



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. John L. Morrill, 505 Costa Rica Avenue, San Mateo, DI 4-5497.

MEETINGS

October 1
Thursday
8:00 pm
BOARD MEETING at the home of President John L. Morrill, 505 Costa Rica Ave., San Mateo. All Board members are urged to attend, and any members of Sequoia are welcome to come.

October 8
Thursday
6:30 pm
POTLUCK SUPPER at Burlingame Intermediate School, located at Quesada Way and Davis Drive. (Directions for reaching the school are given below). We hope all members will attend. Please call co-chairman Ruth Canoles (344-4882) to let her know whether you will bring salad, main dish or dessert.

October 8
Thursday
8:30 pm
REGULAR MEETING - for this time only, to be held at the Burlingame Intermediate School. Directions are given below. Although this location may not be as convenient as our usual one, please try to come, as Gene and Jack Hebbbron are going to present a program on the subject of the Sawyers Camp Road. This is one of the most accessible and rewarding locations for short nature trips to be found in our area, and the Hebbbrons know it very well. By means of a discussion, illustrated by Jack's fine pictures, they will acquaint us with the variety of both plant and bird life to be found here.

TO REACH BURLINGAME INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL
Proceed north on El Camino to Trousdale Ave., the first traffic light north of Peninsula Hospital. Turn left (West) on Trousdale for 3 blocks, to Quesada Way, and turn left on Quesada. The School is then on the right hand side of the street, at the end of the first block. There is a good off-street parking area in front of the school.

FIELD TRIPS

(Chairman: G. Paul Lechich DI 3-7688)

Saturday
Sept. 26
8:30 am
PILLAR POINT
Leader: J. Ed McClellan (DI 4-3486)
Meet at the intersection of Skyline and Half-moon Bay Road. Lunch optional for those who wish to stay past noon. This area offers both shore and sea birds, as well as many field varieties. There are usually some species of special interest seen, such as snipe, turnstones, and others.

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8:30 am
FORT CRONKITE AND POINT BONITO
Leader: Gene Hebbbron (DI 3-0415)
Meet at Vista Point, at the Marin County end of Golden Gate Bridge. Bring a lunch.
Here again there should be many migrating shore birds in Rodeo Lagoon.

Saturday
October 17
7:30 am
GRIZZLY ISLAND
Leader: Nick Kroll (OX 7-2051)
Meet at 7:30 at Millbrae S.P. Station, or at Union School in Fairfield, at 8:30 am.
In a scouting trip, Nick reports that he saw many interesting birds, and feels that this region compares favorably with the Sacramento Refuge at Willows. There is a good coffee shop nearby for those who do not want to carry their lunch.

MID-WEEK BIRD WALKS

(Leader: Gene Hebbbron 343-0415)

Thursday
October 1
Crystal Springs Lakes Area.
For information on time and place to meet, call Gene Hebbbron.

Thursday
October 15
Bay Farm Island, Alameda County
For time and place to meet, call Gene Hebbbron.

BEGINNERS BIRD WALKS

(Leader: Florence Richardson FI 5-4443)

Thursday
October 8
9:00 am
Meet at Borel and Oak
These monthly field excursions will be of great help to novices in the identification of our common field birds.

FIELD TRIP REPORT

The first field trip of the season was to the Dumbarton Bridge area, under the leadership of Neil Dickinson, on September 12. Although it was a little early for the majority of shore birds, those who took the trip were well rewarded by seeing about forty species of birds. Of special interest was the sighting of several Ruddy Turnstones, as well as the more common Black Turnstones. Both the Long-billed and Hudsonian Curlews were observed, as were all three kinds of Phalaropes. There were literally thousands of Northern Phalaropes, with a sprinkling of Reds. Only three of the larger Wilson's were seen. Both Snowy and Semi-palmated Plovers were seen, along with many Black-bellied and a few Killdeer. Many varieties of Gulls and Sandpipers were counted. A few Black-necked Stilts appeared and there were also other large shore birds in evidence, such as the ever-present Willet, Godwits, and Dowitchers. About thirty White Pelicans were counted at the east end. Several Great Blue and Black-crowned Night Herons were seen at the start of the trip.

CONSERVATION NOTES

The Sequoia Audubon Society is to start a long range survey of shore birds and ducks for the State of California Department of Fish and Game in October. This survey is part of a comprehensive study of the entire San Francisco Bay area being conducted by this department, for the purpose of having concrete figures at hand in the future with which to combat efforts of commercial or industrial interests to fill in or take over parts of the bay for their purposes. The Department of Fish and Game feel they will have a stronger case for the protection and retention of the shore areas if they can cite the need for preserving these sites for wildlife, with reliable data. For this reason they have asked and are receiving help from various organizations from San Jose to the Delta region.

The San Mateo County Junior Museum has been asked to head up such a study in the region from Coyote Point south to the Dumbarton Bridge. Not having the necessary personnel for such an assignment, they have asked Sequoia Audubon to furnish the man-power required for such a large project. Other Audubon groups are doing this in other areas, and college groups are also participating. It is our feeling that this program offers a great opportunity for a major community service.

The survey will require that teams of two to four persons be assigned cover designated areas twice each month, for a period of two years. The survey is to start about October 1.

We already have a number of volunteers, and captains have been assigned for most sections. However, over such a long period of time, it will of course be necessary to have alternates, and replacements. Less experienced observers can be helpful in the roles of counters and tabulators. We therefore request that everyone who can join these groups, even on an irregular basis, sign up for this program. To enlist in this enterprise, contact any of the following:

Miss Maryann Danielson
Director - San Mateo County Junior Museum
Phone: 344-9911

Miss Danielson is the director and coordinator of this program.

Jack L. Morrill
505 Costa Rica Avenue
San Mateo (DI 4-5497)

Robert C. Lebkicher
1840 Anamor Street
Redwood City (Em 6-6418)

In addition to participating in an important community service project, those who do not feel that they know the shore birds well can be of great help and at the same time have a wonderful opportunity to learn about these birds and their habits by joining this work. Through program, we will have the privilege of entering many areas along shoreline which are normally closed to us, and by trading assignments from time to time, those participating will be able to visit many new spots for the observation of birds.

For those who are interested in the study, there will be a trip over the entire section assigned to us, under the guidance of the Department of Fish and Game. The trip will start from the Junior Museum at Coyote Point at 1:30 pm on Sunday, September 27. Transportation from this point will be provided by the Department of Fish and Game, in two station wagons. If too many people show up, we can probably use some private cars as well.

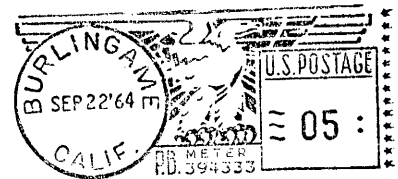
LIBRARY NOTES

By G. Paul Lechich - Chief Librarian, Burlingame

THE WORLD OF BIRDS, by James Fisher and Roger Tory Peterson, contains 668 of Mr. Peterson's full color painting of birds from all over the world, plus other illustrations and a natural history text which analyses the 8,580 bird species known to exist.

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