



# The Sequoia



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## MEETINGS

- January 4 BOARD MEETING at Eugenia Hebbron's  
Thursday home, 1055 Black Mountain Road, Hills-  
borough. 8 P.M.
- January 11 REGULAR MEETING at Washington  
Thursday School Auditorium, 801 Howard Ave.,  
Burlingame. 8 P.M.

## FIELD TRIPS

- January 13 LAKE MERCED Meet at coffee shop  
Saturday at lake at 8:30 A.M. Leaders: Mr. &  
Mrs. Nicholas Kroll, Ox 7-2051. Lunch  
optional.
- January 21 SAWYER'S CAMP ROAD Meet at park-  
Sunday ing area at Crystal Springs Dam at  
8:30 A.M. Leader: Mrs. Eugenia  
Hebbron DI 3-0415. Lunch optional.
- February 4 LOBITAS CREEK Meet at junction of  
Sunday Skyline Blvd. and Half Moon Bay Road.  
at 8:30 A.M. Leader: Dr. B. Neil  
Dickinson. EM 6-7661. Lunch optional.

## FIELD TRIP TO GOLDEN GATE PARK ON DEC. 9

The December 9th field trip, with a total of 43 species recorded, offered unusual pleasure even for experienced observers. Most eventful occasion of the day was the occurrence of four or five pairs of Wood Ducks on Middle Lake of the Chain of Lakes. They were being lured out of the water with feed scattered on the bank by a member of Golden Gate Audubon Society. Seven pairs have been reported seen at one time. They have been on the lake since early October, so if you missed this field trip, do make an effort to see this most beautiful of American ducks at close range.

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## FIELD TRIP TO FOOTHILLS ABOVE REDWOOD CITY NOVEMBER 19.

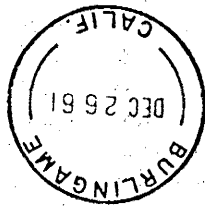
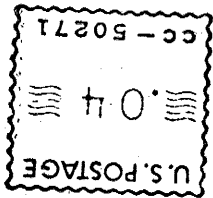
The troupe assembled at Pulgas Temple and then moved to Crystal Springs Lake to observe new arrivals. Little change was noted in the complexion of the waterfowl present. Next, the fourteen car caravan wended its way to parking spots opposite the Dickinsons' oak grove. The piece de resistance was the walk through typical chaparral, grasslands, and ravines of the coastal foothills as still exist along Oak Park Way and Hillcrest Way. Chamise, scrub oak, toyon, garrya, *C. cuneatus*, laurel, shaparral pea, and honeysuckle are the dominant shrubs of the shaparral.

Hardy members and visitors lunched in the lee of the oaks and boulders of the Dickinsons' front yard, while the timid ones joined Oleta and Neil inside in front of an open fire.

Birds observed were: Eared grebe 1, Horned grebe 1, Farallon cormorant 12, Great blue heron 1, Am. egret 1, Canada geese many, Mallard few, Am. widgeon 1, Pintails few, Shovellers abundant, Redhead 2, Canvasback 4, Scaup 8, Bufflehead 1, Ruddy duck 10, Turkey vulture 1, Red-tailed hawk 1, Marsh hawk 1, Sparrow hawks 6, Calif. quail 13, Coots plentiful, Killdeer 1, Calif. gulls few, Ring-billed gulls several, New gulls several, Mourning dove 3, Anna's humming bird 1, Red shafted flicker 3, Black phoebe 1, Scrub jays plentiful, Chestnut-backed chickadee few, Plain titmouse 1, Bush-tits few, Wren-tits plentiful, Bewick's wren 1, Mocking bird 1, Calif. thrasher 4, Robins few, Varied thrush 1 (dead), Hermit thrush 5, Am. pipit 3, Shrike 1, Hutton's vireo 1, Audubon's warbler few, English sparrow few, Western meadowlark few, Brewer's blackbirds many, Cowbird 1, House finches few, Pine siskin 1 flock, Lesser goldfinch 1 flock, Brown towhee few, Savannah sparrow 3, Oregon junco several, Golden-crowned sparrow few, White-crowned sparrow several, Fox sparrow 1, Song sparrow 3, Band-tailed pigeon. (59) species).

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Also at Middle Lake was a lively looking conifer tree that turned out to be thickly populated with Ruby-crowned Kinglets, Red-breasted Nuthatches, Chestnut-backed Chickadees, one Brown Creeper, one Townsend Warbler, an Audubon Warbler, and close at hand, a pair of Winter Wrens--all seen without taking a step.

Try too, to see the shy Common Snipe and the elusive pair of Soras (we saw only one this trip) that have established residence on the pond in Strybing Arboretum. The bench on the west side of the lake is a good observation point. Look across the pond to the water line, in the shadows of the large Weeping Willow.

In addition to those listed above, other birds observed on this trip were: Snow Goose, Canvasback, Scaup, Ruddy Duck, Mallard, American Widgeon, Shoveler, California Quail, Band-tailed Pigeon, Coot, Western Gull, Ring-billed Gull, California Gull, Hummingbird sp., Black Phoebe, Red-shafted Flicker, Scrub Jay, Plain Titmouse, Common Bushtit, Marsh Wren, Robin, Varied Thrush, Hermit Thrust, English Sparrow, Brewer's Blackbird, House Finch, Brown Towhee, Rufous-sided Towhee, Oregon Junco, Song Sparrow, Fox Sparrow, White-crowned Sparrow, Golden-crowned Sparrow.

Florence Richardson

### HYBRID FLICKERS

Observed December 14th and 15th on Borel Estate, at Bore Avenue and Alameda de las Pulgas, the following hybrid Flickers:

- (I) "Mustache", red; crescent on nape, red; wing-linings red.
- (II) "Mustache", black; crescent on nape, red; wing-linings, orange.

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