



The Sequoia



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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

October 6 BOARD MEETING at the home of President
Thursday A. E. Montgomery, 2270 Summit Drive,
Thursday Hillsborough. Committee Chairmen should
attend if possible, and all members are
welcome.

October 13 POTLUCK SUPPER at the Burlingame Re-
Thursday creation Center, 850 Burlingame Ave.
6:30 P.M. Members and guests are invited to part-
icipate. Please call our Social Events Co-
chairmen, Laverne Goodwin (342-0414) or
Ora Ohliger (343-6031), at an early date,
to let them know what you plan to bring.

October 13 REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING, to be held
Thursday this month at the Burlingame Recreation
8:00 P.M. Center (address above). JOSEPH BODOVITZ,
head of the Bay Conservation and Develop-
ment Commission (BCDC), will be our speak-
er. Mr. Bodovitz was the principal speaker
at the public meeting we held last year at
San Mateo High School, representing Senator
McAteer, to explain the work of the McAteer
Committee and the need for better control
over activities around the Bay. Mr. Bodovitz
was an interesting and enthusiastic speaker,
and he will now tell us the results of the first
year of activity by this important Commission.
Anyone who is concerned about our environ-
ment here in the Bay Area should attend this
meeting.

NOTE: THE MEETING PLACE IS NOT
OUR REGULAR ONE!!!!

FIELD TRIPS

(Chairman: Nick Kroll 697-2051)

October 8 ANO NUEVO STATE PARK
Saturday LEADER: Jed McClellan (344-3486)
8:30 A.M. MEETING PLACE: Meet at the dam on Skyline
Blvd., at the top of Crystal Springs Road at
8:30 A.M. sharp.
Special Instructions: Parking at the State Park
(at a private ranch) will cost 50 cents per
person, not per car. Bring a lunch.

October 13 SAN BRUNO MOUNTAIN
Sunday LEADER: Bonnie McClellan (344-3486)
9:00 A.M. MEETING PLACE: Meet at the end of
Guadalupe Parkway, at Radio Road. From
Mission Street in Daly City, turn right (east)
on East Market Street (Colma), and continue
to Guadalupe Parkway. Lunch optional.

October 29 BELMONT SLOUGH
Saturday LEADER: A. E. (Monty) Montgomery
9:00 A.M. (344-4249)
MEETING PLACE: Proceed to east side of
Bayshore at the Ralston Avenue overpass
(Belmont), to Shoreway Road. This is just
beyond the cloverleaf turnoff to the north-
bound side of the freeway.
The party will leave the meeting place at
9:00 A.M. sharp, to take advantage of the
favorable tide, so plan to arrive early.

BEGINNERS' BIRD WALKS

(Chairman: Florence Richardson 345-4443)
(Note: In the previous bulletin, this commit-
tee was listed as "Mid-week Bird Walks."
The correct name is that shown above).

October 22 In view of the enthusiastic response to the
Saturday "Beginners' Bird Walk" last year, they will
9:45 A.M. again be held monthly. The first such walk
will be on this date, and will be to study shore
birds in winter plumage. For information on
the meeting place, call one of the following
committee members:

Katherine Kroll 697-2051
Gene Hebron 343-0415

FIELD TRIP REPORTS

DUMBARTON BRIDGE - September 10

This, the first field trip of the new season was
led by Neil Dickinson. It was an exceptionally
beautiful day - warm, no wind - and was enjoy-
ed by over twenty birders.

The variety of shore birds was good. Many
Willetts, Black-bellied and Snowy Plovers,
Ruddy and Black Turnstones, Wilson's and
Northern Phalaropes in their winter plumage,
Black-necked Stilts, and a Clapper Rail were
seen.

Thanks to Neil for a well-done job. Everyone
enjoyed it.

Nicholas Kroll

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

This year the annual Christmas Bird Count, for the Na-
tional Audubon Society will be held on Monday, January 2,
1967. The following group leaders were appointed at a
committee meeting held on September 20, at the home of
Honorary Chairman B. Neil Dickinson.

General Chairman: L. Alice Steele (344-8317)
Crystal Springs Lakes: A. E. Montgomery
Pilarcitos Lake: N. B. Neil Dickinson

Pilar Point-Half Moon Bay: Jed McClellan,
Howard Gurevitz

Belmont Slough: Jack Morrill

Coyote Point - Hayward Bridge: Florence Richardson

Coyote Point - Airport: Alice Steele, Wm. Anderson

Coast Canyons - Skyline: Bill Lofthouse

Fields & Gardens, South County: Mrs. James Butler

On the scheduled date, everyone is requested to count species and numbers of birds around their own home areas besides the assigned areas. All who would help out in this big job are requested to contact Neil Dickinson (366-7661) for assignment to an area.

CONSERVATION NOTES

"EDEN IN JEOPARDY" a new book by R. G. Lillard, joins "Destruction of California" by R.F. Dasmann and Stewart L. Udall's "The Quiet Crisis" as another urgent warning to the American public of the dire predicament of our environment.

OUR ROLE: Whether we, as conservation-minded citizens alert to the danger, can spread the word to friends and neighbors in time to counterbalance the wave of exploitation by "developers" and the onslaught of the "concrete juggernaut" depends on our individual efforts to become actively interested, informed, and articulate, concerning local, state, and national issues and our ability to convince others of the immediate need for action and enforcement of "master plans." In our free society, citizens not only have an inalienable right to express themselves on issues affecting their environment and natural resources, they have an obligation to do so. Unless we accept this responsibility, how can we expect others to, who have not yet become acutely conscious of the situation? How tragic if an apathetic public bequeaths to posterity "an economic-scientific heritage providing a life a luxury but with poisoned air, polluted water, back-to-back mansions and all of it surrounded by garbage and junk."

FARR AMENDMENT: This month we should be creating support beyond the membership limits of our Audubon chapter for the Farr Amendment to the State Constitution which will be on the November ballot. This amendment, introduced by Sen. Fred S. Farr Monterey County, is designed to halt the steady and rapid depletion of open-space lands by revising present tax assessments on agricultural and grazing lands and timberland.

"THE PENINSULA AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL CRISIS" is the title of an evening series of panel discussions sponsored by the College of San Mateo, to be held at 14-5 Murchison Drive, Burlingame. Series tickets, \$3; single events \$1.50; make checks payable to College of San Mateo. The CSM brochure advises ordering tickets well in advance. Dates and topics are:

Oct. 19 "Standing Room Only" - Hugo Fisher, Administrator, Resources Agency of California; and Lee Ham, San Mateo County Development Association

Oct. 26 "Action for Open Space at the County Level" Harold Gilliam, author, speaker, conservationist; Bud Harrison, member, Bd. of Supervisors, 12th Dist.; Robert St. Clair, candidate for Board of Supervisors.

Nov. 2 "Action for Open Space at the State Level" Dr. L.E. Carbert, State Planning Officer; Richard J. Dolwig, State Senator, 12th District; Robt. McCarthy, candidate for State Senate.

Nov. 9 "Smog, Garbage and Junk" - Frank Stead Chief, Div. of Environmental Sanitation, State Dept. of Health; T.L. Chess, Chairman, Board of Supervisors; San Mateo County, Representative to Association of Bay Area Governments; member, Air Pollution Control Board.

LOCAL MEETINGS RE OPEN SPACE:

Sept. 29 8:00 P.M., Room 301. County Office Bldg., Redwood City. San Mateo County Regional Planning Committee will present its proposal for financing its master plan.

Oct. 6 Palo Alto City Council Chambers (call: 327-5100 for confirmation and starting time). The Mid-Peninsula Foothills Planning Committee will meet, with city and county government representatives of Santa Clara and San Mateo counties attending, to discuss the possibilities of the formation by the two counties of a regional park district, toward the objective of acquisition of open space. Richard Walpole, former general manager of the East Bay Regional Park District, will be the main speaker.

Let's give our attention to some of the informative sessions and then begin to MAKE CONSERVATION A TOPIC OF CONVERSATION!

Marian Lockwood, Chairman
Conservation Committee

PESCADERO MARSH

Mr. Harry Dean, District manager for the State Division of Beaches and Parks, advises that no progress has yet been made in the acquisition of the marshland at Pescadero Creek. Court action to set the price on the land was postponed until similar action on the San Gregorio area was finished. A price for this land was set by the court in September, so Mr. Dean expects the Pescadero matter to be settled in October. While awaiting this court action, the Division is still negotiating with the owners, but there is a conflict due to the State wanting all land to the top of the ridge while the owners do not want to lose this part of the land.

NEW MEMBERS

We are pleased to welcome the following new members to our society:

Wm. E. Lofthouse	625 Barneson Ave	San Mateo
Tom McGreane	2 Linden Ave.	San Bruno
Steven Bowerman	3261 La Selva	San Mateo

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