

SANTA CLARA VALLEY AUDUBON SOCIETY

May, 1950

THE MAY 7th FIELD TRIP will be an early morning trip to Alum Rock Park—very early, in order to see and hear the birds at their best, and also to avoid the Sunday picnickers. Meet at the corner of E. Santa Clara and 6th Streets, in front of the Horace Mann School, at 6 a.m., Daylight Saving Time. (Why the new meeting place? Because an Arizona Hooded Oriole has a nest in a fan palm tree on the school grounds there.) Bring along the makings for a midmorning breakfast, at picnic tables in Alum Rock Park where there are grills for those who want to cook. Agnes Frusman will make coffee for every one, but bring your own cup and spoon. Afterwards, if you want to visit the egret heronry near Alviso, and perhaps look for a kite's nest off Zanker Road, there will probably be others of the same mind.

THE REGULAR MAY MEETING will be held in Palo Alto Monday, May 8th, at the Palo Alto High School, in Room 2 at 7:45 p.m. There will be a brief business meeting before the program to elect officers and directors for the coming year, and to hear the report of the Audubon Camp Scholarship Committee. The first fifteen minutes of the program will be devoted to reports of recent bird observations by members. This is the time of the year for interesting observations. Come prepared to participate in this important and always enjoyable part of our program.

Mr. Andrew S. Gibb, who could not accept the invitation to be our speaker at this meeting, has very generously offered to let Les Sleeper show his Kodachrome movies of Common Land and Water Birds of Central California. Mr. Gibb is a photographer of exceptional ability; we are very grateful to him for entrusting his films to our program chairman.

THE MAY 13th FIELD TRIP will be a Saturday trip, with Mrs. Hillebrand as our leader. The morning will be spent at Searsville Lake (not Felt Lake, as was announced in the Calendar), to see what progress has been made at the heronry since our March 11th field trip, and to look for baby coots which have already been seen on the lake—downy little chicks with golden red heads—and for the many other birds which are nesting around Searsville Lake at this season of the year. After lunch Mrs. Hillebrand will have suggestions for birding elsewhere in the afternoon, for those who have not had enough. The meeting place for the trip will be in Palo Alto at the S. P. Station at 8 a.m. Bring along a lunch if you want to bird in the afternoon.

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