



The Sequoia



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BULLETIN OF THE SEQUOIA AUDUBON SOCIETY

MEETINGS

October 7
Thursday
8:00 PM

BOARD MEETING at the home of President Charles Newman, 25 Corte Alegre, Millbrae. All Board members and committee chairmen should attend. Other members are welcome.

October 14
Thursday
6:30 PM

POTLUCK SUPPER at Roosevelt School, Broadway and Vancouver Avenue, Burlingame. Please call one of the following committee members to advise what you will bring:

Ruth Crotchett 343-5226
Mrs. O. Newell Parker 345-2027

October 14
Thursday
8:00 PM

REGULAR MEETING, at Roosevelt School (address above). A color slide program entitled "Coasts Around the Pacific Rim" will be presented by Don Greame Kelley, editor of OCEANS MAGAZINE. Mr. Kelley draws ecological comparisons between the principal coastlines around the Pacific Ocean. Mr. Kelley, author, editor, cartographer, and photographer, draws upon a lifetime interest in this field.

FIELD TRIPS

Chairman: Jean Jones 344-9339

October 2
Saturday
8:30 AM

PIGEON POINT (and coastal sites nearby)

LEADER: Roy Carlson (592-4976)

MEETING PLACE: Meet at the parking area just north of Pigeon Point Lighthouse, off Highway 1, south of Pescadero. We hope to see loons, shearwaters, murre, Pigeon Guillemot, Marbled Murrelets, Black Oystercatchers, and Wandering Tattlers. In addition, harbor seals, sea lions and elephant seals are often present in this area. Bring a lunch.

October 16
Saturday
9:00 AM

LOWER TUBBS ISLAND

LEADERS: Ruth Hass and Florence Richardson (345-4443)

MEETING PLACE: Meet at Lower Tubbs Island. From the Golden Gate Bridge take Highway 101 northward. Just past Ignacio, turn right onto Route 37, towards Vallejo. About 4 miles past the Petaluma River Bridge, and just past the Napa turn-off (stay in the right-hand lane), watch for the railroad crossing and Tolay Creek. Cross the creek and immediately turn right and go through the gate. Bring a lunch.

October 30
Saturday
10:00 AM

SALINAS RIVER AND MOSS LANDING

LEADER: Randy Morgan, of Soquel (Contact Jean Jones for Info.)

MEETING PLACE: Meet at Spivey's Restaurant at Ocean and Water Streets in Santa Cruz. We will observe shorebirds along the coast, up the river, and in the Moss Landing area. Bring a lunch and warm clothing.

FIELD TRIP REPORTS

PALO ALTO HARBOR AND DUMBARTON BRIDGE - Saturday, September 4

A great crowd, primarily newcomers, turned out on a beautiful day for a superb sandpiper expedition. Beginners had excellent opportunities for sorting out similar "peeps". Western, Least and Baird's were feeding together - a very rare occurrence indeed. Also noteworthy were Knots, Clapper Rails, and Cinammon Teal.

Mark Zumsteg, Leader

AUDUBON WILDLIFE FILMS

Once again a series of five Wildlife Films are to be presented at the Palo Alto High School Auditorium, featuring National Audubon Society speakers. The auditorium is located at 50 Embarcadero Road, in Palo Alto. The programs scheduled are as follows:

October 12	"British Columbia- Mountains to the Sea" Wilf Gray
November 11	"Filming in No-Man's Land" John Paling
January 25	"Mule Deer Country" Buzz Moss
February 22	"Treasure of East Africa" Bower E. Rudrud
March 21	"The Vanishing Sea" Robert W. Davison

These programs will all be presented at 4:00 PM on the days indicated.

Tickets may be purchased at the door for the following rates:

Season Ticket	\$5.00
Single Adult	1.25
High School Student	0.75
Elementary School Student	0.50

NATIONAL AUDUBON WESTERN CONFERENCE

The Western Regional Office cordially extends an invitation to all members to attend a renewal of the popular Asilomar Conferences. The challenging theme for the conference is: "Golden Opportunities in Conservation" with special emphasis being placed on WHAT'S NEW IN '72? Please mark well and SAVE the dates MARCH 25,26,27,28 in 1972.

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WESTERN CONFERENCE (Continued)

Should you desire to receive priority program information and trip reservation forms, simply mail a postcard NOW with your name, address, and Zip to:

AUDUBON CONFERENCE
555 Audubon Place
Sacramento, Ca. 95825

Materials will be sent to you in October, before the general mailing.

CONSERVATION NOTES

"ISN'T ONE LOS ANGELES ENOUGH?"

Occasionally, concentrated citizen action can turn the tide in favor of environmental quality.

On September 14, voters in Menlo Park decisively rejected Route 84 of the State Division of Highways' freeway network which is relentlessly lacing the Peninsula. So-called Willow "Expressway" was proposed to connect East Bay communities, via Dumbarton Bridge, with Freeway Route 280, the consequences of which would have turned stretches of the treasured natural San Francisquito Creek into concrete culverts, affected acreage of the proposed National Wildlife Refuge, eliminated over 400 homes, compounded smog, traffic noise and volume.

The group called Citizens Against Willow Expressway (CAWE), joined by the League of Women Voters, Committee for Green Foothills, the Peninsula Conservation Center, and the Sierra Club mounted a remarkably effective educational publicity drive. Mailed flyers, Burma-Shave type posters, and bumper stickers with such succinct wording as: "Isn't One Los Angeles Enough?" and "Save the Tree, Save the Land, Save the Man Willow Expressway, NEVER!" alerted the population.

The determined effort against city council approval of the Willow "Expressway" -- a deceptive designation since the state specifications called for an eventual six-lane freeway -- began last year when CAWE supported an environmentally-alert candidate for a city council seat: Dr. Robert Stephens, an electron microscopist in the life sciences division at Stanford Institute engaged in medical research in the field of air pollution as it relates to emphysema and other chronic lung diseases. Active in several scientific organizations, Dr. Stephens has written a number of papers on the effect of air pollutants on the lungs of animals.

To protect our own habitat -- there is no substitute for constant vigilant watchbirding of city council members, their plans, policies, and attitudes. Each concerned citizen can participate by developing an active interest and familiarity with his own governing agencies and by letting the members know personally that it really matters! Sometimes more responsive candidates must be found.

We need more elected representatives at city and county levels who are seriously concerned about environmental quality, not just in a superficial political way, but in earnest.

Marian Lockwood, Co-chairman
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