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

MEETINGS

- Sept. 4
Thursday
8:00 PM BOARD MEETING AT THE HOME OF President Howard Gurevitz, 1505 Oak Rim Drive, Hillsborough. All Board members and committee chairmen should plan to attend this first meeting of the new season. Other members are welcome as well.
- Sept. 11
Thursday
8:00 PM REGULAR MEETING at the Burlingame Recreation Center, 850 Burlingame Avenue. The program will feature our traditional "KALEIDOSCOPE" showing of color slides taken by various members during their summer travels. Anyone with slides to present please contact our Program Chairman, Charles Newman (697-5601) as soon as possible to let him know what you can show. Light refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the meeting, courtesy of our Social Committee Co-chairmen Amy McElhany and Marjorie Reu.

FIELD TRIPS

(Chairman: Jean Jones 344-9339)

- Sept. 6
Saturday
8:00 AM DUMBARTON BRIDGE AREA
LEADER: Bill Anderson (Call Jean Jones 344-9339 for additional information)
MEETING PLACE: KGO Radio Station on north side of road about midway on Dumbarton Bridge crossing. Stilts and migrating shore birds should be seen. Lunch optional.
- Sept. 13
Saturday
9:00 AM UPPER ARROYA HONDA at Point Reyes Bird Observatory.
LEADER: To be arranged later. Call Jean Jones for information (344-9339)
MEETING PLACE: Audubon Canyon Ranch, on Highway 1, about three miles north of Stinson Beach, Marin County. Fall migrating birds pass through this area in abundance. Bring lunch.

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CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

In order to increase our effectiveness, the Conservation Committee of Sequoia Audubon will meet this year jointly with the Conservation Committees of the Peninsula Regional Group of the Sierra Club and that of the Committee for Green Foothills. Meetings are to be held on the third Wednesday evening of each month, at the College of San Mateo. Anyone who would like to serve on this committee, and wants to work hard for Conservation, should contact Marian Lockwood (address and telephone no. on front side of bulletin) to enlist in this program of active conservation.

REGIONAL CONFERENCE SCHEDULED

A regional conference offered by the San Mateo Junior College District is being organized for November 8, 1969, at Canada College. It will be similar to those held in 1965, 1966, and 1967 at Foothill College and San Jose State, concerned with Man and His Environment. The theme of this year's conference will be "Politics of Urban Growth". A brochure will be enclosed with the next issue of the SEQUOIA, to provide more details about this conference. Plan now to participate in this important meeting.

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CONSERVATION NOTES

BLEAK MOONSCAPE

Man's view this summer of the bleakness of the moon should have a lasting impact on our consciousness as contrasted with Earth, so rich in myriad natural wonders, hopefully accelerating a growth of appreciation and care of environmental quality and ecology of our planet.

WIN ONE, LOSE ONE

Conservationists' gladness over passage of a State bill to continue the Bay Conservation and Development Commission including shoreline and salt pond controls was tempered by disappointment that the Congressional bill proposing National Wildlife Refuge status for portions of south San Francisco Bay never made its way to the floor of Congress. Representative Don Edwards, Santa Clara County, plans to revive it next year. Its success depends on public support throughout the United States. We wish we could show all NAS members pictures of the egret rookery and the harbor seal nursery and individual members of the endangered species which Refuge status would protect.

CONSERVATION BOOTH - COUNTY FAIR - JULY 28 THRU AUG. 9

Public interest was indeed gratifying at the Conservation Booth at the San Mateo County Fair. Sequoia Audubon cooperated financially (\$50) and with a bit of membership participation in staffing the booth which was a joint effort of the Sierra Club, California Roadside Council and other conservation groups spearheaded by the Committee for Green Foothills.

BAN - DDT

Inside your July Audubon magazine there is a sticker declaring "BAN DDT." Be sure to display this sticker and help shape public opinion. Stickers are effective in this way as shown by the boost given by the "SAVE OUR BAY" stickers during the summer's massive public support of legislature protecting the Bay. They were in evidence everywhere in the Bay Area.

SANTA CRUZ MOUNTAINS SEMINAR

A seminar continuing the discussion of planning the future of the Santa Cruz Mountains will be held Sept. 27 all day at the University of California at Santa Cruz. No further details are available at this writing but more information could be obtained by writing a card to UC, Santa Cruz.

Marian Lockwood
Conservation Chairman

SPECIAL STUDY - MARBLED MURRELETS

Sequoia Audubon member Ralph Hunter reports that Marbled Murrelets have been seen around Pescadero Beach this summer. He has observed them several times within a narrow region along this section of the coast. This may be a group which has been suspected of nesting in the Portola State Park area.

This is one of our least well-known species, and no nests have been found south of Alaska, but they are sometimes seen flying over our coastal mountains at dawn or dusk, and there is general agreement that they, unlike other Alcids, nest inland.

Mr. Hunter suggests that these Murrelets would make an excellent subject for a detailed and scientific study for Sequoia Audubon members, and asks that anyone interested in joining him in this study contact him upon his return from his summer assignment, in September.

If you are interested write to:

Ralph Hunter
1364 Laurel Ave. Apt. 3
San Carlos, Calif. 94070

Any observations made of these birds during the summer, or at anytime should be carefully recorded, and will help serve as a starting point for studies during next year's nesting season.

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