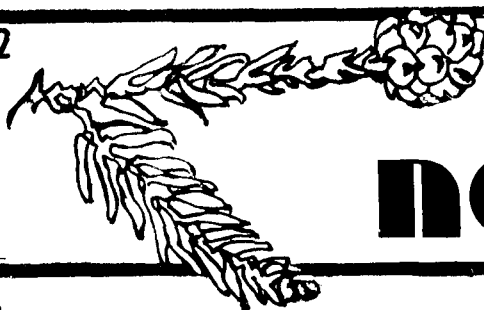




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SAS GENERAL MEETING

This month's program will be a review and update of Sequoia's involvement with Pescadero Marsh and will illustrate through the use of slides and other visual aids, the history of the marsh, its present condition, and the activities of various organizations including Sequoia Audubon Society to preserve it for future generations. A representative panel of speakers will present their views on the marsh.

NEXT MONTH'S PROGRAM - POTLUCK, ELECTIONS AND AWARDS

June is the month when we elect our officers for the coming year and - more importantly to some - have our second potluck dinner. This year it will also be the occasion for our FIRST ANNUAL SEQUOIA AWARDS DINNER wherein we will express our appreciation to those individuals who we feel have made significant contributions to the Audubon Cause.



LAST MONTH'S PROGRAM on the work of the Peninsula Humane Society's Wildlife Rescue Team proved to be both informative and amusing. Juanita Heineman showed us why she is often called "the hummingbird lady" and delighted us with stories of her mishaps and achievements in the work of the Humane Society. The biggest hits of the evening, however, were the four nestling Anna's hummingbirds which elicited the expected "Oohs" and "Ahs" from the audience as they and their temporary homes were passed from person to person.

The Wildlife Rescue Team needs both volunteers and supplies to help them in their work. Many of their needs can be filled by items that we normally throw away such as berry baskets and plastic food containers with lids. Call them at 340-8430 for details.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Western Regional Conference - A BIG WINNER

I had the pleasure of representing Sequoia Audubon at the Western Regional Conference. This meeting is held every two years at the Asilomar Conference Center in Monterey. The weather was marvelous, the speakers stimulating, and best of all, the opportunity to meet and discuss mutual concerns with other Auduboners will make this conference remembered for a long time.

RUSS PETERSON Keynote Address:

We had the opportunity to hear Russ Peterson, President of National Audubon, give a stirring keynote address in which he stressed the global aspects of the many threats to our fragile environment. Nuclear War, Growth of Human Population, the Production and Use of Finite Energy Sources (such as coal and oil as opposed to solar), Toxic Chemicals, and Habitat Destruction are the areas Auduboners can and should be closely watching said Russ.

CONDOR UPDATE:

John Ogden, Senior Staff Scientist for National Audubon, brought us up to date on the condor program. This is a joint effort between NAS and the U.S. Department of Fish and Wildlife which has been in existence for several years. One of the more controversial parts of this program has been the use of radio transmitters on two of the remaining 17 condors.

I am pleased to report the use of radios to track the condors is considered to be the single most important step in developing data which may eventually save the condor race. Using this tracking technique, the research team has learned more in the past two years about condors, their nesting and breeding, than was known from the studies of the past 40 years. One result of this study is that five million dollars was obtained from the Federal Government to purchase the Hudson Ranch, a site of absolute importance to the condor, but totally unknown until discovered because of the use of radio transmitters.

We also heard the results of extensive testing into the most recent condor death. This was a bird the researchers called Christopher. He was one of two of the condors with radios and there were originally some questions about the possibility the radio had something to do with his death. John Ogden told us the cause of death was determined to be from lead poisoning. He stressed that even in this case, valuable information was obtained because of the radios. Without them, Christopher would never have been found and the cause of his death determined.

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CALENDAR



MAY 3 THURSDAY SAS BOARD MEETING. 7:30 P.M. at the Sears Savings Bank Building, 1820 S. Grant St., San Mateo. ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME.

MAY 5/6 SATURDAY & SUNDAY SACRAMENTO AND BOBELAINE RESERVE FIELD TRIP. We will meet for breakfast on Saturday morning at 8:00 A.M. at the Black Oak Coffee Shop near the intersection of I-505 and I-80 in Vacaville. Our leader will then outline the complete details for the weekend. We expect to bird the American River Parkway including Goethe and Discovery Parks on Saturday. On Sunday we will be met by Willie and Ben Eizenger who will be our hosts for our trip to Bobelaine. The trip should last until early afternoon. Bring lunches for both days. See the article on this page for further information.

LEADER: John Silliman. Call Cliff Richer at 355-4058 for details.

MAY 10 THURSDAY SAS GENERAL MEETING. PESCADERO MARSH - REVIEW AND UPDATE - Social Mixer begins at 7:30 P.M. at the San Mateo Garden Center, Parkside, west of the Alameda followed by the program, See page 1 for details

MAY 13 SUNDAY JASPER RIDGE AND SEARSVILLE LAKE. Mothers' Day on Jasper Ridge should coincide with the height of the migration and the peak of the wildflower displays. Meet at the Stanford University Jasper Ridge Biological Preserve Main Gate (not the Whiskey Hill Gate). From I-280 take the Sandhill Road exit east approximately two miles to a gate on the left side of the road. Meet promptly at 8:00 A.M. as the gate will be open only the half hour from 8:00 to 8:30. We will go rain or shine. Bring lunch. A voluntary contribution of \$2.00 per person is suggested. The group is limited to 30 so please call for reservations.

LEADERS: Jean and Bill Clark
Jane Becker-Haven and Chip Haven 854-3521

MAY 17 THURSDAY WILDFLOWERS OF EDGEWOOD PARK - SEQUOIA NATURAL HISTORY LECTURE with Susan Sommers - at the Sears Savings Bank Building, 1820 S. Grant St., San Mateo at 7:30 P.M. - See page 7 for details.

MAY 19 SATURDAY WILDFLOWERS OF EDGEWOOD PARK - SEQUOIA NATURAL HISTORY FIELD TRIP with Susan Sommers - Details to be given at the lecture.

MAY 26 SATURDAY ALUM ROCK PARK - The Nelsons will kick off a San Jose field trip weekend with a visit to this popular area. We will meet at 8:30 A.M. in the parking lot road along Penitencia Creek. This is the parking lot near the Junior Museum (Youth Science Institute) in Alum Rock Park. To get there drive south on US 101. About 2.5 miles past the junction with Hwy. 17 take the Santa Clara Ave/Alum Rock Ave. and cross over US 101 going east on Alum Rock Ave. This leads northeast about 4.5 miles to the park entrance where you will take a left and continue to the parking lot at the end of the paved road. may be an entrance fee.

LEADERS: Fran and Roy Nelson 593-7941

BOBELAINE SANCTUARY

Bobelaine is located about 35 miles north of Sacramento and 20 miles south of Yuba City and Marysville at the confluence of the Bear and Feather Rivers. The entrance to the sanctuary is about one mile east of Hwy. 99 at the end of Laurel Avenue.

In addition to providing one of the last remnants of Central Valley riparian habitat, the sanctuary is also the site of two Indian archeology sites believed to be from 300 to 1000 years old.

For the last two years, efforts by Sequoia Audubon to explore the Sanctuary have ended in frustration as high waters have cut off access to the area. This year's more moderate rainfall has so far resulted in the Sanctuary having remained open all winter.

Reservations for motels should not be required at this time of year - particularly since we will be in the area early enough to avoid any last minute problems. However, for those who like the security of a reservation, these motels are all within sight of each other and our Saturday birding area:

California 6 Motel	227 Jibboom St.	916-441-0733
Days Inn	-	200 Jibboom St.
800-241-2345	or	916-448-8100
Sandman Motel	236 Jibboom St.	800-528-1234
(Best Western)	or	916-443-6515

NAT'L AUDUBON IMPLEMENTS AUDUBON YOUTH PROGRAM

Plans for a nationwide Audubon Youth Program sponsored by the National Audubon Society have now reached the implementation stage. A final plan was presented to the Education Committee of the NAS Board of Directors and approved at their February meeting in Albuquerque.

Targeted at youngsters in grades 4 through 6, the program will reach children whose parents are members or who participate in chartered Audubon youth clubs.

Although the efforts will be coordinated by the staff at the Audubon Center in Greenwich, local chapters are being encouraged to sponsor classrooms as chartered youth clubs.

NEWS FROM AUDUBON CANYON RANCH



(At the request of the contributor we will omit the author's byline from this column beginning with this month's edition but we wish to express our thanks for his continuing efforts on behalf of Audubon in general and ACR in particular. -- the Editor)

Audubon Canyon Ranch is an environmental and educational organization which is sponsored by four Bay Area Audubon chapters. It maintains three environmental centers, two of which have been reported on in the last two issues of the NEEDLES. The third property is known as Bouverie Preserve and is under the direct supervision of Madrone Audubon.

Bouverie Audubon Preserve (BAP) is situated alongside Highway 12 in the Sonoma Valley near Glen Ellen; and while still in private hands is slowly being deeded to ACR. This preserve comprises 430 acres of wooded canyon with a year-round creek, a magnificent waterfall, an adjoining historic cave, upland oak groves, chaparral covered hillsides and meadows filled with wildflowers in the spring. The many buildings now in private use will eventually become an educational center.

Currently, Madrone Audubon is training a second class of 21 docents to work with schoolchildren in the preserve; other programs for walks and study are offered to guided groups. The preserve is not otherwise open to the public.

At Volunteer Canyon, weekend classes continue to be held by Ray Peterson. The current offerings are:

- May 5/6 --- Egrets and Herons with Helen Pratt.
- May 19/20 - Capture/Identify/Release with Ray Peterson.
- June 16/17 - Photographer's Build-it-Yourself Workshop with Ray Peterson.
- July 12/14 - Butterfly Count with Ray Peterson

On February 25, the Friends of ACR met to work at Volunteer Canyon. Fifty-seven people volunteered to work. Trails were cleared, weeds removed, and lunch and dinner provided.

Madrone Audubon is providing the hosts for the month of May.

**MAY 27
SUNDAY**

GRANT RANCH or "IN SEARCH OF THE ELUSIVE TURKEY"
Kathy Graves writes "I don't know about you but I want to see wild turkeys (other than at office parties; and the Joseph D. Grant Ranch is one place to see them, although I never have!" We will meet at the parking lot behind the visitor center on the ranch at 8:30 A.M. To get there follow the same directions as above but follow Alum Rock Ave. for about 4 miles and take a right on to Mt. Hamilton Rd. Follow Mt. Hamilton Rd. about 7 miles. This is a mountainous road, so drive carefully. Enter the ranch on the right at a well marked entry with a white rail fence. There is a \$2.00 entry fee per car. Follow the road to a large parking lot on the left and go all the way to the end, where we'll meet. (New facilities are in various stages of construction, so there may be changes in the lay of the land. Just look for Kathy's red Honda.) We will walk approximately 3 miles in all at a very leisurely pace with very little hill-climbing. This is "tick country" so bring anti-tick spray even though we will be staying on wide dirt roads. Lunch will be back at the visitor center area. Restrooms are clean but limited to the visitor center area.

LEADER: Kathy Graves 368-0087

MINI-TRIP TO SMITH CREEK. Following Kathy's trip Cliff Richer will lead any survivors to where Mt. Hamilton Rd. crosses Smith Creek approximately 5 miles further up the road. The combination of dry grassland, woodlands and riparian habitat attracts a great variety of avian species, especially during migration. Lawrence's goldfinches are regular here. The trip should last approximately 45 minutes including travel time.

**JUNE 2
SATURDAY** **BEHIND THE SCENES AT STEINHART AQUARIUM - SEQUOIA NATURAL HISTORY FIELD TRIP.** See page 7 for details.

CLASS COORDINATOR: Kathy Graves 368-0087

**JUNE 3
SUNDAY** **A TIDEPOL WALK WITH THE JOHNSONS - FITZGERALD MARINE RESERVE.** The Reserve is among the best in the world for richness and diversity of marine life. the unusually low tide of -1.2 at 8:00 A.M. will offer an opportunity to learn much about the seashore ecology. Wear non-slip shoes and dress for possible cool and foggy weather. Meet at 8:00 A.M. sharp at the Information Center at the end of California Ave. & Lake St. in Moss Beach off of Hwy. 1. Following the 1 1/2 to 2 hour walk we will retire for a tailgate breakfast. Bring your own makings. The leaders will provide a portable stove.

LEADERS: Bill and Myrtle Johnson 728-7916



CONSERVATION NOTES

(Editors Note: This article is extracted in its entirety from a press release of the Yes on Proposition 19 Committee. This proposition is supported by the Western Region of National Audubon but neither the Conservation Committee nor the Board of Directors of Sequoia Audubon Chapter has had an opportunity to review it at this time.)

YES ON PROPOSITION 19

Proposition 19 on the June ballot is a critically important bond measure which provides \$85 million to acquire and restore wetlands and other fish and wildlife habitat. This measure addresses one of the most serious environmental issues and deserves your strong support.

Wetland areas provide essential food and shelter to many irreplaceable species of wildlife. During the past century, California has lost 90% of our wetland areas. If some state action is not forthcoming, it will be catastrophic for California fish and wildlife.

We have passed many laws that are designed to save our wildlife, but these measures are meaningless unless we provide them with a place to live. Proposition 19 will save these valuable areas by providing money to the Wildlife Conservation Board and the Coastal Conservancy to acquire and develop wetlands throughout California. The Wildlife Conservation Board will receive \$40 million to acquire, enhance or develop inland and coastal marsh and habitat areas and \$10 million to provide grants to improve the management of fisheries by restoring inland waterways. The Coastal Conservancy will \$20 million to provide grants to local public agencies within the coastal zone and San Francisco Bay to acquire, enhance or develop marsh land for habitat. \$10 million will be provided for projects carried out directly by the Conservancy. In addition, \$5 million will be available to purchase land and secure shelter for rare and endangered species.

Proposition 19 is the only bond measure specifically designed to protect these vital ecological breeding grounds and represents perhaps the greatest opportunity for us to protect our fish and wildlife. Please join all of the major environmental organizations and commercial and sportfishermen in California in voting YES ON 19 on June 5.

For more information about Proposition 19, call or write Rich Lieb, the YES ON 19 Committee, 1228 N St., Suite 33, Sacramento, Ca. 95818 or call (916) 441-1980.

TUOLUMNE RIVER UPDATE

Another bill regarding the Tuolumne River has been introduced in Congress by Rep. Tony Coelho, a democrat from Modesto. Unlike four other bills before Congress, Coelho's proposal would declare the river "Wild and Scenic" while authorizing the Ponderosa-Golden Rock Project. This dam would provide substantial hydroelectric benefits for Mr. Coelho's district.

Alvin Greenberg, President of the Tuolumne River Preservation Trust commented, "Mr. Coelho's bill not only fails to preserve the Tuolumne, but would subvert the intention of the entire Wild and Scenic Rivers Act."

Hope Babcock, Deputy Counsel for National Audubon, wrote Coelho, saying, "Under the appearance of protection your bill provides for the destruction of the very qualities and uses which make the Tuolumne California's most celebrated river."

FIELD REPORTS



PALO ALTO BAYLANDS - MARCH 17

Anne Scanlan-Rohrer did a very creditable job of leading her first field trip and was joined by 18 members and guests. Although the trip was not planned that way, it did coincide with a very high tide and participants got good looks at clapper rails and many of the birders were fortunate enough to see one or both of the two black rails that were spotted. Two cattle egrets were also included in the trip total of 59 species.

SAN MATEO COAST - APRIL 1

In keeping with the date the leader decided to change the route at the last minute and go inland. High winds and an incoming tide (as well as April Fool's Day) dictated the move. After a brief period of scanning the rocks off Pescadero Point for black oystercatcher and surfbird (successfully) and rock sandpiper (unsuccessfully) the group of 19 (including guests from Santa Clara, Sacramento and Los Osos) retired to the Phipps Ranch in Pescadero for riparian birding and lunch before continuing on via Cloverdale Rd. to Pigeon Point where the group once again braved the elements to scope the sea. A total of 77 species were seen including two Cassin's auklets. Our guest from Los Osos, Glenn Burris, contributed significantly by giving us helpful hints on the identification and separation of purple from house finches and ruby-crowned kinglets from Hutton's vireos.



SEQUOIA AWARDS

The SAS Awards Committee has received many fine nominations for the First Annual Awards Program. The nominations will be reviewed and the committee will present its decisions to the Board of Directors at its May 3 meeting.

Awards will be presented at the June Potluck Dinner.

FIELD REPORTS



HAYWARD REGIONAL SHORELINE-APRIL 8

High winds and threatening weather kept the attendance down to 6 for this trip. Most of the shorebirds and waterbirds were equally uncooperative staying well out beyond their usual mudflats. It being impossible to hold a telescope steady in the winds, the trip was wisely cut short by Sharon Hom. Alert birders entering or leaving the Shoreline Park, however were rewarded with views of a cattle egret and burrowing owls.

MINES ROAD - APRIL 14

Mines Road lived up to most of its promises for the 17 participants despite the Costa's hummingbird's reluctance to make an appearance and our having to be satisfied with distant gobbling from the wild turkeys. However, golden eagles, prairie falcons, roadrunners, Lewis' woodpeckers, canyon wrens, rock wrens, Lawrence's goldfinches, and a totally unexpected blue-gray gnatcatcher all contributed to the count of 80 species. Art Edwards did an outstanding job as leader over the entire 11 hours of the trip.

SIGHTINGS

Gail and Matt Leddy of Redwood City reported a red-necked grebe on Smith Slough just going into breeding plumage on April 8.



NOMINATING COMMITTEE FACED WITH UNUSUAL PROBLEM

This year's Nominating Committee is faced with an unusual problem in that the entire board of Directors and all of the officers have expressed a desire to remain in office.

When questioned about this rare turn of events, one member of the Board commented that "Our present Board represents a true cross-section of the chapter membership and while we may quarrel occasionally among ourselves, I believe that we feel that we have the Chapter moving in many different directions striving to achieve a number of very worthwhile goals and we all want to see the results of our efforts before we step down."

CONSERVATION NOTES

(Editors Note: This article is extracted in its entirety from a press release of CALIFORNIANS FOR PARKS AND RECREATION - YES ON 18. Proposition 18 is supported by the Western Region of National Audubon but neither the Conservation Committee nor the Board of Directors of Sequoia Audubon Chapter has had an opportunity to review it at this time.)

VOTE YES ON 18 FOR BETTER PARKS

Proposition 18 on the June 5 California ballot will provide \$370 million for local and state parks. More than 80 percent of the bond funds are slated for development and improvement of existing parks, with acquisition of new parklands limited to land needed for operation of current parks.

With the demand for outdoor recreation facilities becoming greater - especially in urban area - many people are being turned away from overcrowded and overused recreation facilities. And each year it becomes more difficult for local governments to find budget funds necessary to maintain and improve our parks.

A YES vote on Proposition 18 will solve these problems by allowing recreation agencies to meet this increasing demand with development of recreational facilities where they are most needed. It will mean additional campsites, trails, nature areas, tennis courts, recreation centers and much more.

Proposition 18 also provides funds for protection of our coast, wildlife, rare and endangered species, acquisition of new parkland in the Santa Monica Mountains and protection of San Francisco Bay. For the first time in a state park bond act, there is a specific amount designated for local historic preservation. Historic projects can also be funded through Proposition 18's state and local park categories.

Audubon Society members should know that \$25 million of the bond funds will be used for wildlife conservation, including \$15 million for acquisition and development of wildlife management areas, and \$109 million for acquisition of habitat for rare and endangered species. These funds will be important new additions to our wildlife protection programs.

Proposition 18 is an investment in our future and will make California a more enjoyable place in which to live and work.

BAY AREA WILDLIFE CONFERENCE - MAY 5

The conference, sponsored by the Peninsula Conservation Center Foundation will be held at Foothill College in Los Altos. Award-winning films from the International Wildlife Film Festival will be shown at the New Varsity Theater in Palo Alto. The purpose of the conference is to assess our region's wildlife habitat and current threats to wildlife.

NATURE SOUNDS SOCIETY - 2D GENERAL MEETING

Using Nature Sounds in Education is the topic of the meeting to be held on Saturday, May 19 at 1:30 P.M. at the Oakland Museum Classroom.

From Page One -- **FROM THE PRESIDENT**

John Oigen expressed cautious optimism over the chance to save the condor species. He left us with the thought that it would have been better if the work had been started much earlier and suggested we don't let other species drop to such low levels before beginning a program to save that species.

WESTERN REGIONAL PRIORITIES

One of the more important tasks accomplished by the Chapter delegates at this conference was the choosing of Western Regional priorities. This process started several months ago when each chapter was asked to send in their list of priorities. The ten top priorities from this list was then ranked by the conference delegates. This list of priorities will be forwarded to the National Board of Directors along with the recommendations from the other regions. From this list, the Board of Directors will set the priorities for National Audubon over the next year.

The top three priorities for the Western Region are:

1. Wetlands;
2. Banning the use of dangerous pesticides and predator control substances; and
3. Reauthorization of the Clean Water Act.

SUMMARY

There were a great number of other topics of interest and importance developed at the conference. We heard about the fight to save the Tuolumne River, how the Public Trust Doctrine is affecting water rights in California and elsewhere, a panel of refuge managers told us about the National Wildlife Refuges in the West, and the fight to save Bowerman Basin in Washington was described.

Dr. Dick Martyr brought us up to date on his activities as the new Senior Vice President of National Audubon. Some of the more exciting programs being planned under Dick are the Audubon Youth Program, a television series called "The World of Audubon", and a major drive to improve chapter relations. Many of the speakers expressed there is no "them and us" when referring to National and the chapters, there is only an "us". It was stressed by many speakers that the true strength of our National Audubon Society comes from the individual grass roots support of the local chapters.

Rick Baird

COMING ATTRACTIONS

JUNE 10 POINT REYES - Cliff Richer

JUNE 16/ YUBA PASS - Pete and Donna Petersen. Although
JUNE 17 there will be more details in next month's NEEDLES
SATURDAY we suggest you make reservations well in advance
& **SUNDAY** since both Golden Gate and Mt. Diablo Audubon chapters have traditionally had trips to this area at this time. Camping is available at Wild Plum and Chapman campgrounds on Hwy.49 and motels in Sierra City include:

Harrington's Sierra Pines 916-862-1151
Buttes Motel 916-862-1170 Sierra Chalet 916-862-1110
Sierra Buttes Inn Motel 916-862-1191
Yuba River Inn 916-862-1122

NEW BIRD TAPES AVAILABLE

SAS has obtained 20 copies of volume one of Tom Sanders' new tape of the calls and songs of the birds of the San Francisco Bay area. These tapes are now selling at prices varying from \$7.95 to \$9.95 in local retail outlets but we are offering them to the first 20 persons to donate \$7.50 or more to our chapter.

Recreational Equipment, Inc. a nationwide cooperative retailer of outdoor gear and clothing has awarded a \$1500 grant to the Mono Lake Committee to help in its work to preserve Mono Lake.

This is only the most recent of several grants made to the Committee by the Seattle-based firm.



TIVC CAN SEND YOU TO NEW ENGLAND!

The Trail Information and Volunteer Center is sponsoring an all-expense paid trip for two to the Appalachian Mountain Club's hut system in the White Mountains of New Hampshire.

A donation of \$2 will give you an opportunity to participate and \$5 will give you three possibilities.

Your donation will help the TIVC expand programs for volunteers to build and maintain trails in the Santa Cruz Mountains.

If you are not fortunate enough to qualify for the trip to New Hampshire's beautiful Presidential Range, you might enjoy an overnight horseback camping trip for two at Skyridge Ranch, or a Sphinx 1 tent donated by Sierra Designs or a weekend for six at the Sierra Club Hiker's Hut at Sam McDonald State Park. The selection of the winners in this COAST TO COAST TRAILS BENEFIT will take place on September 8. For more information call Georgia Perkins at the Trail Information and Volunteer Center between 1 & 5 PM. (415-324-8482).



There is still some space available in the WILDFLOWERS OF EDGEWOOD PARK offering with Susan Sommers on May 17 and May 19. The class is limited to 20 participants and the fee for the series is only \$10. so mail your reservation now!

BEHIND THE SCENES AT STEINHART AQUARIUM will be the June offering. This behind-the-scenes tour will be led by one of the Aquarium staff. Here is your chance to pet an octopus, discover that Butterball, the manatee, has "manatee breath", possibly feed a dolphin or seal, or - if we are lucky enough to have a penguin biologist as our leader, to get "up close and personal" with the penguins in their habitat.

This popular tour fills up fast, so please register early. Checks should be made out to Sequoia Audubon Society and mailed to SNHS (Aquarium), Sequoia Audubon Society, PO Box 1131, Burlingame, Ca. 94011. Call Kathy Graves, your class coordinator at 368-0087 for details.

All checks for either series should include your name, address and telephone number. Reservations will be accepted in the order in which checks are received until the class is filled.

The Steinhart Aquarium tour is limited to fifteen participants. The fee is \$6.00, including admission to the museum and aquarium.

MOTHERS' DAY AT COYOTE POINT

The Coyote Point Museum will be celebrating Mothers' Day, Sunday, May 13, with an open house.

Musical entertainment will be provided by Bill Oliver; Mary Hallesy and her puppets; and The Banana Slug String Band (!!!).

Visitors to the museum can enjoy the photographic exhibit, "Tupper Ansel Blake: Images of California", which continues through May 27 and the award-winning prints from the museum's 75th Annual Photo Contest.

Admission to the Museum is free and Mom will even get a carnation, but the usual \$2 per car gate fee will still be in effect.

PESCADERO MARSH

Elsewhere in the NEEDLES you will find articles on Propositions 18 and 19 which have a bearing on the future of the marsh. Things are beginning to happen and we are now quite optimistic about what the near future holds for Pescadero Marsh -- but to find out all the details you will have to attend the May General Meeting!

BIRDS OF PESCADERO MARSH - by Jerry Perkins

Waterfowlers know white-fronted geese as "speckle-bellies" for the black bars and blotches on their breasts. White-fronted geese travel in V-shaped flocks, often very high uttering their peculiar "laughing notes" to their winter feeding grounds in the Central Valley. On a rare occasion, white-fronted geese have been observed at Crystal Springs Reservoir, Pillar Point Marsh and Pescadero Marsh in San Mateo County.

The goose is primarily a grazer on marsh grasses, freshly sprouting grain in fields and fresh growth in burned over pastures.

White-fronted geese nest on high Arctic tundra around the pole. The nests are dispersed on open wet tundra and on small hills on the borders of marshes, lakes, riverbanks and islands.

The northern harrier, instead of watching for its prey from a perch, hunts by cruising over marshes and grasslands, dropping suddenly on small mammals, birds, snakes and frogs.

It has large ear openings for a hawk, and the ears are surrounded by owl-like disks of feathers; these adaptations probably help the bird to hear mice squeaking and rustling in the grass below.

The sexes of the northern harrier are unlike in color; but both have conspicuous white rump patches and yellow eyes. Males are pale gray and the larger females are predominantly brown.

ENVIRONMENTAL WANT-ADS

The Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District is seeking qualified candidates for the position of Accounting Specialist. Anyone who might be interested can call (415) 965-4743 for more information and an application blank.

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The Mono Lake Committee is seeking an executive director to administer this 6000 member environmental interest group. The successful candidate will have at least 5 year's experience in personnel and financial management; familiarity with environmental issues and politics; background in working with the media and an over-all capability of managing an organization which relies entirely on merchandise sales, membership dues, donations and special events for its funding. Salary range is \$24-28000. Extensive travel required within California. Send resume, including references and salary history to: Search Committee, Mono Lake Committee, 1355 Westwood Blvd., #6, Los Angeles, California 90024.

A GENEROUS CONTRIBUTION

The Board of Directors of Sequoia Audubon Society wishes to acknowledge the receipt of a set of the four beautiful books, "The Birds of California" by William Leon Dawson. This leather-bound edition is Copy #6 of the Stockholders' Edition, DeLuxe, autographed by "W. Leon Dawson" in 1920.

The books were given to SAS by one of our members since 1968, Mr. Felix Lauricella of Hillsborough. Since they are very rare and were written by a noted California ornithologist of Santa Barbara the Board has chosen the Burlingame Library as their home. They will be placed under "lock and key" in the California Room, where our members and friends may enjoy the author's poetic writing and artistic color-plates by Major Allan Brooks.

It is with great pride that we accept this magnificent set of books and thank Mr. Felix Lauricella for his wonderful generosity in donating them for all to enjoy.



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