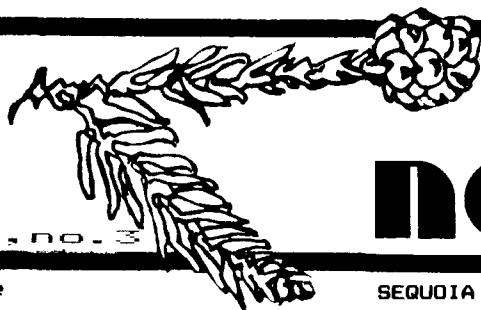




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SEQUOIA AUDUBON SOCIETY

San Mateo County, Ca.

THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM

President John Siltman will cull through his more than 1500 slides taken on his recent trip to Australia and New Guinea and "try to find a few that will interest us".

Australia because of its isolation has developed a unique ecology. Its native animal and birdlife can be found nowhere else. With 60% of its population living in five cities along the southeast coast, there are nearly three million square miles for the remaining six million people to share with monotremes, marsupials and 650 species of birds.

New Guinea is probably the most primitive area remaining on the globe today and in some comparatively well-visited areas, the native tribesmen may still believe that the outside world consists of nothing but birdwatchers and anthropologists.

If you were at the September meeting, you were treated to a preview of the spectacular scenery, exotic wildlife and primitive cultures encountered by John on his trip. Come and let him share his experiences with us.

NEXT MONTH'S PROGRAM

December brings Christmas, the Christmas Bird Counts and - to some of us - one of the highlights of the Audubon year, the DECEMBER POTLUCK!

For the second year in a row, our December program features Sequoia's own Maryanne Danielson. This year she will present - with the help of sound and slides - BIRDS OF CHURCHILL, MANITOBA.

Churchill, on the east shore of Hudson Bay and at the edge of the arctic tundra is famed for the number and variety of its nesting species, its polar bears and its most feared life forms - noseems, gnats and black flies.

Here's an opportunity to enjoy a fine meal and see some of our dull winter visitors in their full breeding colors.

THE SECOND ANNUAL SAN MATEO COUNTY WILD GOOSE CHASE

Sometime in the small hours of the morning of November 15th a small group of Sequoia Audubon birders will assemble at Pescadero Marsh to begin our annual Wild Goose Chase. Last year, led by Cliff Richer, the team of Kypta, Richer and the Rohrsers struggled to identify 116 species and raised over \$1100 for the SAS treasury.

The rules of this year's game are slightly different, but quite simple. Birding areas will be confined to San Mateo County. In order to be counted a bird must be free, wild and unconfined. Exotic or introduced species may not be counted unless they have become established in the area. (House sparrows, ring-necked pheasants, starlings and wild turkeys may be counted; parrots and domestic fowl may not.) All birds must be seen or heard in the 24 hours beginning at 12:01 AM on Friday, November 15 and all species must be identified by at least half the members of the team in order to be counted. (This can be separate individual identifications of different birds or an identification and two confirmations of the same bird.) One postponement for inclement weather will be allowed.

This year Cliff Richer has abdicated the birding leadership to SuperBirder Barry Sauppe. His team will consist of Linda Kypta, Peter Metropolis, Cliff Richer and Gil West. With this leadership, a longer birding day and this assembly of birding talent, 150 species should be attainable and a goal of 180 has been set.

Birders can help us out by letting us know of the locations of any rare or unusual birds seen in the week preceding the 15th, or letting us know of any "stake-outs" on barn-owls, burrowing owls, crows, horned larks or other hard-to-find San Mateo County species.

On the fund-raising side, another group of volunteers will man the telephones early next month in an attempt to contact as many of you as possible to enlist your support. The idea is very simple and follows the format of similar walk-a-thons, bike-a-thons and the birdathon. You can pledge any amount from four cents on up per species. Then, when the birding team has completed its work, you will be asked to honor your pledge. For example, if you have pledged ten cents and the team identifies 150 species, then your commitment is \$15.00. You may designate a minimum or maximum amount to be committed or opt to make a set contribution instead. No matter how you choose to do so, your support will be greatly appreciated.

Since we can't hope to reach all of you by phone why don't you "beat us to the punch"? Call the office (593-7368) and tell Donna or leave your pledge on the answering machine. We've also included a pledge form on page 7 if you prefer to use the mails or pre-pay your pledge. All donations are tax-deductible and will be acknowledged in writing.

CALENDAR

NOV. 3 BEHIND THE SCENES AT STEINHART AQUARIUM - SEQUOIA
SUNDAY NATURAL HISTORY SERIES TRIP-Reservations and \$6.00
fee required (includes admission to the Academy).
10:30 AM to 1:00 PM. Bruce Hiler, Steinhart biologist will
lead participants on a tour of the inner workings of this
top aquarium, featuring a meeting with Ursula, the penguin.
Make checks out to Sequoia Audubon Society and specify it is
for the Aquarium Seminar.

NOV 7 SAS BOARD MEETING. 7:30 PM at the Bank of America
THURSDAY Bank Building, 400 El Camino Real, Burlingame. ALL
MEMBERS ARE WELCOME.

NOV 14 SAS GENERAL MEETING. AUSTRALIA AND NEW GUINEA
THURSDAY with JOHN SILLIMAN. President John Silliman will
tell us about his trip to 2 of the largest islands
in the world. Illustrating his talk with a selection from
the more than 1500 slides he brought back with him, John
will show us areas of the world inhabited by primitive
tribesmen and unique wildlife. At the San Mateo Garden
Center on the Alameda at Parkside. Social Mixer at 7:30 PM.
General Meeting begins at 8:00. See the article on Page One
for further details.

NOV 15 SEQUOIA AUDUBON SOCIETY'S SECOND ANNUAL SAN MATEO
FRIDAY COUNTY WILD GOOSE CHASE in which a team of SAS's
crack (?) birders will try to identify as many
species as possible in 24 hours in a fund-raising effort for
your Audubon Society. See the related article on Page One
and the pledge form on Page Seven for details. SUPPORT YOUR
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BIRDING LEADER

BARRY SAUPPE

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COORDINATOR	CLIFF RICHER	355-4058
BIRDERS	LINDA KYPTA	591-9053
	GIL WEST	359-0820
	PETER METROPULOS	593-7893
THE AUDUBON OFFICE		593-7368

NOV 16 FIELD TRIP TO THE PALO ALTO BAYLANDS. President
SATURDAY John Silliman follows up his program by leading a
field trip to a somewhat closer area. The Baylands
is one of the few remaining and best preserved of the once
numerous bay salt marshes and is the home of the endangered
black rail and California clapper rail. It is also the
winter home of many species of waterfowl, prime feeding
grounds for five species of heron and a stopover for
migrating birds. Many rare birds have been reported from
this area during the fall and winter months and our last two
trips yielded cattle egrets, a least bittern, swamp and
sharp-tailed sparrows. Join us and see what we come up with
this time. We will meet at the farther end of the duck pond
at 9:00 AM. To get there take Hwy 101 south to the
Embarcadero exit. Follow the Embarcadero east to its end
and take a left. The duck pond is a short way up on the
left opposite the Sea Scout and Yacht Club buildings. (Note
that this represents a slight change from the originally
scheduled date of November 9.)

LEADER	JOHN SILLIMAN	585-3232
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NEWS FROM THE RANCH

JEANNE PRICE

Gilman Hall is rising at Bouverie Preserve. The old hay barn designed and built 30 years ago by David Bouverie is being transformed into a "support facility for programs already underway at the Preserve", according to Skip Schwarz, manager of the Ranch. Mr. Bouverie and Cliff Conley are collaborating on the new design.

The new facility is named in honor of its principal donor, the Gilman Family Foundations of New York City. "It will include a library, a laboratory, staff office and assembly hall and be a center for docent training and in-house education," Schwarz said.

At this writing the framing is almost completed. "It should be operating by spring", he reported.

At Cypress Grove, a new trail is winding around and through the freshwater Livermore Marsh. According to Cliff Conley it is 1.25 miles long and have three observation and photo blinds. One of these has already been completed.

The boardwalk through the marsh will enable observers to see many more of its inhabitants. These include - at various times - Virginia and sora rails, black-crowned night-herons, Canada and white-fronted geese, gallinules, Wilson's phalarope and a wide variety of wild ducks.

The habitat is also frequented by deer, badger, fox, rabbit and bobcat. The major foliage is bullrush and cattails, "but there was a lovely display of wild flowers around the marsh last Spring," Conley said.

The trail has been built by Lucien Remy and Tom Queer. Work has also included further enhancement of the spillway and rock berm. The project should be completed this month.

Conley said he will try again this fall to introduce willows to create an arboreal habitat in the now treeless marsh.

THANKS

Our thanks to:

Mrs. W.J.Dennis Eleanor Blaich Sally Wach for their donations of Audubon back issues to our library.

Eleanor Blaich and Mrs. William Keil for their contributions of used postage stamps for the Garden Clubs of America Save the Eagles Program.

A very special thanks to Rebecca Mandich for her sponsorship of a classroom in the Audubon Adventures program.

SAUPPE IN THE NEWS

Barry Sauppe, our Christmas Count Coordinator and - beyond doubt - the best birder in SAS (and the best that your Editor has seen anywhere) - was the subject of a recent feature story in the *Half Moon Bay Review*. Because his work schedule conflicts with our meetings and field trips, most of our members have never met Barry. A few excerpts from the story may help you to get to know this remarkable man.

"Sauppe was born in Pennsylvania and spent most of his spare time as a youth tramping about in the woods. His mother used to worry about his solitary leisure time and asked him why he always wanted to be alone in the woods."

"'Why don't you go and play with the other kids?' she asked." "'Because they're out stealing hubcaps,' he told her."

"Sauppe's time in the woods and marshes has enabled him to identify more than 2500 bird calls. He has studied birds in 22 different countries, can recognize over 640 North American species and claims there are more than 353 different species in San Mateo County. 'With the Bay, the mudflats, salt water reservoirs, fresh water reservoirs and the open ocean this is one of the most diverse areas in the country in which to study birds,' he said."

"When he first moved to the West Coast in 1970 he was amazed to find he could study albatross from Pigeon Point. 'A couple of hundred can be seen from April to September, Sauppe says.'"

"Three years ago Sauppe spotted a smew (in Foster City) which had previously been seen only twice in the lower 48 states and he recently spotted & filmed a spoon-billed sandpiper in Vancouver."

"'Hundreds of people flew in from all over the world to see it,' Sauppe says. 'The bird stayed in the area for 3 days.'"

"'Where other people go birding with their *Birds of North America*, I take along my books on birds of Europe and Asia,' he says."

"Sauppe films the birds and paints from the films. This way, he says, 'I can get their attitude in flight. They used to paint using stuffed birds but that isn't very accurate because you can't see them in flight.'"

"He currently writes and paints for *American Birds Magazine* and is working on a book of ocean birds of the Pacific Coast. He estimates it will be ready for publication in about five years."

"Meanwhile he works nights and weekends as a chef for Paul and Barbara's Fish Trap in El Granada so he can study his feathered friends during the day."

CALENDAR

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NOV.23-24 FIELD TRIP TO THE SACRAMENTO VALLEY WILDLIFE SATURDAY REFUGES. Clouds of geese and enormous rafts of & SUNDAY ducks are typical of the sights that greet the birder at the Sacramento National Wildlife Refuges or at the state's Gray Lodge refuge nearby. We will meet at 9:00 A.M. in the parking lot of the Blue Gum Motel on Saturday morning. The motel is just off I-5 3 miles beyond Willows. Take the next off-ramp after the motel's sign and turn right onto Blue Gum Road. At the end of the road turn left and the motel is approximately 1/4 mile on the left. There are other motels in Willows and along I-5 and camping at the state park in Colusa. Reservations are advised at this time of year. The Blue Gum Motel's telephone number is (916) 934-5401.

LEADER:

GIL WEST

359-0820

DEC 5 BOARD MEETING. 7:30 PM at the Bank of America THURSDAY Bank Building, 400 El Camino Real, Burlingame. ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME.

DEC 6 SEQUOIA NATURAL HISTORY SERIES SEMINAR - SHOREBIRD FRIDAY IDENTIFICATION. With the help of slides and study skins, Dave Shuford of the Point Reyes Bird Observatory will cover the basics and some of the fine points of shorebird identification. 7:30-9:30 PM at a location to be announced. This will be followed on.....

DEC 7 by a SEQUOIA NATURAL HISTORY SERIES FIELD TRIP TO SATURDAY BOLINAS LAGOON. In addition to the shorebirds required to round out the seminar, Bolinas Lagoon yields a fantastic variety of winter birdlife. Two years ago this same trip produced the expected waders and waterfowl plus seven species worthy of a call to the Rare Bird Alert. Meeting place and time will be given to the participants on registration or shortly thereafter. Be prepared for wet going. A pair of waterproof boots or a pair of old sneakers (and a waiting change of footwear) are advised. Bring lunch. Advance registration is required. Fee for both the seminar and field trip is \$10. Make checks out to Sequoia Audubon Society and specify it is for the Shorebird Seminar.

REMEMBER THE CHRISTMAS COUNTS! DECEMBER 28 AND JANUARY 4 SEE THE ARTICLE ON PAGE SIX AND THE ENCLOSURE FOR DETAILS CALL FRANK ALLEN (344-9339) TO VOLUNTEER AS A COUNTER OR A SOUPMAKER (Recipe and ingredients provided)

YOUTH MONTH AT CP MUSEUM

Youth groups are invited to take advantage of special group rates during the month of November at Coyote Point Museum in San Mateo. Docent-led afternoon tours are available Monday through Friday. Reservations are required.

For groups of 10-40, the group rate is \$10. Chaperones are required. (One chaperone per five pre-schoolers, first or second graders; and one per 10 older children.)

Visitors will cover six biological communities where ecological concepts will be discussed. Computer games, graphics, dioramas, insect colonies and a small aquarium are designed to tell the story of ourselves and our planet.

In addition to the permanent exhibit, the Concourse is featuring the exhibit, "Tales of Whales and Billowed Sails", detailing the history of the maritime and whaling industries in the Bay Area.

For more information, or to make reservations, call 342-7755

PCL REPORT CARD

The Planning and Conservation League had an excellent report card for last year. The environmental lobbying group worked on more than 100 bills and had some degree of success on at least 90% of them.

SOME OF THEIR MORE NOTABLE SUCCESSES INCLUDED:

- *Amended the bill authorizing the acquisition of Cascade Ranch near Arco Nuevo to make the language and conditions acceptable.
- *Supported the setup of tumor registries in every county.
- *Helped develop and supported legislation to develop a plan to deal with massive levee failure in the Delta.
- *Supported a bill dealing with the recycling of toxic waste.
- *Helped write, supported and worked with key legislators on the successful bill dealing with pesticides in drinking water.
- *Supported and provided media interviews on the bill restricting the use of deep wells to dispose of toxic wastes.
- *Supported and testified in favor of the "Bhopal" bills which require more information to be provided to authorities with regard to the dangers of release of industrial pollutants.
- *Amended the prisons bill deleting prison construction's exemption from CEQA.
- *Supported and testified for the restrictions on gill net usage.
- *Supported and appeared on behalf of funding new DFG enforcement teams.
- *Amended a bill that would have allowed "test" riprapping along the Sacramento River. Test site was amended to a State Park where it is unlikely ever to be undertaken.
- *Supported a bill giving new authority to DFG on oil spills.
- *Amended hydro power bills to put environmental limitations on hydro retrofitting and small hydro projects.
- *Amended a bill exempting shredded autos from existing toxics laws. The bill was passed but its final form was favored by conservation groups and opposed by its original sponsors.
- *After three years of effort, the PCL bill reforming the Environmental License Plate Fund and correcting abuses was passed and signed.

THERE WERE A FEW NEGATIVE SUCCESSES - BILLS OPPOSED BY PCL WHICH WERE DEFEATED, VETOED OR PIGEON-HOLED.

- *All peripheral canal type bills died in committee.
- *Two bills liberalizing air pollution controls on diesel trucks and tanker trucks were stopped in committee.
- *Amendments to weaken CEQA were all defeated.
- *Persuaded one legislator to shelve a bill opening a quarry in a state park near Lake Tahoe.
- *A bill restricting the rights of cities to approve activities inconsistent with mining operations was much amended and never made it out of committee.

THERE WERE A FEW SUCCESSES IN THE LEGISLATURE THAT ENDED IN A VETO BY THE GOVERNOR. THESE INCLUDED BILLS THAT:

- *Governed disposal of toxic wastes in landfills. (Accepted by the industry but vetoed.)
- *Required the posting of fields to mark the presence of dangerous pesticides.
- *Imposed stricter forestry controls along the Coast.
- *Required the setting of tolerance levels of pesticides on food.
- *Provided enforcement measures for the low water use toilet law.

AND THERE WERE SOME FAILURES AND DISAPPOINTMENTS:

- *A bill allowing the state to acquire Delta islands was never heard in committee.
- *Legislation making the wildlife checkoff tax-deductible was passed and signed by the Governor but is invalid due to a conflict with other legislation.
- *A PCL bill to impose a moratorium on Sacramento River rip-rapping and create a "meanderbelt" never came up in committee. However, since much research and groundwork remains undone, this is probably just as well. Will be reintroduced and should be a major item in 1986.
- *A bill to protect wild trout streams from hydro projects lost in committee.
- *A bill prohibiting the sale of certain exotic weeds in nurseries was never heard in committee but will be reintroduced in January. Extensive research by a PCL intern and support from the Cattlemen's Association should insure passage in 1986.
- *A bill allowing off-road vehicles to use county roads for short stretches was passed.
- *A bill requiring installation of low water use devices before reselling a house was never heard in committee.
- *A bill making future lawsuits arising out of emergency pesticide spraying operations almost impossible was passed and signed despite furious opposition.
- *A bill requiring the State Water Board to set standards for SF Bay never came out of committee.
- *A bill promoting the use of recycled oil was opposed by oil interests and was never voted on.
- *A bill prohibiting discharge of San Luis Drain water into SF Bay lost on the Senate floor.
- *Timber harvest plans were extended to 1990.
- *A bill to remove grazing sheep from the Tuza State Reserve at Mono Lake was withdrawn by its sponsor.

MIXED RESULTS INCLUDED:

- *A good bill funding water conservation projects contained some poor language that could allow conventional water projects to be funded. Efforts to amend it were rebuffed. Passed and signed by the governor.

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FCL REPORT CARD
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*None of the toxics reorganization plans were voted on but the PCL supported amendments to the Governor's plan while the Sierra Club allied with the anti-conservation California Council for Environmental and Economic Balance in supporting a rival plan. A very complicated issue with the usual allies and opponents shuffling into new relationships.

WHAT'S AHEAD IN 1985-86? LOOK FOR LEGISLATION
THAT WILL....

- *Override the Coastal Commission on Devil's Slide.
- *More attempts to provide Delta water to LA and the Central Valley.
- *Reintroduce the meanderbelt concept.
- *Reintroduce protection for wild trout streams.
- *Provide bonds for building a sewage

treatment plant in Tijuana, Mexico to protect southern California beaches.

- *Give tax credits to recyclers.

*Reintroduce water conservation measures drafted by PCL.

*Provide tax credits for preserving riparian habitat. (PCL has drafted the bill but is investigating problems that Oregon has had with similar laws.)

*Reintroduction of the Bottle Bill.

*More attacks on CEQA.

*Impose higher registration fees on diesel engines to fund research into how to clean them up.

*Create bond acts for fish and wildlife, parks and recreation, water conservation, water use projects, and wetlands.

Sequoia Audubon Society supports the work of the Planning and Conservation League through the Bay Area Audubon Council which has just renewed its membership on the PCL Board of Directors.

San Francisco Peninsula Birdwatching is Sequoia Audubon Society's guide to birding sites in San Francisco and San Mateo County. More than 30 different spots are described and accompanied by maps, directions and helpful notes about each spot. A species index directs you to habitats for the birds you want to see. Order one for yourself and several as gifts! Use this form to order your copy today. Only \$10.78 (Taxes, shipping and handling included).

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National Geographic Field Guides	\$16.00
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Birds of the Sacramento Area	Available Soon

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San Francisco Peninsula Birdwatching

THE 86TH CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNTS

FRANK ALLEN

Once again we are pleased to announce our two Christmas Bird Counts and to have Barry Sauppe as our compiler for both counts. Our annual counts will be two of over 1400 similar counts taken from Hawaii to Labrador and from Alaska to Venezuela during the period December 18 to January 5.

This year marks the 86th anniversary of the original Christmas Bird Count, taken on Christmas Day, 1900, by an intrepid group of strollers in 25 locations, mainly near major northeastern cities. Since then the annual event has grown from its original 25 to over 1460, and the total participants from 27 to an estimated 35,000.

This year every Canadian province, every American state, many Central American countries and numerous West Indies islands will submit their results to the National Audubon Society, which supervises the affair, and publishes all the counts in its journal, *American Birds*.

CRYSTAL SPRINGS CBC Our first count will take place on Saturday, December 28, 1985. The 15 mile diameter circle centers on the west shore of Crystal Springs Lake and covers Millbrae, Burlingame, Hillsborough, San Mateo, Belmont, San Carlos, parts of Redwood City, Huddart Park, Half Moon Bay, Pillar Point, San Pedro Valley Park and San Andreas Lake area. The count circle is

divided into 19 sections with a leader and a team assigned to each section.

You can be part of a team or count individually in your neighborhood. We need a lot of helpers to count birds in city neighborhoods, and we need competent birders for the more difficult areas. So join us on December 28 for a pleasant adventure.

ANO NUEVO CBC On Saturday, January 4, for this more rural bird count, we will have 14 teams covering from Pescadero Marsh to Portola State Park inland, and from San Gregorio south to Ano Nuevo and Big Basin State Park along the coast. Almost anything can show up along this great expanse of ocean, farm lands and forests. We will need a lot of participants finding and identifying ocean, marsh, land birds. Join us on January 4 for a full day of fun.

SEQUOIA AUDUBON underwrites the fee and a bowl of soup at our compilations. ALL WE NEED IS YOU! If you would like to help please mail the GREEN FORM to Frank Allen as soon as possible. If you find at the last minute you can be a participant, call Frank Allen at (415) 344-9339 and leave your name, address, phone number and birding experience on the recorder. We would prefer to have ample time to send assignments to you by mail, but, either way, we would like you to join us on both counts.

BIRDS FOR REAL

BOOK REVIEW -- CLIFF RICHER

Rich Stallcup, probably the best known and most highly-regarded Bay Area birder has just authored and published a new book. Titled *Birds for Real*, it is a review and critique of the 1983 revision of *The Golden Guide to Field Identification of Birds of North America*.

Stallcup, who wrote most of the new text notes for the 1983 revision, updates some of his own notes, corrects others and comments on the illustrations. He also makes some pointed (and accurate) comments on field guides in general.

The writing is cogent, but witty. I especially liked his use of "in life" and "real birds" in place of the usual "in the field". I disliked his use of the "editorial we" which failed as an attempt at modesty.

The book is not a field guide, but is a necessity for any one who uses the Golden Guide and wants it to be as accurate as possible. It is also valuable to those who use other guides. Rich suggests that you use his book to make notes in your own manual.

We recommend this highly to any serious birder. If you can't find it at your local book store (where it retails for \$6.00), you can obtain it directly from the author for \$7.00. (The extra dollar covers taxes, shipping and handling.) Send your check, made out to Rich Stallcup, to BIRDS FOR REAL, Box 36, Inverness, CA 94937. A sample copy will be available for your examination at Board Meetings, General Meetings and field trips.

In July Rick Stallcup and Barry Sauppe, the lead of this year's WILD GOOSE CHASE made an attempt to set a new "Big Day" record. Beset by unseasonal rain and fog and hampered by poor visibility, they eventually aborted the mission with "only" 155 species.

Wildlife Report Available

The Audubon Wildlife Report 1985, a new publication from the National Audubon Society, traces the history of 20th century wildlife management and discusses its role in protecting our wildlife resources. A thorough reference to the nation's major wildlife management programs, the 671-page book examines the history, legislation, budget, current trends, issues and responsibilities of such agencies as the Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Park Service and the Forest Service.

The first edition in an annual series, the Audubon Wildlife Report 1985 includes authoritative accounts on federal migratory bird management, animal damage control, endangered species management, wetlands preservation, marine mammal protection and many more subjects. Twelve chapters are devoted to individual species such as the grizzly bear, California condor, bald eagle, desert bighorn and green pitcher plant.

Diligently researched and authoritatively written, the report will be welcomed by Auduboners with a serious and active commitment to wildlife conservation.

To order, send \$16.50 (make checks payable to National Audubon Society) to Audubon Wildlife Report, National Audubon Society, 950 Third Avenue, New York, NY 10022.

SHAME ON YOU

DONNA KIRSACKO

Only one person (Rebecca Mandich) has sponsored an elementary school classroom in the Audubon Adventures program. Other chapters have had a strong response from their membership - sponsoring 5, 10 and more classrooms. There is even a report of one Midwest chapter reaching 50 classrooms through this program. That's 1750 students!

Good Grief, Sequoia! It's only \$20 for an entire year of newsletters (each student gets his or her own copy 6 times a year) filled with interesting, fun and informative facts on birds and wildlife --- PLUS supplemental materials for the teachers.

Sponsoring a classromm of 4th, 5th or 6th graders is a simple, inexpensive (67 cents per child per year) and EFFECTIVE way to instill appreciation of the natural world into the younger generation.

Come on Sequoia! If you can't afford the full \$20., then find three friends and for only \$5. each you can sponsor a class. Or send what you can and we'll apply it toward sponsoring a classroom.

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While your response to the Audubon Adventures program has been lukewarm, we have had many offers of back issues of Audubon magazine. We now need May/June 1968 and any issues from 1965 or earlier, in good condition. These are the only issues we are requesting at this time. Please call the office at 593-7368 in the afternoons for information.

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