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MEETINGS:

BOARD MEETING, OCTOBER 7, THURSDAY, 7:30 PM at the Northern California Savings & Loan Office, 1430 Chapin Avenue in Burlingame. Board members and committee chairmen should attend. Other members are welcome.

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING, OCTOBER 14, THURSDAY, 8:00 PM at the San Mateo Garden Center. The Garden Center is located on Parkside Way--between 26th and 27th Avenues--just west of Alameda de las Pulgas in San Mateo.

Stephen Dietz, an Archaeologist who has his own firm, Archaeological Consulting and Research Services, Inc. of Palo Alto, will speak on the Coast Miwok Indians, how they utilized the natural environment, something of their history, and an overview of their material culture as viewed by present day archaeologists. This is the program which was scheduled for our September meeting but had to be postponed.

FIELD TRIPS:

OCTOBER 16, 1976, SATURDAY, 8:30 AM - AÑO NUEVO

Meet at 8:30 in the parking lot at Año Nuevo State Park. To get there take Highway 1 south several miles past Pigeon Point to New Year's Road where you will turn right. This is about a mile north of the San Mateo-Santa Cruz County line. The Parking lot is at the end of New Year's Road.

This is one of our better areas for water birds. Harlequin Ducks and Black Brant are often seen at Año Nuevo.

Be prepared to do considerable walking. After lunch we will work our way up the coast to Pescadero.

Año Nuevo Island is a breeding ground for Elephant Seals. The park will be closed to the public except for guided tours for the breeding season beginning December 1 and extending through March.

The leader will be Barry Sauppe, phone: 349-8470.

OCTOBER 30, SATURDAY, 8:30 AM - RODEO LAGOON

Take the Alexander Avenue off-ramp immediately north of the Golden Gate Bridge. Proceed toward Sausalito about $\frac{1}{4}$ mile, make a left turn and go through the tunnel. We will meet in the parking area to the right of the west end of the tunnel.

We will visit some of our old favorite places as well as some new ones recently opened since the inclusion of Forts Barry and Cronkite in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area. This area is good for migrating warblers and shore birds. Plan to visit the ranger station and learn of the variety of activities conducted by park rangers on week-

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ends. Bring lunch.

The leader will be Peter Metropulos, phone 591-9898

The Field Trip Committee is pleased to provide the following schedule through February 19, 1977 as well as two exciting events for late spring. Details for each month's events will continue to be published in the monthly bulletins.

Saturday, November 6 - Coyote Hills

Leader: Byron Davies 334-2851

Saturday, November 20 - Palo Alto Baylands

Leader: Jean Jones and Assistants 344-9339

Sunday, November 28 - Richardson Bay

Leader: Phil Schaeffer 388-2524

Saturday, January 8 - Foster City Shores

Leader: Al Bergeron 349-2960

Saturday, January 22 - Filoli and Watershed South of 92

Leader: Max Krueger 573-2595

Saturday, February 5 - Golden Gate Park and/or Lake Merced

Leader: Enes Millar 566-6119

Saturday, February 19 - Grizzly Island (one day)

or

Los Banos or Gray Lodge (overnight)

Leaders: Roy and Fran Nelson 593-7941

Mrs. Pearl Morgenstern (341-2510) has graciously agreed to be coordinator for car pooling on the more distant trips. If you are going and have room, please call her. If you desire a ride also call and Pearl will try to connect drivers and riders.

Two coming events for late Spring:

Mystery overnight trip - Al Bergeron

Watershed, Pilarcitos, Stone Dam hike - Maryann Danielson

We'd appreciate volunteers for favorite dates and places. How many would be interested in a Bay voyage on the Marine Ecological Institute's ship, Inland Seas? The voyage could be on a Saturday or Sunday AM or PM, would be at least 4 hours, and leaves from Redwood City Harbor. You would be introduced to the ecology of the Bay and its life forms. To do it requires 40 people. The cost would be \$10.00 per person. Interested people please contact Howard Rathlesberger (697-6611) and if enough express an interest we will schedule a date.

FIELD TRIP REPORTS:

September 11 - Pescadero Marsh - Leader: Peter Metropulos

Despite threatening weather a fine group of about twenty participated on this field trip. Starting out at rocky Pescadero Beach, we enjoyed through-the-scope views of Black Oystercatchers, Wandering Tattlers, Turnstones and Surfbirds, not to mention, several loafing Harbor Seals. A walk through the marsh yielded a White-tailed Kite, four species of Herons, 3 Pectoral Sandpipers (rare), 3 Lesser Yellowlegs (rare) and Northern Phalaropes. The sight of small flocks of ducks winging their way into the marsh reminds us that winter is not far away. Park Ranger John Hart showed us one of the more elusive denizens of the marsh--a Ring-necked Snake. Species seen: Common and Red-throated Loons - Western and Pied-billed Grebes - Brown

Pelican - Double-cr., Brandt's and Pelagic Cormorants - Great Blue Heron - Great and Snowy Egrets - Bl.cr. Night Heron - Mallard - Gadwall - Pintail - Green-winged Teal - Surf Scoter - Turkey Vulture - White-tailed Kite - Red-tailed Hawk - Marsh Hawk - American Kestrel - Virginia Rail - Black Oystercatcher - Snowy Plover - Killdeer - Black-bellied Plover - Surfbird - Ruddy and Black Turnstones - Long-billed Curlew - Whimbrel - Wandering Tattler - Willet - Greater and Lesser Yellowlegs - Pectoral and Least Sandpipers - Western Sandpiper - Marbled Godwit - Sanderling - Northern Phalarope - Glaucous-winged, Western, California, and Heermann's Gulls - Band-tailed Pigeon - Mourning Dove - Belted Kingfisher - Downy Woodpecker - Black Phoebe - Violet-green, Tree, Rough-winged and Barn Swallows - Chestnut-backed Chickadee - Common Bushtit - Bewick's and Long-billed Marsh Wrens - Starling - Yellowthroat - Red-winged Blackbird - Brewer's Blackbird - House Finch - Am. Goldfinch - Savannah Sparrow - White-crowned and Song Sparrows.

CONSERVATION NEWS:

Some gains were made in this year's session of the California Legislature on August 31st but the cause of conservation also suffered some setbacks. Senator Holmdahl's bill mandating a new Dumbarton Bridge and deleting the veto power of concerned cities over approaches was passed while the bill to save prime agricultural land from development failed. On the plus side was passage of the Coastal Bill which in its final form was admittedly a compromise but was still a much better safeguard of our remaining coast than the alternative of returning control to local agencies. The State Commission will continue to function but reactivation of the Regional Commissions will be dependent on a work load.

Congress, by the time this is read, will also be packing up to go home for the rest of the year and prepare for the November Election. Cynthia Wilson, National Audubon's Washington representative, recently noted, "election year politics can sometimes cause surprises," so guesses may be futile on the final outcome of bills before Congress in mid-September. It can only be hoped they will not be totally bad for the conservation of a liveable environment, since they included bills on control of both air and water quality, toxic substances, strip mining, logging in the National Forests, and lands under the control of the Bureau of Land Management. One small area already pretty well assured of conservation is the beautiful New River in North Carolina. A bill to terminate the license for a destructive dam passed Congress and was awaiting indicated Presidential signature.

The President also, on August 29, announced a complete reversal in Administration policy on National Parks and Wildlife Refuges in advocating a \$15 billion program of land acquisition and personnel increase over the next 10 years. Much of the land proposed for acquisition, however is already under consideration in the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act and in any case no necessary Congressional action could take place this year. There is also no guarantee that Administration policy could not change back again after the November election to its previous one of serious neglect.

By late September the County Board of Supervisors will be considering the final fate of Sugarloaf Mountain, for which the cities of Belmont and San Mateo and the County Planning Commission have recommended Plan A, allowing limited development adjoining presently devel-

oped areas but leaving the Laurel Creek area and the cone in open space. There will probably be public hearings on the issue through October.

In the northern part of the state the relatively new Redwood National Park is increasingly threatened by clear-cut logging of watersheds just outside its borders. A coalition of conservation organizations, including Audubon, is making efforts to protect the Park from such destructive encroachment. Letters are needed to Governor Brown asking that he use his office to reverse the decision of State Forester Larry Richey in approving Timber Harvest Plans No. 716, 757, 799 and 800 for roads and clear cuts in Emerald Creek, Dolason Hill Prairie, and Dolason Creek adjacent to Redwood National Park, and to persuade timber companies to accede to a one-year moratorium on cutting in Redwood Creek from Devil's Creek downstream to give opportunity for developing legislation to protect the Park.

The above request for help can be made as it does not refer to legislation directly but to administrative regulations and influence. Some SAS members apparently do not understand why no firm stand is taken on the various environmental bills before Congress and the State Legislature and on the ballot, and why candidates strongly favoring objectives of SAS are not backed. The reason is simply that SAS (and also NAS through us as a component society) could under present law lose vital tax-exempt status, as has the Sierra Club, if any appreciable amount of income is spent on lobbying of any kind. Since publication of THE SEQUOIA each month costs more than peanuts -(no political significance intended)- any lobby activity in it might well prompt the ever-watchful IRS to deny tax exemption to SAS. This situation may be changed if the Tax Reform Bill now before Congress is passed.

-- Ruth Smith, Conservation Chairman

BIRDING FROM MY KITCHEN WINDOW

-- By Fran Nelson

A beautiful, melodic song! It's coming from the top of our birch! It's the same robin-like song repeated over and over again and I wonder if it is the Thrasher's own song? His mimicry is a composite of many songs, calls and other sounds. We have had Thrashers here regularly at this time of the year but never a singing one insofar as we know and hearing him repeat only one song is a new experience for me.

For a long, long time we have had only one Hummingbird around--a male Anna. He owns the feeder and any flowers which happen to be in bloom. He is sitting right under my nose much of the time and is now scratching his tiny neck with his tiny foot. I have come to take him so much for granted that I forget how beautiful he is. So, remembering that I forget, I train my binoculars on him and see a little white line to the front of his eye that I had never seen before. I've seen the wider part of the back of his eye each time I see him either with or without binoculars but the front part had escaped me. Then I have another surprise--his head and gorget which look black or blue-red depending upon the vagaries of the light are showing an array of colors I have not seen before! There are coppery tones and burnished golds and oranges and yellow-green and orange-red to name a few colors in the ever-changing pattern as he moves his head from side to side in search of imposters. I express my wonderment to Roy who isn't surprised in the least. Had I

never looked at a colored magazine picture through a magnifying glass and seen all the little dots that go to make up a solid color?

We have more Hummers now. As I am finishing up the dinner work, the "owner" is outside my window in his usual place. This fiesty, brassy, beautiful, almost weightless little creature sits here poised for action. He's obviously hoping for plenty of trouble. I can see a big chip on that tiny shoulder!

I sit down to enjoy the late show. Soon his trouble arrives and several Hummers are zeroing in on each other like little fighter pilots but with infinitely more maneuverability. If Hummingbirds know happiness, this must surely be it! Just when I think everybody's going to go to bed hungry, everybody lets everybody else eat! They are dispersed all over our back yard and who knows where. It is getting darker and one or two at a time slip in for nightcaps. After having tanked up to capacity, they leave with great speed and are quickly lost to me in the dim light.

The late show is over. Needing a breath of air, I walk out to the front yard. I find I have tuned in on the loud, excited screams of a Mockingbird. Walking toward the sound I soon discover that the Mocker does indeed have a sizable problem! The problem is about twenty inches tall and has a wing span of about four and a half feet. The Mocker is diving at the back of a Great Horned Owl who is sitting on a television antenna. The owl ignores him for a short time but, becoming annoyed at this harrassment, turns his head around and raises his wings in a menacing manner. This has no effect upon his harrier at all and so with a powerful thrust and a spread of his massive wings, he takes off for, hopefully, a more restful perch. I hadn't planned on the late, late show but it's nice to have seen it!

AUDUBON CANYON RANCH:

Audubon Canyon Ranch is a 1000-acre wildlife sanctuary and education center located on Bolinas Lagoon three miles north of Stinson Beach on State Highway 1. It is open to the public on weekends and holidays from March 1 through July 4 each year. Special visits may be arranged by phoning the Ranch, 383-1644. The Ranch is sponsored by Golden Gate, Marin and Sequoia Audubon Societies. In 1969 the Ranch was designated by the U.S. Department of the Interior as a Registered Natural Landmark.

NEWS FROM THE RANCH -- By Betty Boyd

In the serene environs of Bolinas Lagoon there was a constant influx of visitors to the Heronry. Some 20,000 people, including school children, visited during the four months that the ranch was open to the public. During that period more than sixty Great Blue Heron chicks and a like number of Great Egrets were fledged. There were a few mishaps when several Egret chicks fell from their nests and were found on the floor of the Canyon by Helen Pratt and Karen Schwartz. Their prompt discovery and delivery to the International Bird Rescue facilities in Berkeley for rehabilitation was accomplished effectively.

While visitors to the main Canyon were keeping Karen, Skip and volunteers busy, educational activities at Volunteer Canyon were in full swing under Kathy and John Kipping. Programs in natural history were given through Outdoors Unlimited, College of Marin, Women in Wilderness, the University of California Extension Division and several elementary and secondary schools. There will be no let-up in activities during the Autumn months when several courses will be offered by the California

Academy of Sciences, The University of California, Berkeley and Santa Cruz, and the Faultline Institute. For further information about these and other programs, please contact Katherine Kipping, 4800 Shoreline Highway, Stinson Beach, CA 94970.

From Stan Picher word comes that in addition to the contribution of \$800 in memory of Leonard Machlis, which is to be used to develop a scientific and reference library for the education program in Volunteer Canyon, a gift of \$840 has been received from the family of Marie E. Eberhardt, who was a life-long member of Golden Gate Audubon and who lived to be 101. Monies from this fund will be used to augment the regular ranch library, used principally by the Volunteer Council, and to initiate a library of Scientific and reference books at Cypress Grove for the use of the Research Associates who are working there.

These gifts are most timely as Clifford Conly has made available a building for research and study at Cypress Grove, while at Volunteer Canyon plans are underway for remodelling the Thompson House. This will be used by students for study, dining and assembly. Nearby, construction of a sleeping pavillion is planned.

The Ranch is grateful to have received a large number of contributions in memory of Martha Green, lately of Sausalito.....And is happy to add to the list of Sponsors the names of Mr. & Mrs. Lincoln G. MacLise.

SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING -- By Sheila Davies

On September 9 Sequoia's general membership meetings began a new season of natural history programs.

John Prime, our new President, opened a brief business meeting with a report from Max Krueger on the progress of the raptor rehabilitation program. In May, Max and Cliff Lindquist released a Prairie Falcon and a Red-tailed Hawk back to their natural environment after a training program that insured their fitness to obtain their own food. In July two Burrowing Owls and an American Kestrel were released, followed by two Red-tailed Hawks in August and Arizona freedom in September for two Harris' Hawks. Jack, a Caracara, will remain under care until a suitable release spot can be found for him in South America. Max is also looking for a large ranch outside the Bay Area safe from hunters and traps where a coyote can be given freedom.

Marlene Neff reported on the two week scholarship at the Audubon Workshop in Wyoming that was awarded to her by Sequoia. Marlene thanked Sequoia for giving her the opportunity of the stimulating and rewarding experience. Participants were given a thought that should remain with all of us: Don't say "what is your name?" to a member of the natural community, but rather "what is your role?"

Steve Aldrich, our new Vice President and Program Chairman, introduced Frank Allen and his Bird of the Month. This month we saw slides and heard taped calls of the California Thrasher. Frank has seen this species in the landscaped areas of Stanford and the Pulgas Water Temple; however, the pictures we saw were taken at his own garden feeder. Frank gave members a chance to ask a few questions about the bird so if you are new to birding, here is a chance to sharpen your visual and aural skills.

The main program was an illustrated summary by Bruce Howard of a trip to the Pribilof Islands led by George Peyton. Mr. Howard, who says that he enjoys the experience of learning, has participated in several of Mr. Peyton's trips and has gained much knowledge of nature in vari-

ous parts of the world. The Alaska trip began with arrival of the party in Glacier Bay. Here the glaciers are slowly receding and it takes only 200 years for a climax forest of hemlock to become established. Ever seen a Bald Eagle on an iceberg? You can in Glacier Bay. In fact, Mr. Howard is such an enthusiastic salesman and good storyteller (the best kind--true stories) that we are ready to go north.

From Glacier Bay, the party flew to Fairbanks and thence by train to Mt. McKinley. After a six-hour drive they arrived at beautiful, rustic Camp Denali, just outside the park area. There they spent eight days enjoying the long Arctic day and the beauty of nature far from shopping centers, traffic, radios and all the unpleasant aspects of our ordinary life. However, Mr. Howard told us that all the stories of mosquitos are true, but he felt it was a small price to pay for such an exciting glimpse of Alaskan life. He found that insect repellent did work--it kept the mosquitos three inches away from his face. The people who wore hats with netting fared better, so if you are planning a trip to Alaska in June, remember this tip. From Mr. McKinley, the party spent three days in the Pribilofs to see the Northern fur seals. Mr. Howard described the islands as cold, treeless, bleak, barren--and fascinating. One of the most interesting sights was watching the female seals returning from a two-day trip out to sea to feed and sorting through the seal nursery on shore to find their own pups.

In our monthly programs and regular field trips, we try to find answers to "what is your role?" from the natural community. None of us has all the answers but by pooling our knowledge, we gain understanding of nature with the added bonus of comradeship with people of like interests.

BIRDING THROUGH A FRONT ROOM WINDOW (Epilogue)

On page 8 of the September SEQUOIA, Byron Davies reported a visit to his front room by what he guessed to be an immature female Cooper's hawk. The bird flew through the glass of his front room window, stayed about twenty seconds and departed by the same route. Byron now tells us that on September 12 while he and Sheila were walking through nearby McLaren Park, they observed a Cooper's hawk, probably an immature female. Byron asks, "Could it be the one that came through the glass? We'll never know for sure--not in print, anyway."

SIGHTINGS: Barry Sauppe and Peter Metropulos

On Sept. 2, 14,200 Sooty Shearwaters, and 8 New Zealand Shearwaters were observed moving past Pigeon Point. Two Harlequin Ducks were seen together at Año Nuevo State Reserve through out August and September. They may often be found resting on large partly submerged rocks.

A Swainson's Hawk flying high over Año Nuevo Point, Aug. 22, constitutes the first definite record for San Mateo County. Another bird was seen at Whitehouse Creek Road, Sept. 2. This species is extremely rare along the coast.

A Merlin was seen pursuing shorebirds at Año Nuevo Point, Sept. 11. Two Soras, one Virginia Rail and one Common Gallinule were observed in the tules at Año Nuevo Point pond, August 28.

Three Golden Plover were seen at Lake Lucerne, Sept. 2. Eleven Lesser Yellowlegs, a high count for this uncommon species, were accompanying twenty-four Greater Yellowlegs in Pescadero Marsh, Aug. 11.

Six Red Knots were at Año Nuevo Point, Aug. 22 and eleven were at

Pescadero Creek mouth, September 9.

A Pectoral Sandpiper was at Lake Lucerne, Sept. 6-9; three were in Pescadero Marsh, September 11.

Seven Baird's Sandpipers were at Año Nuevo Point, Aug. 22 and three were at Pescadero Marsh the same day; two were at Lake Lucerne, Sept. 6.

A Red Phalarope was at Pescadero Creek mouth, Sept. 4. Five Common Terns were resting on a mudflat south of Coyote Point, Sept. 3. This species regular along the coast during migration, is often overlooked among flocks of the very similar Forster's Tern.

Thirty-five Elegant Terns were south of Coyote Point, Sept. 3. A Least Tern was at Foster City, Aug. 9. Three Arctic Terns were at Pigeon Point, Sept. 2.

On a boat trip two miles west of Pedro Rock, Sept 9, one Sabine's Gull, four Parasitic Jaegers, one Pomarine Jaeger, and one Tufted Puffin were see.

Two Purple Martins were at Pescadero Marsh, Aug. 7-14 and one was at Año Nuevo Point, August 22.

Two Hermit Warblers and one Townsend's Warbler were in Cypresses at Guadalupe Canyon below San Bruno Mountain, August 26.

An American Redstart was seen Sept. 9, two miles west of Pedro Rock on a boat trip.

Single migrant Lazuli Buntings were noted at Guadalupe Canyon, Aug. 6, Moss Beach, Aug. 25, and Pillar Point, September 7.

Most exciting was the discovery of a Dickcissel! at Princeton Harbor, August 24!! This represents one of a handful of state records.

A Sage Sparrow, typically a bird of interior regions, was found at San Bruno Mountain, August 3.

CALIFORNIA CONDOR SYMPOSIUM:

A symposium on the California Condor, sponsored by the National Audubon Society, will be held on October 23, 1976 from 10am to 4pm, at the Marin County Civic Center in San Rafael. (See September SEQUOIA, page 9.)

Registration for the symposium will be by mail only. Reserved tickets may be obtained by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelop, along with \$2.00 per person to: Condor Symposium, National Audubon Society, 376 Greenwood Beach Road, Tiburon, CA 94920.

In conjunction with the Symposium on the California Condor, a field trip to the Condor Range will be conducted on the following weekend, October 29, 30 and 31.

Forty campground sites have been reserved at the McGill Campground on Mt. Pinos for both Friday and Saturday nights, and will be available on a first-come/first-served basis. Other campgrounds are available close by and there are motel accomodations in the town of Gorman and in Bakersfield (about ½ hour away by car.)

The field trip into the Condor range will be led by John Borneman, Audubon's Condor Naturalist, beginning Saturday morning. There is no charge for this trip.

To obtain maps, a field trip itinerary and information on camping sites, motels and restaurants available in the area, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Condor Field Trip, National Audubon Society, 376 Greenwood Beach Road, Tiburon, CA 94920.

NEW COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS:

President John Prime has appointed three new Chairpersons to com-

plete the Committee staff:

Hospitality:	Marie Morgan	341-2552
Publicity:	Carmen Gales	349-6927
Finance:	A. E. "Monty" Montgomery	344-4249

Members interested in these functions should contact its chairman. Many thanks to these three for offering to carry out these important duties for our Chapter.

BIRDING ON A FRONT ROOM WINDOW:

(Inspired by the series on varieties of "window watching.")

Once upon a morning early,
Though I was awake just nearly,
Yet I heard it oh so clearly,
A sound as of someone gently rapping -
Rapping on my front room window.

Soon again I heard the tapping,
Something louder than before,
And I wondered,
Just what is it:
But the wind and nothing more?

Then in to my front room turning,
Where again I heard the tapping,
There as I stood raptly watching,
Was a Wrentit firmly rapping -
Rapping on my front room window.

Just what does the Wrentit see?
Rapping yet a time again.
Quoth the Wrentit, rapping, tapping,
" 'Tis the bird there in the window,
Trespassing on my domain."

"Wrentit," said I, " 'tis your image,
Only that and nothing more."
But the Wrentit kept on rapping -
Ever rapping as before.
Nothing further then, he uttered,
But to say, "once more, once more."

(The assistance of Mr. E. A. Poe is hereby acknowledged.)

-- Liv Gurevitz

WILDLIFE RESCUE, INC.: By Carol Hamilton

Would you believe----in the past nine months of 1976 our volunteers have cared for 2,000 orphaned and injured wildlife (the total for all of 1975 was only (?) 1,622!). Approximately 1,000 of these animals came to us in just two months of this year, May and June, the height of the "baby" season.

We are obviously fulfilling a need by a concerned community. Our dedicated volunteers, many of whom are also members of Audubon, have been superb in meeting the challenge of such volume.

How long we can continue to serve the community under the pressure of this increasing volume of distressed wildlife coming in to us is both a threat (can we continue to do it?) and a challenge (we must find a way!)

A 100% volunteer, non-profit organization (and we are) must depend greatly on its friends to support its activities. The City of Palo Alto, The Blue Ribbon Dog Breeders, Inc. and the Santa Clara Valley Kennel Club are co-sponsoring an ANIMAL FAIR, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23, 9am--4pm, AT PALO ALTO HIGH SCHOOL. Proceeds are to benefit Wildlife Rescue, Inc. and the Friends of the Palo Alto Animal Shelter. There will be breed matches, dog obedience, Pettey Zoo and Wildlife booth among many educational activities planned.

Animal lovers invited to attend. Your support is appreciated.

RECORD LONGEVITY FOR VIREO:

In the September Point Reyes Bird Observatory new^s bulletin, Susan Peaslee and Bruce Sorrie report the recapture on May 8, 1976 of a Warbling Vireo which was originally banded by a PRBO founder, L. R. Mewaldt, as a mature bird in June, 1966. The previous record for the longevity of this species was less than 5 years as compared to the PRBO individual of at least 11 years.

Sample age records for other song birds show:

- 6 years - Wrentit, Orange Crowned Warbler
- 11 years - Robin, Scrub Jay
- 12 years - Purple Finch, Rufous-sided Towhee

This long-lived Vireo has been a frequent visitor at PRBO. He was captured four times in 1966, five times in 1967, 1968 and 1970, twice in 1971, once in 1974. If this individual wintered each year in El Salvador as many of his species do, he has in his eleven years traveled a distance of some 40,000 miles in his migration journeys.

POINT REYES BIRD OBSERVATORY

John Smail retired on July 1 as Director of PRBO. Under John's dedicated and effective leadership great strides were made in all phases of PRBO activities and he will be missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

As John's successor, the PRBO board of directors has appointed Jane Church, a PRBO member since its inception. Jane has an impressive background of experience. She was initially recommended for the position by John Smail.

PRBO has negotiated a 20 year lease of Galloway Canyon from Audubon Canyon Ranch at a rental of \$1 per year and has moved its administrative facilities and library into the new quarters. Galloway Canyon comprises some 277 acres and is the farthest north of the four canyons which constitute Audubon Canyon Ranch.

RICHARDSON BAY WILDLIFE SANCTUARY:

The waters of the National Audubon Society's Richardson Bay Wildlife Sanctuary will be closed to boating and hunting beginning October 4. The closure, announced by the Society's President, Dr. Elvis J. Stahr, is effected to provide a safe refuge for the many thousand migratory waterfowl which begin arriving in the bay each fall.

Next spring, when most of the birds have begun their northward migration, the date for reopening the sanctuary waters to public use will be announced. This is done in conformance with the terms of the leases by the County of Marin and the City of Belvedere.

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The people of the United States including California, and those of Canada including Ontario, have bountiful but limited resources and opportunities for the good life. If we are to continue to have them, we must curb our appetites and manage our resources with prudence. Husbandry is an old-fashioned word. I think it is about to enjoy a new vogue with government, with private enterprise and, above all, with individuals.

-- Robert B. Taylor, Chairman, Ontario Hydro.

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