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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 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

- December 6 BOARD MEETING at the home of President Howard Gurevitz, 1505 Oak Rim Drive, Hillsborough.
Thursday
8:00 PM Members are welcome to attend.
- December 13 POTLUCK SUPPER at the Burlingame Recreation Center,
Thursday
8:30 PM 850 Burlingame Avenue. All those planning to attend please call the Social Committee, listed below, to indicate what you will bring:
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| Miss Anne Hall | 341-5198 |
| Miss Estelle Maggini | 343-7913 |
- Those attending are requested to bring their own plates and utensils.
- December 13 REGULAR MEETING at the Burlingame Recreation Center
Thursday
8:00 PM (address above), following the Potluck Supper.
Mr. Gordon Boudreau, Director of Wildlife Research for Jennings Industries, will share with us his large library of bird sounds and inform us of his research in the control of birds by utilizing their response to sound. An example of his work is the use of recorded alarm calls to discourage bird depredation of agricultural crops. This type of humane control should be of great interest to our conservation-minded membership.

FIELD TRIPS

(Chairman: Jean Jones 344-9339)

- December 7 MERCED NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE
Sat
8:00 AM LEADER: Bill Anderson (for additional information call Jean Jones 344-9339).
MEETING PLACE: Canal Farm Inn, Los Banos.
If you wish to stay overnight Friday and/or Saturday, make reservations by calling Canal Farm Inn, Area Code 209, 826-5121. Make reservations early, as the hunting season will be on!! We should be able to see Ross', Cackling, and White-fronted Geese; also Sandhill Cranes, snipe, and many others.

December 14 SAWYER CAMP ROAD

- Saturday LEADER: Alice Steele (344-8317)
9:00 AM MEETING PLACE: Meet at the Crustal Springs Dam parking area, on Skyline, just south of Crystal Springs Road. This area has been closed for quite awhile, due to construction work, and should afford an opportunity to see many migrating birds.

December 29 ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

- Sunday LEADER: Neil Dickinson (366-7661)
All Day TALLY: Oleta Dickinson
ASSISTANT LEADER: Alice Steele (344-7661)
Help in this big annual project is solicited.
Will everyone who can participate please call one of the leaders, or write to them (addresses below). Those enlisting will receive complete information on their assignments by mail.

B. Neil Dickinson
554 Oak Park Way
Redwood City 94062

L. Alice Steele
1109 Chula Vista Ave.
Burlingame 94010

FIELD TRIP REPORTS

- PALO ALTO NATURE TRAIL October 19
Many interesting birds were observed here, a total of 64 species. The most outstanding were nine White-tailed Kites, an American Bittern, a Clapper Rail, and a Blue-winged Teal. Eighteen people attended, enjoying exceptionally good weather.

Nicholas Kroll, Leader

COASTAL AREA, PESCADERO SOUTH

November 2

- Fourteen intrepid souls braved the wind and rain to observe over 30 species of birds - mostly shore birds. A large number of Surf Birds clung to the leeward side of the rocks at Pebble Beach - an invisible Wandering Tattler in plain sight - a flock of Audubon Warblers trying to keep out of the wind by staying below the cliff face. Two Kingfishers flying out over the rough surf. Even a California Murre was safely hidden in a protected spot.

G. Paul Lechich, Leader

CONSERVATION NOTES:

The procedural Policy of the National Audubon Society on Public issues dated Nov. 23, 1965, gives, among other guidelines, the following statement: "Members wishing to express themselves on legislative or other public issues should write, wire or speak as individual citizens. In our free society, citizens not only have an inalienable right to speak up on issues affecting natural resources, they have an obligation to do so."

What's more, your elected representatives want to hear from their constituents on issues of concern. We must each assume a citizen's responsibility for the protection of our environmental quality by expressing our views to our elected representatives.

Here is a list to keep readily available for letter writing:

Board of Supervisors
Supervisor James V. Fitzgerald, Chairman
County Government Center

Assemblyman Carl A. Britschgi
State Capitol
Sacramento, Calif. 95814

or

2025 Broadway
Redwood City, Calif.
94063

Senator Richard J. Dolwig
State Capitol
Sacramento, Calif. 95814

or

181 Second Ave.
San Mateo, Calif. 94401

Congressman Paul N. "Pete" McCloskey
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

or

490 El Camino Real
Belmont, Calif. 94002

Senator George Murphy
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

Senator Alan Cranston
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

We can also promote public interest in local attempts to save San Francisco Bay, to acquire parks and open space, to establish wildlife refuges, by composing our views in the form of letters addressed to the "Letters to the Editor" section of our local newspapers. Become a letter-writer and help save the land we love!

Marian Lockwood, Chairman
Conservation Committee

IN MEMORIUM

Mrs. Margaret Bump, a long-time member of Sequoia Audubon, passed away on October 23. In spite of illnesses in recent years, Margaret Bump was a faithful attendant at many of our meetings and outings, and will be missed.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the Save-The-Redwoods Association.

TREE PLANTING PROGRAM

The management of the San Francisco Watershed has agreed to have several thousand trees planted in selected areas of the watershed under their supervision, and with the aid of various conservation groups. Sequoia Audubon Society is requested to participate in this program. Those wishing to take part are requested to call Dr. William Freedman, 344-7774, to enlist in the program. Our work will consist of supervising volunteers from various youth groups, such as Boy and Girl Scouts, and others. Upon receiving your call, Dr. or Mrs. Freedman will provide information as to the time and location of the initial orientation meeting.

This is a great project, and will reap great dividends in the future, so everyone who can is urged to take part in the program.

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