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Letter From The President

By Julia Mandeville

This month the President's message is:

Please answer each question in the Membership Survey on page 7
and return it to the Sequoia Audubon office via United States Mail.

Thank you for your cooperation and support.

An Early Reminder For Our Holiday Pot Luck Meeting

December's program at our holiday pot luck meeting promises to be quite interesting – especially for kids! Patricia Winters, with the help of her live, tame bats, will bring her presentation “Wings in the Night: A Celebration of Bats” to Sequoia Audubon Society. The vital role that bats play in our ecosystems will be discussed and several live bats will be available to observe close up. The accompanying slide presentation will show the tremendous

diversity of the order Chiroptera, and deals with the myths and misconceptions about these beneficial mammals.

Patricia Winters is a full-time bat researcher, educator and wildlife rehabilitator with the California Bat Conservation Fund. She acquired her first bat 30 years ago, learned through trial and error how to nurture orphaned and injured bats, and today operates a bat rehabilitation hospital in Marin County.

Program for November 10 General Meeting: High Tide Shorebird Roosts of South San Francisco Bay

The researchers and volunteers of San Francisco Bay Observatory, located in Alviso, have been studying the birds of the South Bay since 1978. Janet Hansen, Research Director, will update us on San Francisco Bay Bird Observatory's current activities and will present results from their 1992 - 1993 study on the major roost areas of wintering and migratory shorebirds utilizing the habitat surrounding the southern end of the estuary.

GENERAL MEETING

Second Thursday of the Month, 7:30 pm
At the San Mateo Garden Center
on Parkside at the Alameda

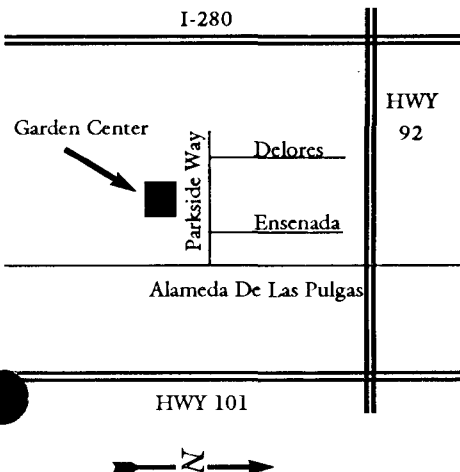
BOARD MEETING

First Thursday of the Month, 7:30 pm
At the Sequoia Audubon Office
All members welcome

MARK YOU CALENDAR

Board Meeting – November 3
General Meeting – November 10

Any information for the Needles should be sent to the Sequoia Audubon Society office. The deadline is the last day of the month 2 months prior to the month of publication.



**PLEASE FILL OUT THE SEQUOIA AUDUBON MEMBERSHIP SURVEY
SEE PAGE 7**

Backyard Birder

By Rick Held

DEALING WITH SQUIRRELS



Depending on your point of view, we are graced, or plagued, with two species of squirrels here on the Peninsula. Our native grey squirrel is the most common, but the exotic black squirrel, origin uncertain, is slowly displacing the grey from much of its local range. Both species, however, have incredible appetites and especially favor sunflower seeds, peanuts, suet and other bird treats. They can be a real challenge to enjoyable bird feeding.

Anticipating the Problem

Many locals report that they do not have squirrels or have individual squirrels that don't bother their feeders. But most of us can anticipate some feeder interest on the part of our squirrels. If you know that you have more than one or two squirrels in your yard, you can expect to find them using all their wits, collectively and individually, to get to the food you provide for the birds. This causes a couple of problems. One is that the squirrels can consume vast quantities of seed and other bird goodies, quickly emptying the feeder and leaving none for the desired guests. The other problem is that in their attempt to get to the seed, they can damage or destroy the feeders themselves.

A Minimal Solution

If you anticipate no problem with the squirrels, you are free to choose any type of feeder and any manner of locating, mounting or hanging the feeder that suits your viewing purpose. If you can reasonably expect to find squirrels clinging to your feeders to investigate the contents, then the minimal prudent action is to select a plastic feeder - wood feeders are highly subject to the squirrels primary weapon of destruction, their teeth. The plastic feeder should also be designed with metal port-covers and a metal cap so that all edges or corners are impervious to gnawing incisors.

Location

The next step is to seriously consider the location of the feeder. Squirrels can climb and jump like Olympians. They are reported to be able to jump four to five feet horizontally, and will leap longer distances from above in order to hit the

target feeder. Thus, the "five-foot rule" has evolved-the feeder should be at least five feet from any suitable squirrel launching platform. This usually means that the worst location is a tree where the abundance of limbs and the proximity of the trunk make it virtually impossible to keep the squirrels off the feeder. Many people do find success in hanging the feeder under the eaves adjacent to a window or on some other structure where access from above and below is restricted.

Baffle or Befuddle

Escalating the challenge, many find success in the addition of a baffle, a plastic or metal disc or umbrella-shaped device, from which the feeder is hung. The objective is to place a barrier between the squirrel and the feeder. A properly chosen baffle for a hanging feeder is going to be several inches wider than the feeder itself. It should prevent the squirrel from hanging on any part of the baffle and grasping any part of the feeder.

For a feeder mounted on a pole, a "can" type baffle designed like a stove-pipe which fits around the pole or post, can be very effective. The top of the baffle is closed, allowing space just for the pole to go through. When the squirrel climbs up the pole, it finds itself inside the can baffle, with no further progress toward the feeder possible. For the can type baffle to be effective, it must be located above the jumping range of the squirrel, typically just below the feeder itself.

The Iron-Clad Approach

If you cannot find a location that is inaccessible, and baffling is ineffective, you are a candidate for the steel-armored, port-closing style of feeder. Several manufacturers have models which are designed with a counter-balanced or spring-loaded closure on the feeding port which prevents heavier animals, such as a squirrel, from accessing the seed by closing a shutter on the port. These feeders are typically made of steel with snap catches on the seed hopper lid to keep the squirrels from simply jumping into the seed and having a banquet. The disadvantage of this approach is that these feeders are sometimes considered unattractive by both people and birds. They can be very effective in foiling the squirrels, nevertheless.

The Best Approach

On balance, the best approach is a combination of the above. It is to select a pole from which to hang or on which to

mount the feeder. A metal pole, usually made of wrought iron or a steel tube, has the advantage of allowing the feeder location to be selected and changed based on the best compromise between viewing convenience and squirrel defense. Remember the five-foot jumping rule when choosing a spot. A pole also has the advantage of being movable to accommodate seasonal changes in bird feeding habits and in preferred viewing locations.

You should anticipate that flexibility of location will not be adequate to completely accomplish the purpose. If that is the case, the addition of a can type baffle to the pole typically will completely prevent squirrel access to the feeder.

Bribery

Many people are successful in using a squirrel feeder, strategically located away from the bird feeder, to draw the attention of the squirrels. Squirrel feeders are designed for corn on the cob, molded cakes of whole corn and sunflower seed, and peanuts. Most squirrels will adapt to these treats readily and are content to enjoy their own place in the yard.

Let Them at It

The last alternative is to just relax, allow the squirrels to feed at their leisure and enjoy their antics as they compete with each other for the feeder-prize.

One final caution. Before engaging in this contest, you should consider the loss of face some people experience when consistently and completely defeated by an animal with a brain the size of a ball bearing!



Coyote Creek Riparian Station Seeks Volunteers

The Coyote Creek Riparian Station is seeking adventurous people to participate in a biological inventory of Santa Clara County streams. Training is provided and all ages and backgrounds are welcome. Volunteers will meet weekly to collect data in the field. Some hiking is involved. Time commitment is roughly 3 hours/week. For more information call C. Fischer at 408/262-9204.

Calendar of Events

**Thursday,
November 3**

GENERAL MEETING

San Mateo Garden Center, 7:30 pm

High Tide Shorebird Roosts of South San Francisco Bay.

Speaker: Janet Hansen

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Saturday, November 5

BEGINNERS TRIP - FOSTER CITY SHELLBAR

As the high tide gradually eliminates other roosting areas, it concentrates shorebirds on the shellbar. This is an ideal situation for the study and learning of these beautiful birds, as we can position ourselves for close, comparative views. There will be minimal walking, assuming the tide has pushed the birds in far enough; otherwise we may have to explore a little.

From Hwy 92 East take Foster City Blvd exit, turn left (east) on East Hillsdale Blvd, which changes into Beach Park Blvd as it turns south along the Bay. Meet on Beach Park Blvd across from the shopping center (which is near Marlin Ave) at 9 am for a 2-hour trip.

Leader Francis Toldi 415/344-1919

Sunday, November 11

WOODBIDGE ROAD, THORNTON

While this area is famous for its wintering flocks of Sandhill Cranes, it is near grassland and riparian areas where waterfowl, shorebirds and raptors abound. This is an auto caravan trip through some of the roads of this Delta backwater, so it will be held rain or shine. Meet at Peltier Rd (J12) east of I-5 between its intersection with I-5 and

Thornton Rd at 9 am. Bring lunch, liquids and telescopes. Trip should break up shortly after lunch. Call leader for further details.

Leader Cliff Richer 415/738-9176

Thursday, November 20

BOARD MEETING 7:30 pm at the Sequoia Audubon Society office. All members welcome. Call ahead to be sure there will be room, 345-3724.

Sunday, November 20

THE WORLD OF AUDUBON 10TH ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL

At 9 pm (EST) NAS and Turner Broadcasting present Audubon's most powerful and controversial films of the last decade, hosted by Lauren Hutton and Richard Dean Anderson. (Encores on November 21, 26, 28, check local listings).

Tuesday, November 29, 7-9 pm

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNTS: AN INTRODUCTORY CLASS

The California Academy of Sciences is offering a class to introduce beginning birders to the holiday season's biggest birding adventure - the Christmas Bird Count. The class is designed just for those who are planning, or even just thinking about, participating in their first CBC. Dan Murphy, compiler of the San Francisco CBC, will discuss the history of this holiday tradition and various aspects of participation. There will be a few counting exercises and viewing of slides to brush-up on identification of a few of the more common birds of the Bay Area. The field trip will be a mini-CBC so there will be a chance to try your skills in the field. Cost \$35 for California Academy of Sciences or Audubon members; \$45 for non-members. For more information call:

Dan Murphy at 415/564-0074.

Saturday, December 3

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT CLASS FIELD TRIP

See class description above.

Thursday, December 15

ELEPHANT SEAL WALKS

The walks begin at Año Nuevo State Reserve December 15 and continue through March 31. Avoid disappointment

by making your reservations up to eight weeks in advance for a guided walk led by a trained volunteer naturalist.

The Northern Elephant Seal breeding season is December through March. The seals arrive in early December and continue arriving through February. Most of the adults have left by mid-March, leaving behind the weaned pups who remain through April. From April to November, seals haul out on the mainland to molt and are available to observe in the Reserve through a permit system.

For recorded access information call 415/879-0227. For reservations call MISTIX at 800/444-7275.

Año Nuevo State Reserve is located on State Hwy 1, between Santa Cruz and Half Moon Bay, about 2 hours south of San Francisco. Reserve signs are located on the highway from both directions. Pets cannot be brought to the reserve.

Wednesday, December 28

SAN FRANCISCO CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

Help cover northern San Mateo County from San Bruno Ave to Pacifica as well as all of San Francisco. For information now call Golden Gate Audubon Society office at 510/843-2222.

After December 1 you can also call Dan Murphy 415/564-0074.

HELP

We are looking for backup help with the *Needles* newsletter when we have "work overload" or go on vacation. Macintosh experience required.

Please call the Sequoia Audubon Society office, 345-3724.

**Thank you,
The Editors**

Harriette Judge and Michael Lee Huygen

By Bob Wilkinson

Mono Lake - Victory at Last!

The longest running environmental court battle appears to have ended after 16 years of dispute over the water needed by the unique Mono Lake ecosystem. Audubon and other environmental groups have successfully stopped the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power from any further taking of water from the lake's feeder streams; the State Water Resource Control Board has voted 5 to 0 to severely limit diversions to allow the lake's water level to rise 16 feet and allow the streams to once again support a trout fishery. Sequoia Audubon has helped to support this successful litigation over the years with funds and by letter writing.

Devils Slide Bypass - A CalTrans Plan to Slash Montara Mountain

Over the years the California Department of Transportation has been attempting to build 4-lane, 4-mile highway through Montara Mountain to bypass the Devils Slide area on the San Mateo County coast. If allowed to proceed, the highway would not only scar the mountain with cuts as deep as the Golden Gate Bridge is tall, but would separate the coastal part of McNee Ranch State Park from the inland portion. Construction would also spur more rapid development on our coastside. It would cost \$70 to \$100 million, money which could be used for much more important projects than providing a road used by no more than 2000 commuters during the peak commute period. The existing road has been more than 90% reliable during its 50 year history.

Ironically the bypass would be more hazardous than the existing highway, funneling high speed traffic into dangerous intersections that have higher accident rates than the highway CalTrans wishes to replace. Fog would be a major problem for the bypass, whereas the existing road has very little.

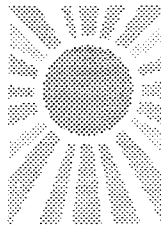
The Conservation Committee voted to oppose the bypass.



Who's Who

Francis Toldi

Francis has been an avid nature watcher since birth and a birdwatcher for the last 18 years or so. His greatest inspirations are his wife Leigh and daughter Alicia, who often succeed in the difficult task of keeping him from birding.



His other primary interest is music, both performing (vocal and instrumental, folk and classical), and listening (to just about anything). He is currently learning to play the dulcian (a renaissance bassoon), much to the chagrin of his family and neighbors. He wishes he could spend more time reading, working in the garden and lying in the hammock between the 2 apple trees.

When not engaged in the above, he makes a living as a Vice President and Legal Counsel for Determined Productions, Inc., a character merchandising company (licensing Snoopy, Felix the Cat, the World Wildlife Fund and others) and manufacturer of stuffed animals.



Memorandum - National Audubon Society President

This memorandum is published in the *Needles* at the request of National Audubon Society President and CEO, Peter A. A. Berle.

September 18, 1994

At the Audubon Board of Directors meeting this past weekend, I read the following letter which I gave to Board Chairman, Donal O'Brien:

Dear Don:

Next summer I will have completed ten years as President and CEO of National Audubon Society. It has been a blast! But by then it will be time to give someone else a chance. Consequently I will resign as of August 7, 1995.

In the meantime I look forward to helping lead a zesty strategic planning process and an efficient transition.

Peter A. A. Berle

Between now and next August I will continue to serve as CEO with all the energy and intensity which I possess. I am proud that Audubon is in a position of

strength on many fronts — membership, finance, program. Our membership numbers are exceeding projections. As a result of hard work and sacrifice on the part of everyone, we are producing both the savings and revenue called for in our fiscal program. Plans are under way for a campaign, launched by a major challenge grant, to expand our Corkscrew Sanctuary. State Department Counselor Tim Wirth, heading the U.S. Delegation to the UN Conference in Cairo, singled out Audubon in a conference before the world press as an example of a nongovernmental organization having an impact on national policy and providing leadership to volunteer organizations around the globe. At a recent convention of independent scientists Audubon's Restoration Plan was heralded as the most credible and viable means of saving the Everglades.

Now that we are coming out of a period of hard choices and personal sacrifices on everyone's part, we are in a good position to define Audubon's future. As you know we have secured a substantial grant to help us plan our future and strengthen our institution. This is the kind of opportunity that presents itself only about once a decade. I plan to work hard to see that we make the most of it. I want to liberate the best ideas and create the consensus and enthusiasm from all the elements in Audubon to strengthen this institution and ensure the regeneration that a healthy organization must go through if it is to continue to thrive. I look forward to your continuing support and will be asking you to give Audubon your best as we begin a crucial year in the life of one of America's most important institutions.



Succession and the Strategic Planning Process

Donal C. O'Brien, Jr., Chairman, NAS Board of Directors

September 21, 1994

As you now know, at the Board of Directors meeting, Peter Berle announced his decision to resign as of August 7, 1995, when he will have completed 10 years as President of the National Audubon Society. We will be putting in place a committee to assist in the search for Peter's successor. We recognize that the president of the National Audubon

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News From Audubon Canyon Ranch

By Dan Murphy



You might think things are pretty quiet at ACR's Bolinas Lagoon, Bouverie and Cypress Grove Preserves, but they're not. We're immersed in our education and research programs. Forty eager docents are training at Bolinas Lagoon. They will join our other docents in providing classroom instruction and field trips to 5th grade students in the spring. Our school calendar is filled for the fall at Bolinas and Bouverie, and by the time this column reaches you the spring calendar may well be filled. If you are a 5th grade teacher do give the office a call to inquire about our education services at the Bolinas Lagoon Preserve. The Bouverie Audubon Preserve program is designed for 4th and 5th grade classes.

Research and maintenance is ongoing at Cypress Grove. We're monitoring Tomales Bay shorebird and waterbird populations, several of its marshes and our aquaculture studies continue. We've added 4 species to our preserve life list this summer: Least Tern, Little Blue Heron, Black Tern and Black Skimmer. Our efforts to restore the coastal prairie community are ongoing. The grounds look great and we're installing a new sewage system.

During the past years I have written more than a few lines about the relationship between ACR and our supporting Audubon Chapters. Members of Marin, Golden Gate, Sequoia and Madrone founded ACR and have provided much of the leadership which has guided it through its first 30 years. Our members have done much of the physical labor in maintaining various ACR properties. We are participants in most research programs and many ACR docents are Audubon members. Though ACR is an independent organization, it is certainly our system of sanctuaries. Once again I invite you to get involved with your sanctuary by volunteering your time, effort and expertise to continue this marvelous organization. Just call any ACR office to learn how you can lend a hand.

Guided Nature Walks at Bouverie

Take a walk through beautiful Bouverie Audubon Preserve with a docent on one

of the following Sundays: Nov. 5, Dec. 3, Jan. 7, Feb. 18, or Mar 4. These half day walks are the only way to explore the Bouverie Preserve so you will need to register. The Walks are free and reservations may be made as early as the first of the month prior to the date of the walk you wish to join. Register by calling (707) 938-4554.

XCEL Gearing Up

XCEL is finally coming to life. This innovative program is designed to teach and in fact immerse a multi-cultural group of high school students in nature training. After years of planning by numerous ACR volunteers led by Eleanor Decker, we were funded for 5 years by the Marin Community Foundation. Now under the leadership of Tamara Sturak and Carl Lester, we are at the point of hiring a program director. Can you believe we had over 90 applicants? The program director will have an office at San Rafael High School and will work closely with the faculty. A group of about 20 students who wish to participate in XCEL training and who represent the Bay Area's multi-cultural and multi-ethnic community will be selected as our first class during the spring of 1995.

By the summer they will have received their initial training and they will be prepared to assist in a nature training program for elementary school children. Over 400 children who attend summer programs at the San Rafael Parks and Recreation Department and National Audubon's Richardson Bay Sanctuary will receive training from our XCEL class.

The really exciting thing about this program is that it is one of a kind. Just like ACR too, the task of creating an entirely new and innovative program seemed insurmountable. Remember ACR was started by our sponsoring Audubon Chapters whose members who had incredible energy and resourcefulness but little money. They faced frustration in an impossible task but nonetheless managed to create ACR. It seems the spirit to create remarkably innovative programs remains with us.

Upcoming Seminars and Bouverie Walks

For information about remaining seminars please call the Ranch at (415) 868-9244. For reservations for guided nature walks at the Bouverie Audubon Preserve, please call (707) 938-4554.



Gil West



Gil West, environmentalist, birder, field trip leader and a true gentleman of the "old school", died on September 27 at his home on Angelita Drive in Pacifica.

Gil was well known to birders throughout the United States for his pursuit of rare and unusual birds and was a member of the mythic 400 and 700 "clubs". (Birders who have identified 400 birds in California in one year and birders who have identified 700 birds in the United States and Canada during their lifetime.). It was fitting that Gil's 700th bird was Attu Island's famous white-tailed eagle. Even when other skilled birders had rendered their decisions, Gil agonized over each rare bird and did not add it to his personal list until he was absolutely certain of his own identification.

Gil was also noted as a runner, participating in marathons well into his seventies and winning many race titles during his 50's, 60's and 70's. Injuries to his feet and neck forced him to forego his running and his field trip leadership activities in 1989 although he retained his love of both running and birding to the last. His flowing white hair and beard and his fierce handlebar mustaches were well known throughout the birding and running communities.

Gil's love of nature and travel dated back to the depression years when he toured the United States and spent many days hiking the wilderness areas of Yellowstone National Park. These traits came to full fruition following Gil's retirement from vocational teaching. He loved to communicate this love to young people and was often accompanied by Scott Smithson, a young coast side birder. Scott is now a doctorate candidate in Ornithology and is becoming known for his research in little birded regions of South America.

Gil was born on August 3, 1911 and is survived by his brother, Norman, son, John, daughter, Penny, numerous nieces, nephews and grandchildren and by his wife, Jan Justice of Pacifica.

Gil was a patient and sympathetic trip leader and became a legend among those who knew him. All of us have our favorite Gil stories and we will treasure them as we treasured Gil.

Gil, it was an honor and pleasure to have known you.

— Cliff Richer

Strategic Planning Process

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Society is one of the most important of all environmental positions, and we are determined to find the best qualified person to lead us in the years ahead.

Over the past decade, there has not been a more effective advocate on behalf of the environment than Peter Berle. He has provided strong and courageous leadership at virtually every level and has helped to make the NAS one of the most respected environmental organizations in the nation. We are enormously grateful to Peter for the depth of his commitment to National Audubon and we are delighted that he will be working with us in the months ahead as we go through the Strategic Planning Process.



Field Trip Report

Burleigh Murray State Park - September 25, 1994

By Carol Miller

Although birds were not abundant during this Sunday morning walk, almost 20 observers still encountered a few mixed flocks to the tune of almost 35 species. Highlights included great looks at Townsends, Yellow, Wilsons, Orange-crowned and Black-throated Grey Warblers, along with Huttons and Warbling Vireos. It was a low, overcast warmish day, but even when birds were scarce, the nice stroll in this scenic park seemed to keep the crowds content.



San Mateo Coast Natural History Association

SMCNHA is a non-profit corporation established on December 3, 1990, whose primary purpose is to promote the educational and interpretive activities of the California Park Service, principally in the Bay Area District.

Membership supports multiple volunteer programs and provides teacher guides and other educational publications through the profits of the Ano Nuevo Visitor Center Bookstore;

provides for the protection of the natural and cultural resources found

within the park units of the Bay Area District: Montara, Half Moon Bay, San Gregorio, Pomponio, Pescadero and Bean Hollow State Beaches; Butano State Park, Pescadero State Preserve, Ano Nuevo State Reserve and Burleigh-Murray Ranch;

Distributes a quarterly newsletter to members and volunteer staff advising of current activities and ongoing issues;

Encourages member participation through a 10% discount on purchases made in the Ano Nuevo Bookstore and provides a one-time day-use pass to any park within the Bay Area District.

For information write: SMCNHA, P.O. Box 3245, Half Moon Bay, CA 94019.



Join the Christmas Bird Counts

The Christmas Bird Count is one of the most popular of Audubon activities. It is for everyone, from industrial strength birders to novices.

What makes this event so successful? It's just plain fun! For many it is a first chance to learn the joys of birdwatching. For others it is high power competitive birding at its best. Moreover, taking part in the Christmas Bird Count contributes to a vital scientific endeavor. Each year the data from more than 1500 counts is published in *American Birds*. The resulting database is tapped over and over again by scientists and researchers worldwide to uncover important avian trends. There is simply no better source for this information.

This event also helps raise funds for Sequoia Audubon Society. This year we are participating in our usual two counts; December 17 for Crystal Springs and December 31 for Año Nuevo.



WHO...

Do you ask for
expert advice on
bird feeding?

- Feeders • Seed • Houses • Books
- Tapes/CDs • Baths • Binoculars • Gifts



Wild Bird Center

926 El Camino Real
San Carlos
(415) 595-0300

Don't Delay, Sign Up Today!

Please send your check for \$5 for each count you want to participate in along with your name, telephone number and the count(s) you want to register for.

For more information or to register phone call the Sequoia Audubon Office (345-3724) during office hours, 8:45 am to 12:45 pm Tuesday through Thursday.

Or fill out the registration form on this page and mail it to the SAS Office, 30 West 39th Avenue, Suite 202, San Mateo

✂ Clip and mail today!

SAS Registration Form 1994 Christmas Bird Count

I would like to participate in:

- ☐ Crystal Springs Bird Count (\$5) Dec. 17
- ☐ Año Nuevo Bird Count (\$5) Dec. 31
- ☐ I am an experienced birder willing to serve as an area leader.

For Crystal Springs

I would like counting this area:

First choice: _____
Second choice _____
Third choice _____

For Año Nuevos

I would like counting this area:

First choice: _____
Second choice _____
Third choice _____

I will count any area assigned ☐ Yes ☐ No

I will monitor and report my feeder on:

Dec 17 _____ Dec 31 _____

I will be at the compilation on:

Dec 17 _____ Dec 31 _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____

Please cut out and mail
with your check to:

Sequoia Audubon Society
30 West 39th Avenue, Suite 202
San Mateo, CA 94403.

Membership Survey – Please mail in to Sequoia Audubon Society Office

Please answer all questions and include your additional comments. Attach an additional sheet if necessary. *We appreciate you providing the postage.*

1. Have you attended a General Meeting within the past six (6) months?

☐ YES

☐ NO

2. If you have not attended a General Meeting within the last six (6) months, please ☒ check the reason or add your additional comments.

☐ TIME INCONVENIENT

☐ TOPICS NOT INTERESTING

☐ NO TRANSPORTATION

☐ NO CHILD CARE

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: _____

3. What time of day is most convenient for you to attend a meeting?

☐ WEEKDAY AM

☐ WEEKDAY MID-DAY

☐ WEEKDAY EVENING

☐ WEEKEND AM

☐ WEEKEND MID-DAY

☐ WEEKEND EVENING

4. What would you like to have happen at General Meetings? _____

5. Would you attend more events, if any of the following were provided? (☒ check all that apply)

☐ CHILD CARE (at a nominal cost \$3.00/event)

☐ ORGANIZED TRANSPORTATION

☐ MEALS (at a nominal cost)

☐ MAPS IN THE NEEDLES

6. Do you consider yourself a birder?

☐ YES

☐ NO

7. What are your reasons for being involved with Sequoia Audubon? (☒ check all that apply)

☐ BIRDING

☐ CONSERVATION

☐ PRESERVATION OF HABITAT

☐ FELLOWSHIP

☐ EDUCATION

☐ FIELD TRIPS

☐ LOCAL CONSERVATION

☐ JOINED NATIONAL AUDUBON

8. Have you participated in the Christmas Bird Count?

☐ YES

☐ NO

When? _____

9. Have you participated in the Bird-a-thon?

☐ YES

☐ NO

When? _____

10. Do you frequent any of the following natural resources in the area? (☒ check all that apply and list others)

☐ PILAR POINT MARSH

☐ PESCADERO MARSH

☐ ANO NUEVO

☐ BAYLANDS – Where?

☐ EDGEWOOD PARK

☐ FITZGERALD MARINE RESERVE

☐ BUTANO STATE PARK

☐ PENINSULA OPEN SPACE PLANNING DISTRICT PRESERVES

☐ OTHERS: _____

11. What outdoor activities do you enjoy or would like to learn? (☒ check all that apply)

☐ BIRDING

☐ HIKING

☐ BIKING

☐ surWALKING (cities/suburbs)

☐ WALKING (open space)

☐ SAILING

☐ KAYAKING

☐ CAMPING

☐ BACK PACKING

☐ OUTDOOR PHOTOGRAPHY/ART WORK

☐ CONSERVATION (e.g., trail restoration, fencing nesting areas)

☐ OTHERS: _____

12. If you have physical limitations which limit your ability to attend Sequoia Audubon meetings and events or participate in birding and other outdoor activities, please list ways that we could accommodate your limitations. _____

13. Have you ever been to Audubon Canyon Ranch?

☐ YES

☐ NO

14. Would you be willing to host the public at Audubon Canyon Ranch if the following were available? (☒ check all that apply)

☐ AN EXPERIENCED "BUDDY"

☐ DETAILED MAPS

☐ ORGANIZED TRANSPORTATION

☐ AN ORIENTATION

15. Are you available to provide a few hours of work to Sequoia Audubon?

☐ YES

☐ NO

☐ LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

May we contact you?

☐ YES

☐ NO

Your Name: _____

Your Telephone # _____

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☐ YES

☐ NO

17. If you belong to other birding, environmental or conservation organizations, please list them below. _____

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