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BULLETIN OF THE SEQUOIA AUDUBON SOCIETY

MEETINGS

Program Chairman: Al Bergeron (349-2960)

May 6
Thursday
8:00 PM

BOARD MEETING at the home of President Charles Newman, 25 Corte Alegre, Millbrae. Board members and committee chairmen should attend. Other members are welcome.

May 13
Thursday
8:00 PM

REGULAR MEETING at Roosevelt School, Broadway and Vancouver Ave., Burlingame. In addition to our regular program, this will be the annual business meeting of Sequoia Audubon, with election of officers and directors for next year. All members are urged to attend.

"AN UNDERWATER FIELD TRIP WITH BEN MASTERS" is the program in store for those attending this meeting. Mr. Richard B. Masters, nationally known insurance executive and scuba diving enthusiast, will present a slide-lecture program, leading his viewers under the kelp off Santa Catalina Island, through the coral reefs of the Carribean, and through Los Arcos (The Arches) off the Mexican coast at Puerto Vallarta.

FIELD TRIPS

Chairman: Jean Jones

(344-9339)

May 4
Tuesday
9:00 AM

SAWYER CAMP ROAD (Crystal Springs Lake)
LEADERS: Florence Richardson and Lillian Montgomery (344-4249)
MEETING PLACE: Meet at the San Mateo Creek Dam on Skyline, near the head of Crystal Springs Road. This will be a morning walk to observe land birds.

May 8
Saturday
9:00 AM

AL WOOL RANCH, La Honda
LEADER: Jean Jones (344-9339)
MEETING PLACE: Meet at the parking area in the town of La Honda. Al Wool, one of the outstanding naturalists of our area, will share with us the birds, flowers, and natural beauty of his ranch in the La Honda hills. Wear walking shoes and bring lunch.

May 15
Saturday
8:30 AM

LIVERMORE, Mines Road and Del Valle Recreation Atea.
LEADERS: Henry and Louise Hoffman
Pete and Betsy Peterson (326-9090)
MEETING PLACE: Meet at 8:30 at Livermore, just beyond the tall flagpole on Livermore Avenue.
This will be a joint trip with the Santa Clara Audubon Society. A small entrance fee is charged at the Del Valle Recreation Area. We hope to see Yellow-billed Magpies, Western Kingbirds, Lewis' Woodpeckers, and Phainopeplas. Bring a lunch.

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FIELD TRIPS (Continued)

May 22 TENNESSEE COVE - Marin County
Saturday LEADER: Charles Newman (697-5601)
8:30 AM MEETING PLACE: Meet at 8:30 AM at Vista Point, just north of
the Golden Gate Bridge. Bring lunch and wear walking shoes.
Many species of birds of sea, shore, field and forest are usually
seen here.

FIELD TRIP REPORTS

SAN BRUNO MOUNTAIN - February 13

On a bright and windy day a group of hardy souls braved the elements to witness nature's splendor of wildflowers. A total of 45 species were recorded. Among these were included: Bracken and polypody fern, Coast barberry, Australian fireweed, seaside daisy, lizard tail, tower mustard Dudleya Farinosa, Franciscan wallflower, evergreen huckleberry, stinging phocelia, spearmint (*mentha spicata*), crimson sage, gorse (mex europaeus), blue larkspur, California coffeeberry, cinquefoil, Wight's paintbrush, coast sanicle, two species of viola, soap plant, mission bells, and many others.
Enes Millar - leader

BUTANO CANYON - March 28

A beautiful day for flowers and birds. The skunk cabbage was in full bloom with large blossoms and leaves. Sun Cups, trillium, fritillaries, hounds tongues, box elder, red elderberry, and bleeding hearts were among the 61 blossoming plants recorded.
A Yellow-billed Magpie surprised us - Monty Montgomery and his scope aided everyone, and a total of 52 bird species were reported. Winter Wrens sang all day. Swainson's Hawks were present, but no White-tailed Kites.
Alice Steele - leader

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING - Sequoia Audubon Society

As noted in the preceding announcement of the May meeting, this will be the official annual business meeting, at which the officers and directors for the coming year will be nominated and elected. Any member of Sequoia Audubon is entitled to nominate another member in good standing for these positions.

This year's nominating committee is as follows:

Liv Gurevitz, Chairman	347-0912
Nick Kroll	697-2051
Monty Montgomery	344-4249

Nominations may be made by calling one of the committee members, or they may be made from the floor at the May meeting.

CONSERVATION NOTES

CONCRETE JUGGERNAUT

"Los Angelization" of the peninsula proceeds as the concrete juggernaut crashes westward across San Mateo County. Freeways to open up development of the foothills and coastside are under way by the State Division of Highways: Route 84, Menlo Park to Pescadero, and Route 380, San Bruno through Pacifica.

"Route 380, as planned, will take 80 to 100 acres of the San Francisco Watershed, a wildlife reserve set aside as permanent open space in 1968, removing 2 1/2 million cubic yards of earth from the watershed east of Sweeney Ridge. Sweeney Ridge will be notched with a 150 foot deep cut, 600 feet wide at top and 300 feet wide at the base. Aside from the enormity of such a scenic disaster, this will probably change fog and wind patterns. A haul road will be built on the future freeway route in Crestmoor Canyon, now a natural area, and will remain until freeway'd in 1976. The Rte.380/Skyline/ San Bruno interchange is planned as a three-level arrangement spanning the San Andreas Fault!

The State Division of Highways has not planned to perform environmental impact studies on this section but may be required to do so under state and federal law. Rte. 380 is not just a local issue for the city of San Bruno. Damage to the watershed and the contiguous area along Sweeney Ridge would be a loss for all of San Mateo County." -- from the Black Mountain Gazette, March-April 1971 issue.

Those concerned with this environmental destruction should rally to the aid of the Capuchino Hi students who are circulating a petition urging the City of San Bruno to demand removal of Rte. 380 from the State plan. To sign the petition, or to circulate a copy for signatures, call Mrs. Larsen, 589-3840.

SAVE OUR COAST

Janet Adams, well-known Peninsula conservationist and a key figure in the successful drive which mobilized public demand for the establishment of the Bay Conservation and Development Commission two years ago, is Executive Director of the California Coastal Alliance, recently organized to arouse public action in support of the California Coastal Zone Conservation Act, AB 1471 (Sieroty-Dunlap).

The Act would create the California Coastal Zone Conservation Commission to regulate coastal development. The Commission would be composed of twelve members, half of whom would represent city and county governments in each of six regional zones: (1) North Coast Region in Del Norte, Humboldt and Mendocino counties; (2) North Central Region, Sonoma, Marin and San Francisco counties; (3) Central Coast Region, San Mateo, Santa Cruz and Monterey counties; (4) South Central Coast Region, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara and Ventura counties; (5) South Coast Region, Los Angeles and Orange counties; (6) San Diego Coast Region, San Diego County. The other six members would be appointed to represent the public.

The California Coastal Alliance plans events to be held on the coastside May 22 and 23 to attract public support. Save these days and plan to participate. Immediate and massive public response will be required if the bill is passed without disabling amendments, as opposition from developers will be fierce. To offer your support, contact the California Coastal Alliance, P.O.Box 4161, Woodside 94062, phone 851-7418. Act now, later will be too late.

Marian Lockwood, Co-chairman
Conservation Committee

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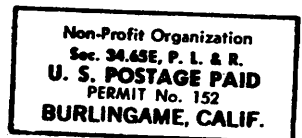
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Sequoia Audubon Society is a branch of National Audubon Society. Its purpose is to enjoy and safeguard the wildlife of the Bay Area. All interested persons are welcome on field trips, bird walks, and monthly general meetings.

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