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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 - Editor, Mr. J.L. Morrill, 505 Costa Rica Ave., San Mateo, 344-5497.

MEETINGS

- Sept. 1 BOARD MEETING at the home of President A. E. Montgomery, 2270 Summit Drive, Hillsborough. Committee Chairmen are invited to attend, and any members are welcome. PLEASE NOTE: the meeting will start a little earlier than in the past.
- Sept. 8 REGULAR MEETING - the first of the new season - at Washington School Auditorium, 801 Howard Avenue, Burlingame. The program will consist of our traditional KALEIDOSCOPE program, featuring color slides provided by our members, and showing us the interesting places and things seen during the summer. To put the program together, anyone with slides of this nature is requested to contact Howard or Liv Gurevitz, 342-3620, as soon as possible. A limit of 15 slides per person has been set. Light refreshments will be served by our Social Committee, under co-chairmen Laverne Goodwin and Ora Ohliger, following the program.

FIELD TRIPS (Chairman: Nick Kroll Ox-7-2051)

- Sept. 10 DUMBARTON BRIDGE
LEADER: Mr. Neil Dickinson (366-7661)
MEETING PLACE: Meet at the west approach to the bridge.
- Sept. 25 ALVISO GAME REFUGE
LEADER: Jean Jones (344-9339)
MEETING PLACE: Parking area of warehouse (brown-colored), at 24th and Alviso. Reach this by going south on Bayshore to Alviso turn-off, then proceed east to Forgewood Ave. Lunch is optional for those who wish to stay longer.

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NEW MEMBERS

We are pleased to welcome the following new members, who have joined Sequoia over the summer. We hope to see them at our meetings and field trips.

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CONSERVATION NOTES

SAN BRUNO MOUNTAIN: Of major interest to local conservationists, and hopefully to all San Mateo County residents who value the unique characteristics of the Peninsula, is the fate of San Bruno Mountain at the boundary of San Mateo and San Francisco counties. As reported by Harold Gilliam in "This World" section of the San Francisco Examiner-Chronicle, March 20, 1966, private development plans by the Crocker Land Company for 3,500 acres have been under way for several years; among them was a plan by the engineering firm, Wilsey, Ham & Blair, to use the dirt and rock of San Bruno Mountain for vast areas of Bay-fill near San Francisco airport, and for subdivisions housing 50,000 or more on the remaining flattened mountain. More recently, a study to have been completed in August 1966 by the Bechtel Corporation is claimed by the owners to be "esthetically pleasing and economically feasible -- a credit to the Bay Area." At this writing, amplification of this statement has not become available through news coverage.

San Bruno Mountain is the only significant open area in the extreme northern part of San Mateo County and is surrounded by increasingly congested suburban "development." San Mateo County's Regional Planning Committee is considering acquisition of a 350 acre park plus 1,000 acres of open space and two five-acre vista points.

Quoting Harold Gilliam: "Whether some large part of the Mountain can be preserved for recreation and natural beauty will depend on whether San Mateo County residents are willing to pay the price -- and how well they convey their willingness to their elected officials. Your letters on this subject can be addressed to: Board of Supervisors, Hall of Justice and Records, Redwood City.

FREEWAYS: Don't overlook the two-part series of articles beginning in the July-August issue of National Audubon Magazine "The Concrete Juggernaut." As predicted by the author, legislative pressure will be brought to extend indefinitely this plan to pave the U. S. In July, a local news item disclosed the fact that a committee of highway officials and legislators from 15 western states has urged the federal government to continue indefinitely collection of the 4-cent-a-gallon gasoline tax to furnish funds to permanently finance the "concrete juggernaut." The chairman of this committee is California Senator Randolph Collier, D-Yreka. In view of the devastating effects of the concentration of freeways on the climate and appearance of Los Angeles, it is difficult to understand how any Californian could propose this calamity for the rest of the U. S.

CALIFORNIA TOMORROW: For those who are earnestly interested in the imminent threat to most of the natural beauty of California, along with necessary counteraction recommended by experts, a membership to California Tomorrow is a must. Membership includes a subscription to the quarterly "Cry California." Dues are \$9 per year, \$15 for two years.

Address: California Tomorrow, Forum Building, Sacramento.

Marian Lockwood, Chairman
Conservation Committee

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

In addition to the activities noted in the preceding CONSERVATION NOTES, there have been several other events of interest during the summer, as follows:

In July, a group of interested people were invited on a tour of the Eastbay Regional Parks. About thirty people participated, including several County Supervisors, Park Dept. officials and conservationists, including Miss Lockwood and J. L. Morrill from Sequoia Audubon. On August 11, a similar tour of the San Mateo County Parks was led by Mr. Ralph Shaw, Director of Parks and Recreation for San Mateo County. Messrs. A. E. Montgomery and J. L. Morrill represented Sequoia Audubon on this tour. These tours were arranged by Mrs. Janet Adams, of the "SAVE OUR SKYLINE COMMITTEE," and were most enlightening. Talks were given after the sumptuous lunches by Wm. Penn Mott, Director of the East Bay Regional Parks and Lars Anderson, Assistant Planning Director for San Mateo County.

On July 16, several members of Sequoia Audubon Society joined County Supervisor James Fitzgerald on a tour of San Bruno Mountain, with the object of recommending the portion of this area which should be preserved as park and recreation land.

Although there has been no real action on the PESCADERO MARSH project by the State, the Dept. of Beaches and Parks has informed us that they are seriously interested in our suggestions regarding the development of this area, and as soon as they are able to acquire title to the land, will contact us for discussions of this area. They have assured us that they want to preserve the natural habitat as much as possible. They are currently engaged in court action to get title to the land.

BAY CRUISE

The San Mateo and San Rafael Junior Museums are sponsoring a 3 hour cruise of San Francisco Bay with a local leader in conservation.

Anyone interested in taking this cruise should send their application, with \$2.00, to

San Mateo Junior Museum
Coyote Point
San Mateo, Calif.
(Phone: 344-9911)

The cruise is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 17, leaving Pier 43 1/2 (Fisherman's Wharf) at 10 AM.

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