



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. PRESIDENT: Mr. A. E. Montgomery, 2270 Summit Drive, Hillsborough, California. PHONE: DI 4-4249

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MEETINGS

- JUNE: BOARD MEETING. Old and new board members will be notified of time and place of meeting.
- JULY & AUGUST: HAPPY VACATION TO ALL! Bring back photographic record of summer encounters with nature for showing at early fall meeting.
- SEPT. REGULAR MEETING will be resumed. See September edition of THE SEQUOIA for announcements.

FIELD TRIPS

DATE: Saturday, June 8, 8:30 A.M.  
 PLACE: Tunitas Creek Rd.  
 MEET: At intersection of Skyline Blvd. & Half Moon Bay Rd.  
 BRING: Lunch, binoculars, camera  
 LEADER: Dr. B. Neil Dickinson, EM 6-7661  
 NOTICE: Bluebirds have been seen here.

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 DATE: Sunday, June 16, 8:30 A.M.  
 PLACE: Ano Nuevo Island  
 MEET: At intersection of Skyline Blvd. & Half Moon Bay Rd.  
 BRING: Lunch, Binoculars, camera  
 LEADERS: Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Kroll, OX 7-2051  
 NOTICE: When scouting out this area the leaders saw a sea elephant, sea lions, baby coots, and pieces of obsidian on the beautiful beach.

OUTGOING PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It has been a pleasant experience to serve as your president this year. The devoted support given by the other officers, and the Board members, and Committee Chairmen has been an inspiration to me. Their dedication to furthering the aims of our Society assures its future.

A. E. Montgomery

CORDIALLY WELCOMED TO MEMBERSHIP

In San Mateo, Mr. Bernard Clayton, Jr.: from Millbrae, Mrs. Ida B. Waller; from Hillsborough, Mr. R. W. Nelson, Mr. William E. Rand; from Burlingame, Miss Maryann Danielson, Miss Danielson is not new to National Audubon membership but has only recently become affiliated with our branch. She is director of San Mateo County Junior Museum.

NEW SCHEDULE FOR RESOURCE CENTER

Audubon Conservation Resource Center, 2426 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, announces summer hours will be 12 P.M. to 5 P.M. Monday through Friday effective June 1.

The Center will re-open Saturdays commencing October 5. Hours to be announced.

Your purchases of books, gifts, and teaching aids assist National Audubon in its conservation programs.

CONSERVATION NOTES

A bill recently passed the Assembly Committee on Natural Resources, planning and public works, which would allow the State to condemn land for public statewide networks of Riding and Hiking Trails. The bill, by Assemblyman Carl Britschgi of San Mateo County, is next scheduled for a hearing on May 27 by the Ways and Means Committee.

The Natural Resources Committee amended the bill to limit the proposed Trails to twenty-foot ft. widths; to allow for fencing and gates at State expense upon request of adjacent property owners; and to bar those with loaded firearms from using the trails.

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Dr. Jerome Wiesner, chairman of the President's Science Advisory Group, recently testified before a US Senate Subcommittee that the uncontrolled use of pesticides and other poisonous chemicals is potentially a much greater hazard than radio-active fallout. The Advisory Group has recommended speedy federal action to protect humanity and wild life by more judicious use of chemical pesticides. At the hearings the entire field of Pollution by fallout, chemical sprays, auto traffic exhaust, industrial wastes, and other sources, is being considered along with means of controlling them. The Department of Agriculture is particularly interested in a strong pesticide control program to strengthen its efforts in helping our agriculture to provide a plentiful and wholesome food supply for all.

Robert C. Lebkicher  
 Conservation Chairman

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PESTICIDES SPOKESMAN TWISTS DATA

Local Audubon leaders may wish to know how to counter misleading information being given wide publicity as a result of claims by Dr. Robert H. White-Stevens, spokesman for the American Cyanamid Company, that Christmas Bird Counts show greatly increased bird populations over recent decades. Dr. White-Stevens argues that "evidence" drawn from AUDUBON FIELD NOTES rebuts Rachel Carson's thesis that chemical insecticides are a threat to wildlife populations.

The Society's staff biologist, Roland C. Clement, points out that Christmas Count data do not lend themselves to summation, and that Dr. White-Stevens' conclusions are completely invalid. There have been too many variables in the conduct of the counts, Clement said. Not only has the number of counts and the number of participants increased, but the skill of many of the bird observers has been much improved over the years. Furthermore, the competitive nature of these counts has tended to bring about changes in the areas surveyed, so as to include the localities of greatest bird concentration, thus making them no longer comparable. The counts have value, but they must be analyzed with care and understanding of the variables involved.

Claims of any nationwide decrease of bird populations due to the use of chemical pesticides have been made by the National Audubon Society or by any responsible wildlife agency. There is, however, strong presumptive evidence that the population of several species of birds are being adversely affected by these chemicals. Among these are the national bird, the American bald eagle, and the osprey, both fish-eating birds, and both of which have shown marked inability to produce normal numbers of young in the eastern United States in recent years. DDT or its metabolites have been found in the infertile eggs of both species.

There is also indisputable evidence that bird populations and other wildlife have been severely reduced in local areas subjected to heavy or repeated insecticide treatment.

From AUDUBON LEADER'S CONSERVATION GUIDE

NATIONAL AUDUBON REPORTS

The Garden Club of America has awarded its Founder's Fund Award of \$3,000 to Woodside-Atherton Garden Club which will use the money to develop the north canyon of Audubon Canyon Ranch as part of a wildlife sanctuary and nature center. The Ranch is a project of Marin and Golden Gate Audubon Societies.

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As a sequel to SILENT SPRING, The Houghton Mifflin Co. plans to bring out a book on poison-free gardening. Another publishing firm will soon produce a paperback edition of SILENT SPRING.

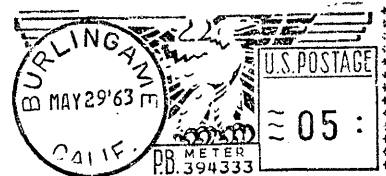
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The man whose interpretations of Audubon Field Notes data are quoted by Dr. Robert H. White-Stevens of American Cyanamid, when he attempts to prove that bird populations have increased along with the proliferation of pesticides, is Philip H. Marvin, an official of the Homar Agriculture Chemical Co. of Wichita, Kansas.

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Audubon members everywhere are invited to join a field party of the Maine Audubon Society which has reserved a hilltop site with a panoramic view in the path of totality of the solar eclipse that will occur July 20. Cost of the round-trip chartered bus trip (including dinner) from Portland is \$7. Make reservations by June 20 to Christopher M. Packard, Director, 22 Elm St., Portland, Me.

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