



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, Mr. John L. Morrill, 505 Costa Rica Avenue, San Mateo, DI 4-5497

MEETINGS

- Sept. 3 BOARD MEETING at the home of President John L. Morrill, Thursday 505 Costa Rica Ave., San Mateo. All Board members are expected to attend, and it is desirable for all committee chairmen to attend if possible. Any other members of Sequoia Audubon are welcome to attend, as well.
- Sept. 10 REGULAR MEETING at Washington School Auditorium, 801 Thursday Howard Avenue, Burlingame. Our first meeting of the season will consist of a program of slides from various members, showing the interesting things they have seen and done during the summer. Anyone with such slides to show please contact Program Chairman Alice Steele (DI 4-8317), so that she can prepare the program.

FIELD TRIPS

(Chairman: G. Paul Lechich-DI 3-7688)

- Sept. 12 Dumbarton Bridge (Bring \$0.70 for toll). Saturday Meet at the first parking lot on the left side of the bridge 8:30 am approach on Willow Road, Menlo Park. Neil Dickinson, Leader. This will be a half-day trip. There should be many phalaropes to be seen, and perhaps some eared Grebes; and other early arriving shore birds. Chairman Lechich and his committee have arranged a full schedule of trips for this fall, as follows:
 - Sept. 26 - Pillar Point - Alice Steele, leader
 - Oct. 10 - Fort Cronkite - Gene Hebbroon, leader
 - Oct. 24 - Quigley Island - Nick Xroll, leader
 - Nov. 14 - Portola Park - Katherine Kroll, leader
 - Nov. 21 - Filoli Estate - Gene Hebbroon, leader
 - Dec. - Annual Christmas Bird Count

MID-WEEK BIRD WALKS

- Sept. 3 Shorebirds along Old Bayshore. Those interested please Thursday call Gene Hebbroon (343-0415) for further information, such as time and place of meeting.
- Sept. 17 Seal Creek, San Mateo, for shore birds. Call Gene Thursday Hebbroon (343-0415) for details.

NEW MEMBERS

May we again remind all our members that we want to step up our activities along the line of more aggressive participation in support of serving our natural beauties and resources. To do this effectively, we need more money and more members. We therefore urge each member to persuade a friend or acquaintance to join Sequoia Audubon, thus giving us both more revenue and a larger membership. Additional membership applications may be obtained from any officer or Board member.

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CONSERVATION NOTES

It is encouraging to note, as the summer draws to an end, that appreciable progress has been made in favor of conservation of our natural resources on both the National and local levels.

On the National level, the House Committee on Interior and In-sular Affairs resisted much pressure, and refused to accept several weakening amendments to the Wilderness Bill. The Bill they voted to be considered on the House floor would provide a strong national policy for wilderness protection, and would place about 9 million acres in the Wilderness System. Primitive Areas to the extent of 5.6 million acres would be added during a ten year review period. There were several undesirable amend-ments approved by the committee, including the allowing of pros-pecting and mining for a 25 year period, and the permission for the Secretary of Agriculture, with the approval of the President, to declassify National Forest Primitive areas.

On the local level, the actions of the Marin County Board of Supervisors to prevent further encroachment upon Richardson Bay deserves the approbation of all conservationists. In this action they overruled the action of the County Planning Commis-sion, and have thus preserved this attractive area as one of Marin County's scenic assets. The Planning Commission was allowing the filling of 200 feet along the shoreline of the Bay, and also the development of a housing subdivision at Strawberry Point. Now there will be no such filling, subdivision, or further dredging operations in Richardson Bay. The Board's action contemplates instead, public marinas, and the retention of the natural bay as habitat for wild-life.

It is to be hoped that this action, in the face of great commercial pressure, will serve as an example to the governing bodies of other Bay Area Counties, and that they will also put the long-range bene-fits of preserving the Bay ahead of the almighty dollar, and will stand up against organized and well-financed commercial interests. As representatives of the general public, this is clearly their duty.

On the less favorable side of the conservation picture are several reports of serious fish-kills from the irresponsible use of insect-icides. Although various state governments are taking action to try to control this problem, their actions seem to come after the major damage is done. Their enforcement of regulations also seems to be inadequate, or often completely absent. A severe case of too little, too late. It is to be hoped that the large spreads given by the news-papers to these misapplications, and the resulting bad publicity for those doing the spraying, that eventually, and we hope before it is too late, that there will be a severe crack-down on the use of these toxic materials.

LIBRARY NOTES

Paul Lechich, Chief Librarian of Burlingame, calls our attention to the following new nature books:

SILENTLY ? BY NIGHT McGraw-Hill
Russell Peterson \$5.95

The mysterious world of the bat is covered here with charm and a brisk command of the subject by a gentleman who has searched them out in New Guinea, Australia, and America. Russell Peterson promotes the bat as "one of the most highly specialized mammals next to man himself".

This delightful book is a survey of the folk-lore connected with bats, from dog-faced to leaf-shinned, their habits and habitats, their distribution, their built-in radar system, their nocturnal vision, the danger of rabies from bats, the handling of bats. The book is enhanced by careful, distinctive drawings.

The author introduces Freddy Craig, the fruit bat who was expedi-tion pet in New Guinea, who charms the reader as he did the ex-pedition members. However, in spite of Freddy's charm, Mr. Peterson is careful to suggest that the reader choose carefully his friends among the bats.

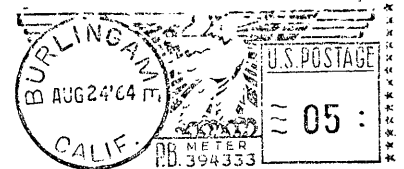
THE POND Dutton
Robert Murphy \$4.95

Civilized man continues to share with his primitive brother the belief that a degree of manhood is gained through the self-discipline imposed by learning to hunt well. The author makes his case through the growth of 16-year old Joey Mancrief from clumsy, thoughtless amateur to committed, if inarticulate, sportsman.

Set in the early 1900's, most of Joey's story takes place at The Pond, a hunting preserve purchased by Joey's father. Control is the hallmark of the hunter, and in addition to a steady aim, Joey acquires control of selfishness, pride, patience, and com- passion. He learns these difficult lessons in the scenes which the author portrays beautifully -- the stalking and taking of small game. Under the author's hand a boy grows through the magic of the hunt.

This is Dutton's Nature Award Book, and follows last year's winner, RASCAL.

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