



The Sequoia



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BULLETIN OF THE SEQUOIA AUDUBON SOCIETY

MEETINGS

Program Chairman: Al Bergeron (349-2960)

June 3
Thursday
8:00 PM

BOARD MEETING at the home of Secretary Ed McElhany, 1009 Laguna Avenue, Burlingame. Board members and committee chairmen should attend this last meeting of the year. Other members are welcome.

June 10
Thursday
6:30 PM

POTLUCK SUPPER at Roosevelt School, Broadway and Vancouver Av., Burlingame. Please call a member of the Social Committee to advise what you will bring:

Ruth Crotchett
Marie Morgan

343-5226
341-2552

June 10
Thursday
8:00 PM

REGULAR MEETING, the last of the season, at ROOSEVELT SCHOOL, Burlingame (address above). Two very fine and interesting films have been obtained for showing at the meeting:

MISS GOODALL AND THE CHIMPANZIES

A color film of Miss Goodalls experiences while living with and studying these animals in the jungles of East Africa.

WINGED WORLD-INSTINCT AND INTELLIGENCE IN BIRDS

To observe the world of ornithology, this color film goes to many out-of-the-way places where unusual birds are found.

FIELD TRIPS

Chairman: Jean Jones (344-9339)

June 5
Saturday
9:00 AM

POINT REYES - BEAR VALLEY TRAILS

LEADERS: Aveline and Jim Butler (593-4489)

MEETING PLACE: Meet in the parking lot at the Point Reyes National Seashore Headquarters, about one mile west of Olema on Bear Valley Road. We will be observing nesting land birds, hawks, and wildflowers on the trails. Wear walking shoes, bring a warm jacket, and bring a lunch.

FIELD TRIP REPORTS

SUNOL VALLEY REGIONAL PARK - Saturday, April 24

On a pleasant and thoroughly enjoyable day about 20 persons met at the Sunol Water Temple. There the main interest was in the White-throated Swifts and the swallows which nest in the tiled roof. The Violet-green, Cliff and Rough-winged Swallows were observed there.

At the Sunol Regional Park the greatest interest, as always, was in watching the Yellow-billed Magpies around their huge nests, and the Bullock's Orioles constantly about. Exactly 50 species were recorded, all land birds except for the single Greater Yellowlegs in and along the creek.

Lillian Montgomery, Leader

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FIELD TRIP REPORTS, continued

AL WOOL RANCH, LA HONDA - Saturday, May 8

On this warm, sunny day 31 people were priveleged to walk with Al Wool over his beautiful wild preserve at La Honda. As Always, we felt as welcome as all the wild creatures that live on the ranch. Among the 52 different birds seen were Vaux's and White-throated Swifts, a pair of nesting Ash-throated Flycatchers, nesting Bluebirds, Lazuli Buntings, Red-tailed and Swainson's Hawks. It is always a delight to visit the Al Wool Ranch.

Jean Jones, Leader

LIVERMORE - MINES ROAD - Saturday, May 15

Pete and Betsy Peterson led the combined Santa Clara and Sequoia Audubon groups from Livermore, out the Mines Road, and through the Del Valle area. Everyone had a "scope's-eye" view of a Lewis Woodpecker as it sat on a telephone pole eating. Then it carried food to a nest far away. What a gorgeous bird it is! There were Swainson's, red-tailed, and Sparrow Hawks; Rough-winged, Cliff, and Barn Swallows; Western, Ash-throated Flycatchers and Black Phoebes. Western Kingbirds darted out from fences, and Bullock's Orioles and Yellow-billed Magpies were feeding young on nests. The birds were active, weather was perfect, and it was good to be birding with our friends from Santa Clara again.

Jean Jones

ANNUAL MEETING - MAY 13, 1971

At this year's annual meeting, the nominating committee (named in the May bulletin) submitted the names of the incumbent officers and directors as candidates for the next year. There were no nominations from the floor, and the slate was therefore re-elected.

At the May 6 meeting of the Board of Directors a motion was passed to hold the annual meeting in June beginning next year, rather than in May as at present. The May meeting was formerly the last meeting before the summer adjournment. Officers and Directors are elected at the annual meeting and the financial statement for the year is given. Having the annual meeting in June will permit the terms of office and the annual report to coincide with the end of the "meeting year".

An amendment of the By-Laws of our Society is required to make the change. Article IV-1 now reads:

1. The annual meeting of members of the Society shall be held in May each year on a day determined by the Board of Directors.

It is proposed to change "May" to "June". Our By-Laws require a vote of two-thirds of the members present or represented by proxy at a regular or special meeting. The vote on the proposed amendment will be held at the June meeting. If you will not be present and wish to vote, complete the proxy form at the bottom of the following page and send it to the Secretary (address on back page) before the June meeting.

CONSERVATION NOTES

COASTSIDE MOTEL BID DENIED

An application for highway frontage zoning for a motel, bar, restaurant and service station at the intersection of Pescadero Road and Highway 101 was denied by both the San Mateo County Planning Commission and, upon appeal, by the Board of Supervisors. The applicant was Vincent Muzzi, owner of the property. Many conservationists opposed the project, and at a hearing suggested that any such development of the Coast south of Half Moon Bay be deferred until a master plan for the Coastside has been drawn up and approved.

ENVIRONMENTAL LEGISLATION

A total of over 5000 bills, resolutions and constitutional amendments have been introduced into the State Legislature for consideration this year. Of these, there are about 300 bills dealing directly with environmental problems.

The PLANNING AND CONSERVATION LEAGUE, supported by many conservation organizations to act as lobbyists for them, has established the following priorities upon which to concentrate their efforts this year:

AB 265 (Schabarum) Restructures the California Air Resources Board.

AB 399 (Schabarum) Requires reduction in lead content of gasoline

SB 177 (Moscone) Revises content of environmental impact report and requires that every such report shall be available to the public.

SB 490 (Mocone) Permits an individual to bring suit for a nuisance injurious to the environment.

REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCY PROPOSED

A nine-county regional environmental agency for the San Francisco Bay Area is proposed in legislation authored by Assemblyman John T. Knox of Richmond and Senator Milton Marks of San Francisco. The bill, AB 1057, calls for a 40-man board that would develop a resources plan for the region, containing elements on conservation and development of the Bay, environmental quality, parks, and open space. BCDC would retain its present powers, and the regional agency would adopt the existing Bay plan.

AMENDMENT OF BY LAWS

As explained at the bottom of Page 2 of this bulletin, it is proposed to amend the By-Laws, Article IV-1 as follows:

1. The annual meeting of members of the Society shall be held in June each year on a day determined by the Board of Directors.

VOTE: YES _____ NO _____

SIGNED: _____ DATE: _____

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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 welcome on field trips, bird walks, and monthly general meetings.

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