



MAY CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Regular Meeting - May 11, 1961
Thursday at 8:00 P.M. Washington School
in Burlingame.
Following the pot luck supper our president, Ruth Breckenridge, will show slides which have been taken on our various field trips of the past two years.

These beautiful pictures will give those who were on the field trips a chance to recall and enjoy once more the points visited and the many flowers and birds seen there. It will give others an opportunity to see the sort of field trips which are available to anyone who may be interested in going on them in the future. Be sure to come and bring your friends.

Ida "Peg" Smith

POT LUCK SUPPER before meeting May 11.
6:30 P.M. Washington School Cafeteria.

If you are planning to attend, and please do, contact one of the following:

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FIELD TRIPS

May 6 - Saturday

Searsville Lake.
Meet at Searsville Lake at 9:45 A.M.
(Gate opens at 10:00 A.M.)
There will be an admission charge of 25¢ per person, which does not cover permission to eat lunch in the park.

May 21 - Sunday

Gazos Creek and Tunitas Creek Canyon.
Meet at Skyline Blvd. and Half Moon Bay Road intersection at 8:30 A.M.
Take lunch.
Be prepared to walk at Gazos Creek.

June 4 - Sunday

Butano Fire Trail Road.
The Rhododendron trip.
Meet at intersection of Skyline Blvd. and Half Moon Bay Road at 8:30 A.M.
Take lunch.

BIRD WALK - Wed. May 10th

Meet at Crystal Springs Dam-8:30 A.M.
Walk to be in Junipero Serra Park.
This will be the last Bird Walk until in the Fall.

Gene Hebbbron, Leader

FLASH! -----IMPORTANT!-----READ NOW!

AN AIRMAIL LETTER HAS JUST BEEN RECEIVED FROM NATIONAL AUDUBON PRESIDENT CARL W. BUCHHEISTER CONCERNING IMPENDING VOTE ON WILDERNESS BILL.

IT IS OF THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE THAT THE WILDERNESS BILL (S.174) BE APPROVED WITHOUT AMENDMENT BY THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON INTERIOR AND INSULAR AFFAIRS. PLEASE WRITE IMMEDIATELY TO SENATOR THOMAS H. KUCHEL, MEMBER OF SENATE COMMITTEE ON INTERIOR AND INSULAR AFFAIRS, SENATE OFFICE BUILDING, WASHINGTON 25, D.C., URGING HIM TO SUPPORT S. 174 WITHOUT AMENDMENT.

The following excerpts from President Buchheister's statements to the Committee on Interior and Insular affairs may help clarify this matter:

"Those of us who study and work with conservation are poignantly conscious of the terrible pressures being exerted by expanding industrialization and urbanization. President Kennedy put our conservation problems in focus when he said that by the year 2,000, only 40 years in the future, our land must provide for the needs of 300 million citizens. The next generation is indeed unlikely to know the wilderness unless we have a law that will keep the remnants of wild America which we are so fortunate still to have. We have heard it proposed that S.174 should be amended so the Primitive Areas would not be given the protection of the Wilderness Act now, but each such area could be brought into the Wilderness Preservation Systems only through separate act of Congress. The National Audubon Society would vigorously oppose such an amendment because it would turn this legislation into a wilderness reduction bill instead of a wilderness protection act. I believe all conservation-minded citizens would oppose it."

WRITE SENATOR KUCHEL TODAY.
TOMORROW MAY BE TOO LATE.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

THURSDAY, MAY 11 -- OUR FINAL MEETING UNTIL FALL! Please mark your calendar this very minute so you won't miss the meeting or the potluck. We want you to share in the fun and enjoyment of the meeting and we need your suggestions and criticisms. Our nominating committee is fairly bursting with good news about its selection of officers and directors for next year. Now is the time when next year's plans must be made, and those plans are made for your enjoyment. Please help by giving suggestions and constructive criticism. How can our programs be improved to better meet your needs? Have you enjoyed this year's field trips which have included both the near-by, familiar localities and occasional longer trips to explore new areas? Do you have suggestions for improving the format of the bulletins?

Even if you don't have suggestions, please attend anyway, and share with us this last meeting of spring, 1961.

Ruth Breckenridge

THE BUTANO CREEK TRIP

On March 26, 1961, we had rain and sunshine and a wonderful time. Through the courtesy of Virginia Periat, we were able to go through the gate and on up to the Butano Falls. Several of the party had never before seen the famous falls.

The Skunk Cabbage was in full bloom; Clintonia was budding; Mission Bell lilies; Sessile Trillium; Coast Trillium; Colts-foot; Hound's Tongue; Red Elderberry, and many other plants were in bloom.

The Dawn Redwood in the Girl Scout Camp was putting out its new foliage but was not as far advanced as the Dawn Redwoods in Washington Park at Burlingame.

Along the trail to the falls we saw several kinds of ferns, at least two kinds of horse-tail, several kinds of moss, several kinds of lichen, and at least two kinds of liverwort.

Jed (J.Ed.) McClellan

THE PETRIFIED FOREST TRIP

Thirty-six people turned out for the field trip to the Petrified Forest on April 8, 1961; and all had a very happy day. The drive through the country was exceedingly beautiful, even though the maple trees along the Mark West Road had passed the prime of the blooming season. The continuation of our study of the Redwoods by seeing the great trees lying, now turned to stone, where they were blown down a million years ago and covered by volcanic ash was thrilling, even to those of us who have visited the park repeatedly.

The Spring wildflowers were in full bloom both along the roadsides and in the park.

Along the Mark West Road and in the Petrified Forest Park we saw a fair number of birds, including - House Finch, Flicker, Crow, Raven, Western Bluebird, Turkey Vulture, Stellar Jay, Plain Titmouse, Red-tailed Hawk and Cliff Swallow.

Several of us accepted the invitation of Kathleen Peck to visit her home, Secret Valley, near Healdsburg, after lunch; and those of us who went there had a great treat. Her home is situated on a live running stream in a wooded canyon. The wild flowers and the creek were well worth the whole trip from San Mateo County; and in her garden stood a huge Nuttall Dogwood tree in full bloom!

Jed (J.Ed.) McClellan

Don't forget to attend the final pot luck and meeting of the calendar year - May 11, Washington School in Burlingame.

April 13 meeting - Richfield Oil Corporation's "Wild Flowers of the West".

Some of nature's most splendid creations, the wild flowers that grow throughout the Western United States, were colorfully presented at a meeting of the Sequoia Audubon Society at the Washington School in Burlingame.

The flowers were shown in a color-film called "Wild Flowers of the West", presented by Richfield Oil Corporation. Using time-lapse photography, made popular by Walt Disney nature films, the wild flower movie produced fascinating glimpses of the growth and "movement" of many of the exotic blooms that brighten our western landscape. Combined with the time-lapse sections were brilliantly colored views of the many kinds of flowers that flourish in the West. Presenting a wide variety of flowers in their many natural settings, the half-hour movie gave viewers a relaxing "trip" through the West.

"The beauty of California is symbolized by the hardy wild flowers," said William Graves, who spoke with the film, "and these flowers remind us of the importance of conservation of all natural resources and the need of preserving even the beauty of wild flowers."

Peg Smith

At midnight on April 15 an engineer pulled a switch to darken until June 1 the powerful, all-night beacon that shines from the top of the Empire State Building. This has been done at the request of the National Audubon Society during spring and fall migrations since 1956. Purpose is to keep the night-flying migrants from becoming confused and dashing their lives out against the steel towers of Manhattan.

The West Coast meeting at Asilomar March 25-28 was attended by more than 700 persons. In an address, Carl W. Buchheister, Pres. of the National Audubon Society, urged members and local societies to be "vigilant, vigorous and vocal in meeting the challenge of the day." He listed "six great opportunities" for conservationists in the present Congress:

1. The Wilderness Bill.
2. The creation of National Seashore parks - at Point Reyes, Cape Cod, Padre Island and the Oregon Dunes.
3. A crash program to save wetlands.
4. A pesticides coordination act.
5. A stronger federal program for water pollution control.
6. Ratification of the International Convention for Prevention of the Pollution of the Sea by Oil.

Mr. Buchheister further stated that in the long run the best answer to the conservation problem is the education of future Americans in the appreciation of natural resources and in the understanding that man is dependent upon the whole of nature. "This is the kind of conservation education the National Audubon Society has sought to promote."

Don't forget to come to the last pot luck supper of the current year.

AUDUBON CAMP OF CALIFORNIA begins its five two-week sessions on June 25th. This vacation-education period costs \$110 and is open to people 18 years or older.

There are still some single reservations available and a few for "couples" in the last two sessions. By writing to the National Audubon Society office at 2426 Bancroft Way, Berkeley 4, you may (?) get the session of your choice as there are always some last minute cancellations.

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST:

The University of California has just announced a two-week seminar for the study of plant and animal life in the High Sierra at Camp White Wolf in Yosemite Park, June 8 to 21. During the first week field trips and lectures will emphasize a study of bird life and the second week will mainly be concerned with the plant life of the High Sierra. Participants may enroll for both weeks or for one week. Further information and application for enrollment may be obtained from the Dept. of Conferences, Univ. Extension, U. of C. Berkeley 4, Calif.

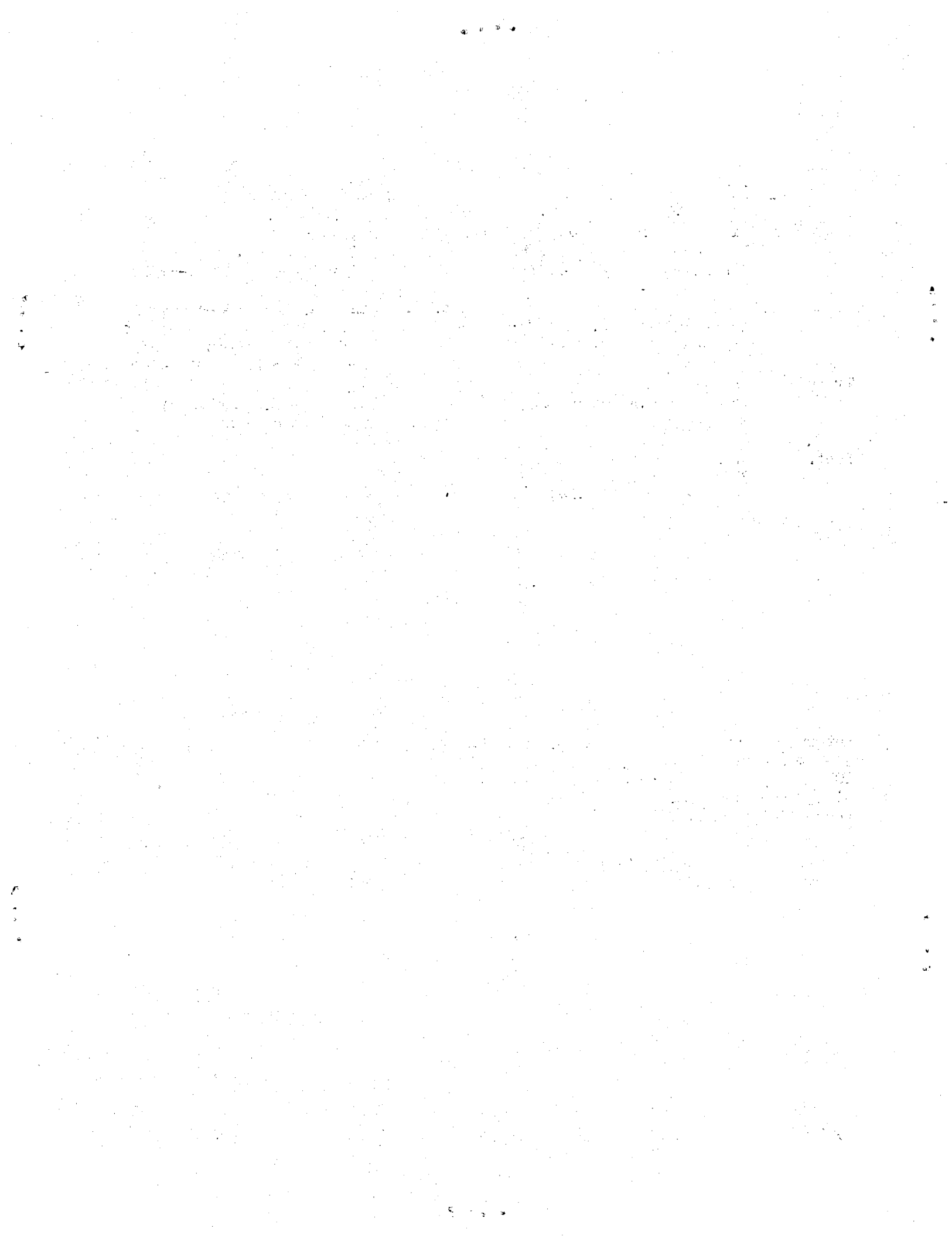
Santa Cruz Bird Club is sponsoring a trip to Rancho del Oso (Hoover Ranch) Davenport, Sat. May 27. Meet at Waddell Creek entrance to ranch at 9 A.M. It is on Highway 1 north of Santa Cruz, near the Santa Cruz-San Mateo County line. Take lunch.

Santa Cruz Bird Club will sponsor an offshore trip to observe Black-footed Albatrosses and other pelagic birds on June 19, 1961. A U.S. Coast Guard inspected boat will leave Municipal Wharf, Santa Cruz, at 7:30 A.M. Trip 4 hours, destination 12 miles offshore. For more information write to L.M. McQuesten, 120 Otis St., Santa Cruz, Calif. Phone: Ga 3-2989. Tickets: \$1.50.

If you would like to share your Bird's Nests, please send a post card to:

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He would like to photograph some.



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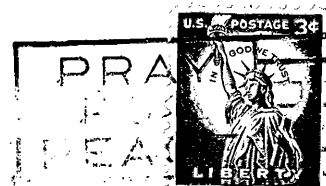
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