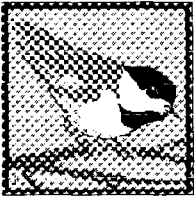


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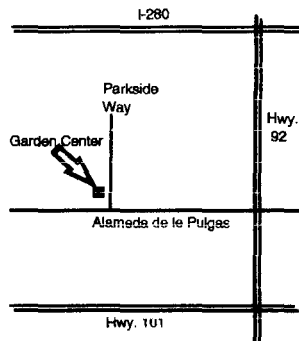


This Month's Program

California Birds Of The Four Seasons

Mike Danzenbaker and Lee Hung will give a slide presentation on some of their favorite birding hot spots in California. Don't miss this show which will dazzle you with beautiful pictures of birds.

Meetings are held at the San Mateo Garden Center on the second Thursday of the month. Meetings begin at 7:30 PM with the program starting at 8:00.



Next Month's Program

Audubon Ecology Workshop In Maine

SAS members Rich Kuehn and Dean Schuler attended the June, 1995 National Audubon Society sponsored session in Field Ornithology on the beautiful, diverse Maine coast. In addition to a slide program, there will be a video presentation (filmed by Rich) including footage of Machias Seal Island nesting and a graphic demonstration of how male warblers defend their territory from 'floater' males.



Fall Birdseed Sale October 19-22

Orders Must Be In By Wed., October 11
See The Order Form On Page Five

Other Sales In February And April



From The Editor

Highlights From The Planning Session

Budget: The new budget for 1995-1996 was approved and adopted with two revisions suggested for future years. The first was that we should consider making use of the principal as well as the interest from our funds. The second was to revive the Wild Goose Chase and amend the way we solicited funds for this and for the Birdathon. Both suggestions were deferred pending future research into feasibility.

Needles: No new editor had been found and there had been some prior discussion of hiring a professional newsletter firm to prepare the *Needles*. Cliff Richer then volunteered to continue as editor for one year provided he was reimbursed for expenses. His proposed fee of \$125 per month to an annual maximum of \$1000 was accepted unanimously with Richer absenting himself for both the discussion and vote. *(In the event that we get a qualified volunteer for the job, your Editor will gladly step down. "Qualified" in this case means that the volunteer must have their own computer system or be able to use the 386SX in the SAS office.)*

World-Wide Web: The Board encouraged Rich Kuehn to continue his research into setting up a Web "page" for SAS and/or all Northern California chapters. (Southern California already has its own page.

Mission Statement: SAS has a new mission statement. But... the final version approved by the Board had not reached us by press time.

Development Committee: The Board agreed to form itself as the Development Committee and to devote a portion of each future Board meeting to consideration of defining the role of SAS and charting our future as a chapter.

Board and Committee Vacancies: We still have some important vacancies to fill. We are talking with several candidates but would like to hear from anyone who might be interested. Call the office (345-3724) or Julia Mandeville (726-5252) to volunteer or for more information.

- We need a **Director** to serve until June '96. Our Directors and Officers serve as an Executive Committee and run the affairs of SAS on a month-to-month basis, subject to approval of the membership.
- **Membership Chair:** The bulk of the work is taken care of by Terri and the Chairperson's job consists mostly of writing nasty letters to National Audubon.
- **Treasurer:** Although Debbie Frantz has stayed on for one more year, she has been adamant (again) that this is her last year. It is her contention, supported by prior Treasurers, that the hardest part of the job is the learning process. The Board agrees with Debbie and we are seeking next year's candidate for Treasurer - someone who can work with Debbie this year, "learning the ropes."

Once again, Call the office (345-3724) or President Mandeville (726-5252) to volunteer or for more information.



The S A S Calendar

October

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5 - BOARD

MEETING at the Sequoia Audubon Office at 7:30 PM. All members welcome. Please call ahead to be sure there will be room.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7 - FIELD TRIP TO HAWK

HILL (MARIN HEADLANDS - POINT DIABLO) This is a traditional time and place to watch hawks soar and wheel as they gather their courage to cross the Golden Gate. Accipiters outnumber all other species combined so this trip should give everyone a chance to test their pet theories on how to distinguish between sharp-tailed and Cooper's hawks. However, bald and golden eagles, Swainson's and broad-winged hawks and goshawks have all been observed from here in past years. Bring lunch, liquids and layered clothes. Our leader has acquired her expertise in 6 years of hawk-watching for the Golden Gate Raptor Observatory. After lunch we'll investigate other nearby areas for migrant and vagrant species. We will meet at the base of Hawk Hill at the point where Conzelman Road becomes one-way. To get there take 101 across the Golden Gate Bridge and exit almost immediately on Alexander Street. Swing back under the freeway and follow the road up the hill.

LEADER

LESLIE FLINT

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12 - GENERAL MEETING - CALIFORNIA BIRDS OF THE FOUR SEASONS - Mike

Danzenbaker and Lee Hung will give a slide presentation on some of their favorite birding hot spots in California. Social gathering beginning at 7:30 PM with the meeting and program at 8 PM. At the San Mateo Garden Center on the Alameda at Parkside.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15 - BURLEIGH-MURRAY STATE PARK FIELD TRIP - This 1860's era farm was preserved for its historic buildings but is also an excellent birding area. Riparian and grassland areas about the chaparral-covered hillsides yielding an excellent variety of local resident and wintering species. Last year's inaugural trip yielded more than 60 species. We will meet at 9 AM in the graveled parking area just inside the gate off Higgins-Purisma Road. To get there go south 1.5 miles from the Hwy 1-Hwy 92 intersection in Half Moon Bay. Turn inland on Higgins-Purisma Road and proceed 1.7 miles to the park entrance on the left.

LEADER

CAROL MILLER

726-2025

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21- BEGINNERS' FIELD TRIP TO THE FOSTER CITY SHELL BAR - Here is an opportunity for both beginners and advanced birders to sharpen their shorebird ID skills. This tiny bit of land hosts thousands of resting shorebirds at high tide and is the most reliable place to find the elusive red knot. This will follow our beginners trip format

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News From Your Ranch

Dan Murphy

AUDUBON CANYON RANCH THEN AND

NOW. The tension mounts as we approach our very first silent auction and gala fund raiser for ACR. I've heard whispers that people are plotting their bidding strategies for cases of fine wine, a weekend at Hat Creek and day of birding with me (guarantee not to be silent). We're even having a raffle for which you don't need to be present to win. If you're not on our mailing list or you don't receive an invitation to "Audubon Canyon Ranch Then and Now" call us at 868-9244.

We're not just having a silent auction but a dinner and dance and we will honor Marty Griffin, Clifford Conley, Clarin Zumwalt and Skip Schwartz, some of the very special people who have been instrumental in making ACR the wonderfully successful organization it is. Please join us in celebrating our organization, its members and in raising funds to continue our success.

FALL SEMINARS. "The Way They Lived: Native American Lifestyles", Saturday, October 14. John Petersen and Foley Benson will help us discover how the people native to the valleys and hills of Sonoma County survived and flourished for thousands of years. Bouverie Audubon Preserve. \$30.

"Under the Heronry", Saturday, October 28. Shhhh! Just tell your very special friends about this free ACR activity. It's your only chance of the year to walk beyond the gate at the back of the ranch yard and explore ACR's best kept secret. Of course, when biologist Ray Peterson is through there will be much less of a secret about the goings on under the heronry. Bolinas Lagoon Preserve.

"Fall Work Day at Bolinas Lagoon Preserve", Sunday, November 5. Here's a chance to help us get ready for winter and enjoy a free lunch. Even though it's free be sure to call us so we can plan our work schedule and lunch.

"The Great Monarch Safari", Saturday, November 18. They're the royal family of butterflies and they're missing. Ray will help unravel the mystery of the missing monarchs. Bring lunch. Bolinas Lagoon Preserve. (\$30).

Call 868-9244 to register for seminars and activities.

GUIDED NATURE WALKS AT BOUVERIE. Take a walk, or even two, through the beautiful Bouverie Audubon Preserve with a docent on one of the following Saturdays: Oct. 28, Nov. 18, Dec. 16, Jan. 13, Feb. 17 or Mar. 2 & 16. 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.

RANCH GUIDE TRAINING. Our Ranch Guides are the docents who are specially trained to help interpret the natural history of the Bolinas Lagoon Preserve for weekend visitors. You can join the ACR family as a Ranch Guide by applying for our next training class to held on Saturdays between January 27 and March 9. Classes will focus on heron biology, pond ecology and ranch history. Please call 868-9244 for further information.



Eileen Jennis-Sauppe
Conservation Committee Chairwoman

For the past three years, Bob Wilkinson has ably guided our Conservation Committee through a myriad of challenges. Now, he has decided to take a much-needed break from these duties and I will be signing on as your new Conservation Chair. Bob has also served as President of the chapter in the past, and you can be sure that he will continue his involvement in conservation issues and SAS. Thank you, Bob!

We have many opportunities ahead to take a strong stand for our environment. Our voice is needed. We are fortunate to have the new National Audubon Society Strategic Plan to help us focus our activities. The plan emphasizes conservation and education, *with a strong focus on birds and their habitat.*

We need your energy and abilities to help with these ongoing issues and we are looking for new ways to continue educating our legislators and the public regarding conservation. Your involvement can begin at any level.

Here are only a few of the areas in which you can help. We can use your interest and your work in any of these areas.

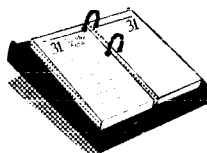
- **Planning, zoning and development** regulations as they affect bird habitat in San Mateo County.
- **Timber harvesting.** State and federal policies; comments on local plans.
- **Marbled Murrelet Recovery.** Our county is part of the southernmost population of these unique, endangered birds.
- **Ocean Health.** Our coastline borders a section of the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary. Resident and migrating seabirds depend on a healthy marine environment for survival.
- **Habitat Restoration,** which can include restoration of riparian areas, removal of invasive non-native plants, or even the building and placement of nest boxes.
- **Action Alert** mailing list. Are you a good or conscientious letter-writer? Sign up to be included on our Action Alert and receive important information about legislation affecting birds and their habitat. Commenting to our elected officials and writing letters to the Editor on conservation issues is a vital function of our Action Alert members. Call Terri at the office to be added to the Action Alert list.

Come to one of our Conservation Committee meetings at 7:30 PM on the first Tuesday of the month at the SAS office. Call me at 726-1081 to let us know that you'll be there, or if you have any items to add to our agenda, or if you can help in any of the above areas.

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We have too many high sounding words, and too few actions that correspond with them.

Abigail Adams



The SAS Calendar

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of a relatively short field trip followed by a discussion session of what we saw - or any other topic of interest to the participants.

We'll meet at 9 AM on top of the levee paralleling Beach Park Blvd. in Foster City. To get there take Hillsdale Blvd. in Foster City and follow it until it becomes Beach Park. Park on Beach Park shortly after it turns right to follow the bayshore. Look for the birders on the levee.

LEADER FRANCIS TOLDI 344-1919

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25 - SHARP PARK SHORE

AND GOLF COURSE. This area can be extremely productive as it encompasses a harbor with scoters, loons and mergansers, a beach, a fresh-water marsh and isolated groves of trees, all of which have been known to yield surprises. We will meet at 9 AM at the Anchor Monument just south of the fishing pier on Sharp Park Beach. The trip should break up at noon. Heavy rain cancels the trip.

LEADER JUDI SPITLER 355-9362

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2 - BOARD MEETING at the Sequoia Audubon Office at 7:30 PM. All members welcome. Please call ahead to be sure there will be room.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7 - REDWOOD SHORES FIELD

TRIP - This points of land between Foster City and Bair Island appears desolate and dusty in the summer, but can be teeming with birdlife in the winter when rains turn the former salt and oxidation ponds into shallow pools ideal for many shorebirds and dabbling ducks. The area also has grassy areas (unfortunately slated for future development), sloughs and oxidation ponds where horned larks, tri-colored blackbirds, diving ducks and larger shorebirds can also be found. To get there take Hwy. 101 to either the Marine World Parkway or Redwood Shores Parkway exits. Follow either of those two roads to the end and then follow Shell Parkway until it intersects with Radio Road. We will meet at the intersection of Shell and Radio at 9:00 A.M. Although there will be very little walking, some of the areas may be muddy so boots are recommended. Trip should break up at noon.

LEADER NICK COIRO 349-1834

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9 - GENERAL MEETING - THE AUDUBON ECOLOGY WORKSHOP IN MAINE -

SAS members Rich Kuehn and Dean Schuler attended the 1995 Field Ornithology workshop on the beautiful, diverse Maine coast. Participants experienced a wide variety of field trips, lectures, discussions, boat trips and bird banding demonstrations under the tutelage of ornithology instructors. In addition to a slide program, there will be a video presentation of Machias Seal

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Welcome, New Members!

	ROBERT B DUNLOP	ATHERTON ROGER & ROSALIE NELSON	SALLY-KATE OBRIEN	
KITTY GRAFF KATHRYN M KEARNEY	MICHAEL NELSON	BELMONT MR. & MRS. N B NISSEN LORRAINE R DAVIS	JAY KRAUTER	JOHN FINLEY MAX DAEHLER
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	DAVID LAVEY	EL GRANADA MISS MARLEY MUELLER EVANSTON, ILLINOIS (?!?)	NANCY NEWBOLD	
MR&MRS JEFF DUDE	PAMELA KOO	JILL MAC HERLAND FOSTER CITY WILLIAM LATHROP HALF MOON BAY	JUDITH MORTON	MS CAROL SHERWOOD
	MS PAULA BRISKER JOANNE PEMBERTON	A DAVIDSON JOANNE PEMBERTON	HARRY GUIREMAND A L ROBERTSON	
	NATHAN FAIRMAN	HILLSBOROUGH BAILEY MEYER LA HONDA WENDY MC DONACHIE	ELLEN SCIPIONE	
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MS TRACY BETTS	SALLY A HALE FLORENCE SNYDER	MILLBRAE LINDA L HERMANSON	JESSICA LO MERRY ZOOK	JIYOTIKA P SHARMA
	JOAN GRAY	MONTARA	R LAMBERT	
RICK ALPI ELISE RAMES	LEO GOLDMAN	PACIFICA MAXINE GONSALVES SANDY ROTH	J LARKIN	JAMES PATRICK ROBERT H TRUE
	PALO ALTO CINDY M GORAL		PESCADERO EDNA MC COWN	
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MS JUDY A ADAME POUL A GALLE CHERYL LANGFORD MS PATRICE S PATTERSON FRED THIEMANN	V CLARK/SEQUOIA ANALYTICAL MONICA GILBERT MR&MRS L B MC GRADY M A PRESTIDGE	REDWOOD CITY MS SHARON COTTLE K GREENE GERTRUDE MARGAH CHARLES RANKIN RITA VENEMA	CAROL EVANS MS CLAIRE R IRVIN WALTER BARRIE MOORE PEGGY SMULLIN	JULIE EVANS MARIANN M JACKSON CELIENE O'HARA HELEN L SODMAN LINDA WILLEY
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		SAN LEANDRO R HUNTER		
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ALL ORDERS WITH PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED BY WEDNESDAY OCT. 11TH!!

Proceeds support local Audubon conservation and education programs

Please check preferred pickup location. Pickup dates will be October 19-22, 1995 with details to be advised later.

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Island nesting Atlantic Puffins, Razorbill Auks, Common and Arctic Terns as well as a graphic demonstration of how male warblers defend their territory from 'floater' males. Social gathering beginning at 7:30 PM with the meeting and program at 8 PM. At the San Mateo Garden Center on the Alameda at Parkside.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18-19 - THE SACRAMENTO VALLEY WILDLIFE REFUGES -

Clouds of geese and enormous rafts of ducks are typical of & the sights that greet the birder at the Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge or at the nearby Gray Lodge refuge. These are primarily car-caravan tours since walkers tend to disturb the wildlife. We will meet at 7:00 AM in the parking lot of the Blue Gum Motel on Saturday morning and again at 9:00 AM in the parking lot of the Sacramento Wildlife Refuge. 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. 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. Motel reservations are advised at this time of year. The Blue Gum Motel's phone number is (916) 934-5401. Trip reservations are not required but you are requested to call the office (345-3724) or the leader so that we may know how many to expect at each rendezvous point.

LEADER CLIFF RICHER 355-4058

Note that the field trip schedule is still incomplete. Check next month's **NEEDLES** for more November trips. We also expect to have a full field trip calendar for the year in the December newsletter.

Field Trip Policy

Sequoia Audubon adheres to the following policy on all field trips.

We understand that trespassing is a major concern for landowners.

- Private property will **not** be entered without prior permission.

- We shall at all times respect posted lands and fences. The absence of fences or posted notices shall **not** be taken as permission to enter.
- When we are on private property or on "multiple use" public lands, we shall leave the property as we found it; closing fences, avoiding disturbance of animals and crops, and respecting privacy, etc..
- We will **not** park automobiles so as to block driveways or farm roads or in such a way as to cause damage to shrubs, lawns or other private property.

On public land, we will stay on marked trails or in areas where permission to enter is known to exist. We will take special care in environmentally sensitive areas - sand dunes, wetlands, propagation areas, desert and alpine habitats, etc.

We shall avoid at all times disturbing wildlife by approaching too closely or by attempting to flush nesting or resting birds and animals.

We will strive to set an example by our actions for other birders and amateur naturalists.

Field Trip Leaders

We are always looking for new field trip leaders. Age is not a problem. Our leaders have been as young as 14 and as old as 80. Birding skill is not a problem. One of our regular leaders is color-blind. Another has difficulty spotting birds. So if you're an expert, all the better, but we usually have enough good birders on any field trip to make up for any real or imagined deficiencies in the leader. All that is needed is familiarity with a particular area. If you have a favorite birding spot that you'd like to introduce to other birders, volunteer to become a field trip leader..

We would especially like it if we had field trip leaders who are proficient in other areas. Do you like wildflowers? What do you know about tide pools? Edible plants? Butterflies? Geology? Mushrooms? Whales and seals? These and many other natural phenomena could be the subject of a field trip. Call Judi Spitler (355-9362) to volunteer.



The Feather Duster

Cliff Richer

More Condors Released

Despite a lack of success to date, the California Condor release program is continuing. Eight more young condors were released into the southern reaches of the Los Padres National Forest late in August.

Earlier releases have been unsuccessful because the condors proved to be imprinted on or "friendly" to humans and human structures. Power lines and poles, coyote poisons, lead poisoning and illegally dumped anti-freeze have all contributed to earlier deaths and one condor was re-captured because it was begging for hot dogs and popcorn at a campground.

The new group of releasees have been conditioned to avoid humans and their artifacts and will join the four remaining condors from the February release.

Years ago, when the last of the wild condors was taken from the wild for the Captive Breeding Program, we predicted that this represented the end of the free-flying species and that it would become exclusively a zoo bird. So far, the results of the various releases have done nothing to change that prediction but I keep hoping the zoo-keepers will prove me wrong. No other bird can match the soaring ability of the condor. Nothing can match the sight of one of these magnificently ugly birds in full flight.

My greatest birding memory took place during a Labor Day rainstorm in the Tehachapi Mountains. For several hours we shared the eye of that storm with 17 condors - 60% of the world's population - as they wheeled, soared and flapped over the hills and fields of southern Kern County. The odds of my repeating that experience are infinitesimally low, but I would settle for seeing one wild-born condor one more time.

Whatever befalls the earth befalls the sons of the earth. If men spit upon the ground, they spit upon themselves. Man did not weave the web of life, he is merely a strand in it. Whatever he does to the web he does to himself. ---Chief Seattle

Audubon Adventures

Audubon Adventures is National Audubon's youth education program aimed at elementary school children in grades 4-6. The program includes a bi-monthly newspaper for each student, student membership cards and decals and a teacher's guide with activities and background information.

Each edition deals with a different aspect of the environment. This year's topics include Spiders, Endangered Species, Conifers, Mammals, Bird Migration, Soil Invertebrates and Pelagic Fish.

The cost of the program is \$35 per classroom. In the past SAS has sponsored more than 70 classrooms in a single year. Some of these classes were sponsored by parents or grandparents, some by teachers and some by education-minded members. **But most of them were paid for out of the SAS budget.**

The Board of Sequoia Audubon feels that this is one of Audubon's most important and most meaningful programs and desires to sponsor as many of these classrooms as we can. We have sent notices to *all of the eligible teachers in the county* and want as many participants as possible. **Unfortunately this year it will have to be "first come, first served" as we can only sponsor 42 classes.**

YOU CAN HELP! If you have a child or grandchild in these grades send a note to the teacher asking if she or he would be interested in participating. Then, after their OK, just send us a check for \$35 specifying the name of the school, the grade and the name of the teacher and we will sign them up and get the materials to them. Or, if you just feel that the future is NOW, then just send your check for \$35 to SAS. Just be sure to specify "For Audubon Adventures" on the check. We'll get it to a deserving class.

A Personal Note

Your Editor first became acquainted with the environment more than 50 years ago through a similar Audubon program. I wish to offer a very belated thanks to Mrs. Phipps and Miss Dancoe, dedicated and underpaid teachers, who paid for and conducted these Audubon classes so many years ago.

O.I.C.W.

Anne Moser

Near the bottom of Page 8 you'll find the words, "Printed on Recycled Paper by O.I.C.W." O.I.C.W. stands for Opportunities Industrialization Center West, a non-profit program that provides job training and placement for the unemployed. The training programs are practical and focused on current job market requirements. Since 1965 more than 37,000 Bay Area residents have been helped by O.I.C.W.

75-85% of those completing the O.I.C.W. training are placed in full-time jobs at double or triple their previous wages. The training includes office occupations, electronics, printing technology, culinary arts and industrial maintenance.

Trainees benefit from O.I.C.W.'s "whole person" approach, both during training and afterward. Their supportive services include a clothing outlet for work wardrobes and pre-school care for their trainees' children.

We originally went to O.I.C.W. because they were able to offer us a better deal than other commercial printing firms, but we have been impressed both by the quality of their work and by their conscientiousness. And it's also nice to know that we are also supporting training for self-sufficiency. It is not often that you can do the "right thing" and save money too!

Sonoma County Breeding Bird Atlas

Madrone Audubon has announced the publication of the *Sonoma County Breeding Bird Atlas*, edited by Betty Burridge and illustrated by Major Alan Brooks, with detailed maps of nesting species. Six years of volunteer field work and two years of editing have gone into the publication of this 216 page atlas.

A special price of \$19.13 applies through October 16. After the 16th the price will be \$24.50. Tax and shipping are included in the prices.

Make checks payable to Madrone Audubon Society SoCoBBA and send them to Betty Burridge, 1653 Arroyo Sierrita Way, Santa Rosa, CA 95405.

Delegates from Former U S S R to be Hosted by Sequoia Audubon

May-Blossom Wilkinson

From October 20 through November 10, Sequoia Audubon will be one of ten organizations designated to participate in a project entitled "Strengthening Women's Rights in the Newly Independent States Grassroots Internship Program." The program is sponsored jointly by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and the League of Women Voters. The two women selected are both attorneys and are here to observe the effects of the rule of law in our democratic society.

San Mateo County was chosen to participate in this program largely because of SAS's willingness to demonstrate how the environment can be protected through the actions of the law.

Sequoia Audubon will host the delegates on October 28 on an environmental excursion to several sites of ecological significance in the county. These will include stops at San Bruno Mountain and Devil's Slide. Tour guides will include Conservation Chair Eileen Jennis-Sauppe. John and Nena Padley will conduct a tour of Pescadero Marsh State Reserve, who will point out SAS's role in establishing and protecting this resource. The tour will conclude with lunch under the redwoods at Memorial Park.

Ideally we will have a caravan visiting these sites and all are welcome to join the tour on October 28. For itinerary details please call Bob and May-Blossom Wilkinson at 347-8367.

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Mai Po, a Hong Kong preserve managed by the World Wildlife Fund, has seen a three-fold increase in its use by migratory birds in the last 15 years. Guides at the park attribute this increase to the loss of habitat in mainland China. "We are afraid of 1997," says Wyan Go, a preserve guide, reflecting the environmental and political concerns arising out of the return of the British colony to China.

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