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BULLETIN OF THE SEQUOIA AUDUBON SOCIETY

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.

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MEETINGS

Oct. 1 BOARD MEETING at the home of President Charles Newman, 25 Corte
Thursday Alegre, Millbrae. All Board members and committee chairmen
8:00 PM should attend. Other members are welcome.

Oct. 8 POTLUCK SUPPER at Roosevelt School, at Broadway and Vancouver
Thursday Avenue, Burlingame. Please call one of the following com-
6:30 PM mittee members to advise what you will bring:
Amy McElhany 343-3219
Ruth Crotchett 343-5226

Oct. 8 REGULAR MEETING, at Roosevelt School (address above). Our
Thursday guest speaker will be Mr. Hal Stein, naturalist for the Oakland
8:00 PM YMCA Camp in San Mateo County. Mr. Stein , besides his work
at the Camp, has spent considerable time in exploring Central
America and Mexico. His program will be a color slide lecture
entitled "PELICANS - WHO NEEDS THEM".

FIELD TRIPS

Chairman: Jean Jones 344-9339

Oct. 10 LOWER TUBBS ISLAND
Saturday LEADERS: Roy and Fran Nelson (593-7941)
9:00 AM MEETING PLACE: Meet at Lower Tubbs Island. This is a key area
in The Nature Conservancy's San Francisco Bay project. From
Golden Gate Bridge take Rte. 101, turn right onto Rte. 37 (the
Vallejo-napa road just north of Ignacio), cross Petaluma River
bridge and about 4 miles further on and just past the Napa turn-
off (stay in right-hand lane), watch for the railroad crossing
and Tolay Creek. Cross the creek and immediately turn right
and go through the gate. We will meet promptly at 9:00 AM.
Bring a lunch if you plan to stay past noon.

Oct. 24 LAKE HENNESSEY
Saturday LEADERS: Victor and Marie Morgan (341-2552)
9:00 AM MEETING PLACE: Town of Rutherford
The St. Helena vineyards are beautiful this time of year, and
the migrating birds should be in abundance. Take Highway 101
north past Ignacio, then turn right on Highway 37 and continue
to the intersection with Highway 121. Turn left (north) on 121
to Highway 29. Follow 29 north to Rutherford. Allow two full
hours driving time. Bring a lunch and join us for a pleasant
day of birding.

FIELD TRIP REPORTS

DUMBARTON BRIDGE - September 6

Our expected low tide proved to be a high-low tide, so mud flats were not as extensively exposed as hoped. Thus birds were widely dispersed although present in goodly numbers.

Abundant were Godwits, Dowitchers, Least "Peeps", Avocets, Phalaropes, Stilts, Bonapart Gulls, and Willets. There was one good flight of Western Gulls and of Curlews.

Western "Peeps" and Black-bellied Plovers were fairly numerous. One Dunlin and one Greater Yellowlegs were noted.

A Clapper Rail performed its ablutions in a trickle of water in the exposed mud of a slough while all watched and admired, and one photographed.

Shovellers and Pintails were on one salt pond, and two Cliff Swallows still lingered at the bridge.

At the Coyote Hills Regional Park at least fifteen White-tailed Kites were in sight at one time. Also three Short-eared Owls were seen at the Park. On the previous day Bill Anderson had noted a flight of five Swainson's Hawks. Weather was perfect - clear and mild - no wind.

B. Neil Dickinson, Leader

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE CENTER

With the cooperative assistance of the Sequoia Audubon Society and the Conservation Coordinators (Menlo Park), an Environmental Resource Center has been established at the San Mateo County Junior Museum, at Coyote Point. This facility will provide resource materials to those interested in environmental problems of our area, and will be kept up to date on all important topics. The Center will be staffed by the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Junior Museum, and is open on Tuesdays from 3 to 5 PM. Starting in October, it will also be open on Saturdays from 10 to 12. When usage indicates it to be desirable, the Center will remain open longer.

IMPORTANT PROPOSITION IN NOVEMBER ELECTION

Proposition 18, to be put before the voters in the forthcoming election in November, if passed, would allow, but not require local governments to use up to 25% of their gasoline tax allocation for rapid transit. It would also allow the State to use part of this tax money for research and control of air pollution.

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CONSERVATION NOTES

SUPPORT CONSERVATION CAUSES WITH \$\$\$\$\$\$\$

The Nature Conservancy and the San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge

The Nature Conservancy, a national non-profit organization that specializes in saving natural lands, has exercised an option to buy an 80-acre shorebird area known as Morse Baylands at Dumbarton Point near the toll gate of the Dumbarton Bridge on the Alameda County side. A goal of paying off the \$22,000 purchase price during 1970 has been set.

Morse Baylands is a vital part of the natural habitat of the rare and more common creatures to which San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge is intended to give sanctuary.

Donations to the fund are tax deductible. Checks may be sent to:
San Francisco Bay Project - Morse Baylands
The Nature Conservancy
c/o Wells Fargo Bank, P.O.Box 26687
San Francisco, California 94126

California Committee of 2 Million and California Wild Rivers

Conservationists, anglers and hunters banded together in an historic coalition to preserve California's last three great free-flowing wild rivers, the Eel, Trinity, and Klamath, under the banner of the California Committee of Two Million.

Until the CCO2M began to fight, there was little hope the rivers could be saved from killer dams. Now, with the introduction of House Resolution 16854 by Congressman Jerome Waldie that would amend the National Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 to include the Eel, Trinity and Klamath, and persuasive CCO2M publicity to gain massive public support, a victory may be won over the powerful California water lobby.

To receive full information in the "Wild River Reporter", and become a charter member of CCO2M, send \$1 or more to:
Committee of Two Million
760 Market Street, Suite 1032
San Francisco, California 94102

Environmental Defense Fund - "One Pollution Device that Works"

Impressive results are being achieved by the scientists and attorneys of the Environmental Defense Fund, because "EDF goes to court to protect the environment". Recent actions: litigation curbing DDT, an injunction against the highway needed to service the Trans-Alaskan Pipeline, a petition to the Federal Aviation Agency against the supersonic transport (SST), and a fight to list the great whales as an endangered species with protection by law.

Basic membership is \$10. Address:
Environmental Defense Fund
162-C Old Town Road
East Setauket, New York 11733

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Planning and Conservation League - Represents Conservationists in Sacramento

All California conservationists should be members of the PCL -- the only lobby in California working for environmental quality. Considering the power and money backing the exploiters' lobbies, conservationists need to add their voices and dollars to the cause served so ably by PCL.

Regular membership - \$10. Address:
Planning and Conservation League
909 - 12th Street
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