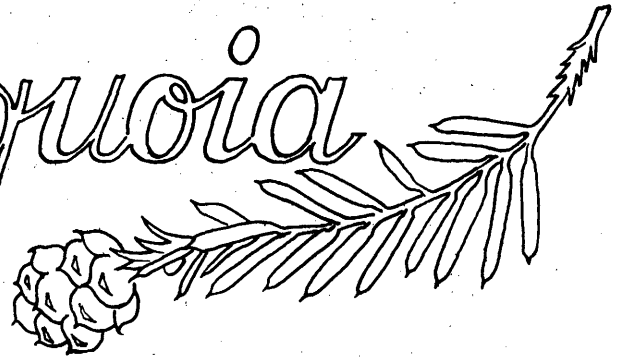




The Sequoia



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. John L. Morrill, 505 Costa Rica Avenue, San Mateo, DI 4-5497.

MEETINGS

May 6 BOARD MEETING at the home of President John L. Morrill, Thursday 505 Costa Rica Avenue, San Mateo. All Board members and 8:00 pm Committee Chairmen are urged to attend. All members of Sequoia Audubon are welcome.

May 13 REGULAR MEETING at the Washington School Auditorium, Thursday 801 Howard Avenue, Burlingame. This will be the annual 8:00 pm business meeting of our group, with the election of new officers and directors.

Following the business meeting, the results of the Shore Survey being conducted by many of our members for the California Department of Fish and Game will be reviewed by the section leaders. Miss Danielson, of the Junior Museum, who directs the Survey will summarize the results to date. A review from the viewpoint of the Department of Fish and Game, and an outline of plans for the future will be given by Earl Lauppe, of the Department, under whose guidance the project is being conducted. Color slides of the survey areas and any special photos taken by those participating will be shown. Color movies furnished by the Department of Fish and Game will conclude the program. Light refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the meeting.

FIELD TRIPS

(Chairman: G. Paul Lechich 344-1164)

May 2 AL WOOL RANCH Sunday, Leaders: Al J. Wool and Ruth Breckenridge (DI 3-4216) 9:00 am Contact Ruth if additional information is needed. Meeting Place: La Honda at the General Store parking area. (NOTE: This is in the TOWN of La Honda, NOT on Skyline). This trip is always enjoyed by those attending. Many interesting species of birds and plants are seen. Bring lunch for a pleasant day.

May 8 FARALLON ISLAND BOAT TRIP Saturday Leader: Mr. A. E. Montgomery (344-4249) 6:30 am Meeting Place: Princeton Pier (North of Miramar and a short distance south of Hazel's Pier). The Boat "Miss Princeton" will leave the pier at 7:00 am sharp, to permit return about mid-afternoon. Be there early to allow time for parking and boarding. No landing will be made on the islands, but the boat will circle as close as is practical. Arrangements have been made to have bait aboard to attract birds. This will afford an opportunity to see oceanic birds seldom seen from shore, such as puffins, auklets, guillemots, murre, shearwaters, and possibly albatross. Reservations are necessary: The number of persons going will be limited to thirty. Cost: \$6.00 per person, to cover the cost of boat, crew, and bait.

How to Reserve Passage: Write to Mr. A. E. Montgomery, 2270 Summit Drive, Hillsborough, enclosing a check and a self-addressed envelope for receipt confirmation. When thirty reservations have been received, no more can be accepted, so act promptly. For further information, call Mr. Montgomery.

How to Dress: Wear WARM CLOTHES, including warm foot-gear and head gear, and wear wind-proof clothing. The wind and spray can be very cold, so dress as warmly as possible. Sunburn lotion may be desirable for some. Bring binoculars and LUNCH.

May 22 LAKE PILARCITOS and STONE DAM Saturday Leader: Ruth Breckenridge (DI 3-4216) 8:30 am Meeting Place: Sawyer Camp Road, about one mile from Millbrae end of road. Permission has been obtained from the S. F. Water Department to take three pre-designated cars to Lake Pilarcitos. Other cars will be left at meeting place. From Lake Pilarcitos we will walk to Stone Dam. The trip is limited to 25 people, so make your reservations early by calling Ruth Breckenridge.

June 14 SANTA CRUZ ALBATROSS EXPEDITION Monday We have been asked to announce that the annual off-shore trip 7:30 am headed by Leavitt McQuesten will be held on this date. Anyone wishing to take this trip in a Stagnaro sport fishing boat should make reservations by sending your check for \$1.50 to:
Viola Anderson
227 Linden Street
Santa Cruz

or call Leavitt McQuesten (423-2989)
The boat will leave the Santa Cruz Municipal Wharf at 7:30 am. Capacity is limited to fifty.

FIELD TRIP REPORTS

BUTANO CANYON - - - On Sunday, March 28, we took our annual trip Butano Canyon to see the Skunk Cabbages in bloom and to see the many and beautiful spring wild flowers in that delightful canyon. The Skunk Cabbages were in full bloom, and the many Trilliums (both Coast and Sessile) and Fritillary Lillies and Yellow Violets, etc., etc., were putting on a great show for us. The beautiful Clintonia was in bud and beginning to bloom, and the Red Elderberry, Big-Leaf Maple and Box Elder were in full bloom. Altogether I listed thirty-six species of plants in bloom in the canyon. Twenty-five people were in the party. As to birds, we had an extra good day. Frequently we see only a few birds in the canyon, but on this trip we saw nineteen species in the canyon. At the dam, where we met for the trip, and enroute from the dam to Butano Canyon, we saw, according to my list, fifty-one species of birds, including, at Pescadero Creek, the elusive American Bitterns. The swallows were well represented by Cliff, Barn, Tree, and Violet-wing, and a probable Rough-wing. Of special interest among the birds seen in Butano Canyon were Pygmy Nuthatch, Winter Wren, Yellow Warbler, Brown Creeper, and Wilson Warbler.

Jed McClellan, Leader

BERKELEY BOTANICAL GARDENS - - After a week of rain, Saturday, April 17, was lovely for our trip to Strawberry Canyon in Berkeley. Nick Kroll, our leader, had arranged for us to see the exhibits inside special buildings.

The house of cactus was especially interesting - from the smaller thumb-nail size to the huge ones. Then, on the outside, the very fine outdoor cactus gardens with a linnnet singing his heart out, and Rufous Humming-birds darting about - Allens also. The cactus gardens alone are worth the trip, and later, in late May or June should have more blossoming plants.

The fern house and house of exotics also were very fine. We walked through thenative plants area. A very fine Fremontia was in bloom - plots of phacelia, heliotrope, Blue eyes, and five-spot nemophilia, chinese houses, calochaites - pink, white, Mission bells, and others; lovely bird's eye giliias, Johnny jumpup, bush poppy and tar-weeds, larjias, giant coreopsis, tidy-tips, iris, fringe cups, trillium, and more. Then across the way through rhododendrons, camellias, flowering cherries to a lunch table in the sun, while the steller jays came very close to beg for crumbs. So close we could see their startling eyebrows. A stop at the Audubon store and home as the rain started. We thank Nick and Katherine for a well planned trip. Now, they're off to Arizona.

L. Alice Steele

INVITATION TO A BARBECUE

The MARIN AUDUBON SOCIETY extends an invitation to any of us who wish to join them in their Second Annual Spring Barbecue at Audubon Canyon Ranch on Mother's Day, May 9, 1965. The cost is \$3.00 each for adults and \$1.50 for youngsters under thirteen. The event is scheduled for the interval from 11:00 am until 4:00 pm, with luncheon being served beginning at 12:00 noon, and continuing until all are served.

There will be a light program of wildflower and bird walks, hikes, and guided tours of the improvements in the Garden Club of America Canyon. Profits from the Barbecue will go to a Camp Scholarship fund (\$250), and the balance to the Ranch maintenance fund.

This is a beautiful time of the year to visit the ranch, with the flowers in bloom, and the herons and egrets in the rookery. Anyone wishing to attend this affair should send his check and reservation to:

Marin Audubon Society
P. O. Box 441
Tiburon, Calif.

(Contributions from those not able to attend will be welcome.)

CONSERVATION NOTES

BAY-FILL Legislation (\$309) of the Bay Study Commission won an important victory, largely due to letters and telegrams from concerned area residents. The Senate Governmental Efficiency Committee approved the bill, with one dissent from San Mateo County's Senator Dolwig. In a later interview, he explained his action followed "conferences with the San Mateo County Supervisors and the San Mateo County Development Association." What about listening to some of the people sometime, Senator?

BAY-FILL again - on Wednesday, April 21, a scheduled hearing at 10:30 am at City Hall, Alameda, wherein a request by a Developer to fill about 1,000 acres at Bay Farm Island will be heard by the US Army Corps of Engineers. This is called unprecedented by the Save San Francisco Bay Association - a federal agency inviting public responses on such issues. This concern added to the growing statewide interest is a good sign indeed. But too many people right here in San Mateo County don't seem to care very much - and this means the Sequoia Audubon Society has its work cut out for it.

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BAY-FILL again, again - this time a proposal by San Francisco scavengers for a 135-acre addition of garbage-disposal fill on a 33 year basis. San Francisco's State Senator McAteer scored Mayor Shelley, as member of the Bay Study Commission, for not objecting to this contrary extension of bay-filling. San Mateo County Supervisors Werder and Chess also commented with 'no objection' to the proposed filling, which permit is, up to the Army Corps of Engineers. People laughed about the label "Smogville" for Los Angeles - but it's a wonder our County approach to San Francisco hasn't brought the label of "Stenchville our neighbor, the City. And now you'll be happy to know the aroma will be around "ad perpetuum, ad nauseum."

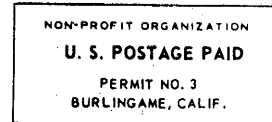
Ticky-tacky boxes row on row - goes the jingle sung by the folksingers and which became a national hit tune - it was written about Westlake at the north end of Skyline, where there are two outside walls in a 4,000 foot string of houses. Further up Skyline toward San Bruno, another new subdivision on stairstep lots dozed out of hillside adds to the growing blight. The developer recently sold the Westlake shopping center interests for \$16 million to help finance his proposed \$500-million project to spill more of same down the lovely north San Mateo County coast past Half Moon Bay. It is now being considered by San Mateo County Planning and one wonders if these people haven't yet learned the difference between quantity and quality? The powers that be are apparently taken in by this fallacy of 'perpetual growth' being necessary for health. This County with its tremendous advantages can well afford to be most carefully selective in its growth patterns - and it cannot afford to be otherwise!

About a year ago, a call went out in this column for some volunteers for a Conservation Committee - we were then only one. Now there are six - devoted and unselfish in their desires to build our Society. Gratifying! Two of our Committee members, residents of San Mateo, undertook a personal tour of their city's public parks, due to an upcoming ballot on a bond-issue of some \$900,000. The funds were for new buildings - none for additional lands - to take up more of the space on a mere 69 acres. A state/national survey indicates a city the size of San Mateo should have a minimum of 700 acres in recreational/natural park spaces. Anyway, early in April the bond-vote squeaked by with a 200 vote majority.

At the invitation of your president, it was a privilege to attend a day conference in Berkeley on March 27 under Western Represen Goodall. Purpose was to find ways and means of communication between the five Audubon Societies in this area so that we might know more about each others' plans, projects and activities and to work together where we can to promote the mutual aims. We all have a common need to grow in membership and also in scope of activities to accomplish the things we are here for. As often said before, solid growth will be based upon our value to the community we serve. Some of us believe we have just what the public needs, whether they yet know it or not! Let's grow!

Serving in this capacity has been rewarding in many ways. One meets so many delightful people - dedicated to the cause of Conservation - the courageous ones; the ones with vision for our civilization's future; the people who know the real values of the land and what it produces beyond what rattles in a tincup. There are the handful of Committee members now - but somewhere in San Mateo County there must be at least six hundred others who would like to see this region develop in to the ideal place it should be. Our Society is ready and waiting for them. Not the least of rewards this past year has been the unstinting support of your President, Jack Morrill, to the Conservation causes. It's been a good year; Jack, and a big thank you!

Bob Lebkicher
Conservation



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