



# The Sequoia



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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 Dr., Hillsborough 344-4249 - Editor, Mr. J.L. Morrill, 505 Costa Rica Ave., San Mateo, 344-5497.

## MEETINGS

February 2 BOARD MEETING at the home of President A. Thursday E. Montgomery, 2270 Summit Drive, Hills- 7:45 P.M. borough. Committee chairmen should attend if possible, and other members are welcome.

February 9 POTLUCK SUPPER at the Washington School Thursday Cafeteria, 801 Howard Avenue, Burlingame. 6:30 P.M. Members and guests are invited to participate. Please call our Social Events Co-chairman, Laverne Goodwin (342-0414) or Ora Ohliger (343-6031) at an early date to let them know what you will bring.

February 9 REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING at the Wash- Thursday ington School Auditorium. A Sierra Club film, 8:00 P.M. "Glen Canyon", in color and sound, will be featured. This film shows this scenic area both before and after the dam was built, and illustrates the fate which threatens Grand Canyon if the proposed dams for this area cannot be stopped.

## FIELD TRIPS

(Chairman: Nick Kroll - 697-2051)

February 11 LAKE MERCED (San Francisco) Saturday LEADER: Nicholas p. Kroll (697-2051) 9:00 A.M. MEETING PLACE: Meet at the parking area at the boathouse off Skyline Blvd., near Harding Park Golf Course in San Francisco. Wear warm clothes and hiking shoes. Bring lunch, which will be enjoyed at Thornton Beach State Park, weather permitting.

February 26 PESCADERO BEACH STATE PARK (San Mateo day County) LEADER: Katherine Kroll (697-2051) 9:00 A.M. MEETING PLACE: Meet at time given at the intersection of Skyline Blvd. and La Honda Rd. Wear warm clothes and hiking shoes. Bring lunch.

## BEGINNERS' BIRD WALK

February 18 SAWYER CAMP ROAD for wintering birds. Saturday LEADER: Gene Hebbbron (343-0415) 9:00 A.M. to Noon MEETING PLACE: Crystal Springs Dam parking area on Skyline Blvd. just south of its intersection with San Mateo Crystal Springs Road. Be prepared to walk. Lunch optional.

## FIELD TRIP REPORTS

### CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT:

The annual count, held on January 2, enjoyed a fine day. Over forty members of Sequoia and other volunteers turned out to give excellent coverage to our assigned area. Neil and Oleta Dickinson, who again undertook the task of compiling and reporting the results, advise that 163 species were seen, with a total count of some 57,216 birds.

Our thanks go to those who participated in this important work, and especially to Neil and Oleta for their leadership, and to Alice Steele who helped them coordinate the count.

### RICHARDSON BAY:

Again the weather man smiled his warmest on the 19 members who gathered across the Golden Gate on January 14 for enjoyable birding around Richardson Bay and for a visit to the Audubon Wildfowl Refuge there. Sixty-seven species were recorded! While gathered at the Refuge for lunch, Mrs. Ross, wife of the Audubon warden, spread some feed on the sandy shore, and it was amusing to watch the Pintails gathering it up, then rushing into the water to swallow it, then rushing back for more. On the return, those who continued with the group to the west side of Richardson Bay were rewarded with exceptional views of Green-winged and Cinnamon Teal.

### ARIZONA TRIP

Some eight or ten of our members are planning to spend the week of Easter school vacation birding in southern Arizona, leaving here by plane for Tucson on Saturday morning, March 18, returning from Yuma on Saturday afternoon, March 25. The Tucson area is especially rich in bird life, and furnishes a unique opportunity for seeing an overlap of eastern and western birds, as well as desert species common to northern Mexico, and all will be able to add new species to their life list.

"Drive yourself" cars will be rented to permit visits to various outstanding birding areas, desert, canyon and mountain. After five nights at Tucson the group will drive via Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument to Yuma for two nights, there to visit the nearby Imperial National Wildlife Refuge and to see the birds which move up the Colorado River Valley from the Gulf of California.

Any members who would like to join the group may telephone Mr. Montgomery (344-4249). Estimated cost, including all expenses from and to San Francisco airport, is \$200 per person, assuming use of double rooms.

### NEW MEMBERS

We cordially welcome the following new members to SEQUOIA Audubon, and will look forward to their participation in our activities:

Mr. & Mrs. Eugene B. Bizzell,  
Burlingame  
Miss Dollie Kanady, San Mateo

## CONSERVATION NOTES

**PCLLA:** This year for the first time California conservationists, under the banner of the Planning and Conservation League for Legislative Action (PCLLA), will have a professional lobbyist in their employ. The League was founded a year ago precisely for the purpose of influencing conservation legislation. It has the backing of Edwin Z'berg, Chairman of the Assembly Committee on Natural Resources, Planning and Public Works. If you wish more information about PCLLA, write to: Planning and Conservation League, 2636 Ocean Ave., San Francisco, Calif. 94132.

**ADM. RICKOVER:** Admiral Hyman Rickover spoke out forcefully on conservation recently. Rickover said unbridled technology already has "poisoned the air and the water," and warned that the situation could grow worse. "Much more thought should be given to technological interference with the balance of nature and its consequences for man, present and future," he said. "There is need of wider recognition that government has as much duty to protect the land, the air, the water, the natural environment against technological damage as it has to protect the country against foreign enemies and the individual against criminals."

**PACC:** Letters are still needed expressing opinion of the Pacific Air Commerce Center proposal to build a "City-in-the Bay," requiring 2000 acres of Bay-fill for a combined industrial, residential complex comprising 4750 acres. PACC proposes that public funds be spent for a water-oriented recreational area to enhance its privately-owned residential area of 5000 persons. Public funds would also, of course, be necessary to finance all the public service such as waste and sewage disposal, water supply and governmental agencies including police, fire, courts and other public services, roads, hospitals, schools, etc. The source of dirt for the Bay-fill is expected to be obtained by bulldozing San Bruno Mountain. Anyone who wonders what effect this "development" would have on Bay Area climate should read Harold Gillman's article on page 27 of the This World Section of the Nov. 27, 1966, Sunday Examiner-Chronicle, available at the public library. Anyone who really cares, will write a letter to: Task Force, Regional Planning Committee of San Mateo, c/o Mr. Bernard Lycett, Chairman; County Government Center, Redwood City, California, 94063.

"THE BAY TODAY AND TOMORROW" is the title of the KQED Channel 9 TV series appearing at 7:30 P.M. on alternate Thursdays (next one is expected on Feb. 2). This is quite a wonderful public service on the part of KQED as it presents informative and currently pertinent material regarding ecology, effects of Bay-fill, proposed Bay-fill projects, etc. Let's help spread the word that this interesting program may be seen on KQED.

**FITZGERALD MARINE RESERVE:** On January 5, the Sequoia Audubon Board of Directors filed a resolution with the San Mateo Board of Supervisors and with the Regional Planning Committee supporting inclusion in the 1967 San Mateo County budget of acquisition of the Fitzgerald Marine Reserve (near Montara) as a county park with the added provision that the area be protected by a permanent ranger naturalist. The opportunity for Sequoia Audubon to respond in this way was brought to the Board's attention by Katherine Kroll. If other members learn of ways Sequoia Audubon may express support for special local issues, please let the Board know.

**THE TOBIN CLARK ESTATE:** San Mateo County Supervisors have agreed to join the City of San Mateo in a joint plan to buy the 250-acre Celia Tobin Clark estate in Hillsborough for a cultural and recreational area. Jack Morrill represented Sequoia Audubon at the public hearing on Jan. 12.

submitted by

Marian Lockwood, Chairman  
Conservation Committee

### A STATEMENT OF AUDUBON PHILOSOPHY - by Gardell Dana Christensen

We believe in the wisdom of nature's design.  
We know that soil, water, plants and wild creatures depend upon each other and are vital to human life.  
We recognize that each living thing links to many others in the chain of nature.  
We believe that persistent research into the intricate patterns of outdoor life will help to assure wise use of earth's abundance.  
We condemn no wild creature and work to assure that no living species shall be lost.  
We believe that every generation should be able to experience spiritual and physical refreshment in places where primitive nature is undisturbed.  
So we will be vigilant to protect wilderness areas, refuges, and parks, and to encourage good use of nature's storehouse of resources.  
We dedicate ourselves to the pleasant task of opening the eyes of young and old that all may come to enjoy the beauty of the outdoor world, and to share in conserving its wonders forever

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