



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 Drive, Hillsborough, California. PHONE: DI 4-4249

MEETINGS

Thurs. BOARD MEETING at home of A. E. Montgomery.
April 4 2270 Summit Drive, Hillsborough. Any Audubon
8:00 PM member is welcome.

Thurs. POTLUCK SUPPER - Washington School Cafeteria
April 11 801 Howard Ave., Burlingame. Come to supper
6:30 PM and stay for the meeting. Bring friends and place
settings. To help insure a well-balanced meal,
please call one of the following coordinators and
let her know what you plan to bring salad, main
dish or desert: Margaret Bump, DI 3-5157 or
Jean Maxwell, DI 3-1073 (days) or DI 3-5092,
(evenings).

Thurs. REGULAR MEETING - Washington School Audi-
April 11 torium, 801 Howard Ave., Burlingame. "Brine
8:00 PM Shrimp (and the Shore Birds that Dine on Them)
in San Francisco Bay Salt Flats" will be the sub-
ject of this evening's movie made by California
Academy of Science. Narrator will be Dr. Earl
Herold, Curator of Golden Gate Park Aquarium,
and well known to watchers of TV's "Science in
Action".

FIELD TRIPS

DATE: Saturday, April 20, 8:30 A.M.
PLACE: Lake Pilarcitos, San Francisco Water Dept. Res.
MEET: At causeway near Millbrae end of Sawyer's Camp
Road, about one-half mile west of Skyline Blvd.
NOTICE: Come prepared to walk (about six miles round-
trip). The S. F. Water Dept. has given permission
for us to take a very limited number of cars to
Lake Pilarcitos. These special cars have been
officially designated and no other cars will be per-
mitted in the reserve. Anybody wishing to ride
in these cars, please contact Ruth Breckenridge,
DI 3-4216, as soon as possible. Space in these
cars will be allotted on a first-come, first-served
basis.
BRING: Lunch, binoculars, camera.

DATE: Saturday, April 27, 8:30 A.M.
PLACE: Mt. Diablo State Park
MEET: At Burlingame R. R. Station
NOTICE: If you wish to join the group elsewhere, phone
the Montgomerys, DI 4-4249.

NOTICE: In case of rain, trip postponed to May 4. If
in doubt, call the above number before 8:00 AM.
BRING: Lunch, binoculars, camera.

DATE: Sunday, May 26
PLACE: Boat trip to Farallon Islands
SEE: Pelagic birds, maybe whales, porpoises, sharks
NOTICE: See next month's SEQUOIA for complete arrange-
ments.

BIRD WALKS

DATE: Thursday, April 4, 8:15 A.M.
PLACE: Water Tank Area of Sawyer's Camp Road
MEET: Inside north entrance of Sawyer's Camp Road
at Skyline Blvd. and Millbrae Ave., Millbrae.
SEE: Spring birds, wild flowers
BRING: Binoculars, lunch optional

DATE: Thursday, April 18, 8:15 A.M.
PLACE: Roadside near Searsville Lake
MEET: At Standard Service Station in Woodside
SEE: Spring birds, wild flowers
BRING: Lunch, binoculars
NOTICE: Thursday trips are led by Florence Richardson,
FI 5-4443. Call her for transportation or
further information.

NEW MEMBERS

Sequoia Audubon Society welcomes to membership
Mrs. Dorothy E. Miller, 235 Poppy Drive, Burlingame.

Return to: Sequoia Audubon Society Bulletin
c/o Mrs. Bonnie McClellan
1356 Bernal Avenue
Burlingame, California
(Form 3547 Requested)

CONGRATULATIONS, CLEARYS!

Our members, Dr. and Mrs. E. W. Cleary recently turned over title in 400 acres of unique mountain property of true wilderness character in Napa County, which they had owned for many years, to the Nature Conservancy, the national organization which exists to acquire such areas for preservation in the natural state. The management of this property will be in the hands of the Biological Field Study Association of Berkeley.

A. E. Montgomery

PESTICIDE BATTLE - BUCHHEISTER WARNS

Watch Channel 5, Wednesday, April 3 at 7:30 P.M., when CBS presents THE SILENT SPRING OF RACHEL CARSON, a network documentary on pesticides. On the same channel Wednesday, April 24th at 8:00 P.M., another treatment of the same subject, this one entitled "Name your Poison".

Whatever we may see and hear on these programs or by way of other media, Audubon members are warned by National President Carl Buchheister that "A nationwide publicity and public relations campaign, heavily financed, is being mounted to counteract and discredit Rachel Carson's book, SILENT SPRING, and to try again to lull the public into apathy about the overuse and misuse of chemical pesticides". He called attention to a full-page advertisement in the New York Times containing rebuttal material by a host of distinguished scientists, naturalists and conservationists.

POISON OAK - PREVENTION AND TREATMENT

Field trippers who view this season's beautiful, burgeoning, luxuriant crop of poison oak with mixed feelings may be interested in the following information on prevention and treatment. It was kindly supplied to us by Dr. James M. Bodie, acting Superintendent, Health Division, Department of Health and Welfare, County of San Mateo:

"Preventive measures include the following:

1. Learn to recognize the plant and avoid contact where possible.
2. When exposure is unavoidable, a preventive silicone cream should be applied to the exposed skin before contact.
3. As soon as possible after contact, the area should be scrubbed with soap and water.

4. The value of desensitization, either by injections or oral administration of an extract of the plant, is controversial. Such measures do not confer complete protection, but some physicians feel that they are of some use. Carefully controlled studies, however, have not demonstrated very much value.

Local treatment will depend upon the severity of a condition and may consist of dressings with various solutions, hydrocortisone ointment and in extremely severe cases, cortisone preparations may have to be given orally by a physician. The use of hydrocortisone ointment when the rash first begins, will often prevent the further spread of the condition and certainly markedly shortens the duration of the rash. This, of course, has to be prescribed by a physician."

GLEANINGS FROM THE CONGRESSIONAL NEWS

The Wilderness Bill S4, after being left stranded in the Committee of the last Congress, resumed hearings on February 28 in the new Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs with Henry M. Jackson (Wash.) as Chairman and all new personnel.

The California representative on the committee is Thomas H. Kuchel, our Senator, to whom, along with the Chairman, we should, in particular, address our messages in support of this Bill.

The Tule Lake and Klamath National Wildlife Refuge Litigation is likewise sponsored by Sen. Kuchel and in addition to his Bill S793, Sen. Clair Engle (California) has introduced his Bill S784. Both Bills are substantially the same in meaning and propose to "permanently reserve, for wildlife purposes, the lands presently within the executive-order boundaries of the Tule Lake, Klamath, Upper Klamath and Clear Lake refuges". The Bald Eagle Act has been considerably strengthened by Secretary Udall's recent ruling regarding "gunning down" eagles from airplanes. The new regulations permit such killing only where the eagles are proving a menace to sheep and other domestic animals, on which they prey, and then only under federal inspection. I would recommend that when Secretary Udall comes to the April Convention, our Society personally congratulate him for his efforts in behalf of these conservation measures.

W.C. Harman, Chairman
Conservation Committee