



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.

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MEETINGS

Jan. 7 BOARD MEETING at the home of President John L. Morrill, 505 Costa Rica Avenue, San Mateo. All Board members and committee chairmen are urged to attend, and all members are welcome to do so.

Jan. 14 POTLUCK SUPPER at Washington School Cafeteria, 801 Howard Avenue, Burlingame. Due to the visit of the Western Regional Representative of the National Audubon Society, Mr. William Goodall, we are having an extra Potluck Dinner this month. Mr. Goodall has accepted our invitation to join us at dinner, so those who know him can renew their acquaintance, and those who do not, can become acquainted with him. In view of this unusual opportunity, we urge all who can, to come to this dinner. Please call Carol Boyd or Ruth Canoles at DI 4-5901, to let them know what you will bring - - salad, main dish or dessert.

Jan. 14 REGULAR MEETING at Washington School Auditorium, at the address given above. We are very pleased to be able to announce that Monty Montgomery has recovered sufficiently from his recent siege to be able to show us his pictures of last summer's safari to Africa. This is something we have all been looking forward to, and those who have seen Monty's work before know that this will be a real treat.

CHRISTMAS BIRD CENSUS

Date: Saturday, January 2, 1965  
 Coordinator: B. Neil Dickinson Phone: EM 6-7661  
 554 Oak Park Way  
 Redwood City, California

Meeting: Pugas Water Temple, on La Canada Road, at 8:00 pm.  
 Place: This is the official meeting place. However, those who feel adventurous are invited to meet from 7:00 a.m. on, at Neil's home. It will be drier and warmer there, Neil promises.

- Principal Areas to be covered:
1. Crystal Springs Lakes
  2. Pillar Point and Half Moon Bay
  3. Upper reaches of Tunitas Creek plus Skyline, back to the Crystal Springs Causeway.
  4. Belmont Sloughs
  5. Brewer's Island and approach to the San Mateo Bridge, out to the toll plaza.
  6. Coyote Point and environs
  7. North of Coyote Point to and including the San Francisco Airport.

Those members who are unable to participate in the field work, are urged to count birds in their own yards, and to report the results to Neil. Those engaged in the Shore Survey for the Department of Fish and Game, and whose assignments are within our census area, are requested to so inform Neil, and to make their counts on January 2, getting the results to Neil, as well as to Maryann Danielson. ALL birds seen are to be counted for the census, not just shore birds.

FIELD TRIPS

(Chairman: G. Paul Lechich 344-1164)

Jan. 23 GOLDEN GATE PARK  
 Saturday Leaders: Gene Hebbroon DI 3-0415  
 8:30 a.m. Florence Richardson FI 5-4443  
 Meeting Place: Meet at parking area one-half block inside park from Lincoln Avenue, at 41st Avenue. There should be a good variety of ducks on the lakes, and wintering birds around the shrubbery and trees.

We regret to report that Mrs. Will Harman suffered a broken hip several weeks ago, and that Margaret Bump had a similar mishap just before Christmas. Margaret is at the Peninsula Hospital at present, while Mrs. Harmon has been confined at Sequoia Hospital.

REPORT ON DECEMBER MEETING

Through the auspices of Jed and Bonnie McClellan, we were fortunate to have as our guest and speaker at the December meeting, Mrs. Alice Ackley, of St. Helena. Mrs. Ackley presented an outstanding program of colored slides depicting various stages in the life cycles of several types of butterflies. These were of exceptional beauty, and were most interesting. In addition, Mrs. Ackley showed slides of both animal and plant life, as well as many bird pictures. Besides the fine pictures, Mrs. Ackley's comments and anecdotes regarding the pictures and their subjects added spice and interest to the program. We are certainly indebted to Mrs. Ackley for a marvelous evening.

At this season, thinking about Christmas trees and such; the Save-the-Redwoods League in its annual letter mentions that State Parks preserving the redwoods in 102,000 acres really represent private donations plus matching State funds over the years of about \$19.5 million - and these same lands, acquired today (if available) would cost \$250 million!

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With regard to the proposed Redwoods National Park, the Sierra Club and Save-the-Redwoods League are convinced from past experience that preserving the groves must be implemented by owning or controlling the entire surrounding watersheds from rim to rim. The Park proposal considers also grants-in-aid to accomplish this as part of the program.

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State Parks being invaded at will by freeways under powers of the State Highway Commission is a controversy now under study by the State Senate Committee on Natural Resources under Sen. Fred Farr (Carmel) holding public hearings in San Francisco in December. Recommended were voices in such plans by the State Parks Commission and State Resources Agency and strong curtailment of Highway's constitutional powers. Routing is according to a "use-formula" which is weighted heavily in favor of truckers; and most other public interest factors have largely been ignored.

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Mrs. Ralph Jacobson of Hillsborough, an active conservationist, has written a letter of protest to the US Geological Survey Chief in Washington, D.C. for the "muzzling" of two USGS staffers in Menlo Park, who have on their own spoken out against building, especially apartments or office structures, on bay fill lands. Your president and representative heard the testimony given by these two men at the McAteer Commission meetings. It was obvious that these men were speaking upon professional knowledge gained from the Anchorage earthquake and other studies, with a conviction that a danger does exist; that a strong quake in this area is likely. At some risk to themselves, they spoke out in what they considered to be a public duty.

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More threat to our SF Bay - a proposed San Luis Drain would empty agricultural wastes (including pesticide residues) into the Bay at Antioch from the San Joaquin Valley area. Now under protest and study by a local committee. Cost of the project, using the Bay route - \$42 million. Same to the ocean area - \$122 million. A local opponent pointed out that cleaning up the Bay's pollution to date has cost \$200 million and this would likely be nullified by the San Luis project.

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In the proposed McAteer Commission report to the Legislature this month, it takes nine different definitions to describe San Francisco Bay. One was impressed at the hearings by what resolved into a clash between State-rule and "home-rule" for the nine-county region's public interests. If the latter continues, the definitions will be two - "ship channel" and "real estate" with covering haze and garbage smells to match.

Bob Lebkicher  
Conservation

Return to: Sequoia Audubon Society Bulletin  
c/o John L. Morrill  
505 Costa Rica Avenue  
San Mateo, Calif.  
(Form 3457 Requested)

We are happy to learn that the local Educational TV station, KQED is planning to present a series of programs on matters of interest to conservationists, under the title of "CONSERVATION '64", with Georg Treichel. Mr. Treichel is an ecologist, with broad experience in both this country and abroad.

The programs will start on Monday, January 4, at 8:00 pm, will be shown each week at this time. The first and third programs of each month will focus on California areas and subjects. The second program of each month will cover a recreational area or problem, while the fourth program will have an interesting international theme.

The following themes will receive special attention throughout the series:

- a). The Natural Beauty of California and the United States.
- b). The Recreational Requirements of an expanding population.
- c). The Quality of man's urban and rural environment.
- d). The art of travel: interpreting the landscape.
- e). The Principles of general ecology.

The first month's programs as now set up are as follows:

- Jan. 4 THE VALUE OF SAN FRANCISCO BAY  
On the quality of man's urban environment.
- Jan. 11 FLOODING THE GRAND CANYON?  
Another dam proposal on the Colorado River.
- Jan. 18 RIM OF LAKE TAHOE - A MOUNTAIN CESSPOOL?  
Pollution and freeway problems in the Sierra Nevada.
- Jan 25 CRISES IN THE CONGO NATIONAL PARKS  
Wildlife during a major political transition.

It is suggested that anyone wanting to help KQED with their fine community service can best do so by joining the list of sponsors of the station, at a cost of \$12.50.

KQED is the first station in the United States to present a series of programs on conservation, and are deserving of all the support we can give them.

ORDINANCE TO SAVE SKYLINE

The San Mateo County Supervisors have been conducting hearings regarding the passing of an ordinance to place a moratorium on development of Skyline, south of Half Moon Bay Road, to provide time for developing a plan to retain this as a scenic parkway. There is considerable opposition from developers and a few property owners who are looking for quick profits at any cost to the community at large.

The Supervisors are scheduled to vote on this matter at their meeting on January 19. It is therefore important that every citizen who wants to keep this drive as a scenic one, should write to one or more of the Supervisors at once, stating that they favor passing the interim ordinance, and that permanent plans to develop this road as a scenic highway are essential for both the aesthetic and the economic development of the county.

San Mateo County Supervisors are as follows:

- James V. Fitzgerald (Chairman) 109 Crystal Ct., San Bruno
- T. Louis Chess - 649 Costa Rica Ave., San Mateo
- William Werder - 845 Marshall, Redwood City
- Alvin Hatch - Miramar Drive, Half Moon Bay
- Edward R. McDonald - 1428 Chapin Ave., Burlingame

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