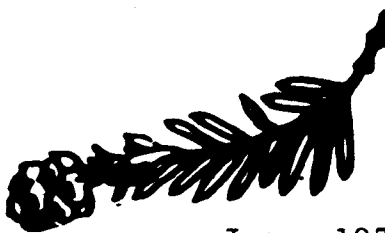




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MEETINGS:

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

JUNE 14, THURSDAY 6:30 PM POTLUCK DINNER at Roosevelt School, Broadway and Vancouver in Burlingame. Please bring your own table setting. Phone Mrs. Eila Fox at 343-1406 and tell her what dish you plan to bring.

JUNE 14, THURSDAY 8:00 PM REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING at Roosevelt School following the Potluck Dinner. Roy Carlson has arranged an outstanding program. John Smail, executive Director of Point Reyes Bird Observatory will present an award-winning movie, FARALLON LIGHT. This is an excellent film -- educational, entertaining and artistic -- about the Farallon Islands and the activities of PRBO there. This is your best chance to "visit" these fascinating, nearby islands and to see the hordes of sea birds and ocean mammals as no visitors are allowed on the islands. Mr. Smail will also outline some of the many activities of PRBO. All Audubon members should be acquainted with this unique operation and the valuable contributions Mr. Smail and his staff are making in their area of study.

June is our official "annual" meeting and officers for the ensuing year will be elected at this meeting. The nominating committee will present their report but nominations from the floor are also welcome.

FIELD TRIPS:

JUNE 2, SATURDAY 8:00 AM ONE-DAY MYSTERY TRIP

Following the announcement in the May SEQUOIA of an overnight Mystery Trip, it was found necessary, because of the June date, to substitute a one-day Mystery Trip.

The 38-passenger Greyhound bus will be available for loading at 7:30 and will leave promptly at 8:00 AM from California Drive just south of Oak Grove Avenue. There is ample free parking space for cars between California Drive and the railroad tracks.

Bring sack lunch and binoculars, also scope if desired. Dress comfortably for a possibly warm day. The trip is planned to return to the starting point about 5:30 PM.

The cost will be 8:00 per person, payable on the bus to "Monty" Montgomery, the leader. The allowable quota of 32-34 persons is nearly filled, so if anyone who has signed up should find it impossible to go, please phone Montgomery - 344-4249 - thus making the seat available to another person.

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Two bills of vital concern to California wildlife have been introduced in the Legislature recently. The first is Senator Peter Behr's Wildlife Protection Act of 1973, (S.B. 633). This outlaws sawtooth and spike traps, shooting of animals from any motorized behivle, and predator poisoning and bounties, as well as regulating poisoning of rodents. The bill probably will not have been voted on by the Senate Natural Resources and Wildlife Committee before the first part of June, so those who wish to support it can still write, phone or telegraph the Committee Chairman, Senator John A. Nejedly, as well as Senator Behr and Senator Gregorio, both of whom are members of the Committee.

The second bill - A.B. 2209 - requiring screening of oil sumps was introduced May 3 by Assemblyman Walter Karabian. It will apparently take the place of Assemblyman Z'berg's expected reintroduction of his last year's oil sump bill. In a news conference Mr. Karabian showed color photos of birds killed in oil sumps and explained that some 150,000 die this way each year in California. A Committee hearing will probably not be set before some time in June at the earliest. Those who are interested in following this bill through the summer can give me their names and addresses, and I will keep in touch with them.

In response to a petition from the Humane Society of the United States and various conservation organizations including National Audubon, the Department of the Interior's Fish and Wildlife Service has outlined a program to convert from lead to iron shot for waterfowl hunting. This will prevent the death by lead poisoning of some 2 to 3 million waterfowl annual who pick up spent pellets while feeding.

Thanks to all who wrote the State Fish and Game Commission recommending a Point Lobos Marine Ecological Reserve, the Commissioners on April 6 voted unanimously to support the Reserve and adopted regularions for its use. This will give added protection to the sea otters who use the area as a nursery.

A complaint charging illegal destruction of at least 16 swallow nests, some containing eggs or fledglings, has been filed against a Redwood City restaurant and a San Mateo exterminator company with the U.S. Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife office in Burlingame. This was done because the Migratory Bird Treaty Act between the United States, Canada, Mexico and Japan prohibits taking, transportation or possession of nests of migratory birds. The term "taking" includes destruction. Even Audubon members may not all be aware of this aspect of the Act, though they should be aware that the swallows do migrate to Mexico.

-- Ruth Smith Phone - 322-5279
Conservation Chairperson

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We are saddened to report the death of Fred Dean, an active Sequoia Audubon member. His widow, Gertrude, resides at 2816 Hillside Drive, Burlingame. The family has suggested contributions to the American Cancer Society, National Audubon or the United First Methodist Church of Burlingame for those who would like to honor his memory.

MEMBERSHIP PARTICIPATION

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Sequoia Audubon now has about 900 members. It is no longer possible for the officers and directors to be acquainted with the talents and active participation prospects of the membership. We are, therefore, asking that those who are interested in actively joining one of the various Sequoia committees to make themselves known by completing the following statement and sending it to President Bergeron:

I would be interested in working with the following Sequoia Committee. (Check one -- or more if you are really ambitious!)

☐ Conservation	☐ Membership Development
☐ Social	☐ Habitat Acquisition
☐ Sightings	☐ Audit
☐ Christmas Count	☐ Field Trip
☐ Education	☐ Junior Audubon
☐ Publicity	☐ Program

NAME _____ PHONE NO. _____

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FIELD TRIP REPORTS:

On April 28 ten of us visited the Tennessee Cove area and spent about six hours in the cool overcast weather observing 41 species of birds. We were unable to obtain permission to use the road to the cove but we had a successful trip despite this handicap. The following species were observed: Turkey vulture, Cooper's hawk, Red-tailed hawk, California quail, Mourning dove, White-throated swift, Anna's hummingbird, Allen's hummingbird, Red-shafted flicker, Western flycatcher, Olivesided flycatcher, Violet-green swallow, Roughwinged swallow, Cliff swallow, Steller's jay, Scrub jay, Common crow, Chestnut-backed chickadee, Plain titmouse, Common bushtit, Wrentit, Bewick's wren, Robin, Cedar waxwing, Starling, Orange-crowned warbler, Wilson's warbler, Redwinged blackbird, Bullock's oriole, Brewer's blackbird, Black-headed grosbeak, Purple finch, House finch, Pine siskin, American goldfinch, Rufous-sided towhee, Brown towhee, Oregon junco, White-crowned sparrow, Song sparrow, House sparrow.

-- Charles Newman, Leader.

On Sunday, May 6, six of us visited the Sunol Water Temple, Upper and Lower Welsh Creek Road in Sunol Regional Park. After early overcast, the weather cleared and there was a brisk WNW wind. We spent over five hours birding and observed the following about 54 species: Turkey vulture, Red-tailed hawk, Sparrow hawk, California

quail, Killdeer plover, Band-tailed pigeon, Rock dove, Mourning dove, Anna's hummingbird, Belted kingfisher, Red-shafted flicker, Acorn flicker, Downy woodpecker, Black phoebe, Western flycatcher, Western Wood pewee, Horned lark, Violet-green swallow, Rough-winged swallow, Barn swallow, Cliff swallow, Steller's jay, Scrub jay, Yellow-billed magpie, Common crow, Chestnut-backed chickadee, Plain titmouse, Common bushtit, White-breasted nuthatch, Wren tit, House wren, California thrasher, Robin Swainson's thrush, Western bluebird, Starling, Orange-crowned warbler, House sparrow, Western meadowlark, Redwinged blackbird, Bullock's blackbird, Brewer's blackbird, Black-headed grosbeak, Lazuli bunting, Purple finch, House finch, Lesser goldfinch, Rufous-sided towhee, Brown towhee, Lark sparrow, Oregon junco, White crowned sparrow, Song sparrow.

-- Byron Davies, Leader.

NEW MEMBERS:

Sequoia Audubon is happy to welcome the following new members:

BELMONT: Mrs. M. J. Baker

BRISBANE: E. R. Sumerix

BURLINGAME: Mrs. I. Hearn, Mardela Corp., Mr. and Mrs. John Mendez

DALY CITY: Sister Edmund Simpson

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J. Lodato, Mr. W. A. Long, Dr. Bruce E. Ratcliffe,
Mr. Richard L. Renne, M. Satterfield, Mr. and Mrs.
L. C. Wear, Winifred Zwemer.

MILLBRAE: Stella Batha, Nancy L. Rhoda

MOUNTAIN VIEW: Mr. Jessie D. Vosti

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REDWOOD CITY Mr. and Mrs. Doug Stocks, Mr. George W. Reynolds

SAN BRUNO: Mr. Carl A. Jarvinen

SAN CARLOS: Joan Biggerstaff

SAN MATEO: Dr. N. Grove, M. B. Recknagel, Mrs. John L. Hutchinson,
Naomi Luchetti, Eugenia M. Pappas, D. Johnson

ALASKA WILDLIFE TOURS:

Seattle Audubon Society offers two separate wildlife tours to Alaska this summer. One is to the Pribilof Islands, June 25--30. The other consists of several days at Camp Denali in Mt. McKinley National Park, at Glacier Bay National Monument, and at Katmai National Monument (Valley of 10,000 Smokes), July 9--21. For information write: 712 Joshua Green Bldg, Seattle, WA 98101.

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SIGHTINGS REPORT

A former, long-time member of Sequoia Audubon reports that she saw a beautiful albino Robin in Knowland Park in Oakland. This is the second one reported this year, the first one was seen in Atherton. One was observed in Redwood City last year.

-- J. Ed. McClellan

Acting on a tip that someone was trying to sell a "Red-tailed hawk," a Missouri conservation officer confronted a startled lady with the accusation. "I have a red male hog for sale," the lady stammered, "not a red-tailed hawk."

MID PENINSULA REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

Herb Grench of Palo Alto has been appointed the first general manager of the Mid Peninsula Regional Park District, an agency created in last November's election. Grench has been active in planning and environmental activities and is a former president of Santa Clara Audubon. He is 40 years old, has been a physicist at Lockheed and holds a Ph.D. in physics from University of Iowa.

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This is the last SEQUOIA in volume 22. Volume 23 will commence with the September issue. There will be no director meetings nor regular monthly membership meetings in July or August. The next director meeting will be on Thursday, September 6 and the next regular membership meeting on Thursday, September 13. The editors wish all of you a safe and happy summer season.

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Man's prospects are not so rosy that he can neglect any means of improving them. -- I.A. Richards

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