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MEETINGS:

BOARD MEETING. NOVEMBER 4, THURSDAY, 7:30 PM at the home of John Silliman, 264 Arundel Road in San Carlos (off San Carlos Avenue, one mile west of El Camino). Board members and committee chairmen should attend. Other members are welcome.

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING. NOVEMBER 11, 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.

The Amazon to the Andes to Darwin's Paradise! A special program about a recent tour to South America including traveling on the jungle rivers of the Amazon, exploring the Andes Mountains and sailing around the Galapagos Islands will be presented by George Peyton, Attorney, member of the board of directors of Audubon Canyon Ranch and tour leader of some pretty fascinating world-wide trips. Mr. Peyton will guide us through the unique South American areas via slides including pictures of species of birds such as the Andean Condor, Orange-billed Euphonia, Red-capped Cardinal, the Flame-rumped Tanager and many of the birds of the Galapagos.

FIELD TRIPS:

NOVEMBER 6, SATURDAY 8:30 AM COYOTE HILLS REGIONAL PARK

Cross the Dumbarton Bridge and just past the toll plaza turn left onto Jarvis and then left again at the signal onto Newark. Just after crossing the railroad track turn left on Patterson Ranch Road which is marked as the park access road. Meet at 8:30 AM at the small parking lot near the park boundary. We will be in the area between the parking lot and the Indian Mounds for the first couple of hours so latecomers should be able to find us easily. The rest of the day will be divided among the two marshes, the salt ponds and the wooded area with lunch near the new visitor center.

Byron Davies, Leader -- 334-2851

NOVEMBER 20, SATURDAY 8:30 AM PALO ALTO BAYLANDS

Meet at the big duck pond at the yacht harbor. Take Embarcadero Road east from Bayshore Freeway. This will be an excellent opportunity for newcomers to obtain identification skills on shore birds and ducks for the Christmas Count.

John Silliman, Leader -- 593-5323

NOVEMBER 28, SUNDAY 9:00 AM RICHARDSON BAY WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

Meet at the Sanctuary promptly at 9:00 AM. Cross the Golden Gate

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Bridge and just north of the Richardson Bay Bridge turn right onto Tiburon Blvd. After about a mile turn right onto Greenwood and drive about a mile to the Sanctuary at 376 Greenwood Beach Road. Another opportunity for newcomers to study shorebirds in preparation for the Christmas Count. Plan to spend the whole day. Visit the restored, beautiful Victorian Lyford House and the Book Nest. Audubon slide show on Alaska will be shown at 3:00 PM.

Phil Schaeffer, Leader -- 388-2524

FOR YOUNG AUDUBON MEMBERS.....

What makes a marsh a marsh? Come explore the bayside with us on Saturday, November 13. We will look at the plants and animals of this area and see how they live in their environment.

We will meet in Foster City on Beach Park Boulevard opposite Audubon school at 9:30 AM. Bird guides and binoculars are useful but not necessary. The program is formulated for third through eighth grades. Parents are welcome. If you have any questions please call Nancy Horn at 342-9902 after seven o'clock in the evening.

Past experience with young people has shown binoculars to be of great value to beginning birders. We hope to eventually acquire a permanent supply of guides and binoculars for the Sequoia Junior Audubon so old books or binoculars that can be lent or donated to this group would be greatly appreciated.

--Nancy Horn, Education Chairman

FIELD TRIP REPORTS:

September 25 - Point Reyes Bird Observatory - Leader, Howard Rathlesberger

Ten Sequoians met at 9:00 AM and were joined by a couple from Southern California. Bruce Sorrie of PRBO demonstrated his skills in banding a Western Flycatcher and explained the elaborate record keeping system that has been established. In addition to actual banding their practice is to: measure wing length, measure weight, inspect for amount of fat on the bird's belly, inspect for solidification of its skull to determine whether it is adult or immature.

During our visit two Western Flycatchers were netted one having been previously banded. A White Crowned Sparrow was also captured but escaped through a hole in the carrying bag. I'm sure we were all fascinated by Bruce Sorrie's dedication and detailed knowledge he displayed in describing his activities at Point Reyes and also the Farralones.

It was a dull day and little was seen at the adjacent cliff overlooking the ocean. Bruce did point out an Osprey flying by with a fish in its talons. We sought out the Audubon Monarch grove in Bolinas but we were not fortunate in discovering any concentration of Monarch butterflies. We did, however, see individuals at random. Most spectacular was a vast concentration (1000's?) of Western Grebes covering an area of perhaps 100 acres within the surf line at Bolinas Bay. Along Bolinas Lagoon we had a very intimate visit with a Great Blue Heron, a Kingfisher and delighted in watching two Forsters Terns making repeated dives into the lagoon.

The small white church on the road into Bolinas was observed to have an excellent array of swallow nests on its south side. Would be an excellent spot for photography in late Spring during the nesting season. Species seen were: Common Loon - Western Grebe - Brown Pel-

ican - Pelagic Cormorant - Great Blue Heron - Common and Snowy Egrets - Pintail - Turkey Vulture - White-tailed Kite - Sharp-shinned, Red-tailed and Red-shouldered Hawks - Osprey - Killdeer - Willet - Least Sandpiper - Western Sandpiper - Western Gull - Forster's Tern - Band-tailed Pigeon - Belted Kingfisher - Western Flycatcher - Scrub Jay - Brewer's Blackbird - Purple and House Finches - Savannah Sparrow - White-crowned Sparrow.

CONSERVATION NEWS:

Adjournment of the 94th Congress occurred as expected October 2 after frantic activity on the many important bills still pending in the closing days. This resulted in some being rushed through and others killed with very little consideration. In the last 13 minutes before final adjournment the Senate passed 17 bills!

The proposed amendments to both the Clean Air Act and Section 404 of the Water Pollution Control Act (which would have weakened the Corps of Engineers' protection of wetlands) were killed, the former by a filibuster in the Senate and the latter by lack of agreement between House and Senate conferees. This leaves the old standards for both air and wetlands still in force--in the case of air somewhat weak.

On the whole, however, a fair gain for the environment was made in those bills which were passed. These included a Bureau of Land Management Organic Act which, though still containing some unfortunate provisions, is a reasonably good compromise with the originally unacceptable House-passed version. A National Forest Management Act also emerged from conference with a fair number of the good provisions of the original Senate bill still intact, and it should prove at least a forward step in management of the National Forests.

A good Alaska gas pipeline bill was passed, requiring consideration of four routes, opportunities for public hearings, and a Congressional review after a route has been approved by the President. Other good news was passage of a comprehensive Resource Recovery Act for solid wastes, and a good Toxic Substances Control Bill. It is still not known whether all these will be signed by the President, and a pocket veto is feared for the Toxic Substances Control Act.

Of most importance to SAS members was passage and Presidential signature of the Tax Reform Bill which clarifies and liberalizes lobbying activities of tax-exempt groups such as SAS. This law becomes effective January 1, 1977. Perhaps of equal importance was the failure of the needlessly burdensome Public Disclosure of Lobbying Act-H.R. 15- in the Senate after passage by the House.

Of particular interest to Californians was passage of a joint Federal-State management plan for protection of the endangered Tule Elk, and of a bill providing preservation of habitat for migratory waterfowl of the Pacific Flyway in the Grasslands area of the San Joaquin Valley.

Local concerns have been relatively quiescent, though by the time this is read the first public hearing on Sugarloaf Mountain will have been held October 28 by the County Supervisors in Redwood City. At least one more will probably be held in November.

In September Visatacion Associates, the developers of San Bruno Mountain, filed suit against San Mateo County charging that the Supervisors failed to consider regional housing needs in their vote to exclude the intensive highrise development proposed for the saddle area.

The Supervisors' 3 to 2 vote allowed 2,235 housing units and one million square feet of office and commercial buildings on other parts of the mountain.

Last but perhaps most important is the reminder to SAS members (who are hopefully all registered) to vote on November 2. There will be 15 propositions facing the voters, but only 3 concern conservation issues. These are State Proposition 2, a \$280 million bond issue which includes \$110 million for acquisition of coastal property, \$85 million for local park development, \$34 million for state park restoration and development, \$15 million for development of wildlife management property, \$26 million for water recreation facilities, and \$10 million to a state Coastal Conservancy. The other two are propositions 3 and 12 which together provide low interest loans for home insulation and solar energy systems.

One more election comment follows which was originally published in the September issue of "Green Footnotes," the publication of the Committee for Green Foothills:

A Crucial Election

On November 2, 1976, San Mateo County voters will be electing a Supervisor to replace Jean Fassler, who is retiring after twelve years of service.

Fred Lyon, former Director of Committee for Green Foothills, and a resident of El Granada, faces a strong challenge from Daly City Councilman and Lumberman, MacRobert Stewart. Observers see in this race the classic struggle between the development interests of the County and the "new breed" of elected officials who insist upon taking a close look at all County-level land use decisions.

The clearest issue which explains the differing philosophies of the two candidates is the development of San Bruno Mountain. Fred Lyon would have voted with the 3-2 majority (Fassler, Ward and Bacciocco) to maintain the key Saddle area in open space, while Stewart would have voted with Fitzgerald and Royer for commercial and residential development of the Saddle. The landmark decision on San Bruno Mountain could still be reversed after November.

Other critical land-use issues facing the Supervisors in the coming year are: Sugarloaf Mountain, Coastal protection, Filoli, Motorcycle Parks, the review of the County's Parks and Recreation Plan, and development along Skyline.

-- Ruth Smith, Conservation Chairman

BIRDING FROM MY KITCHEN WINDOW -- By Fran Nelson

Strings of ducks pass by our window at this time of the year. Some are near enough to see their long slim necks and I know they are Pintails but most of them are too far for me to hazard a guess. Many are too far for me to see if they are flapping fast like ducks or flapping slowly like geese much less estimate size. They are just wavering strings in the distance.

This morning it is raining and one of the recently returned Golden-crowned Sparrows is singing his song over and over. They have been called rain birds by some. I am enjoying the presence of just a few of them and a few White-crowned Sparrows, the Wrentit pair, a couple of California Thrashers taking turns chasing each other, foraging Towhees, both Brown and Rufous-sided, Pine Siskins and several others of our regulars when suddenly I notice some fast flycatching going on in the birch clump. It's a warbler!

Fall-plumaged warblers and vireos can be frustrating and exciting at once. It's nice when a male shows up still in breeding plumage but mostly they show up in green and yellow. This one lets me see his yellow-green back and his lighter yellow-green undersides with faint streaks on the breast and the dark line through his eye which always makes him look sleepy to me. He's an Orange-crowned Warbler. While I am following him, another little green and yellow bird comes to my attention. He's flitting around too fast for me but still not so fast as warblers do. I see his vireo bill well enough at one point and he is all very yellow underneath but other details I cannot see. I have never seen a Philadelphia Vireo and I wish I could see if he has black lores but I cannot get that look I need! He is swallowed up by the tree and I take my binoculars down in time to see a flycatcher land! I put the binoculars on him - no eye ring, pointed head, erect posture, brown topsides, darker on the sides of the breast than in the middle. He is a Wood Pewee, presumably Western but he didn't say a word so there is no way to be sure that he is not an Eastern.

And before I can get away, the face and top breast and shoulder of a warbler pop into view! I'm seeing a very good white eye ring and a strong yellow patch at the side of the breast by the shoulder and some smudgy marks high on the breast but wings and tail are neatly concealed in the dense foliage! There is nothing, I think, it could be but a young male American Redstart! Next time I see a Redstart you can bet I'll be trying to concentrate on those parts of the bird instead of the flashy wing and tail patterns! So far I'm batting 50% and frustration is setting in!

In^a pine back of our fence there is some warbler action and before I have time to remember that I have much to do today and that I may only add to my frustrations, I'm out there! There's an Orange-crown again and with him is a Yellow Warbler who doesn't look at all the way he looks in the spring. Some are very yellow-green and some are quite green but the eye rings and obscure breast streakings help to identify. This one's green is very yellowish. While I am looking at one of the warblers, a Downy Woodpecker lands on a branch and disappears to the other side in one fluid motion.

Activity diminishes here and I turn to face the birch. Here's where the action is now! There's that vireo come back to haunt me! This time I can see a fine black line through his eye but no heavier black loreal mark. I may have enough now to be sure of him one way or another after I do some reading and pick my friends' brains. Now, there is a Yellow Warbler! Now there are two of them at once! The tree is alive with activity! Now there is another Orange-crown--or is it? I haven't seen all the undersides of this one and if he has a white crissal area, he is a Tennessee Warbler.

They fly in swirls and they fly in spirals and circles and triangles! They make Z's and W's and N's and M's and all so fast they make my head swim! I try to follow one of a number of green and greenish-yellow hyper-active warblers through the green and yellow birch leaves until I am dizzy and end up with several field marks in my mind but--I am not sure whether or not I have the head of one and the Crissum of another! They are fast and I am slow. My percentage goes down.

Two Scrub Jays break into my warbler spell with their loud scolding probably at my encroachment upon their territory. I then notice a number of birds surrounding me. Since I was preoccupied with what was going on in the tree they felt it safe enough to come out to forage. There is a Thrasher, a couple of Brown Towhees, Crowned Sparrows and the Wrentit pair. Then I hear a flock of Cedar Waxwings. This is

earlier than I normally see them in our yard. There are immatures in the crowd when they come this early. I hear many but can only see three from where I stand. Two have streaked breasts and small crests.

Now it is late afternoon. I have done little else but chase migrant warblers and the rest of the time I have spent thinking of them. Now, some have returned to taunt me and, like a fire horse, I'm on my way! This time, there are fewer yellow-green birds to chase through the myriad of yellow and green leaves and the myriad of fine branches but all I can come up with are more Orange-crowns and Yellows.

It is raining again and the Golden-crown is singing "Oh, dear me!" His song is reflecting my mood after this day and I think how aptly those pages in my field guide are named--"Confusing Fall Warblers".

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

September days were full ones and by the end of the month projects planned for some time were completed. Wells to augment and insure an ample supply of water above its current use were drilled; one at Volunteer Canyon which is flowing presently at the rate of eight gallons per minute and the other at the main ranch at a rate of 30 gallons per minute.

Remodelling of the Crum House at Volunteer Canyon was completed and it is now occupied by John and Kathy Kipping. On September 29, Board members honored Eleanor Evans Crum at a simple dedication ceremony. At the entrance to the house there is a bronze plaque which reads:

This house has been named
in memory of
William Leonard Crum
and in gratitude to
Eleanor Evans Crum.

The generosity of Eleanor Evans Crum to Audubon Canyon Ranch will long be valued. It is an active expression of an entity where she found solace and comfort... It was after the loss of her husband, and her days were dark, that purely by chance she discovered the ranch and its herony. There, with her brother, she sat on one of the benches overlooking the herony and witnessed a new life cycle in its infancy... A sense of peace and comfort encompassed her and her severe depression faded and vanished.

Her expressions of appreciation and gratitude have not diminished with time.

The Ranch wishes to thank Mr. and Mrs. Howard B. Allen who have again become sponsors of the Ranch. This donation is in memory of Stanley P. Ellis, whose wife was a pioneer in local Audubon activities.

The friends of Vera Paraschak of Golden Gate Audubon have made donations to the Library Fund in memory of her brother, John Paraschak. These funds will supplement the generous donations received in memory of Leonard Machlis and Marie E. Ehrhardt for the libraries at Volunteer Canyon, the main ranch and Cypress Grove.

THE OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING:

Ron White, recipient of a scholarship to Audubon Workshop of the West last year, thanked us for his scholarship and extended an invitation to the unveiling of a handsome sign properly designating the 57-acre waterfront area of Belmont Slough as a Wildlife Refuge. Ron, Al Bergeron and Marlene Neff of Sequoia are members of the committee that constructed and installed the sign. Floyd Sampson, a member of the Belmont Parks and Recreation Commission, showed us a large photographic map of the Belmont-O'Neill Slough area and added his opinion that the whole area should be a nature preserve, ideally as nearly like the Palo Alto Baylands area as possible.

We were asked by Charles Newman to guess the singer of the well-recorded, melodious Birdcall of the Month. Six people knew it was the Black-headed Grosbeak. This Grosbeak must enjoy singing because it sings even while on its nest and that could be rather hazardous. A member of the audience advised us that the birds can be seen almost any time you visit the Higgins-Purisima Road.

Roy Nelson showed us three pictures of the Blue-footed Booby presently residing at the Marina at New Hogan Reservoir probably driven there by a vagrant wind. It was an immature bird, unable to find food for itself, so while its navigation was unfortunate, it did choose a fortunate substitute home; the sympathetic owners of the Marina have been providing it with food ever since its arrival. Over 1000 people have visited the Marina, happy to have such a golden opportunity to add it to their Life Lists.

Stephen Dietz, an Archaeologist who has done a great deal of work in this area and has made a particular study of the Miwok Indians of Marin County, gave us some insight into the lives of these Indians with particular emphasis on the role birds played in their lives.

Apparently what we now know as The Golden Gate was impassable to the Miwok because they don't seem to have come down the San Francisco Peninsula. Records show they intermarried with other tribes, however, particularly those along Tomales Bay. During the winter many triblets gathered in one central place to share food and other supplies. One such gathering place was known as Ecta Tomal and this was the one about which Mr. Dietz had done much of his study.

Ducks were popular and plentiful, hunted with sling, bowlet or net. They even used decoys--stuffed with grass so they would float! Quail were hunted by bow and arrow, nets and a fence arrangement about 20 feet long made of willow and cattail. The quail were driven into holes in the fence behind which were baskets to hold them.

Superstition and myths led to the belief that Owls brought bad luck. Crows acquired a similar connotation. It was bad luck to eat Barn Swallows so they were left alone. Red-shafted Flicker feathers brought good luck. It was believed Red-tailed Hawk tail feathers would cure headaches.

Feathers were used to decorate baskets which were often so tightly woven they were able to boil water in them by stirring in hot rocks! Quail topknots were especially prized as decoration. Feathers were used for clothing, for costumes, on shafts of arrows. Magicians sometimes swallowed whole baskets of feathers as part of their ceremony.

Each family had a hunting ground not unlike a hunting preserve. Birds were plentiful; they were killed but not exploited. Food was necessary, but so was preservation of the supply.

POINT REYES BIRD OBSERVATORY:

PRBO announces their new address as:

4990 State Route 1
Stinson Beach, CA 94970
Phone: 868-1221 and 868-1434

BELMONT SLOUGH WILDLIFE AREA DEDICATION:

The editors of THE SEQUOIA are pleased to be invited to attend any ceremonies concerned with improving or saving wildlife habitat. Saturday morning, October 16 found me (Amy) down on Beach Park Boulevard in Foster City for the dedication of the new Wildlife Refuge there. The beautiful new sign constructed by the committee composed of Pat Hobbs, Dean Hobbs, Ron White, Marlene Neff, Al Bergeron, Bob Toren, Peter Nuessmann, Glen Christofferson, Phil Duffy and Jack Washkuhn was unveiled: "Belmont Slough Wildlife Refuge A Foster City Bicentennial Project." The new area consists of 57 acres from the Bay to Marine World. The two-mile stretch along the levy provides some wonderful birding. A White Pelican surveyed the dedication from afar, with undoubted approval had he understood.

At the dedication were representatives from the Foster City City Council, Recreation Department, Schools, Planning Commission Bicentennial Administration as well as from Sequoia Audubon and the California Department of Fish & Game. Al Bergeron, former president of Sequoia, was the principal speaker and unveiled the sign.

A commendable project in this Bicentennial year and an area we should visit often to enjoy and insure its preservation. As Max Krueger put it "These salt marshes are getting fewer and fewer, we must do all we can to keep what we have left."

KRUEGER-LINDQUIST RAPTOR REHABILITATION PROGRAM:

Max Krueger and Cliff Lindquist are down to one bird just now and are busy fixing up their facilities to be ready for occupancy when needed. They have made arrangements with the Coyote Point Museum to take the vulture that has resided at the Museum for several months and try to rehabilitate him for life in the wild again. Also, they will try working with the American Kestrel from the Museum for possible retraining.

HABITAT IMPROVEMENT:

The San Francisco Water Department and the State Fish and Game Department have been working for some time to improve the watershed property for the benefit of the wildlife. This week the State Division of Forestry and the local Fire Departments joined with them in an effort to clear the meadow near the Filoli Estate of grasses that had grown too tall to provide a safe and suitable range for the Canada Geese. The Division of Forestry did the fire setting and the local Fire Departments put the fires out at the proper time thus giving training for the firemen and helping out the geese at the same time. About 50 geese have returned to the area which has been burned.

OCTOBER BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING:

The board of directors of Sequoia Audubon held their regular meeting on October 7.

Nancy Horn, our Education Committee Chairman, reported on her work with groups of young people and requested board guidance. The board

suggested she continue her program with youth through high school age and include any adults who are willing to assist. The board also offered financial assistance if required. The lack of binoculars is a serious handicap. If any SEQUOIA readers have spare binoculars Nancy could certainly put them to good use. Please phone her at 342-9902.

Barry Sauppe has set January 2 (Sunday) as the date for our Año Nuevo Christmas Count. (He has since set the date for the Crystal Springs Christmas Count as Saturday, December 18.) The Count period this year is December 18 through January 2. The fee per participant and per count this year will be \$1. The board voted to pay this fee and to provide soup and French bread in the evening following the Crystal Springs Count.

The board ordered 150 bumper stickers from National Audubon. These will be distributed for a nominal price by Charles Newman, and bear an energy conservation message.

National Audubon is soliciting contributions to the "Bicentennial Sanctuary Fund" and the board voted a \$1500 contribution to this most worthwhile cause.

Charles Newman reported that Audubon Canyon Ranch was faced with a costly water storage project in Volunteer Canyon, the site of the new education program. A 20,000 gallon storage tank, principally for fire protection, must be installed before work can proceed on urgent facilities. The board voted a special \$1000 contribution to be used for the water project.

Carmen Gales, our Publicity Chairman, is presently sending news releases concerning our monthly meetings to 13 newspapers in San Mateo County.

● ESCADERO MARSH RANGER REPORT:

On September 11 I accompanied a field trip to Pescadero Marsh led by Peter Metropulos and enjoyed the experience of "discovering" the interesting birds I work amongst. Many birds were pointed out including the Black Oystercatcher and the Northern Phalarope. The Black Oystercatcher feeds on bivalves by thrusting its knife-edged bill into the bivalves gape paralyzing its nervous system. This is a precarious food source, however, because on rare occasions an oystercatcher can have its bill grasped by a large bivalve and be drowned by incoming tides. I like to think of the Northern Phalarope as the liberated female of the birds for phalaropes are unique in that the females are larger and more colorful than the males and it is the male who incubates the eggs.

I have recently constructed, illustrated, and installed a display to be found on the northern trail into the marsh and it is my understanding that the State Park Interpretive Planning Section in Sacramento is scheduled to build several displays in the somewhat near future for the marsh. Still no official word on any of the prospective acquisitions of adjoining marsh property.

-- State Park Ranger John Hart

SAN MATEO GARDEN CENTER * HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE * FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3

At the Garden Center, on Parkside Way, between 26th and 27th Avenues just west of Alameda de las Pulgas in San Mateo - Friday, December 3 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM - Cone wreaths, Fresh wreaths and swags, Christmas tree ornaments, Gifts, Silent auction, Handmade quilt raffle, Plants, Baked goodies, Herbs, Jams, Pickles, Candy. Bring money! Shop!

Great bargains that can't be obtained at any price elsewhere! Coffee & cake (slight charge) for morning shoppers. Tea & cookies for afternoon shoppers. Lunch at 11:30 or 1:10 - phone 574-1506 for reservations. Eila Fox answers this phone every Wednesday from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM if you have any questions.

ENDANGERED WILDLIFE EXHIBIT AT COYOTE POINT MUSEUM:

The work of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is not always in the remote and wild areas of our country. One of the more important of the responsibilities of this Service is to administer a Federal endangered species and importation program to protect wildlife species that are threatened because of their commercial value. At San Francisco Airport, one of the major entry points for world cargos, Fish and Wildlife personnel are constantly checking incoming cargos to be sure the shipments are within their quota and/or contain no endangered species.

The endangered wildlife exhibit, now at the Coyote Point Museum, shows by photo and actual specimen, some of the commercial products made from threatened wildlife species. Many of the objects are beautiful, others are attractive curios, but in all cases the demand for the wildlife was exceeding the supply, and the animal was threatened with extinction. In the exhibit, there is one brilliantly colored feather ornament which required the death of eighty birds.

Hopefully, with the Endangered Species Conservation Act of 1967 restricting both international and domestic trade in endangered species of fish and wildlife, we will continue to find animals such as the cheetah, the hawks bill turtle, the hornbill and the toucan in the wild instead of as a decoration in the living room.

Plan to view this exhibit and learn more about worldwide rare and endangered wildlife species.

SIGHTINGS: Barry Sauppe and Peter Metropulos

A Northern Fulmar was seen from Pigeon Point, Oct. 7. On Sept. 24, twenty-five hundred Sooty Shearwaters, seventeen Pink-footed Shearwaters, two Ashy Petrels and one Fork-tailed Petrel, were observed on a boat trip out of Princeton Harbor.* The Petrels! are most noteworthy since there are few records for San Mateo County. Twenty-three Canada Geese were at the south end of Crystal Springs Reservoir, Oct. 13, probably early migrants. Four Redheads were at south Crystal Springs Reservoir, Oct. 13. One hundred seventy Ring-necked Ducks counted at south Crystal Springs Reservoir, Oct. 4, is a large concentration for this uncommon species. A Hooded Merganser was seen at Lake Lucerne, south of Pescadero, Oct. 3-15. A Merlin was seen going north at Pigeon Point, Oct. 13. An immature Golden Eagle seen at Ano Nuevo, Oct. 3, was spotted at Pigeon Point later the same day. Another one was seen flying south along Skyline, Oct. 5. Two Pectoral Sandpipers were at Pescadero Marsh, Oct. 9. A Long-tailed Jaeger! was seen flying south from Pigeon Point, Oct. 13. This is a very rare species anywhere in North America. On the boat trip from Princeton, Sept. 24, one Skoa, three Sabine's Gulls, and one Xantus' Murrelet were observed. All of these birds should be considered quite rare. A Western Kingbird at Sharp Park Beach, Oct. 1, was a late migrant, and unusual for the Coast. A Nashville Warbler was at Pilarcitos Creek, Half Moon Bay, Oct. 8. A Hermit Warbler was at Moss Beach, Oct. 8 also. Seven species of "vagrant" (far out-of-range) warblers were discovered in San Mateo County this Fall. These off-course migrants were noted as follows:

Tennessee Warbler: One at Moss Beach, Oct. 2.

Magnolia Warbler: One at Moss Beach, Sept. 20-22.

Blackpoll Warbler: One at El Granada Trailer Court, Sept. 20-22.

American Redstart: One at Princeton Harbor Marsh, Oct. 2-9; two at Pilarcitos Creek, Oct. 8; and two in willows south of Half Moon Bay, Oct. 9.

Palm Warbler: One at Princeton Marsh, Oct. 2; two at Moss Beach, Oct. 2.

Northern Waterthrush: One at Pilarcitos Creek, Sept. 21.

Virginias's Warbler: One at Moss Beach, Sept. 21-22, was the first County record!

A Lapland Longspur was at Año Nuevo, Sept. 19; and another was in fields south of Moss Beach, Oct. 8.

*Eight New Zealand Shearwaters were also seen on this trip.

CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEA:

Are you in a quandry about a Christmas gift for your son, daughter, aunt, uncle, nephew, boss, secretary, others? An Audubon membership may be just the answer. You will be advancing the conservation cause and at the same time providing the beautiful AUDUBON magazine to some fortunate recipient. Get out your checkbook and scissors and go to work on the application below.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Check the Membership You Desire. All members receive bimonthly issues of AUDUBON magazine. The choice of membership is offered only to provide you with the opportunity of contributing to our work to the degree you may wish.

Reg. Individual ☐ \$15.00 per year Supporting ☐ \$ 50.00 per year
Family ☐ \$18.00 per year Contributing ☐ \$100.00 per year
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November 2 - Tuesday - Vote

November 4 - Thursday - Board Meeting

November 6 - Saturday - Coyote Hills Field Trip

November 11 - Thursday - General Meeting at San Mateo Garden Center

November 13 - Saturday - Young Audubon Field Trip Foster City

November 20 - Saturday - Palo Alto Baylands Field Trip

November 28 - Sunday - Richardson Bay Wildlife Sanctuary
Field Trip

December 2 - Thursday - Board Meeting

December 3 - Friday - San Mateo Garden Center Holiday Boutique

December 9 - Thursday - General Meeting at San Mateo Garden Center

December 18 - Saturday - Crystal Springs Christmas Count

January 2 - Sunday - Año Nuevo Christmas Count

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