

*If you can plan to attend the Board meeting at the Dickinsons I'll be glad to furnish transportation.*

SANTA CLARA VALLEY AUDUBON SOCIETY

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January, 1950

THE JANUARY MEETING IN PALO ALTO, which was scheduled for next Monday January 9, has been postponed two weeks to Monday, January 23. Instead, there will be a meeting of the Board of Directors and Committee Chairmen that Monday evening, January 9, in Oleta and Neil Dickinson's new home, 554 Oak Park Way, Redwood City. Because "it is too hard to find in the dark," Neil will meet us at the S.P. Station in Redwood City at 7:30 o'clock and lead the way to his home. Any member of the Society who cares to attend the meeting will be welcome.

THE SECOND AUDUBON SCREEN TOUR, "Sounds of the Sageland," will be presented by Alice and Harold Allen next Thursday, January 12, in the Montgomery Theatre, San Jose Civic Auditorium. The Allens are radio artists and masters of sound effects. In conjunction with an all-color motion picture which depicts a surprising wealth of plant and bird life in the "sageland," they will feature sound interpretations, with Harold Allen imitating bird songs. The film which the Allens are using, includes shots of vermilion flycatcher, verdin, Costa's hummingbird, and cactus wren; also of birds which visit marshes and lakes in the sagebrush country: Wilson's phalarope, snow goose, white pelican, black-necked stilt, and sora rail.

There will be a matinee at four o'clock, as well as the evening performance at eight. For those who do not have season tickets, single admission tickets will be sold at the theatre the day of the performances, between 3:30 and 4 in the afternoon and 7:15 and 8 in the evening. Matinee tickets for school children (for the matinee only) will be 25 cents. For both performances the general admission tickets will be 74 cents and the student tickets 50 cents.

THE FIRST OF TWO JANUARY FIELD TRIPS will be taken Sunday, January 15, to Mt. Hermon, with Fanny and Charles Zwaal as leaders. Visits to bird feeding trays and drinking fountains will insure close-ups of chickadees, nuthatches, fox sparrows, and a dozen or more other birds. In the afternoon we will go to Santa Cruz to see the Butterfly Trees, and to bird along the coast. Meet in Los Gatos in front of the Lyndon Hotel at 8:30 a.m. San Jose members who can provide transportation meet at corner of E. San Carlos and Fifth Streets at 8 o'clock, and Palo Alto members at the S. P. Station at 7:45. Bring lunch.

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Monthly meetings second Monday, alternately in San Jose and Palo Alto

Joint membership (Local and National), \$5.00 annually  
Local membership, \$1.50 annually

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Thank you for your greetings "New Year's"*

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Horned grebe, 1; eared grebe, 3; double-crested cormorant, 3; great blue heron, 4; American egret, 1; American bittern, 2; Canada goose, 625 (est., 25 much smaller than others); mallard, 2; gadwall, 1; pintail, 404; green-winged teal, 132; blue-winged teal, 20; shoveller, 13; lesser scaup duck, 4; American golden-eye, 27; ruddy duck, 171; white-tailed kite, 2; sharp-shinned hawk, 5; Cooper's hawk, 2; red-tailed hawk, 12; ferruginous rough-leg, 1; golden eagle, 5; marsh hawk, 3; duck hawk, 1; sparrow hawk, 31; California quail, 81; coot, 1000 (est.); killdeer, 270; black-bellied plover, 29; Wilson's snipe, 3, long-billed curlew, 81; spotted sandpiper, 1; willet, 500 (est.); greater yellow-legs, 20; least sandpiper, 1000 (est.); red-backed sandpiper, 200 (est.); dowitcher, 200 (est.); western sandpiper, 500 (est.); avocet, 1550 (est.); glaucous-winged gull, 1000 (est.); western gull, 200; herring gull, 15; California gull, 500 (est.); ring-billed gull, 2500 (est.); Bonaparte's gull, 2100 (est.); band-tailed pigeon, 75; mourning dove, 1; pygmy owl, 1; short-eared owl, 1; Anna's hummingbird, 12; belted kingfisher, 1; red-shafted flicker, 47; California woodpecker, 23; red-breasted sapsucker, 3; hairy woodpecker, 2; black phoebe, 17; Say's phoebe, 6; horned lark, 200 (est.); Steller's jay, 17; California jay, 99; yellow-billed magpie, 3; crow, 9; chestnut-backed chickadee, 20; plain titmouse, 20; bush-tit, 41; white-breasted nuthatch, 6; wren-tit, 4; house wren, 1; Bewick's wren, 6; long-billed marsh wren, 5; canyon wren, 1; mockingbird, 23; California thrasher, 3; robin, 14; varied thrush, 12; hermit thrush, 12; western bluebird, 106; ruby-crowned kinglet, 17; American pipit, 204; loggerhead shrike, 20; Hutton's vireo, 5; orange-crowned warbler, 2; Audubon's warbler, 256; English sparrow, 77; western meadowlark, 412; Brewer's blackbird, 2500 (est.); California purple finch, 3; house finch, 336; Arkansas goldfinch, 288; spotted towhee, 22; brown towhee, 62; Savannah sparrow, 237; lark sparrow, 16; Oregon junco, 45; white-crowned sparrow, 930; golden-crowned sparrow, 176; fox sparrow, 25; song sparrow, 80. Total, 98 species; 19221 individuals (some of the numbers estimated).

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