



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

- Oct. 3 BOARD MEETING at the home of Vice-president Charles Newman, Thursday 25. Corte Alegre, Millbrae. Members of the Board and Committee 8:00 PM Chairmen should attend. Other members are welcome to come if they wish.
- Oct. 10 POTLUCK SUPPER at the Burlingame Recreation Center, 850 Thursday Burlingame Avenue. All those planning to attend please call 6:30 PM the chairman of the Social Committee, listed below, to let her know what you will bring:
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| Miss A. M. Hall | 341-5198 |
| Estelle Magini | 343-7913 |
- Those attending the supper should bring their own utensils, including a plate and cup.
- Oct. 10 REGULAR MEETING at the Burlingame Recreation Center, following Thursday the Potluck Supper. The address is given above. 8:00 PM This month's program will be presented by John R. Goldsmith, M. D., Chief of the Environmental Hazard Evaluation Unit, California Department of Public Health, Berkeley. Dr. Goldsmith's timely subject will be "Man and the Biosphere", discussing the effects of air pollution on man, wildlife and vegetation, and what we must do about it. The talk will be illustrated with color slides.

FIELD TRIPS

(Chairman: Jean Jones 344-9339)

- Oct. 5 UPPER ARROYO HONDO (near Point Reyes Bird Observatory) Saturday LEADER: Florence Richardson (345-4443) 8:30 AM MEETING PLACE: Meet at Audubon Canyon Ranch on Shoreline Highway (Route 1) approximately 3 miles north of Stinson Beach in Marin County. This beautiful, wooded, stream-side trail is visited each Fall by many exciting migrants. In the afternoon we are invited to visit the new observation station used by the Bird Observatory crew for "Operation Seawatch" on the cliff overlooking the ocean. On the homeward trip an outgoing tide on Bolinas Lagoon should allow good shorebird observation. Bring lunch.

PALO ALTO YACHT HARBOR

- LEADER: Nick Kroll (697-2051)
- MEETING PLACE: Meet at the duck pond by the Palo Alto Yacht Club. Take Bayshore south to Embarcadero, and turn eastward, following the signs to the harbor. Wear hiking shoes and warm clothing. Bring lunch.

FIELD TRIP REPORTS

September 7 DUMBARTON BRIDGE: Neil Dickinson, Leader

This was a very rewarding day in the Dumbarton Bridge area. Many stilts, Avocets, Willets, Northern Phalaropes, and even some early Surf Scoters, Pintails, and Shovellers were there. Neil found a short-eared Owl and a Clapper Rail to add to the fine show the Caspian Terns were giving us. Those young terns and their adolescent voices were worth seeing and hearing. A Wandering Tattler was a surprise.

Several hundred White Pelicans, forty ~~odd~~ American Egrets plus Snowy Egrets, Cormorants and Great Blue Herons were in the area near the toll gate.

Bill Anderson took us into the new Coyote Hills Park area. We saw 14 White-tailed Kites in one tree all at once, 6 Redtails at one time, numerous Sparrow Hawks and Marsh Hawks, Horned Larks, Say's Phoebes, a Black Phoebe, and Cinnamon Teal, to make up a total of 57 species for the day.

Our thanks to Neil Dickinson, Jean Jones, and Bill Anderson for a fine beginning of the season.

Alice Steele

COPY FOR BULLETIN

In order to get the SEQUOIA mailed in time for meetings and field trips, all contributors are requested to get their copy to the editor (address at top of page) no later than the fifteenth of the preceding month. All copy should be submitted in writing, to avoid errors. Leaders of field trips should send in their reports as soon as possible after their trip is ended.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following newcomers to SEQUOIA Audubon Society, and hope we will see them at meetings and on our field trips:

Mrs. Juanita Estrada	San Carlos
Mrs. Edith Amen	San Carlos
Mrs. Hugh Harris	San Mateo
Miss Winifred Johnson	San Mateo
Mr. Dean Mayberry	Palo Alto
Miss Margaret Vota	San Mateo
Mrs. J. H. Musey	Hillsborough
Mrs. Barbara G. Kane	Brisbane
Dr. George Desalernos	San Mateo
Mrs. Eleanor Hess	San Carlos
Mr. John E. Macho	Burlingame
Mrs. Laura J. Rawlinson	Burlingame

A FRIEND PASSES

We are saddened to hear that Bill Colbert, a former member of Sequoia Audubon, passed away in July. His many friends here will mourn his passing, and we extend our sympathy to Winona.

CONSERVATION NOTES

THIS IS WHAT WE CALL PROGRESS:

1. San Mateo County Endorsement of BCDC Objectives

Our thanks to the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors who, in response to Sequoia Audubon's request, publicly endorsed the objectives of the Bay Conservation and Development Commission, as stated in its Preliminary Plan, to protect San Francisco Bay as a great natural resource and to develop the Bay and its shoreline to their highest potential with a minimum of Bay filling. Supervisor St. Clair, who, as San Mateo County's representative on BCDC, heretofore has most generally o.k.'s applications for fill, introduced the motion to the Board. At a recent BCDC meeting, Supv. St. Clair disapproved limited fill for purposes not directly related to the Bay as being inconsistent with BCDC philosophy; this too was noted with interest and gratitude by the conservationists among his constituents.

2. House Passes Redwoods Bill

Only final approval by the Senate and President Johnson, both assured, remain to set up a 58,000-acre Redwoods National Park in Northern California. About 30,500 acres of privately owned redwood land will be added to some 27,500 already in the Jebediah Smith, Del Norte Coast and Prairie Creed Redwoods state parks. Our Congressman, Paul McCloskey, who worked to get support for the bill, stated "I was particularly pleased at the protection afforded the entire watershed and ecology of Lost Man and Little Lost Man creeks but would have preferred inclusion of a greater part of the Redwood Creek watershed. However, the bill is an acceptable compromise and perhaps the best that could be obtained in view of the country's difficult financial circumstances."

3. Crystal Springs Watershed Protected

After a nine year battle with the State Division of Highways, San Francisco has apparently won its fight to keep the Junipero Serra freeway from slicing alongside Crystal Springs reservoir in central San Mateo County. Federal Highway Administrator, Lowell K. Bridewell, announced that "the federal government will make the 92% of construction and right-of-way costs available only for Ridge Route alignment. As part of the decision it is incumbent on the City of San Francisco to completely protect its watershed by entering into open space agreements (with the other communities involved) or by giving scenic easements to make certain the property stays in conservation, recreation and public use."

4. San Mateo County Directors Warn Against Quarry Permit

Both Ralph Shaw, Director of County Parks and Recreation, and Reino Liukkonen, County Planning Director, alert to the irrevocable damage posed by a current application to quarry 50,000 cubic yards of sand per year from the Franklin Point and dunes, seven miles south of Pescadero on the San Mateo County coastside, have publicly urged rejection of the permit. The 140-acre parcel of land has been mentioned as a logical addition to the state park system and is necessary to hold dune lands and prevent erosion of beaches. The advance warnings from Directors Shaw and Liukkonen have furnished time for the public to oppose granting of the permit. Conservationists who enjoy the coastside scenery will want to express their thoughts regarding the quarry permit to the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors who

ultimately will have the responsibility of granting or rejecting the permit.

5. UCLA Medical Faculty Warns Smogland Population

At last, certain members of the medical profession are making public pronouncements regarding the health hazards of air pollution. A group of 60 professors and scientists of the University of California - Los Angeles, led by Dr. William Hildeman, professor of microbiology and immunology, has issued a statement urging everyone who can do so to move from the smog areas for the sake of their health.

6. PCL's Most Successful Year!

The Planning and Conservation League in summarizing state legislative action for the past year reports a record number of successes in conservation-oriented bills passed with support of PCL and conversely, success in defeating bills which were against the interest of conservation. Of especial interest is passage of a law ending the policy of giving highways priority over parks. As a result, it is no longer state policy that highway construction through a park is a more important use of the land than leaving the scenery unpaved. Noticeable by its absence in the PCL report was conservation-oriented legislature introduced by legislators representing San Mateo County. In this regard, voters concerned with environmental quality should evaluate the qualifications of Marshall A. Mayer, presently State Deputy Attorney General, candidate for election to the Assembly this November. Mr. Mayer is a vigorous advocate of conservation of the Bay and of prohibiting timber logging in San Mateo County.

CALENDAR OF CONSERVATION EVENTS

A. Stanford Population and Environment Forum

1. "Is There a Population Problem?"

Speaker: Stewart L. Udall, Secretary of the Interior, 1967 recipient of the Audubon Medal, National Audubon Society's highest honor

8 PM - October 9 - Stanford Memorial Auditorium

2. "What is Being Done Now?"

Speaker: Dr. Philip R. Lee of Palo Alto, secretary of health and public affairs for the U. S. Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare

8 PM - October 14 - Bishop Auditorium of Graduate School of Business, Stanford campus

3. "Your Environment and the Decision Making Process" -

Speaker: Kenneth R. Hansen of Los Altos Hills, former assistant director of the U. S. Budget Bureau

8 PM - October 30 - Dinkelspiel Auditorium, Stanford campus

4. "What Should Be Done Now?" -

Speaker: Professor Garrett Hardin, biologist at the University of California - Santa Barbara

8 PM - November 12 - Dinkelspiel Auditorium, Stanford campus

B. Sierra Club Conservation Workshop

University of California at Santa Cruz. All conservationists invited to attend this day of discussions, displays, how-to-do-it talks, and a great get-together. Prior registration required: nominal fee. For further information, contact Tony Look, 968-8878 or Marian Lockwood, 325-0517.

Date: Saturday, October 26.

Marian Lockwood, Chairman
Conservation Committee

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