



Sequoia Audubon Society is a branch of National Audubon Society. Its purpose is to enjoy and safeguard the wildlife of the Bay Area. All interested persons are welcomed at field trips, bird walks and monthly general meetings.

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MEETINGS

- Dec. 6 BOARD MEETING at home of A. E. Montgomery, 2270 Summit Drive, Hillsborough. Any Audubon member is welcome.
- Dec. 13 POTLUCK SUPPER at Washington School Cafeteria, 801 Howard Avenue, Burlingame. Please phone Ruth Carle (DI 4-1630) or Fern Boswell (FI 5-0643) and say if you will bring salad, main dish, or dessert. Also bring friends - each equipped with plate, silver, and cup and stay for delightful program to be presented at regular meeting in Auditorium upstairs.
- Dec. 13 REGULAR MEETING at Washington School Auditorium, 801 Howard Ave., Burlingame. Nature photographer Tullio Pellegrini will show his film, THE HUMMING BIRD. "Terrific" is the word for this film, says Program Chairman "Uke" Gras. This is the life story of the Anna's Humming Bird including nesting and rearing of young. Mr. Pellegrini has consented to answer questions about the making of the film.

Florence Richardson, who attended as our delegate, will report on National Audubon's 58th Convention held recently in Corpus Christi, Texas.

MORNING BIRD WALK

- Dec. 6 SAWYER CAMP ROAD - Meet at Thursday Crystal Springs Dam on Skyline Blvd. 8:30 A.M. near Crystal Springs Rd., San Mateo. For transportation call leader Florence Richardson (FI 5-4443).

FIELD TRIPS

- Dec. 2 DUMBARTON BRIDGE - Meet in parking area on left side of road about 1/2 Sunday mile out. Lunch optional. Leader: 9:00 AM Neil Dickinson (EM 6-7661). An exceptional opportunity for studying shore birds.
- Dec. 15 GOLDEN GATE PARK - Meet at parking Saturday area near 41st Ave. & Lincoln Way 8:30 A.M. Entrance. Take lunch. Leader: Florence Richardson (FI 5-4443). Forty-three species of birds were recorded on this trip last year, among them the spectacular Wood Duck and the elusive Sora Rail.

RECOMMENDED READING

- University of California announces the following new titles in its NATURAL HISTORY GUIDE SERIES:
- ROCKS AND MINERALS OF THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION - by Oliver E. Bowen, Jr. \$1.50
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THE BIRD WHO CAME TO DINNER

We are indebted to Sequoia Past President Ruth Breckenridge for the following report by Mrs. Donald Sanders, mother of one of Ruth's seventh grade pupils:

"On September 14, a sparrow hawk landed on the front porch of Maryann Danielson at Edgehill and California Drive in Burlingame. She is the Director of the San Mateo County Junior Museum and so she recognized the call. She identified it as a young adult male. It perched on her finger and seemed happy in the house. It was banded and very gentle.

She asked my son Philip to keep the bird and so he built a large perch and cage outside for it. Miss Danielson brought the bird over at night in her car. Our home is at 1412 Drake Avenue. (I'd estimate this distance as about two miles in a heavily populated area - R. B.)

As soon as it became light, the bird began to call loudly and was very unhappy until we brought him into the house. He flew immediately to the highest perch in the family room. He seemed to want human attention. He liked to perch on a finger, but did not care to be stroked. He loved chunks of horsemeat and was most unfriendly when his food was threatened by our approach.

After we had kept him four days, he escaped from his jesses while Philip had him outside and flew in two large circles. He flew toward California Drive, and Miss Danielson said he arrived at dark in the same place on her porch.

She seems to have a permanent pet since he sits on a specially built perch high on a beam in her living room. He takes an active interest in the preparation of his dinner and flies free each evening, returning when it becomes dark."

I heard a bird sing in the dark of December
A wondrous thing and sweet to remember,
"We are nearer to Spring than we were in September".

Oliver Herford

NEED FOR PARKS AND WILDERNESS

Do we have enough parks or is there still a need? Many of our parks whose scenic values are their chief asset are unsuitable for camping and recreational uses so that the percentage of useful recreation spots is not as great as it appears.

We, in the western states, are favorably endowed, but not to the extent that we should discontinue working diligently for more park possibilities before it is too late for acquisition. One has only to go to one of our parks on a warm summer day to see hundreds of people turned away for lack of accommodations.

Every acre of park space we acquire seems to be the result of a battle with our legislature or congress. This was aptly exemplified in the struggle to preserve the Pt. Reyes project, which, but for the untiring work of the late Congressman Clem Miller who so expertly steered the bill along to completion, might still be lying dormant while bulldozers bite away in destruction of this beautiful shoreline.

Note the Wilderness Bill, S174, still held up half dead and badly mutilated, just for the lack of leadership of a Clem Miller. No one can be hurt by the adoption of this bill but millions down through the years stand to benefit by its passage. Yet, a handful of money-minded interests are blocking its passage in the House after it passed the Senate without question.

We are not all Clem Millers but we can do our small part and give encouragement to leaders who are trying to save land that otherwise would be ravished and denuded of its values to humanity.

Conservation Committee
W. C. Harman, Chairman

WE WELCOME THESE NEW MEMBERS

From Burlingame: Mr. C. J. Daniels. From Menlo Park: Mrs. Edith Dickinson. From Mountain View: Mrs. Edith A. Glynn.