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MEETINGS

FEBRUARY 1, THURSDAY, 7:30 PM BOARD MEETING at the home of President Bergeron. Board members and committee chairpersons should attend. Other members welcome.

FEBRUARY 8, THURSDAY, 8:00 PM REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING Roosevelt School, Broadway and Vancouver in Burlingame. GALAPAGOS: CRADLE OF EVOLUTIONARY THOUGHT, a color slide presentation on the natural history of the fabled Galapagos Islands by Dr. William Ferguson, Professor of Entomology at California State University, San Jose, and Bob Hansen, Graduate Teaching Assistant. Dr. Ferguson spent a month on the Galapagos as a consultant to the Ecuadorian Government and tourist agency and Mr. Hansen spent a total of about a year monitoring the effect of the tourist (mostly scientific) policy and studying this unique area.

FIELD TRIPS

FEBRUARY 24, SATURDAY Lake Hennessey -- Conn Dam in Napa County.

Meeting Place: Rutherford. Take highway 101 across the Golden Gate Bridge north to highway 37. Turn right onto highway 37 and continue to the intersection with highway 121. Turn left onto highway 121 toward Napa and then north on highway 29. Allow two hours from San Mateo. Meeting Time: 9:00 AM.

We should see migratory ducks and geese as well as a variety of resident wildlife around the lake. Bring a lunch and join us for a day of birding at a different habitat.

Call a leader between 6:00 and 7:00 AM in case of rain.

Leaders: Florence Richardson 345-4443
Jean Jones 344-9339

CONSERVATION NOTES

Conservationists generally rejoiced when Governor Reagan signed Senator Behr's Wild Rivers Bill (SB 107) on December 20, as it represents the first major environmental bill passed by the Legislature over concerted opposition. It designates the Trinity, Klamath, Smith, and the North Fork of the American and Lower American Rivers as "wild" to be preserved as free-flowing without dams. In addition the Eel River will be free from dams or dam planning for at least 12 years. Hopefully, by 1985 dams will not be seen as the only or even the best sources of water supply and flood control.

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CONSERVATION NOTES -- Continued --

Less happy is the news that an ABAG (Association of Bay Area Governments) committee recently recommended the construction of Interstate 380 from San Bruno to Pacifica which means that it will probably be accepted by the new Coastal Commissions formed under Proposition 20. However, the committee recommended only a four-lane highway instead of the eight-lane one proposed by the State Highway Department and also that it should be built in a way to minimize environmental damage with traffic limited to discourage coastal development. Members may remember that Sequoia Audubon Society was a co-defendant last year in the suit to obtain an injunction stopping development of this segment of 380 until a satisfactory environmental impact statement had been prepared since the original plans ran the freeway through a wildlife refuge. We still should be alert to any environmental damage that can be prevented.

-- Ruth Smith, Conservation Chpsn.

NOTES FROM PRESIDENT BERGERON

FALCONRY

Whether you approve of this "so-called" sport or not, falconry is legal at the present time in California. It is practised legally and illegally. We can at least assert some control over the illegal aspects. Only three species are allowed: Sparrow Hawk, Red-tail Hawk and Great Horned Owl.

Report all falconry activities to your local game warden or State Fish and Game Office. They will check licenses and species for conformity with State laws. (Include auto license numbers.)

Some 600 falconers hold licenses in the State. These are issued upon demonstration of at least basic knowledge, availability of suitable housing and a \$15.00 fee. Minimum age is 16 years. Falconers don't advertise their addresses because of fear of theft of their birds.

-- From talk by Bob Mallette at BAAC meeting,
January 6, 1973

HABITAT ACQUISITION FUND

Preservation of wildlife depends on preservation of habitat. Help Sequoia Audubon Society build its "Habitat Acquisition Fund" so decisive action can be taken when crises arise. Wetlands, marshes and estuarine systems are at the top of our priorities list.

COAST COMMISSIONS

Be a "Coast watcher." Take an active interest in the deliberations of the Coast Commissions. Being comprized of "good guys" "bad guys" and "unpredictable guys" makes it your business and mine to keep a careful watch.

CRYSTAL SPRINGS CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT -- We are justifiably proud of our members who participated. A detailed report follows:

CRYSTAL SPRINGS RESERVOIR MASTER LIST

December 16, 1972

Group Code--See Page 7 -- 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 F Total

LOON, Common				4	1						1		6
Arctic	②												2
Red-throated	4			2									6
GREBE, Horned				3	1	24			6		15		49
Eared				2	6						12		20
Western	12	2		4	70	30			1		11		130
Pied-billed	1			4	25	58	20				8	1	117
PELICAN, Brown	1				1								2
CORMORANT, Double-crested	3			3	57						70		603
Brandt's	①												1
Pelagic	1					1							2
HERON, Great Blue				1	12								13
EGRET, Common					1	35					1		37
Snowy					3	62					2		67
NIGHT HERON, Black-crowned					18						3		21
GOOSE, Canada (B.c.canadensis)					317	38					62		417
B.c.minima					11								11
White-fronted					①								1
MALLARD		1		41	9	116				24	14	22	227
GADWALL				3	2						4		9
PINTAIL				215	38	714			68	2	100	18	1217
TEAL, Green-winged				2	5								7
WIDGEON, American					320						41		361
SHOVELER				4	11						1		16

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	F
WOOD DUCK					14					6			20
REDHEAD						2	2						4
RING-NECKED DUCK					146	2				22		1	171
CANVASBACK					284	¹³ / ₆₀			16		160		1820
SCAUP, Greater						90					170		260
Lesser					11	¹⁷ / ₁₀	26		245				1992
GOLDENEYE, Common	2				6	162					21		191
BUFFLEHEAD				6	3	51				5	2		67
SCOTER, White-winged						164					30		194
Surf	2					264	26				75		367
RUDDY DUCK				2	61	² / ₃	20		35	1	155	4	3133
MERGANSEr, Hooded					3	7							10
Common						(8)							8
Red-breasted						2					5		7
VULTURE, Turkey	6	6			1					1			14
KITE, White-tailed	2					5							7
HAWK, Sharp-shinned					1					1			2
Cooper's	(1)												1
Red-tailed	10	1		6	3	3	6			3	1	2	35
Red-shouldered							(1)						1
Marsh	2				1	4	2						9
OSPREY						(1)							1
HAWK, Sparrow	8	3		3	4	5	11	1	1		5	2	43
PHEASANT, Ring-necked						(1)							1
RAIL, Clapper						(15)							15
Virginia						(1)							1
Black						(2)							2
COOT, American	8		1	619	256	385	40		21	31	57		1418

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	F
PLOVER, Semipalmated					(26)								26
Snowy					22	16							38
KILLDEER	30	1	5	5	11	27	11	2	1	44	5		142
PLOVER, Black-bellied	2				74	26	6	12		370			724
TURNSTONE, Ruddy					10					5			15
Black					4	9	7	3					23
SNIPE, Common					1	1							2
CURLEW, Long-billed					10	25				1			36
WHIMBREL					(10)								10
SANDPIPER, Spotted					(2)								2
WILLET					36	¹⁴ / ₈	9	41		530			1804
YELLOWLEGS, Greater					2	19		2	1				24
Lesser										(1)			1
KNOT					13			14					27
SANDPIPER, Least					10	¹² / ₂		80	27	1			2090
DUNLIN					2	⁴⁴ / ₁₅		468	60				4945
DOWITCHER, Short-billed					660			10					670
Long-billed					14	120		3	55				292
SANDPIPER, Western					4	⁴ / ₃₀		318	630				5202
GODWIT, Marbled	2				8	⁶ / ₅₁		2	65				1138
SANDERLING	8				1	8			28				45
AVOCET, American					240	270		4	405				919
STILT, Black-necked					1	5							6
GULL, Glaucous-winged					6	40							46
Western	2				2	10		2	30	41			87
Herring	30				1	1			4				36
California					2	15	5	53	20	239			334
Ring-billed					13	480			70	10			573

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 F

GULLS (cont.)

Mew					62	1							63
Bonaparte's					75				1				76
Gulls sp.	340	100	1370	240		20	4						2074
TEEN, Forster's					(59)								59
Caspian					(4)								4
MURRELET, Marbled	(2)												2
PIGEON, Band-tailed		50	25			21				122	5		223
DOVE, Mourning	4		2	13	9	8	2	13	70	120	250	50	516
Ringed Turtle										(1)			1
OWL, Barn	1				2								3
Great Horned	2				1								3
Burrowing					(3)								3
Short-eared					(1)								1
Saw-whet	(2)												2
SWIFT, White-throated	(9)												9
HUMMINGBIRD, Anna's	2		20	10	5	1				4	3	5	50
KINGFISHER, Belted	1					2	1			1	1		6
FLICKER, Red-shafted	10	17	4	22	7	1	1	4		2	3	9	80
WOODPECKER, Acorn				4	1						8	10	23
SAPSUCKER, Yellow-bellied			(1)										1
WOODPECKER, Hairy	1			2	1								4
Downy	1	1		5			1				11		19
PHOEBE, Black	7				1	2				1			11
Say's	2				1	1							4
LARK, Horned					(66)								66
SWALLOW, Violet-green	(1)												1
JAY, Stellar's	6	50	8	46	19			3	12		7	4	155
Scrub	10	20	23	37	22	1		14	2		48	34	211

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	F	
RAVEN, Common	(2)												2	
CROW, Common					(1)								1	
CHICKADEE, Chestnut-backed	40	40	12	16	46			14		8	17	46	230	
TITMOUSE, Plain		4	1	19	4			28			2		58	
BUSHTIT, Common	52	150	10	34	70			43			105		364	
NUTHATCH, Red-breasted	3	1									6		10	
Pygmy		29								20	27		76	
CREEPER, Brown		24		15	1								40	
WRENTIT	16	30	13	25	5			2		4	9	3	107	
WREN, House										(1)			1	
Winter		1								1			2	
Bewick's	6			3	4					2	3		18	
Long-billed Marsh					(2)								2	
MOCKINGBIRD			1		3	3		4			7	2	20	
ROBIN, American	3 ₄	8 ₀	7 ₉	72	131	4 ₈	5	133	2 ₀	9	1 ₃	1 ₀	7359	
THRUSH, Varied	4	1 ₀	2	147	90			6		3 ₀	2		1541	
Hermit	3	1	2	11	14			6		11	14	4	66	
BLUEBIRD, Western						(8)							8	
KINGLET, Golden-crowned	4	8			3								15	
Ruby-crowned	22	2	5	18	7			8					62	
PIPIT, Water	5			1	3	16							25	
WAXWING, Cedar				20	25						35	6	413	
SHRIKE, Loggerhead	2				1	3	2				1		9	
STARLING	285	12	85	4	17	600	3	72	11	3	8	49	5	2093
VIREO, Hutton's				1						3	2		6	
WARBLER, Myrtle	4				2								6	
Audubon's	2	2			20	3					8		35	
Townsend's	(6)												6	
YELLOWTHROAT	1					1							2	

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	F
SPARROW, House	21			9	12	30						149	35 256
MEADOWLARK, Western	12	12			25	101	31		4		19	37 12	253
BLACKBIRD, Red-winged	25			87	60		10				3		185
Brewer's	173		8	231	20	16	160	40			10	6 7	477
COWBIRD, Brown-headed					(2)								2
GROSBEAK, Evening											12		12
FINCH, Purple	22			9	6						2	3	42
House	30		14	12	33	74	760	3	4		150	72 8	1159
PINE SISKIN	14	8			9						1		32
GOLDFINCH, American						13					70	37	120
Lesser	4	21	15		16	7							63
TOWHEE, Rufous-sided	1	8	11	24	9			7		2	23	6	91
Brown	20	45	22	21	16	1	1	32		5	20	45	228
SPARROW, Savannah	1				4	58			2		1		66
Lark						(2)							2
JUNCO, Slate-colored	(1)												1
Oregon	75	150	10	169	3	2	2	17	36	17	75	40 ² 8	814
SPARROW, White-crowned	298			74			50	5			84	8	519
Golden-crowned	51	10	25	28	60	3	5	33		10	112	40 162	539
Fox	12	25		7	5						20	2 1	72
Song	27		5	5	5	43		1	1			2	89

Species seen in count period, but not on count day: American Bittern,
Common Scoter, Surfbird, Heerman's Gull, Common Murre, Tricolored
Blackbird, White-throated Sparrow.

1. Byron Davies and Mark Zumsteg: Higgin's and Purissima Ck. Rds. PM, Miramontes Point.
2. Charles Newman and Liv Gurevitz: Skyline Blvd. from cemetery to past King's Mt. Rd.
3. Rich Walker: Belmont
4. Fran and Roy Nelson: Upper Crystal Springs Lake and surrounding watershed.
5. Peter Metropulos: Sawyer Camp Rd.
6. Barry Sauppe, Al Bergeron, Jimmy Ginestra and a host of others: Foster City and Belmont Slough.
7. Bonnie and J. Ed McClellan: Pillar Point and coastal regions to Purissima Ck. outlet.
8. Mary Jane Baker, Grace Sain, and Shirley Sampson: Huddart Park and Woodside.
9. Monty Montgomery: Bayshore from SM Dump to Airport excluding Coyote Point.
10. Maryann Danielson: Lake Pilarcitos area.
11. Carol Kemnitz: Coyote Point
12. Paul Lechich, Flora Knight, and Helen D'Arcy: San Andreas Lake, Burlingame.

Each year since 1900 the Audubon Society has conducted the Christmas Bird Count. During a two-week period in December nearly 20,000 birdwatchers participate in a count of birds observed in almost 1,000 search areas in North America. Each area is a circle 15 miles in diameter. Our Crystal Springs area was begun in 1949 and the center of our circle is the Dam. Last year the Audubon publication AMERICAN BIRDS, tabulated the national results in the 414-page April issue.

Mark Zumsteg was our Crystal Springs Christmas Bird Count Chairman this year and prepared the preceeding tabulation.

FIELD STUDY OF PACIFIC ISLANDS AND LAGOONS OF BAJA CALIFORNIA

Foothill College of Los Altos is sponsoring a natural history field study program of the western coast and islands of Baja California conducted from aboard a 105 foot deluxe charter vessel out of San Diego. Visits will be made to Guadalupe, San Benito, Cedros and San Martin Islands and San Ignacio Lagoon. The week of the trip (March 24--31) coincides with the blooming of many plants and breeding activities of many birds and marine mammals. For information phone Ted Chandik 493-5330.

PENINSULA CONSERVATION CENTER -- OPEN HOUSE, 1176 Emerson (at Embarcadero) in Palo Alto, Sunday, February 11, 3:00 to 8:00 PM. Music, Ian Strange painting of Falkland Island Wildlife, Howard King photos, donations cheerfully accepted. Phone 328-5313 if you plan to attend. Sequoia Audubon helps support the center and a visit is highly recommended.

NEW SECRETARY

Marian Lockwood tells us that because of illness she will be obliged to resign as secretary and SAS Bay Area Audubon Council representative. When she recovers, and we all hope that will be soon, she plans to again become active in Audubon matters. Carmen Gales has accepted the appointment as secretary to fill out Marian's term. (2828 Edison St., #15, San Mateo, 94403. Phone: 349-6927.) John Tatomer will represent SAS at the BAAC.

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