woodpecker, 1	Downy Woodpecker, 4
Brown Creeper, 1	Nuttall's Woodpecker, 1	Black Phoebe, 7
Bewick's Wren, 2	Horned Lark, 1	Steller's Jay, 11
Am. Robin, 41	Plain Titmouse, 27	Chestnut-backed Chickadee, 6
Western Bluebird, 8	Red-breasted Nuthatch, 1	White-breasted Nuthatch, 6
Water Pipit, 2	Wren-tit, 16	Winter Wren, 1
Hutton's Vireo, 6	Mockingbird, 3	California Thrasher, 2
Townsend's Warbler, 1	Varied Thrush, 73	Hermit Thrush, 27
Red-winged Blackbird, 500 +	Ruby-crowned Kinglet, 12	Golden-crowned Kinglet, 1
House Finch, 1000 +	Cedar Waxwing, 71	Loggerhead Shrike, 9
Spotted Towhee, 14	Audubon's Warbler, 90	Orange-crowned Warbler, 1
Lark Sparrow, 1	House Sparrow, 125 +	Western Meadowlark, 188 +
Fox Sparrow, 3	Tricolored Blackbird, 300 +	Brewer's Blackbird, 1000 +
	Pine Siskin, 54	Purple Finch, 51
	Brown Towhee, 119	Lesser Goldfinch, 10
	Oregon Junco, 41	Savannah Sparrow, 50 +
	Song Sparrow, 65	White-crowned Sparrow, 450 +
		Golden-crowned Sparrow, 87

Total, 126 species; about 10839 individuals.

On Jan. 1, Holboell's Grebe, 1, seen; Screech Owl, 1, Horned Owl, 1, heard.



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