



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, Dr. Howard Gurevitz, 1505 Oak Rim Dr., Hillsborough 342-3620 - Editor, Mr. J. L. Morrill, 505 Costa Rica Ave., San Mateo, 344-5497.

MEETINGS

April 3 BOARD MEETING at the home of President Howard Gurevitz, 1505 Oak Rim Drive, Thursday Hillsborough. Board members and committee chairmen should attend, and other 8:00 PM members are welcome.

April 10 POTLUCK SUPPER at the Burlingame Recreation Center, 850 Burlingame Avenue. Thursday All who plan to attend are requested to call the Social Committee, to let 6:30 PM them know what you will bring (Phone numbers follow). You are also asked to bring your own utensils.

Miss Anne Hall 341-5198
Miss Estelle Maggini 343-7913

April 10 REGULAR MEETING at the Burlingame Center, following the Potluck Supper. Mr. Thursday Enes Millar will present a color slide show of wildlife, taken last July on 8:00 PM a 3700 mile trip through several of our western National Parks. Unusual pictures of moose, Bear Grass, Alaska Cotton, and other items of special interest will be shown.

FIELD TRIPS

(Chairman: Jean Jones 344-9339)

April 12 MT. DIABLO STATE PARK Saturday LEADER: Ralph Hunter (591-2150) 8:30 AM MEETING PLACE: Meet at 8:30 in front of the Green Valley School on Diablo road between Danville and the South Gate of the park. You can find the school by taking the Sycamore Valley exit from Interstate 680 at Danville and following the signs to Mt. Diablo. We will see birds typical of the chaparral, oak woodland, and grassland habitats, perhaps including the Sage and Rufous-crowned Sparrows. Bring lunch and be prepared to walk.

April 19 SUNOL VALLEY REGIONAL PARK Saturday LEADER: Lillian Montgomery (344-4249) 7:30 AM MEETING PLACE: Meet at 7:30 AM at the entrance gate to the San Francisco Water Temple at Sunol. Bring lunch and wear hiking shoes. To reach Sunol, go to Niles and through Niles Canyon to Sunol. The entrance to the Water Temple is at the juncture of the Niles Canyon Road and Highway 21. Birding in the Sunol region is exceptionally good, and there should also be many wildflowers to be seen.

April 26 TENNESSEE COVE, Marin County Saturday LEADER: Charles Newman (697-5601) 8:30 AM MEETING PLACE: Meet at 8:30 AM at Vista Point, just north of the Golden Gate Bridge. Bring lunch and wear hiking clothing. Hawks are usually a feature of this trip, as well as a variety of field, sea, and shore birds.

May 3 AL WOOL RANCH Saturday LEADER: Ruth Hass (345-9089) or Jean Jones (344-9339) 9:00 AM MEETING PLACE: Meet in the parking area at Baw's Fountain in the town of La Honda. Wear walking shoes and bring lunch. Again we are privileged to share with Al Wool the birds, flowers, and natural beauty of his ranch in the La Honda hills.

FIELD TRIP REPORTS

SEARSVILLE LAKE - February 23. Rain was forecast for this day following showers the day and night preceding, but despite gloomy skies 19 birders appeared to enjoy unusually rewarding birding -- and not a drop of rain fell until after lunch when all were leaving. Fifty-one species were recorded, including both Black and Say's Phoebes, Audubon, Myrtle and Orange-crowned Warblers, Swainson's, Hermit and Varied Thrushes, Western Bluebirds and California Thrashers. Many Ring-necked Ducks on the lake.

Monty Montgomery, Leader

PESCADERO BEACH AND MARSH - March 8. Leader Paul Lechich observed that the day was bright and sunny --- for a change. Birding was excellent, with a total of over fifty species being logged. Due to the variable types of terrain covered, there was an unusual variety of bird species seen. Ocean birds noted included several species of gulls, Scoters, shorebirds such as Ruddy and Black Turnstones and Knots, Oyster Catchers, Surf Birds, and several varieties of Sandpipers. Hawks and Kites were seen over the marsh, while Egrets and Herons, Marsh Wrens and Yellowthroats were seen in and around that area.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The following members of Sequoia Audubon have been appointed to serve as the nominating committee to select candidates for our Board of Directors and Officers for the next year. Members who wish to propose a candidate should so advise one of the members of the committee:

Chairman: L. Alice Steele 344-8317
A. E. Montgomery 344-4249
Anne Hall 341-5198

CONSERVATION NOTES

CALLING ALL RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF SAN MATEO

A critical issue is at stake and is lacking the attention of the only persons who can help! The City of San Mateo has a plan to cut off by diking and fill approximately 1550 acres of Bay tidelands to provide real estate upon which to build a convention center, hotels, motels, shops, restaurants, fairgrounds, parking, etc., a plan similar to Westbay Associates' which was rejected by the public two years ago. There is a prediction by concerned and knowledgeable persons that the diking, if approved, will eventually furnish a boundary for fill of the entire acreage from shoreline to dike. There is a need for public access to the Bay shore, but this should be accomplished by beautification of the present shoreline without massive fill. The San Mateo City Council is holding its third and last public meeting at 8 P.M. April 10, at San Mateo City Hall, 330 W. 20th Ave., and will hear statements only from residents of the City of San Mateo. So, although this plan for extensive fill will affect everyone by a deterioration of environmental quality, the only persons who can influence the decision are residents of the City of San Mateo.

Are there members of Sequoia Audubon with San Mateo addresses who will attend the April 10 meeting and oppose this plan? Are there members who will write to the San Mateo City Council before April 10? Your help is urgently needed.

SAVE THE BAY

A boat tour of San Francisco Bay on March 16 programmed as an event of the Sierra Club Wilderness Conference was attended by 750 persons at \$6 each -- evidence of substantial interest in the future of the Bay. Those aboard heard an interesting comprehensive commentary by the noted naturalist Harold Gilliam, whose book "Between the Devil & the Deep Blue Bay" (paperback \$2.95) "puts the battle for the Bay in perspective: historically, politically, economically, legally," and has been advertised as "the most important book you'll read this year."

The Bay Conservation & Development Commission's "San Francisco Bay Plan" -- which will be the basis for a legislative decision this year on whether to protect the Bay environment by controlling fill is now available for \$2 from Documents and Publications, Dept. of General Services, P.O. Box 20191, Sacramento, Calif. 95820.

PROGRESS ON THE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Another local governmental body, the Santa Clara County Planning Commission, has unanimously approved the proposed National Wildlife Refuge. Next action in Santa Clara County will be a presentation to the Board of Supervisors on April 8. And as to San Mateo County, members of the South San Francisco Baylands Planning, Conservation and National Wildlife Refuge Committee have met unofficially with the Redwood City Council for a preliminary discussion and will present the proposal to the San Mateo County Park and Recreation Committee at a public meeting at 2 P.M., April 9, at the Captain's House, Coyote Point. A brochure is in preparation and will soon be ready for distribution to the public through conservation groups which are offering strong support, namely the Bay Area Audubon societies, the Sierra Club, the Committee for Green Foothills, and California Garden Clubs, Inc. (Bay Ocean District).

The Congressional bill, H.R. 2749, to establish the refuge has been referred to the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries of which Congressman Paul McCloskey is a member.

PCL

There are so many critical conservation issues in the State of California (such as the high Dos Rios Dam proposed by the Army Corps of Engineers on the Eel River which would be disastrous for Indian inhabitants and wildlife, spoiling the salmon runs) that the Planning and Conservation League, the only conservation lobbyist in Sacramento, needs to double its membership. If you have not yet become a member, please consider helping this fine organization to fight important conservation battles by sending \$5 or more to: Planning and Conservation League, 127 Montgomery St., Room 306, San Francisco, Calif. 94104.

Marian Lockwood, Chairman
Conservation Committee

BIRD BANDING CLINICS

Point Reyes announces a second series of banding clinics beginning April 5 for those interested in the PRBO program. An earlier clinic started on March 15. The several instructors, including Dr. L. R. Mewaldt, John Ralph, and Robert Stewart. Each session will start at 9:00 AM and continue until about 3:30 PM.

Anyone interested in participating in the program may write for further information to:

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