



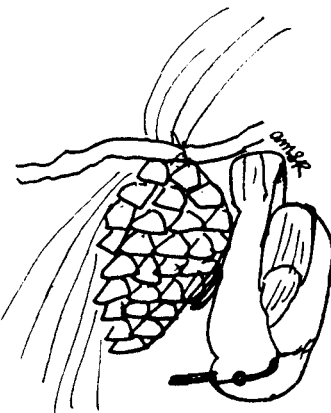
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SAS GENERAL MEETING

John Olmstead, a well-known California naturalist who is responsible for the establishment of the Ecological Staircase Trail in Mendocino and who has put on several programs for SAS before will present our program this month. This time John brings us his 16mm film entitled "Hike-A-Nation". The film, which was made in 1980-1, depicts a 13 month adventure on which about 40 persons walked all the way across America. We will view the segment from San Francisco to the Colorado River featuring hikers aged from 7 months to 69 years passing through some beautiful parklands. Come out and join us for this adventure across our beautiful land.

April's program is entitled "Rehabilitation in Action" and will feature Juanita Heineman, an SAS member, who will, with the help of some feathered guests, demonstrate the work of Wildlife Rescue, Inc.

Juanita asks that you start now to save your cancelled postage stamps and bring them to the April meeting. Trim them with a wide margin of envelope around them. These will be collected to help the Bald Eagle Habitat Project.



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Chapter Activities are really getting into high gear with Spring just around the corner. Lots of field trips and other activities have been already been planned and more are coming. Some of the these include:

SEQUOIA AWARDS PROGRAM

The Sequoia Awards Program is off the ground and flying high as we already have several nominations for both the Chapter Awards as well as the Community Awards. Additional nominations are being solicited.

This is an extremely important program for our Chapter. Through the Community Awards, we can give recognition and thanks to those people or groups from non-profit organizations, government, or business, who have made a significant contribution to the advancement of one or more goals of the Audubon Cause and thus made San Mateo County a better place for all of us to live. There are five award categories within the Community Awards area.

The Chapter Awards gives us an opportunity to say thank you to those special Sequoia members who support our Chapter goals and lend a hand to make our Chapter better for the rest of the membership. Chapter awards will be give in the fields of Leadership and Activity.

Last, but not least, the Sequoia Awards Program offers us a vehicle to reach a great number of non-members and explain in a very professional manner the goals and purposes of Audubon. This is being accomplished thru the use of a Sequoia Audubon Society Award Program brochure which explains the award program and solicits nominations. These brochures are being distributed throughout the county. We also plan to obtain some newspaper coverage on the event.

Additional information or nomination brochures may be obtained from the Sequoia Activities Office. Call Donna Kirsacko at (415) 593-7368 or request information through Sequoia Audubon, P.O. Box 1131, Burlingame, CA 94010.

SEQUOIA NATURAL HISTORY SEMINAR

Sequoia Natural History Seminar Series has a super seminar coming up in April on Wildflowers at Edgewood Park led by Susan Summers. Susan is a superb photographer in addition to being an expert on Edgewood. It's a rare chance to learn a lot more about the wildflowers of Edgewood Park, as well as it's habitate and ecosystems.

PESCADERO MARSH WORK PARTY

Frank and Jean Allen have planned another work party at Pescadero Marsh for Tuesday, March 20th. This group will be working on the trail system. Contact Frank or Jean at (415) 344-9339 for more details.

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CALENDAR



NEWS FROM THE RANCH
-Cliff Conly

MAR. 1
THURSDAY

SAS BOARD MEETING. 7:30 PM at the Sears Savings Bank (formerly the Allstate S&L) Building, 1820 S. Grant St., San Mateo. ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME.

MAR. 3
SATURDAY

SUNOL FIELD TRIP. A gentle stroll through riparian and grasslands habitat. Golden Eagles are a near certainty and prairie falcon, dippers and spotted sandpipers are regular at this time of year. We will meet in the parking lot at 9:00 AM. Lunch is optional but recommended since there are no facilities in the immediate area. To get there, take Hwy. 101 South to the Dunbarton Bridge. Cross the bridge and continue east on Hwy. 84 until you pass under I-680. In 100 yards or so you will take a right on Calaveras Rd. Follow Calaveras Rd. south for approximately 6-7 miles until you see a sign for Sunol Park. Take a left and follow the park road to its end. (Note that Hwy. 84 is, in turn, Thornton Ave., Peralta Blvd. and Niles Canyon Rd.)

LEADER: Frank Collins 340-0503

MAR. 6
TUESDAY

WUNDERLICH PARK FIELD TRIP. Meet in the park at 9:00 AM to walk easy mountainside trails through forest and meadows enjoying a variety of trees, shrubs, wildflowers and birds. To get there take I-280 to Woodside Rd. Take Woodside Rd. west through Woodside and proceed approximately 1 mile past Woodside to Bear Gulch Rd. Just a short way beyond Bear Gulch Rd. you will see a small sign on the left. Walk ends at noon. Lunch is optional.

LEADERS: Win Dye 591-8674
Cleo Hawley

MAR. 8
THURSDAY

SAS GENERAL MEETING: "HIKE-A-NATION" with John Olmstead. See article on Page 1 for details. At the San Mateo Garden Center, Parkside, west of the Alameda, San Mateo. Social mixer begins at 7:30 PM.

MAR. 10
SATURDAY

WUNDERLICH PARK FIELD TRIP. Details and directions are the same as above except that we will meet at 10:00 AM, have lunch enroute and break up at about 2:00 PM. This will probably be Cleo's last SAS function before moving south, so come out and wish her good luck!

MAR. 17
SATURDAY

PALO ALTO BAYLANDS. An easy walk along the levees and trails of this remnant of the once vast salt marshes of the bay. We will meet at the duck pond at 9:00 AM. We should see a good variety of ducks, herons and shorebirds and with luck, perhaps some rare sparrows or rails. Take Hwy. 101 south to Embarcadero Rd. East. Follow Embarcadero to its end and take a left. The duck pond is approximately 150 yards on the left. Trip should break up at noon.

LEADER: Anna Scanlan-Rohrer 571-7972

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On March 1, Audubon Canyon Ranch will again open the gates of Picher Canyon to the public, as it has for more than 20 years. The Ranch will continue open on weekdays and holidays until July 4. Karen and Skip Schwartz will be in attendance as hosts and lecturers as the public is welcomed to the meadows, trails and heronry overlook. More than 20,000 people are expected to attend during these four months.

Audubon Canyon Ranch is a nature sanctuary and education center, sponsored by four Bay Area Audubon chapters - Marin, Madrone, Sequoia and Golden Gate - each of which will assist in the hosting for one month each.

The A.C.R. facility has three separate locations, each with its own distinct environment - at the Bolinas Lagoon on the slopes of Mt. Tamalpais; at Tomales Bay with beaches, marshes and seashore; and in the Sonoma foothills with chaparral, coastal woodlands, creeks and waterfalls.

The 1000 acre Bolinas facility consists of four canyons - Picher, Garden Club and Volunteer Canyons and Pike Gulch, occupied by the Pt. Reyes Bird Observatory.

Picher Canyon, with the great heronry, is headquarters for the entire complex, with an Exhibit Hall, Bookstore, Managers Offices and Quarters, Shops and a Bird Blind.

Volunteer Canyon contains the headquarters for lectures and scientific work with a Main Hall, Library, Laboratory, Kitchen and Dormitories for both day and overnight use.

Ray Petersen, Ranch Biologist, holds classes on Spring weekends including the following:

March 17-18: Once Upon a Time Storytelling with Ruth Stotter Anne Rovetta and Robert Fish.

March 24: Moon Spring (Sonoma Valley) with Phyllis Ellman.

March 31: Bolinas Lagoon with Bob Stewart.



Reservations are now being accepted for **WILDFLOWERS OF EDGEWOOD PARK** to be taught by Susan Sommers, renowned naturalist and Edgewood Park expert.

The class lecture will be on Thursday, May 17 at the Sears Savings Bank on S. Grant St. in San Mateo and the field trip at Edgewood Park will be on Saturday, May 19.

Frittileria will be blooming in profusion at that time and although the field trip will concentrate primarily on wildflowers, we will have an opportunity to look at other wildlife.

The endangered California checkerspot butterfly will be in flight, reptiles will be out of hibernation and migratory birds will be passing through. Be sure to bring your cameras.

The fee for the series is \$10 per person and the seminar is limited to 20 participants.

Checks should be made out to Sequoia Audubon Society and mailed to SNHS (Edgewood), Sequoia Audubon Society, PO Box 1131, Burlingame, Ca. 94011 and should include name, address and telephone number. Reservations will be accepted in the order in which checks are received until the class is filled. Call Louise, your class coordinator at 341-9322 for details.

SHOREBIRDS OF BOLINAS LAGOON was an outstanding success. The lecture featured slides of the shorebirds on their breeding grounds on the Alaskan tundra and specimens from the PRBO collection.

The field trip covered not only the lagoon but Pine Gulch Creek, Bolinas Head and harbor and the Bolinas Sewage Ponds. In addition to the expected shorebirds, the participants had excellent views of the rare swamp sparrow, a demonstration on the identification of Thayer's gull and the sighting of a peregrine falcon.

PESCADERO MARSH

California's wildlife marshland areas have one thing in common--they are "for the birds" and for many other wildlife species too. Marshlands are like cities to wildlife, for they support a high density and variety of species. When the home environment is taken away from wildlife through the drying up of marshlands, the filling in of potholes, tule swales, and lagoons, and the construction of drain ditches, the end for wildlife is a certainty, though not readily observable.

Wildlife species are important for education, recreation, esthetics, and economics. To perpetuate our fascinating wildlife heritage, we must preserve, establish, and protect more of their living quarters--our marshland areas. Let's do all we can to help.

From OUTDOOR CALIFORNIA

Wendy Lieber called after receiving last month's Needles, in deep embarrassment over her mis-identification of a tame graylag goose. She followed it up with a postcard, the text of which follows:

"Wendy Lieber, an admitted amateur birder of low standing, has agreed to commit sapuku to preserve the honor of her family and all responsible birders. Sapuku will be performed on a levee at Pescadero Marsh near the spot where she mistakenly identified a graylag goose as a white-fronted. She will be seated on a copy of Peterson's Guide to Farm Animals."

I think what she means to say is "Oops!"

STATE INCOME TAXES

If you haven't completed your State Income Tax Return yet, please note that Line 90 of the form allows you to make a contribution to the DFG's Rare and Endangered Species Program.



PENINSULA BIRDING SITE GUIDE UNDERWAY

A group of Sequoia members have been developing the format and structure of a guide to birdwatching sites in our area, very tentatively titled Birding on the San Francisco Peninsula. The group has come up with a basic format for site entries, a style sheet and some sample site descriptions written by group members. If you feel that you are particularly knowledgeable about an area, or would like to be assigned to research an area, please contact Chip Haven (854-3521), Anne Scanlan-Rohrer (571-7972), or Donna Kirsacko (593-7368). The guide will cover the area from San Francisco to Menlo Park and current plans call for the writing and editing to be completed by the end of April.

NATURE SOUNDS SOCIETY FOUNDED

The Nature Sounds Society will hold its first general meeting at San Francisco State University at 2 PM, March 17, in the Blaklee Room, 10th Floor, Thornton Hall. The society is open to interested amateurs and professionals and will concentrate on the educational use of sounds - including bird identification, field recording of natural sounds, liaison of amateurs with professionals in the field and natural sounds and their application in music. For further information call the Oakland Museum Natural Sciences Dept., 415-273-3884.

Gifts and Bequests

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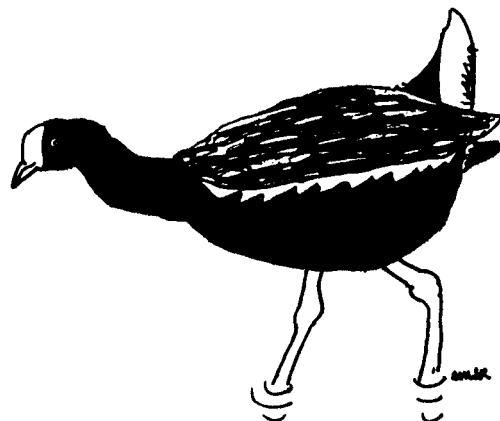
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Anonymous by request

This month's guest artist is Anne Scanlan-Rohrer, our versatile and talented Secretary. If you have any writing or artistic ability we need you for the Needles and for the new Birding on the San Francisco Peninsula site guide.



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