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## MEETINGS:

BOARD MEETING, September 4, TUESDAY, 7:30 PM in the conference room of Northern California Savings & Loan office, 1430 Chapin Avenue in Burlingame. Board members and committee chairmen should attend. Other members are welcome.

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING, September 13, Thursday, 7:30 PM at the San Mateo Garden Center. The Garden Center is located on Parkside Way--between 26th and 27th Avenues--just west of Alameda de las Pulgas in San Mateo.

At the request of several members, this program will be provided by the members of Sequoia who will bring several slides (up to 20) of their choice. If this type of program is to succeed, many persons will have to participate. Don't just sit back and let a few of the faithful provide for everyone. That is not the motive for members' night. Don't be afraid of being criticized for quality or exposure or composition. We want active participation so everyone can enjoy YOUR trip or experience. A projector will be provided. Have all slides aligned in the right direction so you won't be embarrassed by an image projected upside down. Have your slides fresh in mind so you can describe the experience without that painful silence. Let's start out the fall season with a members' night to be proud of and with much enthusiasm.

Barbara and Hal Lucas, recent visitors to the Audubon Ecology Camp in the West, Wyoming will make a brief report and show a few of their slides. They say that the Camp was the most exciting thing they have ever done and they will encourage all members who are interested to consider a trip to the camp next year. A SUPER SUPER event.

Frank Allen and Charles Newman will present another chapter in their "See and Hear" Bird of the Month series.

## FIELD TRIPS:

SEPTEMBER 8, SATURDAY -- BURLINGAME SHORE BIRD SANCTUARY CLEANUP

Meet at 8:00 at Benihana's parking lot on Old Bayshore Highway in Burlingame. Bring your rubber boots (waders if you have them) for this expedition. The City of Burlingame set aside a beautiful cordgrass marsh on Mills Creek beside The Fisherman and Benihana restaurants. There are no funds for maintenance, but we have free dump privileges this day. Call us if you can supply a truck. We'll need people to pick up plastic, papers, bottles, etc., people to chop and weed, and strong arms to pull out old

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tires and junk! Bring plastic garbage bags, hoe or digger, rope, truck. Let's make our Clapper Rails' home a beautiful spot and also do some birding on the Bay. Bring a lunch to eat in the Allens' backyard. We'll wash tools and truck there, too.

TROUBLEMAKERS: Frank and Jean Allen - Phone 344-9339

SEPTEMBER 15, SATURDAY - PESCADERO MARSH AND OTHER PLACES

Meet at 8:30 AM in the parking lot west of Highway 1, just across from the Pescadero bridge with your binoculars, scopes, hiking boots, etc.

We will tour the immediate area of Pescadero Marsh to look for passerine and waterbirds. If we are lucky, we may find the first of the ducks coming down from the north.

Pescadero Marsh has ALWAYS been a great birding area and inasmuch as it is of special interest to our local SEQUOIA chapter, it is an area that we should be very familiar with.

SPECIAL NOTE: DUE TO THE GAS SITUATION IT IS STRONGLY SUGGESTED THAT WE CARPOOL IT.

See you at Pescadero Marsh. Lunch is suggested as the group usually becomes very enthusiastic and have been known to spend the entire day checking out other closeby areas. In case of rain (you never know) the trip will be put off until another day.

LEADERS: Hal and Barbara Lucas 344-3796

SEPTEMBER 22, SATURDAY - PALO ALTO FLOOD CONTROL BASIN

Meet at 8:30AM for a morning walk to the ponds and sloughs south of the Palo Alto Baylands Refuge. From Hwy 101, exit at Embarcadero Avenue. After crossing the freeway turn right at the first stop light. Drive south on Frontage Road to the second large open area where a large pond can be seen on the left. Park just south of the first large pond in the parking area. A Redhead, A Eurasian Wigeon and a Little Blue Heron have been seen there recently.

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CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT: This year, again, Sequoia will cooperate with National Audubon and American Birds in holding two Bird Counts in December. Peter Metropulos will compile the Crystal Springs count and Mark Zumsteg will compile the Ano Nuevo count. We will especially need people willing to spend part or all the day censusing residential areas near their homes. Also, if you have a feeding station, or a neighbor with a feeder, we hope you will participate in our counts this year. The Crystal Springs area includes the cities between Millbrae and San Carlos and over to Half Moon Bay. The Ano Nuevo area includes all who live between Ano Nuevo and Pescadero (south) and in almost to La Honda. By starting now you will have time to establish feeders and become familiar with the birds, so when the fall migration starts you will know the residents and become familiar with the winter visitors. Be alert to what is happening in your neighborhood in advance of Count Day so you will be able to get a true picture of numbers of each species to turn in to our compilers on Christmas Bird Count Days (dates to be announced).

#### CONSERVATION NEWS:

In mid-August, as this is written, members of Congress have adjourned for their month-long recess and most have come home to "mend their fences." South San Mateo County's Rep. McCloskey held an informal meeting in Portola Valley, August 11, with representatives of various

environmental groups to discuss the all-important energy question (an Audubon priority) and the related issues Congress will be taking up in September. He stressed the fact that the President's proposed cutback of oil imports to 4.5 million barrels per day by 1990 would mean trade-offs between energy and conservation and compromises on the part of environmentalists to replace this. The particularly troublesome questions before Congress will be synfuels (especially oil shale and coal gasification) nuclear power and possible federal pre-emption of land-use decisions such as for a Pacific Coast LNG terminal and sitings for nuclear waste disposal. There seemed to be no concensus on the part of the audience on these issues except for a large majority in favor of continuing nuclear energy plants already in operation and going ahead with more under construction. It is my own feeling that an effective energy conservation program (probably necessitating mandates in part) would give enough time so that we need not rush blindly into environmentally damaging forms of energy production without adequate study of their consequences and also of the adequacy of more acceptable new forms of energy such as solar.

Mr. McCloskey, as Congressional Delegate to the International Whaling Commission which met in London in July, also brought up the question of the endangered bowhead whale. He felt if we had been willing to give up our insistence on Eskimo hunting of bowheads that a full world moratorium on whaling, as advocated by recent Congression Resolution, might have been achieved. He stressed that it did not appear fair to other nations for the U.S. to ask Japan to give up its traditional use of whale meat if we were not willing to ask our own people to do so.

Audubon members have been rejoicing over the House passage, 268-157, of the Udall-Anderson version of the Alaska lands bill. This will hopefully carry a message to the Senate where the struggle for passage will be more difficult. NAS supports S.222, the Durkin-Nelson-Roth bill, similar to the one passed by the House. Letters to both our senators are needed in support, as is opposition to S.1176, the bill proposed by Alaska's Senators Gravell and Stevens, which would disestablish the state's 17 new national monuments. Senators should also be asked to request Majority Leader Robert Byrd to see that S.222 reaches the Senate floor this year.

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The California Legislature will also be in recess until August 20. A good many bills have died for this session because they did not get out of the house of origin by the end of June. The Audubon-opposed bill to remove the public trust from the tidelands, S.B.664, passed the Senate but has been withdrawn by its author for this year. It could be revived in January, however.

The report on Mono Lake at the July 31st Bay Area Audubon Council meeting held both good and bad news. Large numbers of gull nests failed because of the land bridge. On May 21, NAS filed suit to preserve the public trust values of the Lake which protect recreation and wildlife habitat on public waterways and wetlands.

There was good news also on the progress of condor protection with the addition of \$500,000 for the Condor Recovery Program to the House Appropriations Bill. Until this money can be made available, the Fish and Wildlife Service has allotted \$162,500 for the start-up phase of the Program. The Forest Service is also promising to provide habitat, facilities, personnel, and funds to aid it. NAS has committed itself to raising an additional \$500,000 in the next five years to supplement governmental support.

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Locally, there is the good news that the Board of Supervisors has decided to restore, at least partially, the 1972 Proposition A parks acquisition funding for the new fiscal year. It was suspended during last year because of Proposition 13. The Supervisors agreed to set aside some \$3 million for land purchases and park development which will include \$475,000 for the Edgewood Road state college site and \$271,000 for additional coastside beaches south of Half Moon Bay. An additional \$810,000 would be used for development at Coyote Point Park.

AUDUBON CANYON RANCH is a 1000-acre wildlife sanctuary and education center located on Bolinas Lagoon three miles north of Stinson Beach on State Highway 1. It is open to the public on weekends and holidays from March 3 through July 4. The Ranch is sponsored by Golden Gate, Madrone, Marin and Sequoia Audubon Societies. In 1969 the Ranch was designated by the U.S. Department of the Interior as a Registered Natural Landmark.

NEWS FROM THE RANCH - by Betty Boyd

On June 3, members of the family and friends of the late Dudley S. Hubbard, former president of the Marin Audubon Society and former chairman of Audubon Canyon Ranch, joined the directors and number of benefactors of the Ranch in Volunteer Canyon to dedicate the Dudley S. Hubbard Education Center.

The former Thompson house, now known as Whittell Hall, contains a large assembly-dining-recreation room, a restaurant type kitchen, a library, laboratory and accommodations on the upper floor for adult guests.

Other buildings are the remodeled Crum House across the stream which serves as the Naturalist's residence, the dormitory, the 125-year-old Long House which now contains an apartment for the Education Assistant and the Fallgatter tool storage and workshop building.

Energy saving features include a windmill which generates electricity for the dormitory and solar heat, backed up by wood stoves, for the dormitory and Whittell Hall. The water system has both a well and a stream-gathering system, a 20,000 gallon storage tank and water purification facilities.

Clifford Conly was the creative force behind the construction of the Center. He was the architect for all of the buildings erected, moved and remodeled. Also, as a landscape architect, he is sharing his expertise in the designing of the garden area.

The acquisition of the Ranch was the first major accomplishment of ACR. The completion of the Dudley S. Hubbard Center is the second. The dream, the activation and results, however, center in one person. Many have assisted, but Stan Picher is truly the person at the helm who has made the Ranch what it is today.

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In response to an appeal in the June SEQUOIA, Marie Sandler, a Sequoia member, donated a large electric fan to the Ranch. It was installed in early June on the porch of the staff room and cooled the young Cliff swallows in the nests on the roof rafters. In previous years hot spells had been fatal to some of the nestlings.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING:

The board of directors of Sequoia Audubon Society held their regular monthly meeting on June 5.

The board approved the purchase and installation of a telephone recording device and a telephone line in the name of Sequoia Audubon at the residence of Barbara and Hal Lucas.

The telephone line in Charles Newman's office in Daly City will be continued (755-3221). This number is listed in the San Francisco directory. The next San Mateo County directory will list both numbers.

BYLAWS AMENDMENTS:

Two amendments to the bylaws of Sequoia Audubon Society were approved at the June 14 membership meeting:

1. Article V Board of Directors  
Paragraph 2 is amended to read: The Board shall include the elected or designated officers and six (6) other members in good standing; and shall also include the immediate Past-President.
2. Article VI Officers  
Paragraph 6 is amended to read: Checks or drafts of the Society shall be signed as prescribed by a resolution of the board of directors.

HISTORICAL RECOLLECTIONS - By B. N. (Neil) Dickinson

PART III - Christmas Counts (Continued)

Participants

During the period 1955-71, 162 different individuals helped in the Crystal Springs Reservoir Christmas Count, albeit only some 30 people were consistent participants over any extended period. But some of the "spot" participants were experts who contributed very unusual and exciting sightings.

Jed McClellan rates a star on the count roster every year from 1955 through 1971. I guess he can be deemed an "anchor man" as I understand the term. Where a need arose Jed was able and willing to step in as the expert.

Aveline Butler often aided by Jim, led a "home and garden" group for all but three of the 17 years.

Winona Sears was a consistent participant from initiation of the count until she and Dave moved to Kauai in 1968. Winona and Dave were respective leaders of the sea going Mariners and Sea Scouts of Belmont, so Winona was invaluable on the Belmont sloughs and Bayfront on Count day.

Don and Michael Fry and Les Sleeper brought great expertise to the Counts in the beginning when it was sorely needed.

Ruth (Breckenridge) Hass missed only one count between 1958 and 1968 when she moved to Santa Rosa.

From 1965 until he left the Bay Area in 1971 upon retirement from the California Department of Fish and Game, Bill Anderson added many unusual sightings for our circle.

The late Florence Richardson missed only one year between 1960 and 1970 when she was a very sick woman.

Mark Zumsteg was listed first as a participant in 1960 and thereafter continuously through 1970.

Observers who had perfect or near perfect attendance records after joining the Count were: Lillian and "Monty" Montgomery from 1959, Alice (Steele) Johnson from 1962, the late Jack Morrell from 1962, Liv and Howard Gurevitz from 1964, Paul Lechich from 1965, Charles Newman from 1965, Jean (Jones) Allen from 1966, Enos Millar from 1966, Lou Hart from 1967, Sally Kinsell from 1967, Al Bergeron from 1968, Harry Burmeister from 1968, Clifford Daniels from 1968, Fran and Leroy Nelson from 1968, Peter Metropulos from 1969 and Marie and Victor Morgan from 1969.

Sally Kinsell and Lou Hart specialized on Huddart Park where

they were joined on occasion by John Silliman. Enos Millar was our free lance observer and photographer. Robert S. Arbib, Jr., later editor of American Birds, was a participant in 1957 and 1958. Members of San Mateo County Junior Museum--Charles Hice, Maryann Danielson and, especially, Carol Kemnitz--were of great assistance in the Count through the years. Still other participants will be mentioned in a future continuation of this article in connection with unusual sightings and years.

While Oleta Dickinson was in the field only for 1955, 56 and 57, she still rates a gold star along with Jed. After 1957 she was too valuable at the command post to spend time in the field. So she stayed home to receive telephone reports, give aid and comfort to the troops out in the trenches, keep the soup hot for tired and cold observers as they straggled in with reports for her to tabulate. She was the de facto compiler transferring all the data from scraps of paper onto the official forms. Finally, she maintained the archives which she is now finding and interpreting for me as I write. (To be continued)

#### NATIONAL AUDUBON CONVENTION - June 29--July 1

Your SEQUOIA editors, Amy and Ed McElhany, attended the National Convention as Sequoia delegates. As they say on public television, their attendance was made possible by a grant from Sequoia Audubon Society.

The Convention was held at the YMCA of the Rockies near the town of Estes Park, Colorado and adjacent to Rocky Mountain National Park. Here amidst the snow-capped peaks of the Rockies, at an elevation of 8010 ft., the YMCA has constructed a cluster of buildings including residence halls, cottages, administration building, cafeteria, a huge meeting hall and a chapel. A superb setting for an Audubon meeting.

On the first evening we were allowed one hour to register, check into our room, freshen up, eat dinner and take our seats in the auditorium. There must have been 1000 people in the audience. Paul Howard convened the meeting and introduced the Rocky Mountain High School Madrigal Singers from Fort Collins who entertained us, in a very professional manner, with a few songs. Edward Harte, Chairman of the National Audubon Board of Directors, made a short presentation and was followed by the keynote address by Russell W. Peterson, the new president of National Audubon. The meeting concluded with the showing of a new film, "Time for Survival," produced by Carol Lee Taylor of NAS.

Saturday commenced with a meeting for all official delegates after which the attendees broke up into geographic groups and met with their appropriate regional representatives. Late in the morning another series of meetings commenced. Amy attended the Membership session conducted by Robert A. Bridges, V.P. Membership, and Ed attended the Presidents session moderated by Robert O. Binnewies.

In the afternoon there was a general session in the main meeting hall where we heard from Jerry McAfee, Chairman, Gulf Oil Co., William Whalen, Director of the National Park Service, Gen. John Morris, Chief, Army Corps of Engineers, Robert L. Herbst, Asst. Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks, U.S. Dept. of the Interior. At the conclusion of this session we broke up into four informal discussion groups each moderated by one of the speakers. Amy attended the Whalen meeting and Ed the McAfee.

The Saturday evening general session commenced with entertainment by the St. Andrew Society and Country Dancers. Bag pipes, Scottish dancing. Good show. Elvis Stahr introduced Brock Evans, Chairman of the Natural Resources Council and Sierra Club representative in Washington. Mr. Evans presented an award from the Natural Resources Council to Carl

W. Buchheister, honorary president of National Audubon and active president just prior to Dr. Stahr. Tom McCall, ex-Governor of Oregon and a good environmentalist, spoke and the meeting concluded with a new film, "A Naturalist Afield--Part II," produced and narrated by Karl Maslowski.

On Sunday morning there were two concurrent sessions and we chose the general session in the main auditorium. Here we heard reports about chapter projects moderated by Edward Brigham III, sanctuaries by John Anderson, research by Alexander Sprunt IV and environmental information and education by Duryea Morton. In this last part, Phil Shaefer of the Whittell Center in Tiburon made an excellent presentation.

Robert Bridges told us of National Audubon's plans to mail 7½ million membership solicitations for the purpose of doubling our present membership of 400,000 (Counting 2 for family memberships). Russell Peterson made some informal concluding remarks and Paul Howard adjourned the convention at noon.

We are most grateful to Sequoia Audubon for the opportunity to be delegates and for the generous financial assistance.

-- Ed and Amy McElhany

#### WILDLIFE RESCUE, INC.

Spring and summer months have been a busy time at Wildlife Rescue, Inc., in Mountain View, with 1,784 animal/bird entries rescued for care and rehabilitation from January through July.

The nesting season this year was later than usual which extended the period of peak activity. Fortunately, the training classes offered early in the year provided more volunteers to assist in rescue care. Response to class enrollemnts was very good and a fourth session was added to accommodate all who registered.

Besides the customary jays, finches mocking birds, robins, etc., some of the more unusual patients were: six Great Horned baby owls; Three Burrowing owls; several Screech owls; seven baby Barn owls; two Marsh hawks (released in Sonoma county when they recovered); twelve baby kestrels; five shrikes (all five released, but two returned, one hungry and in poor condition); one baby Brown pelican (found "oiled" on a rooftop); one Belted kingfisher; four baby Acorn woodpeckers; one adult Turkey vulture (had been shot, recovery expected); five Black-headed grosbeaks; one baby Snowyplover; five White-throated swifts; and four Rufous-sided towhees - towhees nest on the ground and are very vulnerable to attack; WRI estimates that 99% of the towhees they receive are "cat-caught!"

This organization is doing a wonderful service for wildlife and--indirectly for all of us who care about wild creatures.

-- M.L.

#### SUNBEAM ECOLOGY EXPLORATIONS - FALL 1979

##### S.E.E. Fall Birds--Rare and Not So Rare

This course primarily in the field, will take participants to the favorite stopover spots of the migrating birds such as Pt. Reyes, Bodega Bay, Hawk Mountain and the Carmel River. As we study the normal migrant and resident birds, we will always look for the rarities. Share-the cost carpools will be formed. Nine sessions starting on Thursday, September 6. Instructors: Maryann Danielson, Jean-Marie Spoelman. Fee: \$30.

##### S.E.E. and Know Your Backyard Birds

This is a class for beginners. We will start birding in the backyards of Sequoia Audubon members. The last part of the class will be devoted to waterbirds. Six meetings, starting September 19, on alternate Wednesdays. Instructor: Maryann Danielson. Fee: \$20.

##### Walk and S.E.E.

Walks are planned so as to stretch ones legs while learning

about a unique natural area and its flora and fauna. Walks will average about five miles in length. Most trips are in San Mateo County but we'll also include Tilden Nature Area and the Marin Headlands. Six alternate Wednesdays, starting on September 12. Time: 9AM to 2:30PM.

Instructor: Maryann Danielson. Fee: \$20.

S.E.E. Our Native Shrubs and Trees

Plant identification will be stressed plus helpful information on using native plants in your own garden. Field trips are planned to various botanic gardens as well as to natural areas. Six sessions of alternate Tuesdays, starting September 11. Instructor: Lee Main. Fee: \$20.

S.E.E. Marine Invertebrates, Mammals and Birds

We'll travel by bus to Elkhorn Slough to see wintering water-birds and then on to Pt. Lobos State Reserve. Here we'll explore the tide-pools on a minus tide as well as observing the resident birds and marine mammals. Cameras and binoculars are a must. Saturday, November 3, 8AM to 9PM. Pre-trip slide lecture on November 2, 7:30 to 9:30PM. Instructor: Maryann Danielson, Fee: \$10.

Trips are scheduled from 9AM to Noon unless otherwise noted. For further information and registration, write to: Maryann Danielson, Sunbeam Ecology Explorations (S.E.E.), 241 So. San Mateo Drive, San Mateo, CA 94401. Phone: 342-6919 (evenings)

NEW BOOK: BIRDS OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

Here is an up-to-date distributional analysis of all the species of birds occurring in Northern California. It graphically portrays the seasonal abundance of each species according to zoogeographic districts. You will easily be able to determine the status of any bird no matter when or where in the region. Bar graphs show arrival and departure times. Extensive notes on field identification go beyond what is available in the standard field guides.

It was written by Guy McCaskie and Paul De Benedictis. Richard Erickson and Joseph Morlan prepared this revision. It is available from Golden Gate Audubon Society. Send check or money order for \$5.80 (\$5.83 if you live in a BART county) to 2718 Telegraph Avenue, Suite 206, Berkeley, CA 94705. This includes all shipping and tax. All proceeds go to support the conservation activities of Golden Gate Audubon.

SAN FRANCISCO BAY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE OPENING:

The San Francisco National Wildlife Refuge was officially opened to the public on August 17. The facility that is open is the Interpretative Center at the east end of the Dumbarton Bridge, adjacent to the toll plaza. The hours are: Wednesday through Sunday, 10 A.M. to 5 P.M. closed Thanksgiving, Christmas Day and New Year's Day. For more information, call (415) 792-0222 in Newark.

NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY - WASHINGTON OFFICE

NATIONAL OUTLOOK

Chapter members can receive the National Outlook hotline by just requesting to be put on the list. The National Outlook is put out by the Washington, D.C. Office of Audubon and it alerts members on a timely basis when critical action is going on in Congress. If you would like to be included, please send your name, address, telephone number and Congressional district to: National Audubon Society, National Outlook, 1511 K Street, N.W., Suite 926, Washington D.C. 20005.

HOT LINE

The Washington, D. C. Office of Audubon has a 24-hour tape rec-

orded message to help keep members up to date on issues of importance to our members--just call (202) 783-1920.

GUIDE FOR CITIZEN ACTION

The National Audubon Society's Washington, D.C. staff has compiled a small, but comprehensive, booklet called "Guide for Citizen Action." It discusses all the aspects of how Congress works, how to write a letter to your Representatives, how to organize, how to deal with the press and much more! It is available for \$1 (checks payable to National Audubon Society) from the National Audubon Society, National Capitol Office, 1511 K Street, N.W., Suite 926, Washington, D.C. 20005.

MONO LAKE COMMITTEE

The Interagency Mono Lake Task Force has recommended the preservation of Mono Lake at its 1970 elevation of 6,388 feet, 14 feet above its present level. This elevation would safeguard Mono's gulls and other wildlife, alleviate alkali dust air pollution and restore much of the lake's pristine magnificence.

The only dissenting opinion came from the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, who recommended that diversions continue at their present rate. In addition to the DWP, the Task Force includes representatives from the California Department of Water Resources and Department of Fish and Game, Mono County and the United States Bureau of Land Management, Forest Service and Fish and Wildlife Service.

NOW IS THE TIME TO SPEAK OUT ON MONO'S BEHALF!

ATTEND THE PUBLIC HEARING AND LET YOUR OPINIONS BE HEARD!

Palo Alto: Thursday, September 20, 7PM, Lucie Stern Community Center, 1305 Middlefield Road. Take Embarcadero west off-ramp from Bayshore Freeway, go west to Middlefield, then right a short distance to the Center.

If you cannot attend in person, request a copy of the Task Force Report and submit your comments in writing to: Jack J. Coe, Chairman, Department of Water Resources, 849 So. Broadway, Los Angeles, CA 90014. Phone: (213) 620-4180.

NEW BOOK: SHARING NATURE WITH CHILDREN

On Wednesday, October 3, from 7:00 to 9:00 PM, Joseph Cornell, author of Sharing Nature With Children, will speak and sign his books at the Peninsula Conservation Center, 1176 Emerson Street, Palo Alto. Signed copies of Sharing Nature with Children will be available. This book was sponsored by the Alta Cal Audubon Society. It features forty-two games and activities that have been field tested with thousands of children in both urban and rural surroundings. Each game focuses on a situation or experience in which nature is the teacher.

COYOTE POINT MUSEUM ASSOCIATION - DOCENT TRAINING CLASSES:

Instructor Bob Breen, a naturalist with the County of San Mateo, will teach Biology of Intertidal Organisms (Bio 112) which will, upon completion, qualify volunteers to lead field trips at Fitzgerald Marine Reserve in Moss Beach or at Coyote Point Park marsh. The class will be held on Thursday mornings from 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM, starting September 20 and concluding December 13, 1979. It will be at the Captain's House in Coyote Point Park in San Mateo and will feature lectures, slides, field trips to the tidepools and marsh, and special guest lecturers. The fee for this accredited class is \$15.

Instructor Ray Peterson will teach a one semester class in Practical Ecology from September 10 through January 21, 1980, 9:00 AM--

12 noon on Mondays at the Captain's House. This training, also featuring lectures, slides and field trips, will qualify participants for In-Gallery Techniques training to become docents in the new Coyote Point Museum for Environmental Education. The fee for this accredited class is \$30. (which also covers the cost of In-Gallery training in the spring).

For information and a docent application call Lyn Barretta at the Coyote Point Museum Association: 347-4781.

GREENPEACE SKATEATHON:

Announcing the 1979 Greenpeace Foundation of America's SKATEATHON, Saturday, October 6. Starting times 9AM through 4PM at the Polo Field, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco (near 30th and Fulton).

People who are interested in roller skating in this event for pledges per lap must obtain skaters' packets prior to the event. Call Greenpeace if you want packets sent to you: (415) 474-6767.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA - DAVIS - EXTENSION COURSES:

In the course Wintering Water Birds of the Sacramento Valley, biologist David Gaines will teach participants to identify water birds by patterns, color and calls. Students will be able to view one of the most extraordinary wildlife spectacles on earth--the immense numbers of ducks, geese, swans, cranes, curlews and other water birds that winter annually on the ponds, marshes, rivers and grasslands of the Sacramento Valley. The overnight field course also covers bird behavior and their relationships to the Sacramento Valley environment. The program meets at Gray Lodge State Wildlife Management Area on Saturday and Sunday, December 1 and 2.

Birds of Lava Beds and Tule Lakes, a three-day field course in which naturalist Stephen Laymon emphasizes the observation of the ducks, geese, and swans which crowd the marshes of Tule Lake on their southward migration, covers identification of land and water birds and the roles they fill in the region's environment. The course meets Saturday, Oct. 20 through Monday, October 22, in Lava Beds National Monument.

Extension offers transportation options for both these programs. For further information or enrollment contact University Extension, University of California, Davis, CA 95616; telephone (916) 752-0880.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS 1979--1980

At the June general membership meeting the following officers and directors were elected:

President:	Wilma Rockman	Director:	Jean Allen
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		"	Ed McElhany
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SEQUOIA CALENDAR

- September 4 - Board Meeting
- 8 - Field Trip and Clean-up, Burlingame Sanctuary
- 13 - Monthly Meeting at Garden Center
- 15 - Field Trip. Pescadero Marsh
- 22 - Field Trip. Palo Alto Flood Control Basin
- October 2 - Board Meeting
- 11 - Monthly Meeting at Garden Center

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