



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. PRESIDENT: Mr. U. E. Gras
425 Alder Lane, San Mateo, FI 1-0575.

MEETINGS

SPECIAL NOTICE - Because of the conflict with the Holiday Season, there will be no meeting of the Board of Directors in January.
Your Board hopes that you all had a nice Christmas, and extends its best wishes for a Happy New Year.

January 9 **REGULAR MEETING** at Washington School Auditorium, 801
Thursday Howard Ave., Burlingame. This meeting will feature a
8:00 p.m. double-header in entertainment.
Laurel Reynold's fine color movie on the Audubon Canyon Ranch (Marin County), will show the nesting and flight habits of Egrets and Great Blue Herons.
Our own William R. Colbert will also show many of his color slides, taken both on private rambles and on Audubon trips.
Light refreshments will be served after the program.

FIELD TRIPS

(Alice Steele, Chairman DI 4-8317)

January 18 **BURLINGAME TIDE FLATS** - Leader, Alice Steele
Saturday A close-up look at shore birds. Meet at nursery at
2:30 pm foot of Broadway, Burlingame, turning right on Old Bayshore. If it is cold or raining, meet in the coffee shop at Hyatt House (turn left on Old Bayshore, at the foot of Broadway).

SPECIAL NOTICE - Los Banos Game Refuge
The game warden at the refuge has agreed to let us know when the Sandhill Cranes arrive at the refuge. When this occurs, a special field trip will be arranged for those who wish to go. This will be on short notice, so please advise either Mr. Gras (FI 1-0575) or Alice Steele (DI 4-8317) if you are interested, and you will be contacted when the trip is scheduled.

MID-WEEK BIRD WALKS

(Leader: Gene Hebbbron) DI 3-0415)

January 15 **BOREL ESTATE** - Leader, Gene Hebbbron
Wednesday Meet at corner of Borel Avenue and El Camino, in San
8:30 am Mateo, parking on Borel. Lunch is optional - the walk will terminate at noon.
This will be the only mid-week walk scheduled in January.

REPORTS ON FIELD TRIPS

SACRAMENTO NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE - Nov. 30 and Dec. 1

The collection of color slides shown by the refuge management group is very fine. It shows the refuge area taken from the air and from the ground, and most of the waterfowl and wading birds to be found on the refuge. The kind of bird pictures you all dream of seeing and all photographers hope to get someday.
TRIP HIGHLIGHTS: Lovely little Ross Geese beside Snowies and Whistling Swans in the exhibition pool --- five Whistling Swans in flight, single file --- clouds of Snow Geese in the air, big Canadas coming over, and the lovely White-fronts with their "different" voice --- hundreds of Cackling Geese grazing, resting, and hiding --- a Burrowing Owl posing by his door, beside the Kroll's car --- a White-tailed Kite pointed out by "beginner" Ann Hall --- Ring-necked Pheasants, several Bitterns, many White Pelicans --- the Wood Ducks, Green-wing Teal, one Ring-neck Duck among the ten species and thousands of ducks we saw.

Cold weather and an overcast, with no sun, limited visibility. Monty suggested a route home --- Hiway 20 from Williams west to Clear Lake, and Hiway 53 to St. Helena, Calistoga, Napa, San Rafael, and San Francisco; through mountains with new green grass, ripe Toyon berries, cottonwoods and willows still golden, and at Calistoga and Napa the grape vines a deep, dark red. A very beautiful trip going up Hiway 40 to Vacaville and Hiway 99W to Willows was also rewarding, and faster, though not so spectacular.

Alice Steele

GOLDEN GATE PARK - December 7

About 18-20 field trippers started their rewarding walk at the middle of the Chain-of-Lakes, their main objective the Wood Ducks. Fox Sparrows entertained us as we circled the lake. Then, as Nick Kroll spread a feast at the proper place, five pairs of Wood Ducks joined Mallards, a Ruddy Ducks, and a Snow Goose at the feed. At Stow Lake, as we enjoyed hot coffee, we fed assorted Gulls, including Glaucous-wings. Baldpates were observed by Strawberry Hill.

In the area of the Conservatory, we learned of some delightful paths for walking in the Fuchsia gardens. There the squirrels were out in force, begging. The one sitting on a big bracket fungus was especially appealing. We'll take more pop-corn and nuts next time.

Gertrude Medler

Although it turned out to be a cold and foggy day, eight brave souls turned out for this walk. Walking most of the way, a fantastic total of 70 species of birds were logged. Probably the most unusual was the Snipe, but other rare finds were Wood Ducks, a Hooded Merganser, and a European Widgeon.

This trip was planned as a preview for the December Bird Count, to be held on December 28. From these results, it looks like we should have an exceptionally large number of species recorded this year.

Gene Hebbbron

NEW MEMBERS

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REPORT on DECEMBER MEETING

Following a sumptuous and well-attended pot-luck supper, members and guests enjoyed the excellent pictures of Tahiti and way points presented by Jack Hebbbron. The trip and pictures were described with humor by Jack. The attendance at the meeting totaled forty members and guests.

Jean Maxwell

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AUDUBON REPRESENTATIVES MEETING

On Saturday, February 8, 1964, there is to be a meeting of representatives of all Northern California Audubon groups at the University YWCA in Berkeley (2600 Bancroft Way). The meeting will be divided into the following discussion groups:

1. Presidents
2. Membership
3. Wild-life films
4. National Centers and Sanctuaries
5. Programs - Field Trips - Leader training
6. Conservation education - Audubon Junior Program
7. Publicity - Public Relations - Bulletins

We need delegates to represent Sequoia in each group. Anyone interested or willing to attend is requested to contact Mr. U. E. Gras at FI 1-0575 by January 10. More details will be available at the January 9 meeting.

CONSERVATION NOTES

Committee for Green Foothills meeting in Palo Alto, November 20th, featured two speakers. W.P. Mott, Jr., manager of the Regional Parks system in East Bay had visions of a regional park system entirely surrounding the Bay. It would be mainly along the ridges but would also have access routes along the transverse creek areas, to enable people to hike, bike or ride completely around the Bay area, or from Bay to Ocean by several routes, all in natural surroundings. The system would also include appropriate spaced hostels and camp areas, inexpensive inducements to recreation enthusiasts, singly or in groups.

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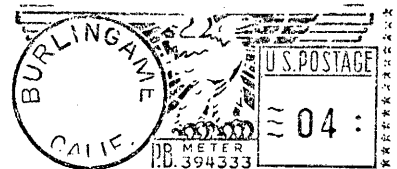
Mr. Mott stressed that now is the time to put this concept in the planning for development of the area, while the open space is still available.

A further significant remark by Mr. Mott: back around 1900 a group of far-sighted citizens had an idea about the tule-swamps in the heart of Oakland - so Lake Merritt Park came into being. The immediately adjoining properties now pay more each year in taxes to the city of Oakland than the original cost of development of the lake and park area. When Mr. Kaiser opened the twenty-eight story office Center nearby, he said that it could have been built anywhere in the world. He was attracted to the site by the beauty of nearby Lake Merritt. A conservation-minded official once remarked that a few years ago, when he propounded that open green spaces were worth more undeveloped on the tax rolls, due to upgrading of surrounding properties, he was laughed at. Now the planning officials are beginning to listen.

Second speaker was Dr. Leonard Duhl, psychiatrist with the National Institute of Mental Health in Bethesda, Md. His was typical of the textbook expertise so prevalent on the national scene nowadays. He stated that those who desired open areas are a small minority. Most people are city dwellers who don't like open country and find it uncomfortable. He cited people moved from squalid slums in rehabilitation programs who really grieved for their old hovels. Of course, laboratory rats in overcrowded conditions bit each other and became hostile. But his government advisory group, when challenged to prove that open green areas were necessary to physical or mental health, were unable to do so, in fact quite the contrary. If there is value in maintaining some of our natural heritage intact, it will require an education program for appreciation of open country by a large majority, rather than be left to the chance enjoyment by a small minority.

Did you happen to see the review in "This World" of Nov. 23rd of a book, "A Sharing of Joy" by Martha Reben? After three years in a sanitarium with tuberculosis, the writer sought the outdoors and after some years of tests showed she was cured. The descriptions of her making friendships with wild animals sounds like the kind of reading we'd all enjoy. In the Nov. 17 issue, Harold Gilliam reviewed Mr. Udall's new book, "The Quiet Crisis." In a side note, book section editor Wm. Hogan quoted, "America today stands poised on a pinnacle of wealth and power, yet we live in a land of vanishing beauty, in an environment diminishing daily by pollution, noise and blight. This is the quiet conservation crisis of the 1960's."

Bob Lebkicher
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