



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Board Meetings: First Thursday of each month. Interested members are invited to attend.

Regular Meetings: Second Thursday of each month - Washington School, 201 Howard Ave., Burlingame - 8:00 P. M.

Potluck Suppers: These popular activities will be held in the cafeteria at Washington School at 6:30 P.M. preceding alternate meetings. Plan ahead to attend the Potlucks the second Thursday of September, November, January, March and May. If it is not convenient for you to attend all the Potlucks, be sure to come to the regular meetings at 8:00 P.M. any way!

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Potluck Supper: Thursday, Sept. 8, 6:30PM
Washington School, Howard Ave., Burl.
Phone to Potluck chairman (see p. 3), if convenient, or just come. The food is always delicious!

Regular Meeting: Thursday, Sept. 8, 8:00 PM
Washington School, 801 Howard Ave., Burl.

-- KALEIDOSCOPE: Would you like to know what your fellow Audubon members have been up to since June? Of course you would, so be sure to come to our first meeting of the year.

It will be a kaleidoscope of the recent activities of your friends. Slides of Mexico will be shown by Mrs. David Sears. Jean Maxwell will show us views of the High Sierra around Silver Lake on the Carson Pass. Oleta and Neil Dickinson will take us to Grand Canyon and Kruse Rhododendron Park.

Our President, Ruth Breckenridge, will recall for us last year's delightful field trips with her beautiful flower

pictures.

If any of you have pictures you would like to share, please bring them to the meeting, or get in touch with us. We would be delighted to hear from you, and do come to the meeting and bring a friend, or, two or three friends.

- "Peg" Smith, Program Chairman

FIELD TRIPS

Sept. 18 (Sunday) BOAT TRIP TO FAROLION ISLANDS. Reservations are required to go on this trip, and it will be necessary to reserve passage by sending your name and address and six dollars (\$6.00) to Miss Beatrice Brainard, P.O. Box 113, Moss Beach, California.

The number of passengers is limited to 30 - in order to move freely about the boat ("Miss Princeton") which is licensed to carry 42 persons. When 30 reservations have been received no more may be accepted.

The boat will leave from Hazel's Pier at Princeton, San Mateo County, at 6:30 A.M. Therefore, be at the pier and ready to go aboard at 6:00 A.M. Be sure to take plenty of warm clothing and to wear warm shoes and hose. Take lunch along too. Some precaution against seasickness is advisable.

SEPTEMBER 24 (Saturday). Princeton and local beaches. Meet at intersection of Skyline Blvd. and the Half Moon Bay Road at 8:30 A.M.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Once again the summer days, filled with the myriad of activities that warm weather always brings, have flown by, and now suddenly we find ourselves settling down into a regular routine. As we make plans for our busy fall and winter schedules, let us not forget that we need to include time for fun, inspiration, and relaxation.

The officers, board of directors, and committee members of Sequoia Audubon Society have worked hard during the summer to plan this year's program to meet your needs and interests. The regular meetings and the field trips will offer a variety of interesting and worthwhile activities. The other committees are also making plans which will be discussed in the October bulletin.

We have often spoken in this column about the need for more participation by the members of Sequoia Audubon Society. One of the best forms of participation, both for the individual and for Audubon Society, is attendance at meetings and other activities. Our program committee is working hard to plan excellent meetings. In the past, some of our best meetings have been poorly attended. This is discouraging to guest speakers and to those planning the programs. Please help us out by planning to attend our regular meetings--the second Thursday of each month at Washington School, Burlingame. Why not put them on your calendar right now?

The bulletin editors need your help in obtaining interesting and timely articles. Bird and plant observations always provide good reading and your contributions will be very much appreciated.

Our September Calendar of Events shows that the scheduled activities will be interesting and worthwhile, so plan to join us. We are looking forward to seeing you at the Potluck supper and meeting on Thursday, September 8!

-- Ruth Breckenridge

This summer, while visiting friends in Hillsborough, I saw a group of Pygmy Nuthatches in an oak tree in the garden.

Jed (J. Ed) McClellan

OTHER BIRD OBSERVATIONS

The Shearwaters are back! On August 13, the Sooty Shearwaters were sweeping along over the water near Princeton by the tens of thousands, close enough to be observed from the shore, just as they came in last year.

Caspian Terns. On August 13, about 50 Caspian Terns were resting on the beaches near Princeton and catching small fish between the waves of the surf. Nearly half of the terns were young of the season and were being fed by the adults.

- Jed (J.Ed.) McClellan

TIDDLYWUMPUS

A high school girl, who remembered I had talked about birds to her Scout troop brought me a young Allen hummingbird fully fledged, which she had found floundering on her lawn. Fearing cats, she had cared for it for three days. I can only surmise that it was on its first flight and would have been all right if it had been put up in a bush to rest a bit. As so often happens, it had suffered from well meant kindness. Its breast and tail feathers had become soaked and sticky from the honey and water she had fed it in a small saucer. By this time it had no breast feathers and half of its tail and its feet were snarled in sticky down. I decided a bath was the first order of business.

He--a few brilliantly tipped feathers among those left on his throat indicated a male--appeared very perky after his bath and went for the medicine dropper meal of honey and water with gusto. From this point I did my best as a hummingbird foster mother. Since 15-minute feedings were eagerly received, Tiddlywumpus, as he became known, accompanied me in a screen-covered shoe box with fuchsia branch perch wherever I went - to serve at the Fiesta Audubon booth and the art exhibit - to the meat market shopping - to a ladies' luncheon - to Palo Alto to visit a friend. When he just couldn't go - as to San Francisco - a neighbor girl "baby sat" with him.

Each day as the sun broke through the fog, I put T.W. out in the patio in a tall budgie cage, with an assortment of branches and flowers in it. Thereupon, the male Anna, who "owns" our patio, began

a frenzied circling hover around the cage, sizzling his rage and curiosity, and this demonstration went on over and over all week.

As the time approached for Jim and me to go on a camping, hiking, fishing trip to the High Sierra, obviously, Tiddlywumpus just couldn't go, so I was delighted and relieved when Bill Nelson, of the Peninsula Humane Society, said he and his wife would take over my charge.

It is from them we will learn the final chapter of this story and what I hope can be a happy ending. The factors against it are many. How fast will new feathers grow to replace those lost after the regular cycle of feather growth on the young bird has taken place? Is honey water sufficient food? How will it get proteins furnished by the mother's regurgitation of half digested insects, or from some insects found in the flowers on which it customarily feeds? Does it have built-in instincts for hovering and sipping honey that will take over after an unnatural period of hand feeding? Will it be released in a territory possessing adequate food supply not already claimed by another hummer? Can it establish itself after such a long interruption of its natural cycle? These are weighty questions for such a small miracle of creation to deal with and we humans can only do our best to learn the answers.

--- Aveline Butler

WALKING AND TALKING WITH GENE

"Gene" Hebron is planning to continue her midweek morning bird walks, so be sure to look for her schedule in the October bulletin. By popular request she will continue showing and discussing her slides of local birds at each regular meeting. However, Gene's desire is especially to assist those who need help in identifying birds.

CALIFORNIA'S HIGH SIERRA LECTURES

University of California, Extension Div. announces a series of six lectures on California's high Sierra. The series begins in San Francisco on Tuesday, Oct. 4, at 8:00 P.M., at 55 Laguna Street. Tickets are \$9.00 for series, on sale at U.C. Extension, 2441 Bancroft Way, Berkeley.

FIESTA BOOTH

Without the wonderful cooperation of everyone, our booth at the San Mateo County Fiesta would not have been so successful this year. The committee members wish that they could thank individually everyone who helped. To those of you who gave so generously of your time in manning the booth, a sincere expression of appreciation is extended.

The Nature Feel-Box delighted children. Did you ever take the trouble to identify a pine cone by its feel? Or a sand-dollar? Or a starfish?

Grown-ups are sometimes too busy to be observant. The children all found the Feel-Box. Sometimes it even became a bottle neck. About 25 nursery school children came by the Audubon booth. They were in single file, grasping a plastic rope in one hand, like mountain climbers. Each insisted on identifying all the objects in turn. This took too long, and the teacher finally had to tow them away.

The flying owls on the green back-drop furnished a central theme. They were the work of Claire Stewart, who painted them for us last year. Two Madrone trees helped frame the edges of the booth. The trees were given by Adelaide Fichtner.

With this setting we used racks and screens to display other items. Western bird cards attracted notice of people who were curious about birds they had seen in their yards. The cards were loaned by the National Audubon Society of Berkeley, along with the gift items and books displayed. A bird-call device, kits for children to build oversize beetles, bumblebees, and grasshoppers, and books to identify Bay area animals, reptiles, and trees invited inspection and questions.

On a panel of the folding screen was a Billy-Bird. He is a large mythical creature with interchangeable bills and feet. The object of Billy-Bird is to relate bill and foot type to food getting habits. Shore and water bird silhouettes decorated another panel.

A green display rack had posters at the top showing activities of the Audubon Society. These were membership, conservation, local meetings and field trips, Jr. Audubon, and Audubon camps. On the lower shelf were membership applications and

handouts. This rack was loaned by Mr. Walter Asche of San Carlos, who is not a member, and we consider his help very generous.

Setting up and dismantling the booth was one of the biggest jobs. Ruth Breckenridge, Adelaide Fichtner, and Florence Richardson worked on this. Bob Lebkicher helped with the transportation of material. Mr. and Mrs. Will Harman and Gene Hebbbron stored equipment all winter, for which we are grateful. Thanks also to Elizabeth Evans who loaned us two sturdy redwood benches to support some of the exhibits.

We want to thank all those who served in the booth while it was open. We appreciate the splendid help everyone gave, in all the different phases of this project.

Members of the committee were Ruth Breckenridge, Adelaide Fichtner, Bob Lebkicher and Florence Richardson, Chairman.

-- Donald Richardson

For the Committee

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March 25 - 28, 1961

RESERVATIONS GOING! GOING! ALMOST GONE!

If you are interested in attending this outstanding event, send in your reservations right away. The National Audubon office reports that reservations for the limited accommodations available are coming in rapidly. Do not send money at this time. Send reservations to Audubon Convention, National Audubon Society, 2426 Bancroft Way, Berkeley 4, California.

FLASH! !

Be sure to look inside immediately. Read details about field trip to Farallon Islands on September 18. Reservations limited and should be made immediately.

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