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BULLETIN OF THE SEQUOIA AUDUBON SOCIETY

MEETINGS

- January 7 BOARD MEETING at the home of President Charles Newman, 25 Corte
Thursday Alegre, Millbrae. All Board members and committee chairmen
8:00 PM should attend. Other members are welcome.
- January 14 REGULAR MEETING at Roosevelt School, Broadway and Vancouver Ave.,
Thursday Burlingame. Our guest speaker will be Dr. Howard Cogswell,
8:00 PM Professor of Biological Sciences at California State College at
Hayward. Dr. Cogswell's talk will be on the topic of "Over-
population in the Bird World", and will be based upon his
research project for the past several years, supported by the
U. S. Public Health Service, on "Solid Waste Disposal and Bird
Hazard to Aircraft". Much of this study has been around the San
Francisco Bay area, where many airports and garbage dumps are
too close together, resulting in problems of the birds interfer-
ing with the safe operation of the aircraft.
Dr. Cogswell is well known to many members of Sequoia Audubon,
having spoken to us before, and also having been one of the
commentators on the Bay cruises sponsored by the San Mateo County
Junior Museum.
Light refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the meet-
ing, courtesy of our Social Committee.

FIELD TRIPS

Chairman: Jean Jones 344-9339

- January 2 ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT
Saturday As announced in the December bulletin. WE NEED ALL THE HELP
All Day WE CAN GET. If you have not already done so, please call one of
the leaders, and sign up to either count or record.
LEADER: Neil Dickinson 366-7661
ASS'T.: Alice Steele 344-8317
- January 16 FOSTER CITY AREA
Saturday LEADER: Al Bergeron 349-2960
8:00 AM MEETING PLACE: Central park Lake, on East Hillsdale Blvd., in
Foster City. This will be a half-day trip for observing shore-
birds and ducks. Beginning birders will have an opportunity to
see the birds at close range.
- January 23 ALUM ROCK PARK (San Jose)
Saturday LEADER: A. E. Montgomery (344-4249)
9:30 AM MEETING PLACE: Meet in the parking lot in front of the Junior
Museum (Youth Science Institute) in Alum Rock Park.
Alum Rock Park is about 36 miles from San Mateo, 3rd and Bayshore.
Drive south on Bayshore (U.S.101) to San Jose. Two and one-half
miles after passing under the Nimitz Freeway, turn off at Santa
Clara Street, and immediately cross over Bayshore. You are now
on Alum Rock Avenue, which leads northeast 4 1/2 miles to the
entrance to Alum Rock Park. Bring a lunch.

FIELD TRIPS, continued.

After lunch, if the weather is clear, some may wish to drive up Mt. Hamilton, birding at Smith Creek at the foot of the mountain. If it is raining in the morning, phone Monty before 8:30. This trip was unusually rewarding last year.

Feb. 20-22 SAN LUIS ISLAND WILDLIFE REFUGE ADVANCE NOTICE
Save this three-day weekend for birding at this Refuge. Enes Millar and Bill Anderson are planning the trip. Details will be given in the February bulletin.

FIELD TRIP REPORTS

GOLDEN GATE PARK - November 21

This was a cool, overcast day in San Francisco, but Nick Kroll led us to a variety of habitats where a surprising number of species of birds were found. There were Wood Ducks, Widgeon, Mallards, Ruddy Ducks, and a few Pintails in the lakes.

Later we visited the Strybing Arboretum to see the new cactus area. This is going to be an especially interesting addition - beautiful already. The redwood area is a pleasure. The fine collection of ferns - all with names - is alone worth a visit. A specimen of aristolochia Californica - the "Dutchman's Pipe" vine - in full bloom near a trail was a rare treat. Tickets to the planetarium show climaxed an interesting, very well planned day. Thank you Nick and Katherine Kroll.

Alice Steele

PILLAR POINT - December 12

I don't know how she managed it in this rainy winter, but Alice Steele provided a perfect sunny day for her Pillar Point field trip. Visibility was perfect; the air was balmy, and there was very little wind. All who went had a good time. The birds put on a show of well over fifty species. Among those seen were: Common, Arctic, and Red-throated Loons; Western, Pied-billed, Horned, and Eared Grebes; Pelagic, Brandt's, and (after most watchers left) Double-crested Cormorants; and Surf and White-winged--(no Common) Scoters. Especially welcome were Red-breasted Mergansers and Common Goldeneyes.

Bill Anderson was there, and with his sure knowledge of birds added much to the enjoyment of the trip.

Jed McClellan

AUDUBON WILDLIFE FILM

The Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society is presenting another film and lecture:

ACADIAN REFLECTIONS

Robert E. Fultz

Wed., January 6, 4:00 PM Palo Alto High School

CONSERVATION NOTES

KUDOS TO:

- * Mrs. William Roth for her generous offer to donate 61 acres of her Woodside estate, Filoli, to the City of San Francisco for the preservation of a scenic corridor along Skyline Boulevard. Such a gift will help immensely in bringing the Skyline Scenic Parkway into reality.
- * Our own Congressman "Pete" McCloskey for volunteering to introduce to the 92nd Congress early in January the bill replacing HR 2749/HR 17047, proposing the establishment of National Wildlife Refuge status to areas of south San Francisco Bay. He will push for public hearings to be held in April 1971.
- * Mrs. Jean Maxwell for personally monitoring the bayside plans of the City of San Mateo to assure that development is held solely to existing land with minimum fill and dredging, and with acceptable disposal of dredging spoils - - not to fill the cove at Coyote Point, for example.
- * Al Bergeron for initiating action to salvage the natural marsh of Belmont Slough through publicizing to Foster City residents and officials the ecological value of the area.
- * Dr. Wade Macomber and Jed McClellan for their foresight in planning now to save the profuse wildflower area at the southeast corner of Edgemoor and Canada Roads.
- * All members who contribute time and effort in Sequoia Audubon activities, such as: conservation education, field trips and bird counts, bulletin publication, processing of new memberships, participation in the success of our enjoyable monthly meetings and the continuing important duty of letter-writing to express conservation convictions to our elected representatives at city, county, state and federal levels.

The measure of Audubon accomplishments through the participation of its members may well be the decisive element in the environmental quality of America in the future. So, let's keep trying!!! And, in 1971, actively recruit new members!

Marian Lockwood
Conservation Chairman

(Editor's Note: Along with all the credits given above, we all owe a big vote of thanks to Marian Lockwood for her energy and vigilance in following the many happenings which are of concern to all of us who are concerned with the preservation of a healthy and pleasant environment).

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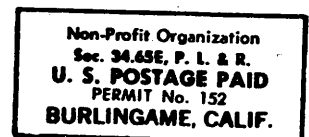
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