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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.

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## MEETINGS

**NOTE:** There will be no Board Meeting in June.

**June 9** There will be a Picnic Supper preceding the final meeting of the season, to be held at the Park adjacent to the Burlingame Recreation Center. This is located on Burlingame Avenue, one block east of the Southern Pacific Station. Hot drinks will be provided by the Social Committee, headed by Ruth Canoles and Laverne Goodwin. Those attending will bring their own food. Contrary to earlier reports, there will be no facilities for cooking. If it is cold, we will eat indoors.

**June 9** REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING, to be held in the Recreation Center, where the May meeting was held. In this final meeting of this season, we will be privileged to see a program of color slides on ALASKA, presented by Mr. Ulysses Gras, a member and former President of Sequoia Audubon, and a member of the Peninsula Color Slide Club. All who have seen Uke's pictures of such places as Monument Valley know that this will be an outstanding program, not to be missed.

**FIELD TRIPS**  
(Chairman: Nicholas Kroll 697-2051)

**June 4** BUTANO FIRE TRAIL  
**Sat.** LEADER: Jed McClellan (344-3486)  
**8:00 AM** MEETING PLACE: Meet at the dam on Skyline, at the head of Crystal Springs Road, at 8:00 AM sharp. Bring a lunch.

**June 19** AL WOOL RANCH - La Honda  
**Sun.** LEADER: Mr. Al Wool  
**9:00 AM** For information, Call Ruth B. Hass (345-9089)  
MEETING PLACE: Meet in parking lot at the La Honda Store (in the town of La Honda, NOT on Skyline Blvd.) Bring a lunch.  
Mr. Wool, an outstanding naturalist and genial host, has again consented to lead us on another delightful tour of his ranch.

**BEGINNERS' BIRD WALKS**  
There will be no Beginners' walks this month. They will be resumed in the Fall.

**FIELD TRIP REPORTS**  
**SUNOL REGIONAL PARK - May 15:** In spite of the early meeting time, eighteen members turned out to enjoy a marvelous day of "bird watching."

Forty-six kinds of birds were logged, among them the flycatcher family was most prominent: Kingbird, Black Phoebe, Peewee, Ash-throated, Olive-sided, and Western Flycatchers.

There were many nesting birds, and we were lucky to discover the nests of the Titmouse, Bullock's Oriole, Sparrow Hawk, Allen's Hummingbird, Brown Creeper, House Wren, Magpie, and Ash-throated Flycatcher, and to watch the parent birds feeding their young.

We were disappointed to find the spring wildflowers gone, but did observe a few of the Summer flowers.  
Gene Hebbroon

(Note: The trips to Lake Pilarcitos and Tilden Regional Park were held too late to be reported in this issue of the bulletin).

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Your officers and directors during the past year have been given such effectual and willing support by the committees and Society members that the job of administration has been a satisfying and enjoyable one. Our membership has grown; our meetings and field trips have been well attended; all our committees have functioned with loyal spirit and determination.

Adelaide Fichtner, our membership secretary, together with the treasurer, Gladys Jaten, have kept the membership records accurately and conscientiously.

Our monthly meeting programs provided by the Program Committee under the leadership of Florence Richardson have been uniformly interesting and instructive.

For our many splendid field trips we thank Nicholas Kroll and his committee. Nick seems to have some authority over the weather, for time after time the weather became perfect for our particular dates, affording us many memorable experiences.

All of our readers are familiar with the exceptionally good work done the past year by our Conservation Committee headed by Eleanor McCurley, who has written the Conservation Notes for this publication during the past year. Eleanor is leaving California, and she will be sorely missed.

Thanks are due to Ruth Canoles, who so ably took over Publicity after Jean Maxwell became ill. Ruth also has been deeply appreciated for her work as chairman for social events.

Many of our members had the satisfaction of completing a valuable work under all sorts of weather conditions on the Shore Survey for the State Department of Fish and Game, and our thanks go to Maryann Danielson, who coordinated the big job.

The Mid-week Bird Walks, arranged by Gene Hebbroon, have proven to be most worthwhile, and are highly appreciated.

And last, but far from least, we must all feel deeply grateful to Jack Morrill, who has faithfully and ably edited THE SEQUOIA, and seen to it that it was issued monthly on time.

There are numerous others who should be mentioned for their loyal and unflinching assistance.

Several of this leadership will be continuing in the same capacity during the coming year. With help from all, we shall strive to make the next year at least an equally successful one.

A. E. Montgomery

## REPORT ON ANNUAL MEETING

Officers and Directors of the Sequoia Audubon Society for the year 1966-67 were elected at the annual meeting on May 12. The nominating committee, consisting of J. Ed. McClellan, Katherine Kroll, and Jean Maxwell, reported a slate of candidates which was elected by unanimous acclamation. The leaders of your Society for the coming year accordingly will be:

Pres. A. E. Montgomery  
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Hillsborough (342-3620)      Burlingame (342-6919)

Sec. Liv Gurevitz      Dir. John Morrill  
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Treas. Gertrude Medler      Dir. Alice Steele  
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## CONSERVATION NOTES

Marian Lockwood, one of Sequoia Audubon's members, attended the Conservation section of the recent meeting of Western States Audubon Clubs in Berkeley. The following points are conservation suggestions for all Audubon members which came forth from the meeting. Miss Lockwood, who will be Sequoia Audubon Conservation Chairman next year itemizes them for us:

1. Work with civic groups, for example:
  - a. P. T. A. 's and Boards of Education -- to develop classroom and after-school nature study projects stressing ecology.
  - b. Garden Clubs -- suggest ideas promoting conservation, e.g. a theme: "Conservation is a Matter of Life or Death" portrayed in a garden show with illustrative models.
2. Be a "watch-bird" over local, state, national governmental planning and action regarding over-development of open space, desecration of wild-life refuges and natural scenic beauty.
  - a. Discuss issues with friends and relatives outside Audubon to extend the participation in expressing interest and concern to legislators; when national action is needed, request friends in other states to write their U. S. congressmen.
  - b. Determine, in advance of voting, the stand candidates intend to take regarding specific and immediate threats to the environment.
  - c. Remember that you as an informed citizen can express more emphatic concern direct to legislators than can the National Audubon Society which as a tax-exempt organization is prevented from action similar to "Lobbying."
3. Register now for the 1966 National Audubon Convention to be held in Sacramento, Nov. 11-16, the theme of which is: "Silver Linings in Conservation...Chaos, or Control?" An application form is in the March-April Audubon Magazine.

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The brevity of "Conservation Notes" this month is due to the fact that your Conservation Chairman is moving to the East almost immediately. I only wish I could take a couple million people along with me and reduce a little bit the population growth which is responsible for many of the conservation problems in California. It is with regret that one leaves this most beautiful State, but also with hope that with Californians now aroused about their environment -- and they are -- there now exists the real opportunity to save a good part of the grandeur, variety, romance and beauty which have always been synonymous with the name California.

Eleanor S. McCurley  
Conservation Chairman

## FROM YOUR EDITOR

In concluding this year as Editor of THE SEQUOIA, I wish to thank all those who have provided the information necessary to publish this bulletin. They have sent in their data promptly and in finished form, so that the editors job has been quite simple. I know we have all benefited greatly from the excellent Conservation Notes written by Eleanor McCurley, who, although a relative newcomer to our area, has been an ardent conservationist, and an inspiration to all of us. We are going to miss her vigor and enthusiasm very much, but we all wish her well in her new home.

Thank you all for your help and support. Will be back with you in the Fall.

John L. Morrill

## BERKELEY MEETING -- AUDUBON BRANCHES

The all day meeting of selected representatives from Audubon Branches and Affiliates, coming from as far as Seattle and Reno, held on May 14, had as representatives from Sequoia, Maryann Danielson, Liv Gurevitz, Marian Lockwood, A. E. Montgomery, John Morrill, Florence Richardson, and Alice Steele. During part of the day the meeting broke up into three separate discussion groups, and we had members in each. All came away enthusiastic with new ideas for the betterment of our Society activities.

## NATIONAL AUDUBON CONVENTION

The 62nd National Audubon Convention will be held this Fall in Sacramento. The dates are November 11 to 16. The theme this year, which ties in well with the efforts of Sequoia Audubon over the last two years, is "Silver Linings in Conservation: Chaos or Control?"

The program will highlight the effects of population growth and economic expansion on wildlife and its habitat, on watershed and forest ecology, on mountain and seashore scenic beauty, and on established and proposed parks and recreation areas. These problems are probably nowhere as important as here in California, and you will recognize that we have been well aware of their importance from our work along these lines. Our conservation Chairman, Eleanor McCurley, has kept our members well advised regarding such matters during the past year, as did Bob Lebkicher the previous year.

In view of the tremendous importance of these matters to our own community, we hope many members of Sequoia will attend the convention, to hear authorities of national and international stature present the problems and possible solutions.

The National Audubon's works' on research programs and conservation issues will also be presented. Add to these benefits the chance to exchange ideas with interested people from other areas and to participate in outstanding field trips, and it is obvious that this is a rare opportunity for all of us to better focus our efforts locally on the ways and means to preserve the maximum values in our natural heritage.

Those who plan to attend can help National Audubon, and our neighbors of the host Sacramento in making arrangements by signing up as soon as possible. Registration forms may be obtained by contacting your local representative, John L. Morrill, either by phone or mail:

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