



# 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 4 BOARD MEETING at the home of President Howard Gurevitz  
 Thursday 1505 Oak Rim Drive, Hillsborough. Committee chairmen  
 8:00 PM are requested to attend, and all members are welcome.
- April 11 POTLUCK SUPPER at the Burlingame Recreation Center,  
 Thursday 850 Burlingame Avenue. Members and guests are invited  
 6:30 PM to participate. Please call one of the Social Committee  
 Co-chairmen to let them know what you will bring:
- Barbara Drake 344-7320  
 Maureen McTaggart 366-4478
- April 11 REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING at the Burlingame Recreation  
 Thursday Center. One of our own members, Eugene Bizzell, will  
 8:00 PM show color slides taken last June on his trip to our  
 newest National Park, Canyonlands, in southeast Utah.

### FIELD TRIPS (Florence Richardson, Chairman 345-4443)

- April 3 BUTANO AREA - Spring Wild Flowers  
 Wednesday LEADER: Ruth B. Hass (345-9089)  
 10:00 AM MEETING PLACE: Town of Pescadero at the intersection  
 of the main street and Pescadero Road. Wear warm  
 clothing and hiking shoes. Bring lunch.
- April 13 MARIN HEADLANDS STATE PARK (Proposed)  
 Saturday LEADER: Charles Newman (697-5601)  
 8:30 AM MEETING PLACE: Meet at Vista Point, just north of  
 the Golden Gate Bridge.
- We will examine existing and proposed acquisition  
 areas, and will include a visit to Tennessee Cove,  
 where it is hoped that hawks will be abundant. Bring  
 lunch.
- April 20 PIGEON POINT  
 Saturday LEADER: Mark Zumsteg (697-4358)  
 AM MEETING PLACE: Meet in front of the lighthouse area  
 at Pigeon Point. Wear warm clothes, and shoes suitable  
 for exploring the tide-pools. Bring a lunch. This area  
 is rich in unusual tide-pool life, both plant and animal.  
 There should be some oceanic birds to be seen also.

### LATE BULLETIN

Steele reports that although only a few hardy souls  
 for the trip to the Berkeley Botanical Gardens on  
 those who did were rewarded by an unusually fine  
 both native and non-native flowers. Now is the  
 it these outstanding gardens.

to San Bruno Mountain on March 14, led by Jed  
 in Bonnie's absence, also was rewarded by a fine  
 some unusual wildflowers, many not to be found  
 se in this area.

- May 4 MYSTERY TRIP  
 Saturday LEADERS: Ruth B. Hass (345-9089)  
 6:00 AM 205 Santa Clara Way, San Mateo 94403  
 Jack Morrill (344-5497)  
 505 Costa Rica Avenue, San Mateo 94402

An all-day excursion to a surprise destination is  
 planned. A bus will be used, and we will meet at one  
 or more convenient locations. Stops will be made en  
 route, to observe wildflowers, and about four hours  
 of birding and looking for flowers should be enjoyed  
 at our destination. We will return to Burlingame at  
 about 7:00 PM. Bring lunch. The cost of the trip  
 is \$5.00 each. Since we must reserve the bus, please  
 send your fee to either of the leaders as soon as  
 possible. Details of the trip will be given in the  
 May SEQUOIA.

### BEGINNERS' BIRD WALK

- April 6 FOSTER CITY Bayshore  
 Saturday LEADER: Jean Jones (344-9339)  
 8:30 AM MEETING PLACE: Meet at the Shell Service Station at  
 East Hillsdale Blvd. and South Norfolk St. Wintering  
 shorebirds should be getting their spring plumage  
 before leaving for their nesting grounds. A little  
 homework on what you might expect to see would be  
 helpful.

### FIELD TRIP REPORTS

#### FOSTER CITY February 24

Low, heavy fog was just clearing as we left at noon, as the high  
 tide was starting to recede, and shore birds were few in number.  
 However, 45 species were listed, including Whimbrel, Avocets,  
 Willets, Dunlin, Black Turnstones, Black-bellied Plovers, Snowy  
 Plover, Godwits, Snowy Egrets, and about 40 Knots. Killdeer and  
 Greater Yellowlegs and Meadowlarks were seen near the ponds.

Eleven species of ducks were seen, Pintails being most numerous.  
 Common Scoters were truly "common", and Western Grebes in flotillas.  
 The Red-breasted Mergansers were the find of the day, on the water.  
 (The Krolls saw 17 of them the day before.) Six Barrows Goldeneyes  
 seen as we were leaving climaxed an interesting list of water birds.

No Black-necked Stilts and no Burrowing Owls were a disappoint-  
 ment, but the many Horned Larks and hundreds of Water Pipits more  
 than compensated.

A lovely Savannah Sparrow posed and sang and posed again and  
 again, until everyone had to agree with Katherine Kroll, who knew  
 all the time what it was.

Alice Steele

## CONSERVATION NOTES

### PESCADERO MARSH

We were informed by Mr. Harry Dean, Jr., Regional Supervisor of the Master Plans Section of the State Department of Parks and Recreation, that the State has at last acquired title to approximately 210 acres of the Pescadero Marsh lying in the angle between Highway 1 and Pescadero Road. This was acquired through court action in February, after the owners and the State could not agree on the price of the parcel.

Mr. Dean states that, due to the financial situation in the State, they have no plans for development of the area for recreation during the next five years. This should mean that the area will remain in its present wild state for that time. Your sub-committee of the Conservation Committee, which has been following this problem for over two years, has asked Mr. Dean for clarification of the State policy regarding restriction of hunting here, and re-availability of access for nature groups such as ours.

Mr. Dean has been most cooperative with us in our interest in the area, having toured the section with us to discuss plans for the use of the area. He appears to be in agreement with us that the primary objective should be to retain the area as a refuge as much as possible, rather than to introduce extensive picnic and recreation areas, as was originally proposed.

We will continue to watch out for this area, and keep abreast of any plans which the State might come up with.

### WESTERN AUDUBON CONFERENCE

This is the last opportunity to announce the bi-annual convention. All who can should try to attend this program, as outstanding conservationists will present their ideas on many of our most critical problems.

"Playing Russian Roulette with Nature" will be the theme of the Conference at the beautiful Asilomar grounds near Monterey, April 6 - 9

According to Mr. William (Bill) Goodall, Western Representative of National Audubon Society, the Conference theme portraying man's gamble with air, water, land and wildlife will be emphasized by outstanding authoritative speakers and films.

Registration for the entire convention, including nine meals and three nights can be made for as little as \$33.50 - a genuine bargain.

For complete information and registration forms write to:  
Audubon Western Conference, P.O. Box 3666, El Monte, Calif. 91733.

## JUNIOR MUSEUM ANNOUNCES TWO CONSERVATION TRIPS

The San Mateo County Junior Museum has scheduled two more of their outstanding Conservation Field trips, with commentary and interpretation by Mr. Georg Treichel and Dr. Howard Cogswell, well-known Ecologists from San Francisco and Hayward State Colleges respectively. The first will be a cruise of the North Bay, while the second will be an exciting trip through the Delta Region to Stockton, returning by bus. Details are as follows:

### BAY CRUISE

Date: April 27, 1968 10 AM - 2 PM

Departure Time: 10:00 AM from San Francisco

Cost: \$2.50 per person. Bring lunch, or there will be a snack bar aboard.

### DELTA CRUISE

Date: May 11, 1968 All day trip.

Departure Time: 9:00 AM from San Francisco

Cost: \$10.00 each, includes both boat and bus fare. Bring lunch. Dinner at a dock-side restaurant in Stockton.

This trip is co-sponsored by the California Historical Society, which will have a historian from Sacramento State College to point out items of historic interest.

Reservations should be made by sending the fee to the San Mateo County Junior Museum, Coyote Point, San Mateo, California 94401. These trips are not recommended for young children. Children 18 on the Delta trip must be accompanied by their parents. Tickets will be mailed to you if you enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your check.

### NEW MEMBERS

We are pleased to welcome the following new members to the SEQUOIA AUDUBON SOCIETY. We hope they will attend many of our meetings and field trips.

Mrs. Leroy Nelson	Mr. Albert Bergeron
Mrs. Frederic Searls	Miss Frances Gardoni
Miss Hilda Stengard	Mr. John McKinnon
Miss Sherry Kramer	Mr. & Mrs. Robert H. Stewart

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

President Howard Gurevitz has named the following members as the nominating committee, to select candidates for the Board of Directors and Officers of SEQUOIA for the coming year.

Mrs. Jean Maxwell, Chairman	(343-1073)
Mrs. Eugenia Hebron	(347-8366)
Mrs. Florence Richardson	(345-4443)
Mr. Nicholas Kroll	(697-2051)

Anyone wishing to suggest nominees may call one of these committeemen.

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