



The Sequoia



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MEETINGS

Nov. 1 BOARD MEETING at the home of A. E. Montgomery, 2270 Summit Dr., Hillsborough. Any Audubon Member is welcome.

Nov. 8 REGULAR MEETING at Washington School Auditorium, 801 Howard Ave., Burlingame. Ulysses "Uke" Gras will show wildlife pictures taken on his recent trip to Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks and Malheur Game Refuge.

FIELD TRIPS

Nov. 27 PILLAR POINT - Meet at Skyline Blvd. & Half Moon Bay Road. Lunch optional. Leaders: Mr. & Mrs. A. E. Montgomery. (DI 4-4249) (Attractions noted in last month's SEQUOIA).

Nov. 10 PORTOLA STATE PARK - Meet at Skyline Blvd. & Half Moon Bay Road. Take lunch. Leaders: Nick and Katherine Kroll. (OX 7-2051). Look for Ouzels, Pygmy Nuthatches, Wood Ducks, Western Bluebirds. Come back on a spring morning and look for the nesting Marbled Murrelet. Or come back on a winter night and have an Owl prowl. The Sawwhet is one of four kinds of Owls you might hear.

Nov. 24 - OVERNIGHT TRIP to Sacramento National Wildfowl Refuge, 7 miles south of Willows on Route 99W. Meet at check station just inside Refuge gate at 1:00 P.M. on Saturday. Plan to stay until dusk and return at dawn (6:30 A.M.) on Sunday morning. Leader: Miss Beatrice Brainard, with Refuge Manager, Mr. Baine Cater. Anyone wishing to join the group for either one or both days is welcome and can meet us there. Reservations for motels in either Willows or Williams are advisable. If you wish reservations made for you, phone either Mrs. Jean Maxwell (DI 3-1073) or A. E. Montgomery (DI 4-4249). Several members desire to take extra passengers, hence those preferring not to drive may arrange also for transportation by phoning Mrs. Maxwell or Mr. Montgomery. Dress very warmly. The ground will likely

be frozen in the morning and it is painfully cold until the sun is well up. We should see tremendous flocks of geese - Canada, White-fronted, and Snow, with possibility of a few Ross. There will be many ducks, herons, bitterns, a few swans and perhaps some Sandhill Cranes. Hundreds of thousands of blackbirds swarm into the Refuge at dusk.

MORNING BIRD WALKS

Nov. 1 WATER DOG CANYON - Meet at Carlmont Thursday Shopping Center, Ralston Ave. & Alameda de las Pulgas in Lee Bros. Parking Lot. Take lunch. Be prepared to walk. Leader: Florence Richardson (FI 5-4443).

Nov. 15 SHORE BIRD TRIP - Meet at Burlingame Thursday Railroad Depot. Leader: Gene Hebbroon 8:30 A.M. (DI 3-0415). Destination to be announced.

CORDIAL WELCOME TO THESE NEW MEMBERS

From Belmont: Miss Beth Carpenter. From Burlingame: Mr. F. A. Ammerman, Mrs. Silas W. Hays, Ruth Holmes Muldoon. From Colma: Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Damon. From Menlo Park: Mr. Robert J. Morris. From Millbrae: Mrs. Harold Miller (transfer). From Montara: Miss B. S. Ballard. From Redwood City: Mr. George H. Merryweather. From San Francisco: Miss Lucie I. Renner. From San Mateo: Mrs. H. L. Dobson, Mrs. W. P. Roth.

YOURS FOR THE ASKING

The Following lists are available in limited number and may be picked up at the General Meeting or obtained by request from President A. E. Montgomery (DI 4-4249):

BIRDS OBSERVED IN SAN MATEO COUNTY - by Sequoia Audubon Society
PLANT LIFE ALONG SAWYER CAMP ROAD - by J. Ed. McClellan
TREES AND PLANTS IN BUTANO CANYON - by J. Ed. McClellan
MEMBERSHIP ROSTER OF SEQUOIA AUDUBON SOCIETY

Return to: Sequoia Audubon Society Bulletin
c/o Mrs. Bonnie McClellan
1356 Bernal Avenue
Burlingame, California
(Form 3547 Requested)

CONSERVATION NOTES

One of the most outstanding examples of human generosity that I have heard of in the last decade has recently been manifested by the Marks, two brothers and a sister, in providing 9,075 acres of wilderness, a wonderland of camping grounds and trails for future generations to enjoy, and I am compelled to remind our members briefly of the details of this rare bequest.

The Marks family, having inherited this beautiful tract of forested lands near Santa Cruz, determined in the closing years of their lives to prevent this land which their mother, Nisine Marks, cherished from getting into the hands of developers, offered it to the State and people of California for \$410,000 which amount was needed to defray outstanding expenses and costs. This offer was in addition to the 120 acres adjacent to the Point Lobos State Park noted as one of the world's most beautiful meetings of land and water for which they had been offered \$300,000.

To consummate this unusual bequest, a great deal of study and consultation was spent and the Marks family began to make real their dream of a wilderness park for all to enjoy. Hard as it may have been to refuse the \$4,000,000 they were offered, they anxiously held to their objective. Finally, the Western Regional Offices of the Nature Conservancy came into the picture and, with the help of their Mr. John R. McDaniel of Carmel, the financing was finally arranged and the land secured for later dedication by the State as The Forest of Nisine Marks State Park.

Robert Lebkicher has been watching with considerable concern the proposal by the P.G. & E. to extend its high power electric line from Los Gatos area across Huddart Park and on up to King's Mountain with extremely high towers and a wide right-of-way which necessitates cutting of the forest trees and general defacement of the landscape. He feels as we all do that in this age of technology, there should be some other way of transmitting a power across the land than by the present methods which are so obnoxious to the public.

Conservation Committee
W. C. Harman, Chairman

NEW AUDUBON CAMP

"Audubon Camp of the West" for 1963 will be at Trail Lake Ranch, Dubois, Wyoming. Located in the Wind River Range, it is 75 miles from Grand Teton and Yellowstone National Parks.

There will be three two-week sessions from June 23 through August 2, 1963. For full details, write: Audubon Camp, P. O. Box 3666, El Monte, California.

NEW SATURDAY HOURS AT C. R. C.

Now and through December, you can shop Saturdays 11 - 4 at Conservation Resources Center, 2426 Bancroft Way, Berkeley 4, California, (TH 8-4042). Buy your books, gifts and visual aids by mail, phone or personal selection. Your purchases help educational conservation programs of National Audubon Society.

RECOMMENDED READING

Gilliam, Harold - ISLAND IN TIME - 1962
Sierra Club 40 pp. \$3.95 and \$7.50

Carson, Rachel - SILENT SPRING - 1962
Houghton Mifflin 368 pp. \$5.00

Brower, David (Editor) WILDERNESS - 1961
Sierra Club 224 pp. \$5.75