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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

A Changing Environment - Sequoia Audubon Becomes More Independent

BY MARTHA O'NEAL MACHO

As National Audubon Society (National) finds a new direction, our Sequoia Audubon Society, Inc. chapter (Sequoia) maintains its commitment to San Mateo County environmental conservation, education, restoration, preservation, and enjoyment of our natural resources with an emphasis on birds and their habitats. We have had significant success in these efforts since our founding. To enable us to continue to thrive, we are in the midst of altering our membership structure. Since National now shares only a small part of the dues it collects (and may decide to keep the entire amount of dues in the future), we are considering whether to offer a separate Sequoia membership, which would allow local chapter members to sustain our San Mateo activities. The option would then exist to join Sequoia only, National only, or both.

Along with these separate memberships would come separate benefits. The most noticeable would be the publications: National's quarterly magazine would go only to National members, and Sequoia's newsletter, *Needles*, containing all our local activities, would go only to Sequoia's members.

As a step in the direction of increasing independence, the Sequoia Board of Directors is proposing revisions to our Bylaws. National requires some of these changes, and some are meant to bring our Bylaws up to current California legal standards and to otherwise make them reflect our mission and practices more accurately. There is also a proposed Bylaw change that would allow us to offer separate memberships in Sequoia.

We hope you will be pleased with our responses to a changing environment. While in some ways the new arrangements would be less convenient, they would have the advantage of allowing

you to target your support to the areas that are of the most interest to you.

NATIONAL/CHAPTER CHANGES

BY ROBIN SMITH, PAST PRESIDENT &
RICK BAIRD, DIRECTOR

National Audubon Society has embarked on a new policy that will have dramatic impacts on chapters. The National strategic plan, developed in 1995, provides the blueprint for these changes. In summary, the plan states that by 2020 National will increase membership to 1% of the population, develop a state office in every state, build enough Audubon Centers to reach school students and the public with environmental education programs, and by so doing, create a "Culture of Conservation" among the citizenry.

National's goal is to build 1000 Audubon Centers by the year 2020. These would be run by staff hired and directed by National, with possible opportunities for local chapters to be involved. A large fundraising effort will be needed to accomplish this goal.

To implement these major changes, National has made many changes including reducing publication of the Audubon Magazine from 6 times per year to 4 times per year, cut out most financial assistance to local chapters, and is hiring a large number of new staff to implement the above program.

The one positive for the local chapters is that National will now allow chapter memberships, which were previously banned. This is obviously to compensate the chapters somewhat for the financial hit from the loss of the dues split under the new plan.

With National's focus moving from chapters to centers and state offices, Sequoia Audubon plans to continue concentrating on birds and their habitats, field trips, local environmental issues and education in San Mateo County for our members and the general public. We need and look forward to your continued support for these Sequoia programs to benefit our local area.

This Month's Meeting

Thursday, September 12,
7:30PM
San Mateo Garden Center

There will be **voting** on:

1. **Proposed bylaws changes**
(details on page 7)
2. Election of Francis Toldi as new Audubon Canyon Ranch Representative

Program: South Florida Birds
(details on page 2)

Upcoming Field Trips September

(See trip details on page 4)

Saturday, 7th Bair Island*

Saturday, 14th Bayfront Park*

Wednesday, 18th

Palo Alto Duck Ponds

Saturday, 21st Charleston Slough*

Saturday, 21st Point Reyes

Sunday, 22nd Hawk Hill

Saturday, 28th

Phipps Ranch - Half Moon Bay

Sunday, 29th Edgewood Park

October

Saturday, 5th Bair Island*

Sunday, 6th

Farallon Islands/Natural History
Cruise

Saturday, 12th

Sea Cloud Park*, Redwood City

Sunday, 13th

Elkhorn Slough, Monterey Bay Area

Saturday, 19th

Birding at the Filoli Estate

Wednesday, 23rd

Coyote Creek Field Station

Saturday, 26th

Bikes, birds, and Feral Cats around
Foster City

Sunday, 27th Edgewood Park

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deadline for the submission of materials is the first day of the month preceding publication. Send comments and contributions to:

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MEETING PROGRAMS

BY SUE COSSINS

South Florida Birds

by John Cang

Thursday, September 12, 2002

From the sandy beaches and mud flats of Sanibel Island to the swamps and old growth forest of Corkscrew, South Florida's varied habitats and balmy winter weather are a haven for birds, and for bird watchers/photographers. However, local concentrations of birds can greatly vary, depending on time of year and water level. John Cang has photographed South Florida birds the past five years, during 1998's El Niño conditions and 2001's drought. He will show his favorite images and provide insight into where and when to photograph birds at several well known, and some lesser-known, but productive, locations.

John Cang is a wildlife and nature photographer based in San Jose, CA. His photographs have been published by National Geographic, Sierra Club, Nature Conservancy, and other print and internet publications. John enjoys teaching the art of nature photography through workshops, tours, and slide presentations. A sample of John's photos can be seen on his website www.johncangphoto.com.

Birds of Japan

by Lee Hung

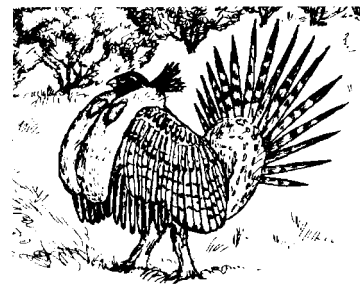
Thursday, October 10, 2002

Lee and her husband, Mike Danzenbaker live in the bay area and often give slide presentations to other Audubon societies as well as other groups such as, Bay Area Bird Photographers. They are world travelers and locally well known among birders and artists. You may remember Mike's excellent program at our March 2002 general meeting entitled, Birds of the Sierra Nevada.

BIRDING TIOGA PASS AND MONO LAKE IN JUNE

BY JOE AND MARTHA O'NEAL MACHO

We met above Yosemite Valley, looking forward to being in the Sierra high country and the high desert to the east. Skirting around the edge of Chevron meadow, we



saw Brown Creepers and Western Tanagers and heard Hermit Thrushes singing in the woods, but even dipping our feet in the wet meadow bog didn't produce a Great Gray Owl. We ate a pleasant picnic lunch along the river near Lambert Dome in Tuolumne Meadows accompanied by two Spotted Sandpipers.

Birding picked up in the Mono Basin with good views of Black-backed Woodpeckers at the Jeffery Pine burn at mile 8.1 off Highway 120 east of Highway 395. The same spot also had Piñon Jays, Great Horned Owl, and Lewis's Woodpeckers.

Lee Vining Canyon added some nesting birds, including a Brewer's Blackbird nest, with babies, in the grass right at our feet.

Before breakfast on Sunday, we visited Picnic

Grounds Road to see and hear Sage and Black-throated Sparrows and Green-tailed Towhees, and then picked up Sage Thrashers and Brewer's Sparrows on the way to the Visitor Center, where there were Warbling Vireo nests and a Lazuli Bunting. A Cedar Waxwing was a surprise at Mono Lake County Park, where there was also a displaying Snipe and Wilson's Phalaropes. Lundy Canyon brought a Pacific Loon (the subject of some debate and an opinion poll, with pictures, on our website), a Willow Flycatcher and MacGillivray's Warbler. In the ghost town of Bodie, we were treated to a Prairie Falcon; on the way out, stopping at Murphy Spring, we had some serendipity by finding four female Sage Grouse about 15 feet down the bank from us.

After a stop at Bridgeport Reservoir for ducks, shorebirds, and Common Nighthawks, we headed towards Sonora Pass, hoping to avoid the Highway 395 closure for the Warner Canyon fire. We ended our trip by finding an American Dipper in the creek rushing by the steep upward road.



FIELD TRIPS

BY CAROL MASTERSON

Bair Island

Saturday, September 7, 8:00 AM

Visit one of the newer parts of the Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge and learn about the Sequoia Audubon's volunteer work on the island. Find out from leader Robin Smith which unique birds live here and why Bair Island is such an important conservation area. Easy walking on flat trails. **Directions:** Take Hwy 101 to the Whipple Ave exit in Redwood City. Go East on Whipple across the Frontage Road. There is parking, but watch out for the Frontage Road traffic. Meet at 8 AM at the refuge sign inside the gate. There are no restroom facilities, so come prepared. **Leader:** Robin Smith 650-325-3306. **Beginner/Family Trip**

Bayfront Park

Saturday, September 14, 9:00 AM

Come join this trip designed for beginning birders and families. We have plenty of binoculars to share and there will be ducks, water birds, shore birds and some upland species to enjoy. Easy walking, suitable for kids in strollers. **Directions:** Bayfront Park is east of 101 at the Marsh Road/101 intersection. Meet near the entrance by the red pump house.

Leader: Robin Smith 650-325-3306.

Beginner/Family Trip

Fall Migrants and Vagrants: Palo Alto Duck Ponds

Wednesday, September 18, 9:00 AM

This is one of the best known birding areas on the bay. It has both fresh and salt marsh, as well as mudflats and open grassy areas. We will look for fall migrants and vagrants as well as resident ducks, shorebirds, rails, pelicans and gulls. Easy walking on flat trails. **Directions:** Take the Embarcadero Road exit in Palo Alto, go East past the airport, make a left turn, and follow the signs towards the Duck Pond. Continue past the duck pond and park to the right of the Lucy Evans Nature Interpretive Center. We will meet at 9:00 AM.

Leader: Dan Keller 650-529-9088

Christmas Bird Counts

Crystal Springs -

Saturday, December 14

Año Nuevo -

Saturday, January 4

Charleston Slough

Saturday, September 21, 9:00 AM

This area remains one of the better areas for observing shorebirds and waterfowl. The walking is easy along the top of flat levees. We will be looking for returning waterfowl, shorebirds, terns and skimmers, Burrowing Owl, and with a little luck, an elusive rail or Little Blue Heron. As always dress in layers for hot and sunny to cool and windy conditions. Bring fluids and scopes if you have them.

Directions: South on Hwy 101 to San Antonio Road and take the San Antonio Road (North) exit. Follow San Antonio Road for a short distance until it makes a right angle turn and becomes Terminal Road. Stop and park as close to the intersection as feasible. We will meet at

9:00AM and the trip will break up at noon.

Leader: Francis Toldi 650-344-1919.

Beginner/Family Trip

Point Reyes

Saturday, September 21, 8:30 AM

We will be looking for fall migrants, vagrant species and those early arriving winter residents at one of the premiere birding destinations in the state. On our trip we will visit various locations in search of birds. Expect some moderate walking. Wear layered clothing since the weather at Point Reyes is extremely changeable. Bring lunch and liquids. We will meet at the Bear Valley Visitor Center at 8:30 AM. **Directions:** Take Hwy 101 across the Golden Gate Bridge and exit at San Anselmo. Travel West on Sir Francis Drake Blvd. to Olema. Turn left at the stoplight and make the first left turn onto Bear Valley Road. The next left will be for the Bear Valley Visitor Center. Park near the rest rooms in the upper (left) parking lot. **Leader:** Judy Spitler 650-355-9362

Hawk Hill

Sunday, September 22, 9:00 AM

Join SAS member and veteran Golden Gate Raptor Observatory (GGRO) Hawk-watcher Leslie Flint for a day at Hawk Hill during the peak of raptor migration. Expect to see Accipiters (Sharp-shinned

Upcoming Field Trips

(Continued from page 1)

November

Saturday, 2nd Bair Island*

Saturday & Sunday, 9th & 10th

Sandhill Crane Festival*, Lodi

Saturday, 9th Pescadero Marsh

Sunday, 10th Arastradero Preserve

Saturday, 16th Coyote Point

Wednesday, 20th

Palo Alto Duck Ponds

Saturday & Sunday, 23rd & 24th

Sacramento Wildlife Refuges

Sunday, 24th Edgewood Park

*Beginner/Family Trip

Check the field trip descriptions for any special information or requirements. Late comers may be disappointed. For all field trips bring your binoculars, water, wear sturdy walking shoes or boots, sun block, hat, and always dress in layers for hot sunny weather to cool windy conditions. While we will attempt to stay on schedule, circumstances may dictate changes to field trip leaders, dates or times. For the latest schedule and updates always go to the Sequoia Audubon web site, contact the trip leader, or call **Carol at 650-347-1769**

Birding Field Trips Class

by **Alice Hoch**

Tuesday Mornings, 9:30 to 12:30:
September 10th - October 15th

Register by Thursday, September 5th by calling the Fremont Adult School at 510-791-5841. Register early as the class is limited to 15 students.

The class consists of tutoring while birding, rather than sitting through lectures. Each class will bird a different site. Alice has been teaching Birding Field Trips for over 27 years and is an active member of Ohlone Audubon Society. Her classes are appropriate for birders at all levels.

Be prepared to bird watch at the first class meeting. Ask where we will start the first day, as Noll School may be unavailable.

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and Cooper's Hawks); falcons, (Kestrels, Merlins, and perhaps Peregrines); Buteos (Red-tailed, Red-shouldered, and maybe Broad-winged and Ferruginous Hawks), Turkey Vultures and Northern Harriers. We will also look for migrants in the trees around the hill. Bring binoculars, lunch, liquids and clothing in layers - it can be hot or freezing depending on the fog. Meet at the base of Hawk Hill at 9 AM or at the top if you arrive later. There will be a Hawk Talk at noon and banding demonstration (with a live hawk) at 1:00 PM given by the GGRO volunteers. **Directions:** From San Mateo drive north across the Golden Gate Bridge. Take the first exit, Alexander Ave. Make an immediate left and drive under the freeway and then left again as though you were going to get back on the bridge. Take the road immediately on your right going up hill (Conzelman Road). Follow it along the coastline to where it becomes one way; there is a parking area. Park and meet at the fire road gate - you will see a brown "Hawk Hill" sign pointing the way. If you arrive late, walk up the road to the top of the hill to join us.

Leader: Leslie Flint 650-573-6279

Vagrant Crawl: Phipps Ranch - Half Moon Bay

Saturday, September 28, 9:00 AM

This combination of produce stand, berry-picking farm and barnyard menagerie also known as Phipps Country has become a favorite birding spot for rare and unusual migrant birds that show up annually. Don't miss this excellent birding opportunity to possibly add a few new lifers to your list. **Directions:** Take 1 to Pescadero Road. Follow Pescadero Road through town until you come to the farm stand. Park away from the farm stand so as to leave the nearest spaces for customers. We will meet at 9 AM. Dress in layers.

Leader: Dan Keller 650-529-9088

Edgewood Park

Sunday, September 29, 8:00 AM

Look for resident and migratory species as we head into fall. Remember to ask Leader Lee Franks about Bluebird boxes. Starting at 8 AM increases the chance of seeing all the interesting fall birds at Edgewood. **Directions:** Meet the Leader in the parking lot adjacent to the Day Camp area. The Edgewood Park entrance is on Edgewood Road, east of 280, in Redwood City.

Leader: Lee Franks 650-592-7733

Bair Island

Saturday, October 5, 9:00 AM

Visit Bair Island to see the birds of fall there and to hear some of the history and status of the restoration plans. Shore birds and raptors put on a good show. Easy walking on flat trails. **Directions:** Take 101 to Whipple Avenue exit in Redwood City, go east on Whipple and cross the frontage road. There is parking here, but do watch out the frontage road traffic as you pull in. Meet at 9 AM by the refuge sign just inside the gate. There are no restroom facilities, so come prepared.

Leader: Robin Smith 650-325-3306. **Beginner/Family Trip**

Farallon Islands/Natural History Cruise

Sunday, October 6, 8:00-4:00

(This trip is listed for your information only and isn't sponsored by Sequoia Audubon Society.) Imagine the fresh sea air and salt spray on your face, hundreds of sea birds circling overhead, whales and dolphins playing in the water. What could be better? This is a pub-

lic trip organized by the non-profit Oceanic Society of San Francisco in conjunction with the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary and the Pt. Reyes Bird Observatory, which provide expert naturalists on board the 65' boat to help ID birds. Trips go rain or shine. The company has indicated they may give a discount to Sequoia Audubon members on this date. Reservations Required. \$69.00.

Call The Oceanic Society at 415-474-3385.

Field Trip Leaders Needed

Do you have a favorite birding spot you would like to share with others? Volunteer to be a trip leader. You don't have to be an expert! It's fun, it's easy. Introduce new members to birding.

Call Carol Masterson 650-347-1769

A BLUEBIRD RECOVERY UPDATE

BY HOWARD RATHLESBERGER

County Coordinator of San Mateo County

This last year we've had a surprising number of sightings of Western bluebirds in the urban areas of the southern part of the county and, especially east of Middlefield Road. Kris Olsen, an excellent observer, witnessed bluebirds near Fitness 101, south of Marsh Road and the adjacent office park. We're preparing ten hanging boxes for Kris Olsen to place around that area. She and others have seen adults and juveniles on the Menlo-Atherton High School campus.

An Eagle Scout candidate approached me about a nest box project for Flood Park, which is west of the Fitness 101 location along Bay Road. As a group project, he'll build twelve boxes and a retriever. This will all be under the auspices of the park rangers. Once this project is completed a permanent monitor will be needed.

We also would like to develop a trail at Menlo-Atherton High School and will need an enthusiastic monitor(s) here.

We now have boxes at Burgess Park, Sacred Heart School, Menlo Circus Club, and Sunset Gardens. These four areas are monitored by Anne Miller, who is also a Filoli Garden Bluebird Docent.

Our banding staff has expanded with the licensing of Hans Arps and Max Grandfield, Filoli trail monitors, and Lane Eubank, who monitors the Runnymede trail.

All interested in helping monitor the above areas or other please give me a call, 650-367-1296. Email: HJRath@AOL.com.

Correction

In the June issue the article, "From the President: Two Days, Three New Birds" was incorrectly attributed. This article was written by Tom Vanden Bosch, a Sequoia Audubon Society Director.

BIRD CONSERVATION PROGRAM

BY LEE R. FRANKS

Sequoia Audubon has a bird conservation program in place at Edgewood Park & Natural Preserve, a 467-acre site managed by San Mateo County Parks & Recreation. It is located in Redwood City, east of Hwy 280 in the vicinity of Edgewood Road and Crestview Ave. The park is well known for its spectacular displays of wild flowers in the spring. It is also home to 460 plant species, several mammal, amphibian and reptile species, and various invertebrates (including the threatened Bay Checkerspot butterfly). It is the 70 diverse species of birds, however, that has captured our interest. Twenty-seven species families are represented, including Woodpeckers, Hawks, Falcons, Hummingbirds, Flycatchers, Swallows, Wrens, and more.

The objective of the conservation program is on-going monitoring and study of population densities and breeding activities. On-going monitoring shows us how vulnerable some birds in the park are to human disturbance, especially during the nesting phase of their annual cycle. While this monitoring includes "counting", it differs from other Audubon counting activities such as the Christmas Bird Counts and the Breeding Bird Counts, in that our count data is used at the local level (Park Rangers) to initiate land management actions that benefit the birds. Data from our monitoring basically acts as information feedback that enables the rangers to refine and improve land management practices.

For example, when count data from monitoring records showed that Western Bluebird (an insectivorous species) population densities were declining, a detailed study of their foraging behavior was initiated in a control site, consisting of side-by-side patches of unmowed grass (12-15 inches high with thatch build up of approx. ½ inch), and mowed grass (3-4 inches high with thatch build up of approx. ¼ inch). The mowed patch resulted from a recent land management effort to eradicate an invasive weed (Yellow-starthistle), by annual mowing. Overall, the study results showed that when given a choice of foraging sites, the Western Bluebird favors mowed grass over unmowed. We observed that they selected the mowed patch 84% of the time, using a "perch to ground" foraging strategy 88% of the time. During the time spent in the unmowed patch (26%), the "hover" foraging strategy was used exclusively, requiring a much greater energy expenditure than the "perch to ground" method.

Feeding back the study results to Park Rangers gives them valuable information that can be used to justify on-going annual mowing of key grassland plots, even after yellow-starthistle is no longer an issue. In the two years that mowing has occurred, our monitoring records show that there has been a five-fold increase in Western Bluebird population densities.

Monitoring also enables us to define the breeding season and breeding sites throughout the park, especially for ground nesting species (Quail, Towhee, Junco, and Meadowlark). For example, Western Meadowlarks use a grassland area of approximately 75 acres to set up territories and raise young, for a 5-month period each year. By closely observing Western

Meadowlark activity during this period we are not only able to define the number and location of territories, but also break down the 5 month period into major phases of their breeding cycle (i.e. courtship, nest building, egg laying and incubation, care of young and fledging). This species often has 2 clutches per season, so the monitoring continues until all activity ceases, usually near the end of July. Feedback of this breeding information affords park management an opportunity to schedule habitat restoration and enhancement activities such that they do not conflict with breeding activities.

The study of bird behaviors has immense practical importance to the Bird Conservation Program. Behavior studies help us answer questions such as:

- Is there competition between species for nest sites and feeding territories?
- Are particular areas off limits because of the presence of predators?
- How do species respond to habitat changes (i.e. do they leave; are they less productive when breeding)?

All studies are conducted without capture of the birds. The bird behaviors are observed from make-shift blinds, where the observer records on a data sheet all movements of the bird under study. We look for various quirks in their daily activities. If a bird sings from a perch, the action is recorded. Three and a half minutes of preening. Sixty-five minutes of stillness. Don't doze off, because suddenly the bird will engage in two minutes of courtship behavior. Countless hours of recording behavior can lead to a new insight, one that might help protect the bird from various human disturbances, or help determine the effect of non-native plants on its survival, and maybe minimize exposures to nest predation.

Conservation efforts yield maximum benefit when they are applied at the local level in an atmosphere of cooperation and collaboration between conservationist and land manager. This program does just that. If you would like to learn more about the program, or if you would like to volunteer some of your time to help out, contact Lee R. Franks (650-592-7733), or Teri Tith Concannon (email: teritith@mindspring.com).

A SPECIAL THANKS...

BY TERI TITH CONCANNON

...goes to **Cliff Richer** for volunteering as our newsletter editor for 20 years. Yes (as you may have guessed), this is the longest anyone has ever held the post! He admits there was a one-year break; however, he kept active with our Audubon chapter by serving as president for one term and vice president for two terms. He was also Field Trip Coordinator at one time.

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New Face of Sequoia Needles

With this edition, we are making changes to the format and layout of Sequoia Needles. Please email your inputs on the changes to **sas_editor@yahoo.com**. We look forward to hearing from you.

PROPOSED SEQUOIA AUDUBON BYLAWS REVISION

Please also see articles on page 1.

INTRODUCTION

National Audubon Society is requiring its affiliated chapters to make changes in their chapter bylaws. The changes National requires are contained in Article XIII - Commitments, and in Article XIV - Discontinuance. In the course of proposing these revisions, the Sequoia Audubon Board of Directors has deemed it to be convenient to also propose bylaw changes to bring them more in line with current chapter practices, to correct inconsistencies and inaccuracies, and in the case of the bylaws Title, to bring them into

conformity with current California law.

The more significant changes involve:

1. A broadened mission statement of the chapter that reflects our actual activities and was adopted by the Board of Directors several years ago.
2. Ability of the Board to form a Nominating Committee for the purpose of nominating Officers and Directors that has one non-Board member instead of two.

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FALL 2002 BIRDSEED SALE ORDER FORM

All Orders With Payment Must Be Received By Thursday, September 19, 2002

Proceeds support local Audubon conservation programs

Pickup dates will be within 2 weeks of September 19th

Confirmation and details will be sent via e-mail or US postal mail



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The Next Seed Sale Will Be January 2003

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3. Ability of Sequoia Audubon to create local memberships in the chapter separate from National Audubon memberships.

For more information, please contact Francis Toldi, the chief author of the revisions, at Francis@dpisf.com or at 415-925-0660, or contact any of the officers.

TITLE

Old: Sequoia Audubon Society, Incorporated (a Non-Profit California Corporation)

New: Sequoia Audubon Society, Inc. (a California Public Benefit Corporation)

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

1. **Old:** This Society shall function in San Mateo County in California as a branch of the National Audubon Society.

New: Sequoia Audubon shall function as a chapter of the National Audubon Society, with an emphasis on San Mateo County, California.

2. **Old:** The Society will support the stated purposes of the National Audubon Society: summarily, to promote a general interest in the proper use of and the preservation of the natural resources and the wildlife.

New: The mission of Sequoia Audubon is to participate actively in environmental education and conservation, and in the restoration, preservation, protection and enjoyment of our native natural resources with emphasis on birds and their habitats.

Old:

1. Classes of membership shall be designated by the National Audubon Society, namely: Regular, Family, Sustaining, Supporting, Contributing, Donor, Life. All classes of members shall enjoy all the rights and privileges pertaining to this Society and to the National Audubon Society.

2. Dues of members shall be determined for each class by the National Audubon Society. They shall be paid initially with application for membership in the National Audubon Society, and annually thereafter upon receipt of written notice. Dues of Life members are paid in full at the time of application.

3. Should renewal of membership dues not be paid within six (6) months after the time they are payable, a member so in default shall be dropped from the rolls.

New:

1. Members designated as "National Members", shall enjoy all of the rights and privileges pertaining to National Audubon as determined by National Audubon. National Members are also entitled to those rights and privileges of membership in Sequoia Audubon as determined by the Sequoia Audubon Board of Directors.

2. Members designated as "Local Audubon Members", shall enjoy all of the rights and privileges pertaining to Sequoia Audubon as determined by the Sequoia Audubon Board of

Directors. Membership determinations (National or Local Audubon) shall be made by the Sequoia Audubon Board of Directors pursuant to a written policy formulated by the Sequoia Audubon Board of Directors. A member may be considered both a National Member and a Local Audubon Member as determined by the Sequoia Audubon Board of Directors.

3. Dues of members shall be paid initially with application for membership, and annually thereafter upon receipt of written notice. Should renewal of membership dues not be paid within one (1) month after the time they are payable, a member so in default may be dropped from the rolls.

ARTICLE VIII - NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Old: 1. Prior to March 1st, the Board of Directors shall designate a Nominating Committee consisting of three (3) members in good standing who are not officers or members of the Board. (continues)

New: Prior to March 1st, the Board of Directors shall designate a Nominating Committee consisting of three (3) members in good standing, at least one of who is not an officer or member of the Board. (continues as before).

ARTICLE XIII - COMMITMENTS

Old: The Board of Directors of the Sequoia Audubon Society shall not, without prior clearance, make any commitments binding on the National Audubon Society. Neither shall the National Audubon Society make commitments binding on the Sequoia Audubon Society without its prior consent.

New: Sequoia Audubon shall not enter into any commitments binding upon National Audubon without written authorization by National Audubon, nor shall National Audubon, without written authorization by Sequoia Audubon, enter into any commitments binding upon Sequoia Audubon.

ARTICLE XIV - DISCONTINUANCE

Old: The Sequoia Audubon Society reserves the right to terminate its branch status upon six (6) months' notice given in writing to the National Audubon Society. Also, this Society recognizes the right of the National Audubon Society to terminate the branch relation upon six (6) months' notice given in writing to the Sequoia Audubon Society. Membership in this Society shall continue until the agreed date of termination.

New: Sequoia Audubon may terminate its status as a Chapter of National Audubon, and National Audubon may terminate the status of Sequoia Audubon as a Chapter of National Audubon, pursuant to procedures set forth in the 2001 Audubon Chapter Policy adopted by National Audubon's Board of Directors on December 8, 2001.

MISCELLANEOUS

Change all references to Sequoia Audubon Society following the first reference to "Sequoia Audubon." Change all references to National Audubon Society following the first reference to "National Audubon." **Note:** This change applies to the entire bylaws.

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Cliff signed up as the Needles Editor as soon as he and his wife became members. Interestingly, he had gone to the Golden Gate Audubon meeting first, and then decided to give Sequoia a try. He says he liked the people so well, that he switched his membership over. Whatever the inspiration, the dedication does not go unnoticed. Thank you Cliff for the past 20 years, and we hope to see you at the next meeting.

You can also find Cliff volunteering at the reception desk at the San Pedro County Park in Pacifica on Saturday afternoons.



June Sierra Field Trip

See Field Trip report by Joe and Martha O'Neal Macho on page 2.



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