



# 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.

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## MEETINGS

November 5 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.

November 12 REGULAR MEETING, at Roosevelt School, Broadway and Vancouver Thursday Avenue, Burlingame. The program will be a slide-lecture entitled 8:00 PM "Voyage to the Galapagos", presented by Mr. Alan Baldrige, Librarian of the Stanford University Hopkins Marine Institute at Pacific Grove. Mr. Baldrige is an active member of the Audubon Society, and is co-editor of "Audubon Field Notes" covering the middle Pacific Coast region. He will also be remembered as our host last year when we visited the Marine Station to see the sea otters and shore birds just off the Monterey shore. Following the meeting, light refreshments will be served by our Social Committee.

## FIELD TRIPS

Chairman: Jean Jones 344-9339

November 7 COYOTE HILLS REGIONAL PARK Saturday LEADER: Alice Steele (344-8317) 8:00 AM MEETING PLACE: At KGO Radio Towers, at the East end of the Dumbarton Bridge. The South Bay Wildlife Refuge Committee is sponsoring an open house for the general public, to be advertised in Sunset Magazine. Our group will report early for a conducted tour, and will then serve as guides for visitors. Bring a lunch and plan to spend the day.

November 14 SANTA CRUZ and MOSS LANDING Saturday LEADER: Bill Anderson (Contact Jean Jones if more info needed). 9:00 AM MEETING PLACE: Spivey's Restaurant at Ocean and Water Streets in Santa Cruz. We will begin at Santa Cruz and observe shorebirds down the Coast to Moss Landing. This will be a full day of birding, so bring lunch and wear warm clothing.

November 21 GOLDEN GATE PARK Saturday LEADER: Nick Kroll (697-2051) 9:00 AM MEETING PLACE: Meet at the parking lot at Middle Lake, on 41st Avenue between South and Main Drives, inside the Park. Bring lunch if you plan to stay past noon, and wear warm clothing. Be prepared to walk.

FIELD TRIP REPORTS

RODEO LAGOON - September 19

About 58 different bird species were sighted on this windy day. Flights of Shearwaters near the shore were especially beautiful. Six varieties of hawks were seen, including an Albino Red-tailed, Cooper's, Sharp-shinned, Swainson, Sparrow, and two Ferruginous Hawks feeding over the hills at Tennessee Cove. We walked over the hills and got close to the big rock where hundreds of Brown Pelicans, Cormorants, and Gulls were resting. Seventeen people attended.

Jean Jones, Leader

LOWER TUBBS ISLAND - October 10

Sequoia's first trip to Lower Tubbs Island proved to be an interesting one. Not included in our more than 50 species sighted were the House Sparrow, Scrub Jay, Mourning Dove, Starling, and Coot. However, we did see a Golden Eagle being pursued by a White-tailed Kite, as well as other Kites, and Red-tailed, Swainson's, Marsh and Sparrow Hawks. Also we feasted our eyes on Ring-necked Pheasants, American Widgeons, Shovelers, and a variety of Plovers and Sandpipers, including Long-billed Curlews and Whimbrels. There were flocks of Elegant Terns, and on the road leading into the marsh there were Burrowing Owls and many Savannah Sparrows. A very special treat was a Clapper rail who didn't seem to mind at all the 27 pairs of eyes glued upon him while he nonchalantly went about the business of making a living.

Roy and Fran Nelson, Leaders

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AUDUBON WILDLIFE FILMS - Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society

In cooperation with the Palo Alto High School Biology Club, the Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society is presenting a series of the Audubon Wildlife Films. The November program will be given at Gunn High School, 780 Arastradero Road in Palo Alto. The others will be given at Palo Alto High School, 50 Embarcadero Road, Palo Alto. All programs will start at 4:00 PM. The programs to be given are as follows:

November 17 (Tuesday): "THE UNTAMED OLYMPICS", by Walter H. Berlet  
A color film about this outstanding remnant of wilderness of the Pacific Northwest. The rocky, surf-battered beaches, snow-capped peaks, glaciers, and dense rain forests provide homes for elk, mountain beaver, marmot, osprey, mountain goat, and other wildlife.

January 6, 1971 ( Wednesday): "ACADIAN REFLECTIONS", R. E. Fultz

February 4 (Thursday): "SCANDINAVIAN SAGA", John D. Bulger

March 2 (Tuesday): " LAND of the DROWNED RIVER", C.J.Stine

Tickets (adult) are \$1.25 each. Send check and self-addressed envelope to:  
Palo Alto High School  
50 Embarcadero Road  
Auditor's Office  
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## CONSERVATION NOTES

### DDT - Death, Destruction, Terror

The disastrous plight from DDT effects of Pelicans and seals at their breeding areas on the Channel Islands off Santa Barbara was dramatically recounted October 12 in the first of the Conservation series "OUR VANISHING WILDERNESS" on KQED-TV. Subsequent films of the series of eight will be shown Mondays at 6:30 PM.

According to the September 18 Audubon Leader bulletin, the suit seeking a DDT ban brought against the U. S. Secretary of Agriculture by the National Audubon Society and four other groups is now awaiting a Federal court ruling. All but one of the seven chemical companies making DDT have dropped their challenges to Department of Agriculture orders restricting its use, which appeared to NAS to be good news.

### Sick of Beer and Pop Cans on the Sand Dunes?

If Peninsula cities would pass ordinances such as the one in effect at Bowie, Maryland, our beaches, parks, and roadsides could be saved from tin can litter. The city council of Bowie prohibits the sale of non-returnable or disposable glass or metal containers for soft drinks and alcoholic beverages such as beer and ale.

### CCO2M - Save the Wild Rivers

Don't forget to join the California Committee of Two Million to save our last three wild rivers, the Eel, Trinity, and Klamath, from killer dams. Act now, later will be too late! Send \$1 or more to: Committee of 2 Million, 80 Market Street, Suite 1032, San Francisco, California 94102.

### B.A.A.C. Open House in a Park - November 7

This is further to the information given for our November 7 field trip on the first page of the bulletin. The Bay Area Audubon Council will host the public all day on November 7 near the east end of Humbarton Bridge to promote public interest in the establishment of the South San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge. Audubon members who can participate as leaders of short guided walks along the marshlands, to the Bio-sonar Laboratories, and to the Indian mounds, are asked to contact Al Bergeron, phone: 349-2960. All members are invited to attend and bring friends and a picnic lunch.

Marian Lockwood  
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