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MEETINGS:

BOARD MEETING, APRIL 6, 7:30 PM in the conference room of Northern California Savings & Loan office, 1430 Chapin Avenue in Burlingame. Board members and committee chairmen should attend. Other members are welcome.

REGULAR MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING APRIL 13, THURSDAY, 7:30 PM at the 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. Social period 7:30 to 8:00. Meeting commences at 8:00.

Our program will feature an illustrated talk by our own A. E. "Monty" Montgomery describing a recent trip to Antarctica and southern South America. The Montgomerys spent twenty days aboard the WORLD DISCOVERER visiting points in Antarctica, southern South America and the Falkland Islands. Monty has both slides and movies illustrating the scenery and birds of this little-known but fascinating area. Birders generally associate penguins with Antarctica but Monty tells us that the Falkland Islands are a real birder's bonanza. Antarctica's land area is about twice that of the continental United States and its ice and snow contain 80% of the world's fresh water. Join us for a vicarious tour of this unusual area.

Frank Allen and Charles Newman will have a new chapter in their Bird-of the Month "hear and see" series.

Ms. Vi von Tauffkirchen, well-known Peninsula artist, teacher and naturalist will exhibit at the meeting twelve of her bird studies including oils, oil pastels and graphics. Both local and exotic birds are included. From April 1 to April 19 some of her work will also be on exhibit at the main library in Burlingame.

FIELD TRIPS:

Save gas. Make birding pals by car-pooling. Call Pearl Morgenstern, 341-2510 and tell her where a rider or two can meet you. Split the cost of fifteen cents a mile equitably.

APRIL 1 SATURDAY BUTANO STATE PARK OWL TRIP

Meet at sunset at the ranger's booth at the park entrance. Bring a flashlight, warm clothes and hot liquid refreshment.

Best way to Butano State Park is Highway 92 to Half Moon Bay, south on Highway 1 to Pescadero Road, east to Cloverdale Road and south about four miles to the park entrance.

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APRIL 8 SATURDAY SAN BRUNO MOUNTAIN WILDFLOWERS

Meet at 9:00 AM at Guadalupe Parkway and Radio Road. This point can be reached from Old Bayshore Highway by turning west at the top of the hill north of Brisbane.

This is a good opportunity to see the abundant San Bruno Mountain wildflowers many of which are unique to this area. Lunch is optional.

Leader: Enes Millar, phone 566-6119

APRIL 15 SATURDAY ALUM ROCK PARK

Meet at 9:00 AM in the Nature Center parking lot in Alum Rock Park, San Jose. From San Mateo take the Bayshore Freeway south to San Jose. Two and one half miles past the Nimitz Freeway turn off at East Santa Clara Street, pass back over Bayshore Freeway, drive four and a half miles on Alum Rock Avenue to Alum Rock Park. Lunch is optional.

Leader: David Patch, phone 854-0290

APRIL 29, SATURDAY MT. DIABLO

Meet at 8:30 AM at a point 1½ miles beyond the lower gate. Suggested route would be across San Mateo bridge, north on #17 Freeway, east on #238-#580 Freeway, north on #680 Freeway. Near Danville take freeway exit and proceed east on Diablo Road to Mt. Diablo Scenic Boulevard and turn left (about 2 miles from freeway). Mt. Diablo Scenic Boulevard becomes South Gate Road. (If you missed the left turn you will be on Blackhawk Road, in which case go back.)

Leaders: Barbara & Hal Lucas, phone 344-3796

Co-Leaders: Fran and Roy Nelson, phone 593-7941

MAY 6 & 7 MYSTERY TRIP

Once again off we go, where we'll stop nobody knows! See historical sites and hummingbirds. Gaze upon wildflowers and waterfowl. A good time is guaranteed for all. There will be 45 spaces available on the bus on a first come, first served basis. Fill out the coupon on page 11 and mail it promptly. To reserve your seat, check the appropriate boxes and include your check for not less than \$14.00 or for the full amount and send it to Georgia Perkins, 2672 Cromwell Row, South San Francisco, 94080. (Phone 583-7815 after 4:00 PM.)

The bus will commence loading at 7:45 AM and we will leave the San Mateo Garden Center on Parkside Way between 26th and 27th Avenues at 8:00 AM Saturday, and return at 5:00 PM on Sunday.

Bring a picnic lunch for Saturday. Saturday dinner is available by reservation for \$6.50 each. (Campers may elect to do their own cooking.) Sunday breakfast and lunch will be available at a restaurant.

Motel rooms are available at \$15 single occupancy and \$17 double. Extra beds are available at additional charge. Camping space is available at no charge.

Please be sure to include your check for the entire cost or a deposit of not less than \$14.00 for each person to be followed by the balance by April 28. Cancellations and/or requests for refunds should be received by that same date.

CONSERVATION NEWS:

Some good news from a Congress more frequently than not in opposition to the pro-conservation policies of the Administration is the designation as wilderness by a House-Senate Conference Committee of 306,000 acres in the Golden Trout area, 21,000 acres of Los Padres National Forest for the Santa Lucia Wilderness area, and 61,000 acres to be added to the Ventana Wilderness.

President Carter has dropped his largely unsuccessful "hit list" attack on the boondoggle water resource projects, but the Administration is still carrying it on underground. The Audubon Leader reports that the proposed \$300 million cut in the Corps of Engineers budget would effectively kill 56 ongoing studies and advanced engineering projects and would cause slowdown in planning or construction of 113 projects. In a less direct attack the Administration in February released a financial audit of the Central Valley Project, showing that it no longer is paying its way as required by law and will have a \$9.7 billion deficit before the end of the century. The proposed Auburn Dam, funded by Congress in spite of presidential disapproval, would add another \$900 million to this deficit. Support for President Carter is needed, asking him to stick to his campaign promises to reform the federal water development program and to take the Corps of Engineers out of the dam building business. Letters should be addressed to him at The White House, Washington, DC 20500 and to Senators Cranston and Hayakawa, Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510 and Representatives McCloskey or Ryan, House Office Building, Washington 20515.

The Administration is also supporting the bill, HR 1771 (and its Senate companion bill, S88) to add Mineral King to the National Park System. This would remove it from its present jurisdiction under the Forest Service and would prevent the environmentally destructive skiing development proposed by Disneyland and favored by the Agriculture Department. The bill is presently before the Interior Committee and letters in its support are needed to Congressmen McCloskey and Ryan.

A second nongame wildlife bill, HR 10915, has been introduced and is being supported by NAS as well as by Friends of the Earth, Garden Club of America, Sierra Club, Wilderness Society, Wildlife Society and World Wildlife Fund. It is similar to HR 10255 but would be funded by an excise tax on items, such as birdseed, related to the enjoyment of nongame species. This is considered a more reliable method of funding than that of general tax appropriations.

HR 39, the Alaska lands bill, strongly supported by NAS, has gone to the full Interior Committee for markup without significant changes by the subcommittee. Letters are still needed from those who have not already written to their Congressmen in support of the bill, as well as to our Senators. Hearings were to be held by the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee in March on S 1500, the companion bill. The recent death of Senator Lee Metcalf, sponsor of the bill, removed the Senate's leading champion of Alaskan wild land preservation.

In the state Legislature the controversial Peripheral Canal has been defeated for the time, at least. However, a new bill, SB 1477, also designed to send Northern California's water south, has been introduced by Senator Campbell of Hacienda Heights. His bill would authorize \$3.5 million in bonds for three dams on the Eel River and a conveyance system to deliver the water to the Delta "and other places of use." Senator Campbell has opposed the Peripheral Canal because it would not supply sufficient water to Southern California if adequate flow was maintained in the Delta. Senator Barry Keene of Eureka is opposing this bill, calling the now "wild" Eel River a part of "the life blood of the north coast."

A probably unneeded and financially questionable 1900-megawatt nuclear facility, Sundesert, is proposed to be built near Blythe. In the face of a 4 to 1 vote against it by the State Energy Commission, the Senate passed a bill exempting the facility from the state's 1976 Nuclear Safety

laws. These impose a moratorium on new nuclear facilities until solutions are found for disposal of wastes and for other safety hazards. The bill has now gone to the Assembly Energy Committee, chaired by Assemblyman Victor Calvo of Mountain View. As suggested in Audubon Topics West, those concerned about the dangers involved should write him and also their own Assemblyman, (Dixon Arnett or Louis Papan, State Capitol, Sacramento 95814) encouraging their opposition to the bill. Opposition should also be urged to AB 2170, which would completely repeal these Nuclear Safety laws.

The Sierra Club is sponsoring a bill, SB 1480, which would make illegal some of the more inhumane and unnecessary practices (such as "denning" and use of certain indiscriminate poisons) for predator control to protect livestock. It would require that traps be visited at least once daily and in addition it would fund a study for better methods of protecting livestock from predators.

The County Planning and Parks and Recreation Commissions have recently jointly presented a Parks and Recreation Element for the County General Plan. This is in general quite a good plan, but four additions have been suggested by the Sierra Club in which SAS concurs. One is mainly a matter of definition that would differentiate the role of County Recreation Areas from that of city parks and school athletic facilities. A second asks for 2 independent needs analysis methods to determine county recreation needs and the resulting priorities in spending the Charter for Parks funds. The third divides the designation of County Natural Preserve areas into Open Space Preserves and Nature Study Preserves, the latter to be set aside for protection of rare, endangered, unusual, or educationally important natural resources. The final one insures that the spending of Charter for Parks funds will go forward as originally intended and will not be delayed by present reduction in funds for operation and maintenance. This is suggested to be done by "landbanking" newly acquired property till further maintenance funds are available, or by making maintenance costs minimal by operating such lands as Open Space Preserves.

This brings up the question of the effect the Jarvis-Gann Property Tax Relief Initiative will have on all public entities financed through property tax funding. Cities, counties and special districts such as school, fire and the local Mid-peninsula Open Space District, will have their funding drastically curtailed if the Initiative passes, since assessed valuation of property will be limited to 1% of the market value. New state taxes will have to supply additional funding for such vital services as fire and police protection and schools, but will not be likely to cover those of lower priority such as parks and recreation facilities. These will suffer the most from underfunding.

-- Ruth Smith, Conservation Chairman

BIRDING FROM MY KITCHEN WINDOW: -- By Fran Nelson

This morning about 6:15 when I was putting out feed for the birds, it was relatively clear--just as it has been the past few mornings. And just as it has the past few mornings, the fog begins to roll in while we are eating breakfast. Soon the visibility is near zero. The trees immediately back of our fence are gray, misty silhouettes and all beyond is milky-white.

Out of this nothingness beyond the trees, eighteen Quail suddenly appear. It seems unreal--a magician's trick, the way they come through this curtain without parting it! They join the throng of small birds who arrived before it was light.

It is 8:15 now and the sun is penetrating the fog a little. Two elegant pieces of "spider art" have come to light in the birch tree! Both are low in the tree and include the tip ends of the branches that have been used in the framework. These orbs are unbelievably fine and delicate.

A trip outside for close inspection is in order. The droplets on the strands are minute and those at the joints are ever so slightly larger but still minuscule! In the center of each orb is a small black spider. It is awesome that nature has endowed this tiny creature with the ability to fashion this intricate piece of lace! I marvel at its beauty and am full of the wonder of it as I return to my kitchen window. I take one more "binocular look" before going about my chores.

Half an hour later, I am back for another look but it seems not to be there at all! The sun has evaporated the tiny droplets and all I can see are the branches where I know it is. Had not the fog developed the picture, I would not have seen it at all!

Going out to the tree, I search and find the larger of the two webs. Even knowing where it is, I am unable to see it until I get just the right angle of the sun on the silken strands and then I can see only small sections of it at a time. While I am spider-watching, a Rufous-sided Towhee is placidly buzzing from somewhere behind us. It's nice to hear that sound again. They have been absent from this area for a year or so.

Another trip out to check on the weaver of beautiful orbs. He is in the center working on one of several tiny victims his "mist-net" has ensnared. As I turn away, a Red Admiral Butterfly flutters by and the strains of a Mockingbird's song reach my ear.

This day has passed too quickly but it's been a beautiful one. A full moon is a suitable ending--an orb that is big and orange at first, then pale gold by the time the tops of the leafless birch branches are superimposed on it. Moving my head back and forth changes the pattern--sort of an asymmetrical kaleidoscopic effect. Two orbs of another kind in the lower branches are still fresh in my memory.

The next morning finds me out feeding the birds again. All around me I hear Robins. Down back of the fence, one is scolding. He scolds every morning and I have tried to find out why but I can't see. One is scolding out in front, too. All the others, four or five, are singing. It is very calm this morning and sounds carry well. Just as I finish the feeding, a Golden-crowned Sparrow heralds his arrival with a few loud scolding notes.

Now to the front to see if I can see why the Robin is scolding. Opening the front door, I see that big old full moon just going down behind the tall eucalyptus trees! It's a breath-taking surprise since I had only Robin-scolding on my mind! High fog is diffusing the light into a wide halo around it giving off much illumination. And what do I hear? Not the scolding Robin! He has stopped and a distant Great Horned Owl is what I hear, competing with the early morning traffic noise. And from up the street comes the Mocker's song and a Mourning Dove's call. Two Golden-crowned Sparrows are picking up tidbits from the street. Don't they know the breakfast table is set in our back yard? Maybe they are getting nocturnal insects who stayed out too late! This is that short period of time when the night hasn't quite folded and the day is anxious to get started.

AUDUBON CANYON RANCH is a 1000-acre wildlife sanctuary and education center located on Bolinas Lagoon three miles north of Stinson Beach on State Hiway 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 From Betty Boyd

The ranch opened on Saturday, March 4. In spite of a very stormy day, over 100 visitors arrived. The Exhibit Hall had been redesigned and painted and the Miwok Indian exhibit, a new display, had been finished at 2 AM that very day.

Alma Brooks Walker made a generous grant for the display cases and the Marin Audubon Society's grant made possible the very effective lighting arrangement. Staff and Research Associates and friends worked long and hard to ready it. Cliff Conly designed the handsome display cases and directed the work.

This exhibit has been the project of the Research Associates of Volunteer Canyon. People of the Miwok tribe once lived at Audubon canyon. Inspired by this knowledge, they commenced a study of the Miwoks several years ago--their use of plants, basket weaving, foods, tools, hunting and transportation equipment and other aspects of their culture. They gathered specimens, visited other museums and evolved plans for the display. Now it is a reality. Artifacts representing the different facets of their culture are effectively shown together with some very fine articles loaned by the Miwok Museum of Novato. *****

Welcome back, "Zumie." Clerin Zumwalt is being warmly greeted by old friends. He was with the Ranch from 1967 to 1972 as the Ranch Naturalist. He not only acted in this capacity but planned many of the trails and displays in the Exhibit Hall. Many of his beautiful photographs are used as Ranch postcards and sold in the Bookstore. Since retiring from his position as a consultant for the Marin Municipal Water District, he traveled extensively and is now devoting his spare time to the Ranch. *****

Hal Lucas reports that there are still a few spots open for host duty at the Ranch during the period May 29 to July 4. Sequoia Audubon will provide 4 hosts from 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM for each Saturday, Sunday and holiday during this period. Phone Hal at 344-3796 and negotiate your turn. Hosts greet the visitors, point out the parking area, bookstore, display hall, trail entrance and supervise visitor registration. No knowledge of the birds is required. Hosts need not be Audubon members so you may bring your friends, relatives, neighbors to assist. Many interesting visitors are encountered and the day passes all too quickly in this unique natural setting.

FREE BOOKLETS:

The California Department of Fish & Game have available, at no charge, two wildlife booklets. RAPTORS OF CALIFORNIA, 85 pages, describes 34 species of birds of prey from the red-tailed hawk to the California condor and including eagles, owls, hawks and falcons. FURBEARERS OF CALIFORNIA by George Seymour has been updated and is now available. Single copies at no charge may be obtained from

Conservation Education Branch
California Department of Fish and Game
1416 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

MARCH BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING:

The board of directors of Sequoia Audubon held their regular monthly meeting on March 2.

The education committee announced its scholarship recipients for Audubon Camp in the West: Andy Kratter, David Brennan and George Chrisman.

Al Bergeron was authorized to inform the Belmont Slough committee that Sequoia Audubon will assist them in their work of preservation of Belmont Slough.

Jean Jones reported on Pescadero Marsh matters presently under discussion. Plans for the marsh are being formulated by the State and Sequoia will be represented and heard at all of the forthcoming hearings and meetings.

MAX KRUEGER:

Max writes us that he has found a place he likes in Sequim, Washington. His new address is: M.J. Krueger, Lazy Acres, Route 6, Box 287-68, Sequim, WA 98382.

NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY - GEORGE WHITTELL EDUCATION CENTER:

376 Greenwood Beach Road, Tiburon, CA 94920. Phone 388-2524

Guided nature walk every Sunday at 9:00 AM.

Lyford House tours every Sunday 1:00 to 4:00 PM

April wildlife lectures and film schedule each Sunday at 3:00 PM:

April 2 - The Wildlife of Tikal

Audubon warden Lyman Fancher shows us the wildlife of Guatemala. Toucans, parrots, ancient temples.

April 9 - A Journey to Antarctica

Jon Winter's slides and commentary

April 16 - Puerto Rico: Habitat & Wildlife

PRBO biologist, Bruce Sorrie, shows his slides and describes his two years as a Caribbean photographer and naturalist.

April 23 - The Galapagos Islands

Slides and lecture by naturalist Steve Bobzein, recently returned from a year in the Galapagos.

April 30 - Islands in the Desert

Naturalist-photographer Frank Beyer's slide lecture on the wildlife of Arizona's Chiricahua and Huachuca Mountains.

SEQUOIA MAILING:

Sequoia Audubon thanks the members of the mailing crew who have gathered once each month to address and mail the SEQUOIA: Barbara Benkman, Adelaide Fichtner, Carmen Gales, Jean Jones, Barbara Lucas, Marian Lockwood, Fran Nelson, Liz McTighe and Wilma Rockman.

PENINSULA HUMANE SOCIETY -- IN-HOME ORPHANED BIRD PROGRAM:

What to Do When You Find A Baby Bird

Ah Spring! There was a time a few years back when spring meant planting primroses, listening to the twitter of birds, and watching the blos-

soming trees turn into lovely hues of green. Now, however, we have learned to look at this time of the reawakening of the earth in terms of the number, type, and condition of the many baby birds which fall from their nests. Being a mother bird is demanding at best, but it is an even more difficult task for a human to cope with. Therefore, in order to help alleviate some of the hardships besetting both avian and step-avian moms, we would enjoy giving you a few words of wisdom on the subject of "What to do when you find a baby bird."

If the bird is obviously too young to leave home, try to locate the nest and replace the nestling, keeping him warm while doing so. It is not true that the parents will abandon the young once touched by human hands. Whole nests can be successfully replaced should they blow down.

Fledgelings often touch down on the ground while learning to fly and probably do not need rescuing. Some young birds belong on the ground, such as killdeer and quail. Mother may not be in sight but is foraging nearby. Observe a young bird for a while before deciding it is orphaned. When cats or dogs are a problem, try to persuade the owners to keep them in while you are keeping watch. If the bird is truly without home or parent, or if it is injured, bring it to the Peninsula Humane Society. Wildlife personnel will see that it receives any necessary medical care, the proper diet for its species, and a home where it will be raised for release. Should you desire to raise it yourself, please bring it to the PHS where you will receive the proper training and therefore become licensed to care for wild birds under our permit.

Young birds are particularly vulnerable to cats. Our suggestion to all who love birds, whether you own a cat or have a neighbor with one is to see that the cat wears two bells or one tag plus a bell. These will bang together when the cat is walking and hopefully set off a noisy clamour. The most effective thing, however, is to keep the cat indoors during the night (from one hour before dusk to one hour after dawn) when the birds are most likely to attract cats. Most well-fed cats will not stalk birds. It has also been brought to our attention that cats do some of their best hunting during rainy weather when the birds cannot hear or see them as easily as in clear weather.

We hope these few simple instructions will help you decide the right thing to do if you should come upon a baby bird during this breeding season.

-- Trudi Hartley and Vie Subbotin

WESTERN FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS SAN DIEGO PELAGIC TRIP
SATURDAY, 20 MAY 1978

Tentative destination is area around south end of San Clemente Island.

\$17.50 per person for WFO members and their families

\$25.00 per person for non-members (includes membership in WFO and subscription to Western Birds).

Reservations may be made by sending a check or money order made payable to Western Field Ornithologists, c/o Philip Unitt, 3411 Felton Street, San Diego, CA 92104. Please enclose a SELF ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE, the names of ALL the people for whom you are making reservations, and your phone number.

The boat will depart from Seaforth Sportfishing Landing, Mission Bay, San Diego. Please be at the landing 30 minutes prior to departure time. We leave promptly at 5:30 AM and will return at approximately 6:00 PM. This

boat, the Seaforth, is a large fishing boat with a galley where short orders including breakfast, snacks, and beverages are sold.

This time of year we have found Black-footed Albatross, Pink-footed Shearwater, Sooty Shearwater, Black Storm-petrel, Leach's Storm-petrel, Pomarine Jaeger, Sabine's Gull, Xantus' Murrelet, Cassin's Auklet, and Rhinoceros Auklet. Rarities such as Flesh-footed Shearwater, Red-billed Tropicbird, South Polar Skua, Horned Puffin, and Tufted Puffin have also been found at this time of year.

Trip leader: Guy McCaskie.

AUDUBON INSTITUTE OF DESERT ECOLOGY:

Audubon Institute of Desert Ecology will present its 8th annual spring program May 18--22. In four nights and five days of desert camping, participants will explore the delicate environment of the Sonoran Desert. A staff of six scientists and educators will direct activities at Rancho Romero, 25 miles north of Tucson at the base of the Catalina Mountains. The fee of \$145 includes all workshops, instruction and meals. Participants, about 60, are to furnish their own tents or vehicles. For brochure and registration form, write the Institute at 1642 N. Westridge Avenue, Tucson, AZ 85705.

NATURE EXPEDITIONS INTERNATIONAL - FARALLON ISLANDS TRIPS:

One of the largest marine bird colonies in North America will be the focus of eight all-day boat trips to the Farallon Islands in April and May. The trips are sponsored by Nature Expeditions International (NEI), an educational travel corporation in Palo Alto, and will take place on Saturdays and Sundays from April 15 to May 7.

Home of thousands of breeding seabirds, the Farallons lie 23 miles west of San Francisco and were the source of eggs to feed the miners and settlers in gold rush days. Today, auklets, cormorants, petrels, guillemots, and other seabirds nest there undisturbed.

Many marine mammals, including Steller's and California sea lions, harbor seals and elephant seals breed and pup along the rocky shore and may be seen from the boat as it circles the islands. Gray whales, dolphins, and porpoises are often seen during the day.

Doug Cheeseman, ornithologist and Professor of Biology at De Anza College, and Glenn Moffat, Professor of Biology at Foothill College, are among the expert naturalists scheduled to lead the trips.

The trips leave from San Francisco and cost \$25 per person.

For more information, phone (415) 328-6572 or write Nature Expeditions International, 599 College Avenue, Palo Alto 94306.

CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY:

The California Native Plant Society will hold its 9th annual Spring Wildflower Show at the Oakland Museum, Saturday and Sunday, April 29 & 30.

MARCH GENERAL MEETING:

President John Prime reminded us that although David Brennan, George Chrisman and Andy Kratter are all set to attend Audubon Camp in the West, the committee realizes that the best laid plans are apt to go astray and

would like to have some back-up candidates for the sessions. If you would like to be considered or if you know of someone who should be, please call Al Bergeron at 349-2960 or Norman Fox at 343-1406. Those next-in-line will be the first to be considered next year.

The program was of Mexico from Charles Newman's recordings of the Kiskadee flycatcher who kept telling us his name over and over again to the beautiful scenes shown by John Silliman. Colorful, resplendent, dazzling to winter-weary eyes the flowers, the scenery, the birds, the flaming sunrises (a bonus for birders). Beautiful. And spring is just around the corner....

-- A.M.

HELP WANTED:

Our nominating committee is seeking a candidate for the office of treasurer. Victor Crotchett, who has served Sequoia Audubon faithfully and efficiently in that office for the past four years, has decided to retire. Any member who wishes to volunteer or can suggest a member to fill this office is urged to contact one of the nominating committee members. Candidates should have some familiarity with accounting procedures. The nominating committee members are:

Al Bergeron	349-2960
Roy Nelson	593-7941
Jerry Perkins	583-7815

WILDLIFE RESCUE, INC:

257 Castro Street, #1H, Mountain View, CA 94040 Phone, (415) 969-WILD

Our office opens for the season on April 1. Hours are 10 AM to 5 PM (3 PM until April 15) including Saturdays and Sundays.

We will continue to have volunteers on call at home during the late afternoon and evening hours. To reach them, call 969-WILD

NOTES FROM THE ACQUISITION LOG: Robins are flocking all over the Bay Area and it is not surprising, therefore, that we received 11 of them in February, 8 with fractures. There were also 11 pigeons. Of these, 4 picked up in various Palo Alto neighborhoods showed symptoms of poisoning. Three more varied thrushes were brought in (beautiful birds, not all that common, either) making six so far this year. There were a few mourning doves, waxwings, sparrows and a flicker, along with 8 hummingbirds, to total 45 songbirds.

Of the 14 waterbirds received in February, 10 were gulls, all kinds of gulls--California, herring, western, ring-billed and a couple of Bonaparte. Two had fractures; the rest were ill, weak, thin, etc. Gulls must be tough, though, for by the end of the month 5 of them had been released. The lone mallard of the month also was released.

Surprisingly, there were no raptors during February. The raptor team can't ever remember a month going by without receiving something.

WILDLIFE RESCUE CLASS SCHEDULE:

Wednesday, April 19 & 26, 7 PM, Room P-1, Los Altos High School
Saturday, April 29, 9-12 noon (birds) 1:-2:30 PM (mammals) Syntex Auditorium
Thursday, May 18 and 25, 7 PM, Menlo Park Recreation Center
Wednesday, June 7 and 14, 7 PM, Room P-1 (June 7) and P-8 (June 14) Los Altos High School
Saturday, June 10, 9--12 noon (birds) and 1:00--2:30 PM (mammals) Syntex Auditorium

Thursday, July 6 and 13, 7 PM Menlo Park Recreation Center

As in previous years, pre-registration is advisable as class size is limited. Fee is \$10 (individual), \$12 (adult plus child), \$15 (family). Registration forms may be obtained from Adela Morris, Class Registrar, Wildlife Rescue, Suite 1H, 257 Castro St., Mountain View 94040.

If you are a resident of San Mateo County, membership in National Audubon Society includes membership in Sequoia Audubon Society and a subscription to its newsletter, THE SEQUOIA. Annual subscription for non-members is \$2 per year. There are ten issues each year, September through June.

If you are moving, remember to send the SEQUOIA editors your change of address. If you are moving away from San Mateo County and want to transfer your membership to your new Audubon Chapter, include your request with your change of address to National as this transfer is made only upon specific direction from the subscriber.

Deadline for the May issue is April 15.

SEQUOIA AUDUBON SOCIETY
MYSTERY TRIP RESERVATION
May 6 and 7, 1978

Name _____
Address _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ Number in Party _____

My party will include: (Names)

Reserve _____ bus seats at \$14.00 each
Reserve _____ Saturday night dinners at \$6.50 each
Reserve _____ single occupancy rooms at \$15.00
Reserve _____ Double occupancy rooms at \$17.00
(Extra bed available at additional charge)

Mail \$14 deposit (or full amount) to:

Georgia Perkins
2672 Cromwell Row
South San Francisco, CA 94080

Balance must be received by April 28.

SEQUOIA CALENDAR

- April 1 -- Field Trip. Butano Owls.
 6 -- Board Meeting
 8 -- Field trip. San Bruno Mountain Wildflowers
 13 -- Monthly meeting at the Garden Center
 15 -- Field trip. Alum Rock Park.
 29 -- Field trip. Mount Diablo
- May 4 -- Board Meeting
 6,7 -- Field trip -- Mystery Trip
 11 -- Monthly meeting at the Garden Center

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