



# The Sequoia



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## OCTOBER REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, October 12, 1961  
at Washington School, 801 Howard Ave., Burlingame

Pot Luck Supper - at 6:30 P.M. before the meeting. Each person should bring one dish sufficient for serving three or four persons (or a couple should bring sufficient for serving six or more persons.) Please phone Mrs. Lillian Montgomery, DI 4-4249, Mrs. Adelaide Fichtner, DI 3-0751, Mrs. Oleta Dickinson, EM 6-7661, or Mrs. Eugene Hebron, DI 3-0415.

### Meeting Program - at 8:00 P.M.

The main feature of the program will be an account, illustrated by their colored slides, given by our members Aveline and Jim Butler telling of their two-week walking tour along the John Muir Train in the high Sierras from Tuolumne toward Bishop, a distance of about 100 miles. This was a Wampler Trail Tour led by Joe Wampler. We shall be privileged to see some of their many pictures of nature and scenery taken along the way.

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## MEETINGS

Thursday, October 5th, 8:00 p.m. Board Meeting at Eugenia Hebron's home, 1055 Black Mt. Rd., Hillsborough.

Thursday, October 12th. Pot Luck dinner, 6:00 p.m. at Washington School, Howard Ave., Burlingame, in the cafeteria followed by Regular Meeting at 8:00 p.m. Do plan to come and bring a friend. Please contact one of the following Pot Luck Committee members if you are attending the dinner: Mrs. Montgomery, DI 4-4249, Mrs. Adelaide Fichtner, DI 3-0751, Mrs. Oleta Dickinson, EM 6-7661, Mrs. E. Hebron, DI 3-0415.

## CHANGE OF EDITORS

It is with regret that the Board accepts the resignation of Carol Boyd as Editor of the Sequoia. We say many thanks, Carol, for the very excellent job you have done for the past two years. Mrs. Margaret Girouard will be the Editor of the Sequoia for the remainder of this year. So, send all contributions for the Bulletin to her by the 20th of each month. -- Eugenia Hebron.

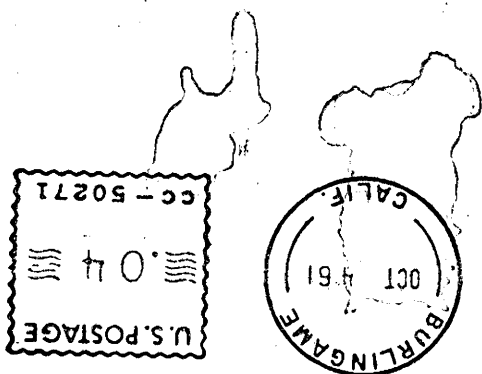
## OBSERVATIONS

Saw the first Gold Crown Sparrow of this season in our feeder on September 21st. -- E. Hebron.

## OCTOBER FIELD TRIPS

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| October 15<br>Sunday   | Dumbarton Bridge: Meet at 8:30 A.M. on north side of bridge approach, 1 1/2 miles east of railroad track which crosses Willow Road at beginning of bridge approach. Lunch optional. Leader: Dr. B. Neil Dickinson (EM 6-7661) |
| October 28<br>Saturday | Pillar Point: Meet at 8:30 A.M. at intersection of Skyline and Half Moon Bay Road. Lunch optional. Leaders: Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Montgomery (DI 4-4249)   |

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## SEPTEMBER FIELD TRIP

September 30 Sunday  
Alpine Lake: Meet at Vista Point north of Marin County end of Golden Gate Bridge at 9:00 A.M. Take lunch.  
Leaders: Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Kroll (OX 7-2051).

Board Meeting, September 7th, 8:00 P.M., at Eugenia Hebrón's home, 1055 Black Mt. Rd., Hillsborough.

Regular Meeting, September 14th, 8:00 P.M., at Washington School, Howard Ave., Burlingame.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The long summer vacation is over, and we take up our activities again, refreshed and looking forward to our meetings and field trips. As your President, with the help of the Board of Directors and able Committees, I shall endeavor to make this year an interesting and enjoyable one for all.

The Committees are not complete. Any member who would like to serve on any of them will be welcomed. Just contact the President or Committee Chairman. Any suggestions on how we can serve you better are always welcome, as are items, for the Bulletin, of your observations of the things you may have seen in your gardens or on trips.

Eugenia Hebrón, President

Those of you, who have slides or films taken on your vacations that would be of interest to us, and would like to share them with the members of the Society, contact the Program Chairman, "Monty" Montgomery—DI 4-4249.

On June 11th we noted eight Canadian Geese on Crystal Springs Lakes, and on July 18th we saw them again.

Gene Hebrón

## THE HOVERING SONG BIRD

Several people reported seeing a small bird hovering close to the ground near the Pescadero Road a short distance from the ocean last spring. Bonnie and I made several trips to the area and finally found the little bird hovering like a white-iled kite as it searched the ground for insects. It was a bluebird. The Mountain Bluebird has established a reputation for hovering; but apparently little has been written about hovering by Western Bluebirds. Our Bluebird was almost certainly a Western.

On July 31, near Healdsburg, Bonnie and I again saw Bluebirds hovering; and this time we were sure they were Western Bluebirds.

Jed (J. Ed.) McClellan

## THE TUNITAS CREEK - GAZOS CREEK TRIP

The morning of May 21, 1961, was overcast; and the sun did not break through until after noon; but the group who went on the Tunitas Creek - Gazos Creek trip wished only that there were two days for the trip. There was so much to see in the Tunitas Creek Canyon that we found it hard to save time for Gazos Creek; yet Gazos Creek Canyon was equally rewarding. Some of us returned by way of Pigeon Point, spending a little time at the end of the day on the cliffs above the ocean.

Including the Pigeon Point return trip, we saw fifty-two species of birds and 126 species of plants in bloom. We had a really great day!

Perhaps the most exciting experience of the entire day was watching a golden eagle on the nest; and all who saw her will be glad to know that she successfully raised two eagles, who can now be seen soaring over the hills, with the white underwing patches distinguishing them from adults.

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## THE BUTANO FIRE TRAIL TRIP

Thirty people turned out for the annual trip along the Butano Fire Trail to see the Rhododendrons in bloom.

The Rhododendrons were in full bloom in the sun; but the bushes at Steel Flat, in the shade, were not in bloom.

In addition to the Rhododendrons, we saw many other plants in bloom, including, as usual, the Bush Poppies and Chapparal Pea.

We saw fifty-three species of birds, including a flock of Red Crossbills, a couple of Golden Eagles, and a few Band-tailed Pigeons.

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## THE SAWYER CAMP ROAD TRIP

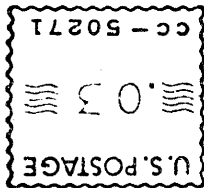
Many thought that June 24 was very late for a trip along Sawyer Camp Road; but those who went found much to enjoy, including nearly a hundred species of plants in bloom. Some people who have known Sawyer Camp Road for years but always gone in the Spring were surprised to find plants which they had never seen before, plants that bloom only in the summer. Some of these were the Dwarf Navaretia, the Creeping Psoralea, and the Monardella. Of course the Fairwell to Spring was at the height of its season. The Hairy Birdbeak was not even in bloom yet; but the plants were well developed—

new to most of the group on the trip.

With respect to birds, we found only twenty-three species, a low count for this road.

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GET ACQUAINTED NIGHT

The first meeting this fall will be held at Washington School, 801 Howard Avenue, Burlingame, at 8:00 p.m. on September 14.

Now note this carefully: we want you to take part in the program! We propose to ask all our members to tell us of their vacations this summer--where they went, what they did, and especially of any nature activities, and to show us some of their best pictures if they wish to do that.

To allow for an orderly program will you please telephone either Mrs. Neil Dickinson (Em 6-7661) or Mr. A. E. Montgomery (Di 4-4249) advising how much time you would like and about how many pictures you wish to show.

We will have a projector to handle single 35mm. slides (not in magazines) so bring your slides in a box having your name on it.

At this rather informal program we have a good opportunity to get reacquainted for the interesting year of programs and field trips just ahead of us.

We already know of some stimulating vacation experiences about which we shall hear. We may expect to get some grand ideas for our own future vacation trips. Why not bring your friends?