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BULLETIN OF THE SEQUOIA AUDUBON SOCIETY

MEETINGS

- November 4
Thursday
8:00 PM
- BOARD MEETING at the home of President Charles Newman, 25 Corte Alegre, Millbrae. Board members and committee chairmen should attend. Other members are welcome.
- November 11
Thursday
8:00 PM
- REGULAR MEETING at Roosevelt School, Broadway and Vancouver Avenue, Burlingame. The program for the evening will be presented by Mr. and Mrs. George Homem, and is entitled "Nature Trails of Western Canada". Mrs. Homem (Vi), is the Observation Editor for the GULL, the bulletin of the Golden Gate Audubon Society. The Homems have spent ten summer vacations exploring western Canada and its parks by trail and small boat. Their slide program will present mammals, birds, wild-flowers and other nature subjects photographed in British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba. Books, pamphlets and check lists will be on display for those who might be planning a Canadian vacation.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

This year's Christmas Bird Count is scheduled for December 26. In case of very bad weather, this will give us an extra week to reschedule the count, rather than have to make do on a poor day to see or count.

If you expect to be able to help in this count, please send a post card to:

Neil Dickinson
554 Oak Park Way
Redwood City, Ca. 94062

On the card, put your name, address, and telephone number. You will then be notified regarding your assignment and other details regarding the activities for the day.

FIELD TRIPS

Chairman: Jean Jones 344-9339

- November 6
Saturday
9:00 AM
- RODEO LAGOON
LEADERS: Roy and Fran Nelson 593-7941
MEETING PLACE: Meet at Vista Point, at the north end of the Golden Gate Bridge. This varied habitat of lagoons, ocean beach, and shrub covered hillsides attracts many species of migrating land, shore, and water birds. Bring a lunch and wear warm clothing.

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FIELD TRIPS - continued

November 20 LAKE MERCED (San Francisco)
Saturday LEADER: Enes Millar (Phone Jean Jones for Information)
9:00 AM MEETING PLACE: Parking lot at the Lake Merced boat house.
Take Skyline northward, and turn off at the Harding Park
golf course. Wear warm clothes and walking shoes. Bring
lunch.

FIELD TRIP REPORTS

BOLINAS LAGOON AND POINT REYES BIRD OBSERVATORY - September 18

About 25 members turned out for this trip to Marin County. Ten or more Kingfishers along the eastern edge of the lagoon were using the utility wires for observation posts. Shore birds included Great Blue and Black-crowned Night Herons, Long-billed Curlews, Willets, Godwits, Yellowlegs, Wilson's and Northern Phalaropes wading about in the same swirling manner used in swimming. At Point Reyes Bird Observatory a staff biologist demonstrated bird-banding and record-keeping procedures. Birds in upper Arroyo Canyon were not abundant, being mostly concentrated in two alder clumps. Tennessee Warblers were the most unusual sighting of the day. They were accompanied by Black-throated Gray, Wilson's, and Townsend's Warblers, Hutton's and Warbling Vireos, Western Flycatchers, and other small species.

Florence Richardson, Leader

PIGEON POINT (and coastal stops) - October 2

On a clear, sunny, and windless day, we saw 35 species at Pigeon Point and coastal stops south to the Santa Cruz County line. Among the birds observed were both Turnstones, many Pelicans, Murres, a Red-throated Loon, a Red-necked Grebe, Wandering Tattlers, and when only three of us remained, a Black Oystercatcher. Also observed were sea lions, harbor seals, gophers, and a coyote.

Roy Carlson, Leader

LOWER TUBBS ISLAND - October 16

Our nature walk around Lower Tubbs Island rewarded us with seeing 54 different species. With Florence Richardson's sightings of birds and Ruth Hass' knowledge of plants there was something of interest almost every step of the way. Pintails were abundant both in the air and in the marsh. There were Horned, Eared, and Pied-billed Grebes, Green-winged Teal, Shovelers, and Ruddy Ducks. One beautiful group of over 100 shorebirds included Curlews, Whimbrels, Godwits, Avocets, and Dowitchers. Halfway around the trail a Short-eared Owl flew out from the edge of the road and seemed to be chasing a Ring-necked Pheasant. Eighteen members and two visitors were privileged to walk over this land saved by The Nature Conservancy.

Jean Jones, Leader

CONSERVATION NOTES

For varying reasons, many of us cannot actively participate in the continuing fight to protect environmental quality for ourselves and for the wildlife we hope to protect.

In this month of Thanksgiving we can be thankful for groups successfully engaged in this pursuit, whose future and degree of effectiveness depend on the financial support we can offer.

You may wish to contribute to the efforts of any of the following organizations:

Committee for Green Foothills

885 Oak Grove, Menlo Park Ca. 94025

Annual membership: \$5.00

Vigilant surveillance of all local conservation issues with articulate representation at public hearings and planning meetings. Issues quarterly newsletter and action alert notices.

Save San Francisco Bay Association

P.O.Box 925, Berkeley, Calif. 94701

Annual membership: \$1.00

Represents the public interest in issues involving Bay fill. Continues educational publicity on the value of the Bay and marshlands.

The Nature Conservancy

Western Regional Office

215 Market Street, San Francisco, Ca. 94105

Annual membership: \$5.00

Conducts a very effective program for identification and acquisition of unique areas that should be preserved. Issues quarterly, "Nature Conservancy News" and North California Chapter newsletter.

Planning and Conservation League

909 Twelfth Street, Sacramento, California 95814

Annual membership: Regular \$10; Student \$3.00

Non-partisan lobbyist for conservation issues in the State legislature. Keeps members informed on progress of important environmental bills; conducts an annual conference/workshop to gather and disseminate ideas for legislative action.

Environmental Defense Fund

162 Old Town Road, East Setauket, N. Y. 11733

Any contribution welcomed.

Challenges by court action environmentally destructive projects in the U.S., including Alaska, proposed by the U.S. Corps of Engineers and other agencies. Actively seeks ban on DDT.

CONTRIBUTE TO THE CONSERVATION EFFORT - - THE HABITAT YOU SAVE
MAY BE YOUR OWN!!!!!!!

Marian Lockwood, Co-chairman
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