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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. A. E. Montgomery, 2270 Summit Dr., Hillsborough, 344-4249.

MEETINGS

April 7
Thurs.
8:00 PM
BOARD MEETING at the home of President A. E. Montgomery, 2270 Summit Drive, Hillsborough. All Board members and committee chairmen are requested to attend. All members of the Sequoia Audubon are welcome.

April 14
Thurs.
6:30 PM
POTLUCK SUPPER at the Washington School Cafeteria, 801 Howard Ave., Burlingame. Members and guests are invited to participate. Please call either Ruth Canoles (343-8053) or Laverne Goodwin (342-0414) to let them know what you plan to bring.

April 14
Thurs.
8:00 PM
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING at the Washington School Auditorium, address above. Mr. Ed Bedecarrax of San Jose State College will present color slides, DISCOVERING THE CENTRAL SIERRA NEVADAS FROM THE FOOTHILLS TO THE SUMMIT. The program has been arranged by Mr. Bedecarrax; Mrs. Willard Hass and Mr. J. Ed McClellan will relate mainly to factors that determine where plants and animals can live, and types of environments in which those of common occurrence may be found.

FIELD TRIPS

(Chairman: Nick Kroll Ox 72051)

April 2
Saturday
8:30 AM
BUTANO CREEK
LEADER: Jed McClellan (344-3486)
MEETING PLACE: Meet at 8:30 AM at the parking area by the dam at the head of Crystal Springs Road, on Skyline. Bring a lunch for an all-day outing. This annual trip is always high-lighted by an outstanding display of wild-flowers, including such items as Trillium and Skunk Cabbage, as well as many other varieties. This is one of the real beauty spots of the county, and is always greatly enjoyed.

April 16
Saturday
9:15 AM
ANGEL ISLAND
LEADER: Alice Steele (344-8317)
MEETING PLACE: Meet at 9:15 at the HARBOR TOURS DOCK, Pier 43 1/2, at Fisherman's Wharf, in San Francisco. Parking is available close by at a reasonable cost. Bring a lunch for this all-day trip. The boat will return to the pier at about 5:00 PM. The cost for the boat trip (round trip) is \$1.50, and there is a small charge at the island. This is an enjoyable trip, featuring the beautiful landscaping and many wild-flowers on the island, as well as a great variety of bird life, both field and water varieties.

April 23
Saturday
9:00 AM
BEGINNERS' BIRD WALK
The monthly outing for novice observers will be on the Stanford University campus. For details about the trip, call George Hebborn (343-0415).

FIELD TRIP REPORTS

ALPINE LODGE - AUDUBON CANYON RANCH: this field trip on March 12 and 13 furnished as enjoyable a week-end as one can imagine. The weather man cooperated wholeheartedly to provide perfect warm, sunny days.

After a picnic lunch together Saturday all hiked down that lovely 2-mile trail to Muir Woods and were brought back to Alpine Lodge by cars. Some 23 of us shall long remember the fine dinner and evening together, thanks to Alpine Club member Alice Steele.

Sunday forenoon, after leaving Alpine Lodge, we were joined by others at Audubon Canyon Ranch to hike up to The Overlook where we could look down on the Great Blue Herons incubating their eggs. The first of the Egrets in full nuptial plumage were preparing for nesting. After a picnic lunch in the warm sunshine all walked up the beautiful Garden Club Canyon, admiring the red trillium, mission bells, yellow violets, bleeding hearts, shooting stars, and-- oh, ask the girls who know all the wild-flowers! Our new member, Charles Newman, showed himself to be an authority on mushrooms and fungi. Altogether a memorable trip.

Monty Montgomery

The MOUNT DIABLO trip on Sunday, March 20, was enjoyed by about thirty persons on another perfect day, with a cloudless deep-blue sky. With exceptional visibility from the summit, the city of San Francisco and the Golden Gate Bridge were clearly visible.

Following a picnic lunch together at Cypress Picnic Grounds, the nearby scenic Belvedere Walk revealed a good showing of wild-flowers. On the way up, the Violet-green Swallows and White throated Swifts put on a good show. Those returning via the western entrance saw magnificent fields of lupine and poppies.

Monty Montgomery

SANTA CRUZ AUDUBON SOCIETY

Albatross Expedition

Our friends in Santa Cruz have invited us to join them on their off-shore trip to see Albatross. Details are as follows:

Off-shore trip will be conducted by Leavitt McQuesten on Monday, June 13, 1966.

Stagnaro sport fishing boat will leave the Santa Cruz municipal wharf, Santa Cruz, at 7:30 AM and return about noon the same day.

Destination: 12 miles off-shore

Tickets: \$1.50, reservations to be made in advance.

For tickets or more information write to:

V. Anderson
227 Linden Street
Santa Cruz, Calif.

CONSERVATION NOTES

"A foul, thick wafer of iron and cement covers primeval America, beneath which cry the ghosts of the crane, the mallard, the grey and white brants, the elk and the fallow deer."

Because I was Flesh,
Edward Dahlberg

SKYLINE SCENIC HIGHWAY: The Planning Commission of San Mateo County recommended, with some modifications, the acceptance of the plan for a Skyline Scenic Corridor drawn up by the Skyline Citizens Committee. The Board of Supervisors considered the Commissions recommendations March 15 and in principle accepted them. The supervisors did, however, adopt a resolution to allow more time for study and have set March 29 as the date for a joint meeting with the Planning Commission at which time a public hearing date will be set. Unfortunately in the citizens' report the zoning is set at only 1 acre along Skyline and the corridor is 500 feet. If we are to save Skyline minimum zoning of 2 1/2 acres and a corridor of 1000 feet is essential. WRITE the supervisors (County Government Center, Redwood City) urging that they increase both the zoning and the corridor. This one acre zoning amounts to an invitation for all developers.

GOVERNOR'S CONFERENCE ON CALIFORNIA BEAUTY: This conference was held in January in Los Angeles and Mr. William Rand, one of our members attended. He has written down for our personal some impressions he gained from the conference:

1. Due largely to the actions of the federal government and the personal efforts of Mr. and Mrs. Lyndon Johnson the forces of conservation are in the ascendancy and will be listened to much more seriously in the future. Conservation is now beginning to be recognized as both good business and good politics.
2. Despite the better position of conservation, the Governor's Conference was pretty much a case of conservationists and similar types talking to each other and the chance of any immediate outside effect is probably no greater than the effect of a Democratic National Convention on Republican voters. One person with whom I talked likened the conference to a drop of water hitting a stone in that it contributes to the erosion of the stone, although it will take many more drops to measure the effect.

3. So far as rural and recreational lands are concerned (this is the panel on which I served) there is a feeling that the State would recognize these lands as a natural resource and should place them in importance up with other matters of state-wide concern such as transportation, water pollution, etc.
4. The other main impression I gained was the need for more effective education of the public, both by State agencies and private organizations such as the Audubon Society and the Sierra Club. Private organizations can expect more support from the State organizations in the future and there is a feeling that the educational processes should be aimed primarily at the younger segment of our society. The point was made that of the one thousand or so people at the conference, there were very few under the age 35.

My thanks to Mr. Rand for his resume. His last point outlined the biggest challenge we have, educating the public to the values and goals of conservation.

Eleanor McCurley, Conservation Chairman.

NEW MEMBERS

We are happy to be able to welcome the following new members to the SEQUOIA AUDUBON SOCIETY:

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