



FIELD TRIPS

Sept. 12 (Sat.) - At Golden Gate Park, Chain of Lakes Area. Enter park at 41st Avenue and Lincoln Way; continue straight in about 200 yards; then turn off into parking lot on right. Meet at 9 A.M.

Sept. 26 (Sat.) - At Princeton. Meet at intersection of Skyline Blvd. and Half Moon Bay Road at 8:30 A.M.

Oct. 10 (Sat.) - At Spring Valley Lakes. Meet at Pulgas Water Temple at 8:30 A.M.

Oct. 24 (Sat.) - At Gazos Creek. Meet at intersection of Skyline Blvd. and Half Moon Bay Road at 8:30 A.M. Bring lunch.

- J. Ed (Jed) McClellan
Program Chairman

SCREEN TOURS

SAN MATEO HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM, 8 P.M.

Sept. 25 (Fri.) "The New World Rediscovered." Speaker, Mrs. Laura Reynolds.

Oct. 28 (Wed.) "Rocky Mountain Rambles." Speaker, Emerson Scott.

POTLUCK DINNERS before the screen tours will be held this year at Washington School on Howard Avenue in Burlingame. All it takes to attend these "yummy" potlucks is a phone call to anyone of the following:

Mrs. Alice Steel Di. 4-8317
Mrs. Mabel Lee Di. 2-2428
Mrs. Oleta Dickinson Em. 6-7661

(For additional information on screen tours - see page 3)

REGULAR MEETINGS

HELD AT BURLINGAME RECREATION CENTER

Sept. 10 (Thurs.) 8 P.M. Kaleidoscopic in nature. Pictures taken by our members while on vacation will be shown. We will journey south of the border into Mexico, and across the Pacific to Hawaii, as well as to places in our own country and state. Come with your friends, and perhaps relive a trip you have taken, or be inspired to wander into a completely new environment.

Oct. 8 (Thurs.) 8 P.M. - Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Montgomery will show the delightful films they have taken on birds of the Chicago area (their former home), Colorado and Florida. This will be an evening of enjoyment for all Sequoia Audubon members and their friends. Be sure to come!

Peg (Ida B.) Smith
Program Chairman

WANTED BIRD OBSERVATION NOTES

Such as the following one submitted by Gene Hebron: "One pair of Cow Birds seen May 15 at garden bird feeder." Please send your bird notations to the editor for the November - December Bulletin on or before October 20.

Welcome to the following new members;
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TO NON MEMBERS

Owing to the increase in the price of printing and postage, we are forced to curtail the number of issues of the Sequoia Audubon Society Bulletin, so we will send it to those non-members who are really interested in receiving it.

If you wish to receive further issues of the Sequoia Audubon Society Bulletin, please send your name and address to:

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before October 15, 1959.

AN INVITATION

Golden Gate Audubon Society invites you to participate in a salute to Mr. John Baker, past president of National Audubon Society, who will be the principal speaker at a catered supper (barbecued chicken) to be held on Thursday, September 24, 6 p.m., at the home of Dr. and Mrs. T. Eric Reynolds, 140 Estates Drive (off Park Blvd.) Piedmont. The price of the supper is \$3.50 per person.

--Mrs. Louise Muhler, Chairman
 5774 Scarborough Drive, Oakland.

Phone: KE- 2-7916.

OUR NEW YEAR!

As we open this bulletin, we are, in a way, opening the door upon a new year for Sequoia Audubon Society. What fruits this year will bring depends upon every one of us -- every member and friend of Sequoia Audubon Society.

To those of us who are taking an active part in Audubon Society activities this year is given the responsibility of planning a program which you will enjoy.

The officers and directors of our organization wish that we might become better acquainted with those of you that we seldom see. We wish that more of you could share in the planning and working out of our activities, because we have found that out of hard work has come the joy of lasting friendships and a sense of achievement in carrying out worthwhile activities. We fully realize, however, that many of you are too busy for active participation, and it is especially to you that this message is written. Have you found one or more of our varied activities suited to your interests and available time? Have you enjoyed the field trips, the potluck dinners, the Screen Tours, or the monthly evening programs? Is there any part of our program which you would like changed or modified? Are there additional activities which you would like to sponsor?

Our officers and directors represent you, and they are always glad to hear from you. You are welcome to attend our meetings of the board of directors which are held on the first Thursday evening of each month at 8 P.M., at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Harman, 656 Cedar Street, San Carlos.

Please let us hear from you!

Ruth Breckenridge
President.

A group of six Canadian Geese were observed on Crystal Springs Lakes at the Half Moon Bay crossing on July 11, 18, and 25 by Jack and Gene Hebborn.

SCREEN TOURS - 1959 - 1960

Our beautiful and informative nature movies, the Audubon Screen Tours have received high praise from those who have seen them in the past, but the attendance has been too small for our society to "break even." Unless attendance improves during our current series, we shall have to discontinue them in the future.

If you are planning to buy a season ticket, please send in your checks as soon as convenient. However, if you find it more practicable to pay at the door for individual performances, you are most welcome to do so.

The Screen Tours should prove of interest to your whole family. In order to make family attendance more convenient, the committee in charge has planned to start each program promptly at 8 P.M., so that young students will not be kept up too late on school nights.

We feel particularly fortunate in obtaining Mrs. Laurel Reynolds for our first speaker - Friday, September 25, 1959. Mrs. Reynolds is a very popular speaker and photographer who has spoken to capacity audiences in several Peninsula communities. In her excellent film, "The New World Rediscovered," Mrs. Reynolds will take her audience on a fascinating "tour" of the natural wonders of a large part of the Western Hemisphere.

Subsequent "tours" in the series include:

"Rocky Mountain Rambles"
Wed. October 28, 1959
- Emerson Scott.

"The Land of Glaciers Forgot"
Thurs. January 21, 1960
- Howard L. Orians.

"Land of Early Autumn"
Thurs. February 18, 1960
- Cleveland P. Grant.

"Secrets of the Sea"
Tues. March 22, 1960.
- Dr. G. Clifford Carl.

Please mark these dates on your calendar NOW. Tell your neighbors and friends.

OBSERVATIONSTREES IN LAKE AND NAPA COUNTIES

Knob-Cone Pine: While in Lake County on vacation, in April of this year, I took time to study the knob-cone pines growing there. Between Kelseyville and Lower Lake I saw knob-cone pines singly and in small groves in several places, all in chaparral (scrub oak, etc.) in rocky soil, mostly obsidian. Digger pines, and, in favored places, a few yellow pines, tower above the blue oaks, black oaks, and valley oaks which form considerable stand in the area; but the knobcone pines shun the groves and stand only among the chaparral, where other trees have not succeeded.

McNab Cypress: In the hot dry hills in the northern edge of Napa County, on the road between Lower Lake and Monticello, I found McNab Cypress growing as a large shrub or small tree in considerable abundance among the chaparral, while on my vacation in April.

Fremontia: In the same area with the McNab Cypress I found Fremontia, in full bloom, growing in the dry stream beds,

- J. Ed. (Jed) McClellan

OBSERVATIONS -- COWBIRDS

All through the months of June and July, this year, I have had paired cowbirds around my home, the males singing. I have seen two pairs together.

The high, squeaking portions of the song is so piercing that I hear it frequently when I am inside the house, but the low gurgling opening notes can be heard only by approaching fairly close to the singing bird. Those low notes remind me of the first notes of the redwing's song.

I have watched repeatedly the "posturing" of the males before the females, as Hoffmann calls it. The paired birds perch on a wire or television

aerial, and the male points his bill up at an angle and then waves his head and neck around like a male seal. With the brown head and neck thus lighted by the sun, the male, in this mating-season performance, looks strikingly like a miniature seal waving his head and neck in typical seal fashion.

- J. Ed. (Jed) McClellan

FIELD TRIP, SEARSVILLE LAKE - MAY 16, 1959

On May 16, we went to Searsville Lake. Jed McClellan had scouted the area where great blue herons have nested in other years and reported that no nests had been found; so we walked around the lake. The weather was clear and mild, perfect for a spring walk. Our bird list for the day lacks some of the birds which from previous experience we had hoped to see (green heron, greater yellow legs, California thrasher, Caspian tern, and others), but the woods were full of song, and we ended the walk with a very respectable list: red-tailed hawk, meadowlark, brewer blackbird, redwing, scrub jay, acorn woodpecker, downy woodpecker, mourning dove, English sparrow, song sparrow, linnet, purple finch, brown towhee, spotted towhee, white-breasted nuthatch, bluebird, phoebe, wood pewee, ash-throated flycatcher, yellow warbler, yellowthroat, titmouse, bushtit, chickadees, junco, wrentit, Allen hummingbird, violet-green swallow, quail, coot, great blue heron, and pied-bill grebe.

In addition to the birds, we saw blooming plants, some of the more interesting being smooth dogwood, clarkia, yellow mariposa tulip, broad-leafed wyethia, holly-leaf cherry, choke cherry, pitcher sage, blue elderberry, yerba santa, sticky monkey flower, water persicaria, chamise, farewell-to-spring, wild lilac, buckeye, California poppy, harvest brodiaea, blue dick, California tea, milk thistle, scarlet thistle, common yarrow, and monardella.

- J. Ed (Jed) McClellan

FIELD TRIP, BUTANO FIRE TRAIL -
JUNE 6, 1959

FIESTA 1959

On June 6, we made our annual pilgrimage to the Butano Fire Trail Road to see the wild rhododendron in bloom and to enjoy the delights of that mountain area. Along the coast we found high fog, but as we climbed the ridge we emerged into warm sunshine. We ate our lunch at "Steel Flat" (formerly known as "The Picnic Ground").

The rhododendrons were in bloom (they have never failed us on our annual trips) and as always thrilled us with their beauty.

Having devoted a recent evening meeting to the trees of San Mateo County, we stopped to make detailed observations of the interesting groves of knobcone pines, verifying such characteristics as cone-covered limbs resembling bunches of bananas, the X-ray appearance of the trees, the non-contrasting color of the foliage, as seen against the background of chaparral, and the absence of other trees among the stands.

We were delighted when Miss Emily Smith joined us on the ridge. Her personality and profound knowledge added much to the pleasure of the trip.

As usual, we did not find many birds in the area. The list included orange-crown warbler (singing), yellow warbler, hermit thrush (singing), purple finch (singing), junco, band-tailed pigeon, wrenit, bushtit, and valley quail.

In addition to the rhododendron, we found the following plants in bloom: chaparral pea, bush poppy, yellow iris, modesty, dwarf mariposa, leafless pirola, yellow monkeyflower, wild lilac (ceanothus thyrsiflora), warty-leaved ceanothus (ceanothus papillosus), redwood violet, zygadene lily, thimbleberry, milkwort, salal, milk thistle, bull thistle, monardella, and hedge nettle.

J. Ed. (Jed) McClellan

Many thanks to all those who contributed to the success of this year's Audubon booth at the Fiesta.

A long list of names for Screen Tour tickets, order forms, membership information, bulletins, and requests for a wide variety of additional information indicate evidence of growing interest.

The main attraction proved to be the display of local bird cards, with Dorothy Lilly's bay area bird list.

I am so grateful to "Gene" Hebbon for her constant advice and guidance and transportation.

Mrs. Bump did our heaving moving in her station wagon, and Will Harman, as usual, did the "hammer and nail" work.

Claire Stewart's beautiful owl mobile and the large background bird prints loaned by Ruth Breckenridge and Gene Hebbon set the theme for the booth.

Avilene Butler furnished the bird feeder menus and bird food.

Elizabeth Evans, Audubon Junior Chairman, helped in setting up the junior exhibit.

And to all those who served in the booth throughout the week -

THANKS! ---Florence Richardson,
Fiesta Chairman

Invitation

As an Annual Event the Merced Camera Club invites you to attend an outstanding color slide show Wednesday evening, August 26, at 8 p.m., in Morrison Auditorium, California Academy of Sciences, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco. The show, the Merced International Nature Exhibition, will include slides of birds, insects, mammals, wild flowers, etc., representing 200 photographic exhibitors throughout the world. The show also in Little Theater, Berkeley, Aug. 25, 8 p.m. Admission free.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash in bank, January 1, 1959 -----	\$415.88
Petty cash on hand January 1, 1959 -----	<u>2.48</u>
Total -----	\$418.36
Receipts, January 1, 1959 to June 1, 1959 -----	<u>492.12</u>
Grand Total -----	\$910.48
Expenses,* January 1, 1959 to June 1, 1959 -----	<u>-596.59</u>
Cash in bank June 1, 1959 -----	\$313.89
Petty cash on hand -----	<u>3.37</u>
Total balance on hand, June 1, 1959 -----	<u>\$317.26</u>

*Expenses mostly in connection with Screen Tours.

HOUSE OF THE SWALLOWS

We have heard that in Russia many families sometimes live under "one roof," but right here in San Mateo, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ford of 2630 Alameda de las Pulgas have 25 families in addition to themselves under their roof. However, 25 families are swallows that have chosen the eaves under the two-story portion of their stucco home as their housing development.

"When we moved here in 1957," Mrs. Ford stated, "there were no swallows, but later we noticed 5 nests. Now there are 15 single nests and 10 'duplexes.' The birds get mud for their nests from the moist earth found in hanging baskets around the neighborhood." Some of the nests have tiny bits of paper and string waving at the entrance to their homes like "swallow" banners.

Walk by the Ford home in April and you will see some 50 parent birds sweeping and diving into their nests -- avoiding each other in their aerial acrobats in a remarkable technique that prevents collisions.

"During the height of the nesting activities," said Mrs. Ford, "The birds waken us every morning at 5:30 with their chorus of chirping, but we don't mind. In fact, we feel honored that the swallows have chosen our home--the only one on the street--for their headquarters. Now (Aug. 15) most of them have gone, but a man who cleaned my windows last week said he peered into some of the nests while standing on a ladder and saw young in some of them. Children often stand in my yard peering up with interest at the swallows' heads projecting from the round openings. Our neighbor's cat--a very sophisticated one--also peers up at them but has never molested. In all of the activities of the past season we had only two casualties--two young birds that fell from their nests."

--- Elizabeth G. Baker

WHAT OTHER AUDUBONERS ARE TALKING ABOUT

From "The Avocet" (Santa Clara Society):

"OUR GREATEST NATIONAL PARK"

"The National Park Service Committee recommends a new national park in the northern Cascades which could "out-rank in its scenic, recreational and wildlife values, any existing national park and any other possibility for such a park within the United States."

"It is in the Lake Chelan-Glacier Peak area, part of which now has some protection, but is in constant danger from logging, mining, dams, highways and underplanned overdevelopment. It can be beautiful, unspoiled forest, or tomorrow's desolation.

"Conservationists do not oppose logging in the right places. This is not the right place, and we cannot accept attempts to hide ugly destruction with high-sounding cliches. We don't need the timber and pulp that badly. One needs to see the fine photographs of Ansel Adams, Philip Hyde, Alan Steck and others to know the beauties of the area - or better, go there in person as a relief from the crowds in Yosemite and Yellowstone.

"Many of us have already seen the Sierra Club film, "Wilderness Alps of Stehekin." It should be shown in all schools churches, clubs - to build public pressure for this new park. It is available from Sierra Club, 1050 Mills Tower, San Francisco.

"Support, if you can, the North Cascades Conservation Council, 3215 East 103d Street, Seattle, Washington, organized specifically to protect and preserve Washington's Northern Cascades. Memberships start at \$2 per year."

--- J. Todd

From "Sketches", San Diego Society):

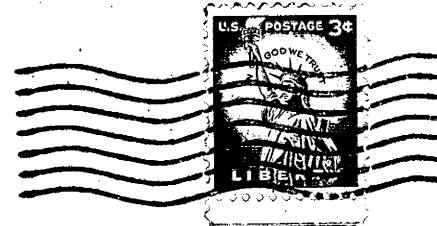
WHAT IS THE WORLD COMING TO?

"It must be obvious to all that there is occurring in the world at large a population explosion of humans not unlike that which we have discussed for insects. Demographers for the U.N. predict a world population of 7 billions for the year 2000 if present conditions prevail. Even in the U.S., we will have population estimated at 200 millions by 1970. Human beings require space and food. Not only will there be increasing expansion pressures in the direction of the natural landscape, but additional demands will be made upon reserves set aside for recreation and study. One has only to contemplate the countryside of San Diego County to realize the truth of this statement. Agricultural lands are usurped for housing tracts, and agriculture moves inland. But this is not all. The increased use of chemical poisons in agriculture can also be predicted, barring the miracle of synthesized juvenile hormones. Crop production will have to be made more efficient since greater and greater demands will be made on less and less acreage. Farms will become fewer and larger with greater concentration on crop types. Insect pest and plant pathogens will flourish under these conditions and will have to be controlled on an emergency basis.

"In the final analysis we see that failure to understand the problems of human ecology have led us into our present predicament. Insofar as human beings are concerned we are paying too much attention to quantity, too little to quality.

"If we are indeed concerned over the role of chemicals used in plant and animal protection in relation to the conservation of wildlife, it is up to us to urge and support research leading to efficient alternate methods of control. I doubt that a negative attitude will lead to a successful conclusion." -Calvert Norland, Professor of Economic Entomology San Diego. State College;

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