



# The Sequoia



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, Dr. Howard Gurevitz, 1505 Oak Rim Dr., Hillsborough 342-3620 - Editor, Mr. J.L. Morrill, 505 Costa Rica Ave., San Mateo, 344-5497.

### MEETINGS

- Jan. 4 BOARD MEETING at the home of President Howard Gurevitz, 1505 Oak Rim Drive, Hillsborough. Board members and committee chairmen should attend. Other members are welcome.
- Jan. 11 REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING at the Burlingame Recreation Center, 850 Burlingame Avenue. Dr. Gary Breckon, botanist at the Strybing Arboretum in Golden Gate Park, will present a talk on fungi, illustrated by color slides.
- Light refreshments will be served following the meeting by our Social Committee.

### FIELD TRIPS

(Chairman: Florence Richardson 345-4443)

- Jan. 13 TOMALES BAY  
Saturday LEADER: Mark Zumsteg (697-4358)  
9:00 AM MEETING PLACE: In front of the Post Office in the town of Tomales. Bring a lunch, 50¢ for entrance into Tomales State Park, and warm clothes. Marin Audubon consistently has one of the highest Christmas counts in the nation from this area. This will be an excellent opportunity for beginners to learn water birds. Harlequin and Eider Ducks and Yellow-billed Loon are all possibilities.
- Jan. 27 ROSE VERRALL WILDLIFE SANCTUARY - the Richardson Bay Audubon Center, Tiburon, Greenwood Cove Rd.  
Saturday LEADER: G. Paul Lechich (344-3405), with Fred Ross, naturalist at the Center.  
9:00 AM MEETING PLACE: Vista Point, at the north end of Golden Gate Bridge, or if preferred, go directly to the Audubon Center. Bring lunch and wear warm clothing.

### FIELD TRIP REPORTS

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...her was ideal - warm, calm, and clear. The group of ... was exceptionally good and cooperative. ... of bird species was 53. The outing was finished with ... at Thornton Beach State-Park. ... resting were the Black-crowned Night Herons roosting ... the trees, the Green Heron in the marsh area, and the ... ons on the lake.

Nicholas Kroll - Leader

### BEGINNERS' BIRD WALKS

These short field trips will be adapted to novice bird-watchers who wish help in the use of binoculars and bird identification. More experienced birders are requested to attend regular trips. Small groups of beginners may be scheduled at other times by arrangement with the Field Trip Committee. Wear warm clothing, waterproof footwear, and bring binoculars, field manual and notebook.

- Jan. 20 SEAL SLOUGH at Foster City  
Saturday LEADER: Florence Richardson (345-4443)  
9:00 AM MEETING PLACE: Shell Service Station at E. Hillsdale Blvd. and S. Norfolk St. Wintering shore and water birds should be abundant.

### CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

A final reminder: the annual Christmas Bird Count will be held on Saturday, December 30. Anyone who can participate please call one of the leaders to get an assignment:

- LEADER: Neil Dickinson 366-7661  
Co-Leader: Alice Steele 344-8317

If you are unable to handle an assignment to a field area, you can help by observing and tabulating the birds around your home. Call the results of such a count to Neil Dickinson at the end of the day.

### POINT REYES BIRD OBSERVATORY

Due to its success in the study and banding of birds of the region, The Point Reyes Bird Observatory continues to expand its operations. As usual, this requires additional capital. You can help support this fine work by joining the Observatory under one of the following classifications:

Member	\$5.00 annually
Sustaining member	10.00 annually
Contributing member	25.00 annually
Life member	150.00
Patron	500.00

Very interesting reports are furnished to members and your membership will allow the Observatory to carry out exciting new projects. Those who do not belong should join - those who already belong should consider contributing even more than in the past. You can join by sending your check, with your name and address to:

Point Reyes Bird Observatory  
Palomarin Ranch, Mesa Road  
Bolinas, California 94924

(Contributions and memberships are tax deductible).

CONSERVATION NOTES

As Audubon members, let us make a New Year's resolution together: to thoughtfully read "The Stated Purposes of the National Audubon Society," noting the frequency with which the word "conservation" is used or implied and to resolve to devote more time and effort in 1968 toward these goals. The results will be rewarding to us and to future generations of humans and other living creatures and plants.

STATED PURPOSES OF THE NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY

The purposes and objects of the National Audubon Society shall be to engage in any such educational, scientific, investigative, literary, historical, philanthropic and charitable pursuits as may be included within the following:

1. To arouse through education public recognition of the value of and need for protecting wild birds and other animals, plants, soil and water, as well as of the interdependence of these several natural resources.
2. To study and conduct research with relation to the scientific facts, a knowledge of which is essential to the formulation of sound policies in the field of conservation.
3. To foster recognition of the need for the preservation of such environmental conditions as ample food, water and cover, on the maintenance of which animals and plants depend for survival.
4. To foster the preservation of an adequate stock of native animals and plants, so that no species may become threatened with extinction.
5. To promote the protection and preservation of natural resources, including the encouragement, establishment, and maintenance of nature sanctuaries.
6. To publish and distribute documents as a means of disseminating information about the subjects mentioned above or related matters.
7. To hold meetings, lectures, and exhibitions, and to develop and maintain a library, in the interest of the conservation of natural resources.
8. To establish and maintain such educational projects as nature trails, exhibits, tours, and camps.
9. To encourage the organization of branches and other affiliated groups in sympathy with these stated aims.

10. To cooperate, as occasion prompts, with national and state conservation agencies, and with private associations devoted to the interests of conservation and to education in the field of natural resources.
11. To further, by all means that are both wise and opportune, the objects included within or related to those listed in the ten foregoing sections.

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I do not understand how any man or woman who really loves nature can fail to try to exert all influence in support of such objects as those of the Audubon Society." -- Theodore Roosevelt.

The Planning and Conservation League has as its Primary Purposes:

Wise stewardship of our natural heritage / Open space conservation / Promotion of urban and rural amenities / Excellence in freeway design and in other public works / Control of pollution.

The League exists solely for the purpose of effecting legislative programs responsive to the growing need for the means of guiding the state's growth so that it will be beneficial, rather than harmful, to our total environment. The League's concern is California.

Have you become a member of the Planning and Conservation League? It needs your support. You may join by sending your name and address with \$5.00 to: Planning and Conservation League, 2636 Ocean Avenue, San Francisco, Calif. 94132. With membership you receive periodically the League's bulletin, "California Today" which furnishes pertinent information on legislation concerning conservation so that you can let your State Congressman know your wishes on critical issues. Join now.

Marian Lockwood  
Conservation Chairman

CONSERVATION CALENDAR

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| 7:30 PM         | Sequoia Audubon Conservation Committee   |
| Thurs., Jan. 25 | Meeting, Junior Museum, Coyote Point, San Mateo  |
|                 | Your participation is invited.   |
| April 6 - 9     | National Audubon Society Western Conference<br>"Playing Russian Roulette with Nature"<br>Asilomar, Pacific Grove, California |
|                 | For registration and reservations write to:<br>National Audubon Western Conference<br>P. O. Box 3666 - El Monte, Calif. 9    |

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