

President's Message

Many members of our Society who were at the June, 1962 annual meeting were impressed by the achievements of last year's administration. May I list a summary of the major accomplishments, some completed, others still in progress.

Joint sponsorship of the Audubon Wild Life Screen Tours at San Jose State College and Stanford University.

Completion of CHECKLIST OF THE BIRDS OF SANTA CLARA VALLEY REGION compiled by H.G. Weston, Jr. and H.T. Harvey and published by the Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society, June 1962.

Completion of "The Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society NATURE GUIDE" by Diane Conradson, June 1962.

Reprint by mimeograph of BIRDS OF THE BAY AREA by C.G. Sibley.

The assembly of this work was done by the Emmanuel Taylors.

Our Society membership increased by 105 members, less 44 drop-outs, during the year and now totals 385.

An Affiliate was established for nature study at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Menlo Park. Mrs. Cisne gave an illustrated talk there.

The Society sent representatives to the four workshops on GREATER RECREATIONAL USE OF SAN FRANCISCO BAY sponsored by University Extension, University of California in cooperation with the Citizens' Committee for Regional Recreation and Parks in the San Francisco Bay Area.

The Society gave \$200 to the National Audubon Society effort to save the Condor.

The Society arranged for 8 scholarships for the Audubon Summer Camp of 1962 which had to be cancelled when the Camp was discontinued temporarily. Also 18 scholarships of \$18 each were arranged for the West Coast Nature School, Tom Harvey, Director.

Excellent work was done by Claude Smith in new labels for the Montalvo Nature Trail; by Oliver Allen in maintaining the bulletin board at the Palo Alto Yacht Harbor; by Harriet Mundy in publicizing the value of the Palo Alto Area Bay Lands; by Tom Harvey and a group of devoted Audubonites in a BAYLAND SURVEY REPORT for Save San Francisco Bay Association; by Mrs. John E. Todd and her AVOCET staff; by Bob Fuller in his comprehensive compilation of BIRD NOTES; and by the Wolcotts and Cases, Miss Emily Smith and Mrs. Bothwell in the programs they arranged for the enjoyable field trips.

The new administration wishes to continue and increase the fervor and activity of the Society. The best Society is a happy, active one with many members participating. To be an active member means:

Come to our monthly meetings; enjoy all the National Audubon Society Wild Life Screen Tours at Stanford and San Jose State; ask the president for committee assignments; make suggestions about nature projects for the Society; tell us of an unusual nature collection or a good nature program for our monthly meeting; tell us why you favor some conservation measure; Bring a friend to a monthly meeting or introduce a new member; write or tell Bob Fuller of unusual birds or nature experience; best of all, enjoy as many field trips as you can.



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Our Audubon Society offers its members a large measure of beauty to be enjoyed. And there are many perceptive and friendly people to meet. We want everyone to have a share of this beauty and enjoyment.

- Warren M. Turner

### September Calendar

#### Regular Meeting:

Monday, September 10, at the Rosegarden branch of the San Jose Public Library, Dana and Naglee streets at 8:00 p.m. Several members will describe the nature features of their summer travels. Bob Fuller will have something new in presenting "Nature Notes". We are showing the National Audubon Society film THE WINDOW - a lovely picture in color and sound.

#### Board Meeting:

Wednesday, September 5, at Claude Smith's "Eyrrie". It is to begin with a "cook out" at 5:45 p.m. The meeting will start at 7:30 (we hope) and should be over by 9 (we also hope). Each director and committee chairman has a special invitation for this with all details.

#### Field Trips:

Wednesday, September 5, to Palo Alto Yacht Harbor: Meet at the Duck Pond at 8:30 a.m. This is the last natural habitat of its kind on this edge of the Bay. We should see shore birds returning from their nesting grounds in the north - as well as resident birds. Leader: Virginia Bothwell (DA 2-1209).

Saturday, September 15, to Palo Alto Yacht Harbor. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at Duck Pond. To get there take Bayshore Boulevard to Embarcadero turnoff at Palo Alto and go East to Yacht Harbor. This meeting is open to the public. It might be a good idea to tell your friends about it and bring them along. Leader: Harriet Mundy (DA 5-1192).

Wednesday, September 19, to lagoons and beaches along East Cliff Drive in Santa Cruz. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at Twin Lakes Beach State Park, between 4th St. and 5th St., in parking area by the beach. Leader: Catherine Lintott (EL 6-4254).

#### TWO, THREE, OR FOUR WEEKS BIRD-FINDING TOUR TO MEXICO...

Experienced Spanish-speaking couple plan guided bird finding, sight seeing tour in November and December to exotic bird sections and Aztec, Toltec and Mayan ruin areas of Mexico, in comfortable private car. Guests picked up in Bay Area, en route, or in Mexico City. For information and rates, write the Lynn Bramkamps, 37 Via Farallon, Orinda, California. Phone: 254-8015.

SANTA CLARA VALLEY AUDUBON SOCIETY  
WEEK-END FIELD TRIPS--TENTATIVE SCHEDULE  
1962 - 1963

(Please keep this as a general guide)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Comment</u>
Sat. Sept. 15	Palo Alto Yacht Harbor	Open to the public
Sat. Oct. 6	Santa Cruz Area	Open to the public
Sun. Oct. 14	Alum Rock Park	
Sat. Nov. 3	Sunnyvale City Park and Woodward Ranch	
Sat.-Sun. Nov. 17-18	Los Banos Group meets 9 a.m. Sunday	Good overnight trip
Sat. Dec. 1	Mt. Hermon	
Sat. Dec. 29	Annual Christmas Count in San Jose area	
Sat. Jan. 5	Pescadero & Memorial Park	
Sun. Jan 20	Dumbarton Bridge	
Sat. Feb. 2	Richardson Bay	
Sat. Feb. 9	San Juan Bautista	
Sun. Feb. 17	Spring Valley Lakes	
Feb. 22, 23, 24	Morro Bay Group meets at 9 a.m. Sat.	Washington's Birth- day week-end
Sat. Mar. 3	Huddart Park	
Sun. Mar. 17	Searsville Lake	Open to the public
Sat. Mar. 30	Dumbarton Bridge	
April-First Week	Asilomar Conference	Reservation needed
Sun. Apr. 21	Stevens Creek	
Sat. May 4	Halle Valley	Open to the public
Sun. May 19	Foothills Park	
Sat. June 1	The Pinnacles	
Mon. June 10	Montalvo	Annual Meeting
Sun. June 16	Pt. Lobos	
Sat. July 6	Uvas and Calero Dam areas	
Sun. July 21	Dumbarton Bridge	
Sat. Aug. 3	Coyote Hills	

For details of meeting and names of leaders refer to monthly Avocet.  
Public meetings are announced in the papers. Eve Case arranges week-  
end trips for the Southern Area and Howard Wolcott those for the North-  
ern Area. The Society also schedules field trips on the 2nd and 4th  
Wednesdays of each month. Emily Smith has charge of the Southern trips  
which are usually on the 2nd Wednesday; Virginia Bothwell the 4th Wed-  
nesday groups. Current schedules will be in the monthly Avocet. We hear-  
tily recommend these week-day trips for those who wish to learn quickly  
about the ecology of the area. --Howard Wolcott

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The following members will be glad to arrange transportation to:

- Monthly meetings
- National Audubon Wild Life Screen Tours
- Field trips.

Please telephone the member nearest to you.

J.R. Brokenshire	102 S. 23rd St., San Jose 27	293 6289
Lloyd N. Case	2586 Homestead Rd., Santa Clara	CH3 2467
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W.H. Pillow	675 Orange Ave., Los Altos	948 1300
Emmanuel Taylor	14311 Quito Rd., Saratoga	DR9 3424
Dr. Amy N. Stannard	1018 Fulton St., Palo Alto	DA3 6912

--Warren M. Turner

1962 - 1963 Officers and Committee Chairmen

<u>Committee Name</u>	<u>Chairman</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
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Transportation	Members listed above.		

Each committee chairman may select the committee members he or she desires. Or each chairman is welcome to ask the president to aid in selections. One committee member should be designated as assistant chairman to serve in case of absence or resignation of chairman.

NEW MEMBERS

It is with real pleasure that we welcome the following new members:

Frank Gray (Student Member)  
Mrs. Theresa F. Glazier  
Mr. Roy S. Cameron  
Miss Lois E. Arens  
Mrs. Phyllis Klein  
Mr. Jerry Breazele  
Mrs. George Hoack  
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--Mrs. I. W. Snow  
21525 Old Mine Road, Los Gatos

Summer Ocean Trip

Leavitt McQuesten's offshore trip was held on Monday, June 18th. The Stagnaro sport fishing boat left Santa Cruz at 7:30 a.m. filled with eager observers. The water was exceptionally smooth and the visibility was perfect. Many large floats of sooty shearwaters were encountered enroute to the rock cod fishing area 12 miles offshore. Although a scattering of black-footed albatrosses had been observed during the 2-hour trip, this fishing grounds had been selected by Mr. McQuesten for the show. Many albatrosses were there anticipating the catch. It is their habit to rip the floating fish and eat the soft insides. The number of albatrosses was augmented as John Strohbeen threw small fish and squids and passengers offered sandwiches. A count of 28 big blackish birds was made at one time. At the height of the albatross exhibit a lone Manx shearwater practically brushed the boat as though trying to steal the show. It was a "first" for many aboard. Our thanks again to Leavitt McQuesten for a well planned trip. Mr. McQuesten arranges these annual trips for the enjoyment of birders and at no financial profit either to him or the Stagnaro Brothers.

--Viola Anderson  
Salinas

One of our teen-age members, Tom Malone of Santa Clara, took in the same trip with Oliver Allen, Lynn Robbins and two Golden Gate Audubon Society members. In addition to the birds Mrs. Anderson notes, Tom saw "a Pink-footed Shearwater, some Heerman's Gulls, Pigeon Guillemots, and many other birds". After the boat trip, the same group went on to Rocky Creek, Moss Landing, Point Lobos, and Big Sur, adding several birds to Tom's life list.

--J.T.

Audubon Work at Veterans' Hospital

Mrs. Francis Goraj presented a "Field Guide to Western Birds" to the veterans' group at the Hospital in Menlo Park who are interested in birds. Mrs. Luther E. Cisne gave them a talk on birds on June 5 using the Secretary's slides. --J.T.

Photographs for the Asilomar Conference

Does anyone wish to enter the 2nd Nature Photography Salon for West Coast Audubon Branches and Affiliates to be displayed at Asilomar Conference, Pacific Grove, California April 6-7-8-9, 1963? Please write or telephone Warren M. Turner

646 Alvarado Row  
Stanford, California DA5-7777

San Francisco Baylands Exhibit on Display

A conservation exhibit relating to San Francisco Bay will be shown at the Main Branch of the Palo Alto Public Library, 1213 Newell Road, from September 8th through September 30th. This exhibit was executed by the California Academy of Sciences and was shown last spring at the Garden Club of Palo Alto Flower Show and at the annual meeting of our society. It illustrates the necessity for, and value of, retaining some of San Francisco Bay's native marsh and mudflats for the survival of the flora and fauna dependent on this restricted ecological environment. All those working with Junior Audubon, Scouts, school groups and other civic organizations will be interested to see, and take others to see, this educational display. Please help give this exhibit a wide audience. Library hours:

Mon. through Fri. 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.  
Saturdays 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Sundays 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Any inquiries regarding future showings (at schools, clubs, etc.) should go to Mr. Mearl F. Carson, Curator of Exhibits, California Academy of Sciences, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco.

--Harriet Mundy

Conservation Notes

THE WILDERNESS BILL - Donald Culross Peattie, one of America's outstanding naturalists, wrote in one of his books: "Once they are gone, the trees and the grasslands, the screaming wildfowl, the beaver and the antelope, we can only remember them with longing. We are not God. We cannot make America over again as it was in the beginning, but we can come to what is left of our heritage with a patriot's reverence." All of us who are interested in the preservation of portions of our remaining wilderness, both for its own natural beauty and for the wildlife living therein, should be most earnestly concerned with the final enactment of the Wilderness Act, S. 174.

This measure passed the Senate in 1961, was forwarded by the Senate to the House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs under the chairmanship of the Hon. Wayne Aspinall (Colo.). At present, it is still pending in the Subcommittee on Public Lands (Chairman: Hon. Gracie Pfof of Idaho). With the adjournment of Congress rapidly approaching, the opponents of the Bill are becoming more and more active. They are doing all that they can to stall the Bill in Subcommittee until it is too late to get it onto the floor of the House in time to pass this session. If it reaches the floor of the House, it is almost certain to

be passed. In many instances the arguments of the opposition are more fictional than factual, but, if they succeed, WE SHALL BE RIGHT BACK TO WHERE WE WERE FIVE YEARS AGO!

The Bill is much too long to be discussed in detail here, but for anyone wishing to read it, together with arguments pro and con, a copy of "THE LIVING WILDERNESS" (Special Issue, Autumn-Winter 1961-62 No.78) is available at the Case residence (AX 6-2410 or CH 3-2467 except between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m.). In short, the Bill will bring about the establishment of a wilderness preservation system of between 35 million and 45 million acres - about 2 percent of our more than 2 billion acres of national land area - without real injury to anyone, and to the perpetual benefit of the Nation and its citizens of today and of many generations to come. This is, in a very real sense, last-chance legislation. It is wholeheartedly endorsed and supported by National Audubon and other conservation-minded organizations such as the Sierra Club, Nature Conservancy, the Wilderness Society, the National Parks Association, and many others. In the words of another noted conservationist; quoted in the issue of THE LIVING WILDERNESS mentioned above: "Certainly these areas will add nothing immediately to economic progress. They will not give us more bales of cotton, more tons of steel, more kilowatts of electricity. They have a higher purpose, like churches".

Our Representative, Hon. Charles S. Gubser (10th Dist., Calif.), whose Washington address is House Office Building, Washington 25, D.C., is very responsive to letters expressing the opinions of his constituents. In a personal, not form, letter he has stated to your Conservation Chairman that he will continue to do what he can to get the Bill out of Committee without crippling amendments. He deserves both commendation and encouragement! Use your constitutional right to express your opinion on this matter.

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO READ? "WILDERNESS: America's Living Heritage", published by the Sierra Club, is a compilation of the papers that were presented at the Seventh Biennial Wilderness Conference held in San Francisco in the Spring of 1961. It contains papers presented by Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall, Justice William O. Douglas, Sigurd F. Olson, Gerard Piel, Ansel Adams, Joseph Wood Krutch, and several other noted conservationists. If you are not familiar with the writings of those men, we think that you are missing some extremely interesting reading! (A copy is available at the "S.C.V.A.S. Library", - call the Cases).

THIS IS ENCOURAGING! Just in case some of you were on a vacation trip and missed seeing the daily newspapers: THE POINT REYES BILL (S.476) passed the House by a voice vote (a roll-call vote was not necessary!) on July 22. It will be ready for the President's signature as soon as the Senate concurs in the House amendments - which are not of major importance. The legislation creates a 53,000-acre Seashore Area and authorizes \$14 million for land acquisition. Within the 26,000-acre "pastoral zone", present owners will be permitted to keep their lands as long as they are used only for ranching. Thus, the large dairy holdings in the area are not being unjustly dealt with! At last, Point Reyes Seashore is safe! Now, if that extremely important breeding area of Egrets and Great Blue Herons, THE CANYON RANCH, on Bolinas Lagoon, can be protected and preserved, our San Francisco Bay Area will be assured of another spot of interest and beauty!



THE TULE LAKE BILL. - Yes, Tule Lake is again a bone of contention. AND IT IS IN DANGER AGAIN!! The TULE LAKE BILL, S. 1988, was supported by conservationists and the Department of Interior on July 19, at a hearing held by the House Subcommittee on Irrigation and Reclamation. Spokesmen for local water and land interests, who want the vital Tule Lake National Wildlife Refuge opened for homesteading and farming, were on hand to oppose it. The National Audubon Society submitted a supporting statement to Rep. Walter Rogers (Tex.), who is chairman of this committee. Our Representative, Hon. Charles S. Gubser, should also be commended and encouraged in his efforts in behalf of this Bill

--Lloyd N. Case

### NOTES FROM AFIELD

#### 1. Summertime Bird Walks

Our Field Trip Committee decided to try holding a few field trips during the summer vacation period this year, and the trips were very successful, indeed. Many participants expressed their pleasure in having good opportunities to get together with their Audubon friends during the summer.

Duveneck's Ranch Trip. - On 23 May Frank Duveneck welcomed the Society to his Hidden Villa Ranch in Los Altos Hills and showed the group his extremely interesting plantings, including a 25-year-old Santa Lucia fir, with its unusual cones. The LAZULI BUNTING, SOLITARY VIREO, and BLACK-THROATED GRAY WARBLER were among the 38 species of birds observed. Kay McCann and Jill Cisne found several nests on the scouting trip. They saw a RED-TAILED HAWK carrying off a squirming snake. Also that day they saw a young GREAT HORNED OWL, still downey and tailless, which had fallen from the nest and been pecked by other birds--probably Steller's Jays. A boy took charge of the owl and it is now assisting the faculty of a local school and is restored to vigorous good health.

Chesbro Reservoir. - Twenty birders noted 48 species on this trip on 16 June. They were astounded to see seven WHITE-TAILED KITES in a single tree--parents and five young. A WESTERN KINGBIRD also observed the kites and tormented them one by one until nearly all of them flew off.

Searsville Lake. - About forty birders walked around the lake on July first. It was a warm, sunny day and many birds were still singing beautifully. Thus the walk was doubly pleasant and many of us enjoyed the opportunity to become more familiar with the songs. Of the 41 species observed, perhaps the most interesting were the warblers: the ORANGE-CROWNED, YELLOW, WILSON'S, and YELLOWTHROAT.

Dumbarton Bridge. - This walk on July 21st proved to be timely for catching the early "fall" migration of shorebirds. WILSON'S PHALAROPES, still showing remnants of their breeding plumage, were very numerous and there were some NORTHERNS spinning on the salt ponds with them. Young FORSTER'S TERNS and BLACK-NECKED STILTS elicited a good deal of interest. A few individual AVOCETS put on good shows of being horribly ill or having suffered broken wings in fruitless attempts to lure us away. Over thirty members and friends participated.

Morsehead Ranch. - On August 5th, twenty-three birders hiked over the Morsehead Ranch at Portola Valley under a chilly overcast. The birds were generally silent, and we managed to find only 29 species. The WRENTITS and a few other species were singing, and we had the somewhat

unusual pleasure of watching a wrenit sing, bobbing the tail simultaneously with the song notes. Thanks to Emily Smith's identification of the song of the PYBMY NUTHATCH, we succeeded in getting a glimpse of that species.

## 2. Observations Along the Coast

Earl Albertson found the nearby coast on 23 June as dull as he had anticipated. He found no shearwaters at all, but did see 9 WESTERN GREBES near Pescadero and one BLACK BRANT just beyond the surf at Pillar Point. (On that same day he saw a HORNE LARK at the Palo Alto Yacht Harbor.) On 22 July he observed two flocks of WESTERN GREBES, one of 17 and the other numbering over 45, near Pescadero. Three MARBLED MURRELETS were in the same area. He saw a GREEN HERON at the one remaining lake of the Santa Cruz Twin Lakes. At Moss Landing he observed 5 BONAPARTE'S GULLS (rather early). Earl reports three hours covering the coast between Monterey Harbor and Point Pinos failed to turn up anything of special interest.

The Wittgensteins saw 2 of the ELEGANT TERNS at Moss on 22 July. They found BLACK and RUDDY TURNSTONES and several WANDERING TATTLERS along West Cliff Drive that day. Also at Moss Landing, they saw one NORTHERN PHALAROPE on 8 July and two on 14 July as well as a flock of SANDERLINGS, all in breeding plumage.

Oliver Allen observed two ELEGANT TERNS at Moss also on the week-end of 21 July and one BAIRD'S SANDPIPER at the mouth of the Carmel River.

Joel Hornstein, new to our Society, added five species to his life list in the Monterey area during the week-end of 14 July. These included the BLACK OYSTERCATCHER, HEERMANN'S GULL, and BLACK SWIFT. He also saw the PIGEON GUILLEMOT and a family of sea otters at Pt. Lobos.

## 3. Miscellaneous

A white BLACKBIRD! An albino BREWERS near the Ladera Shopping Center on 26 July. Virginia Bothwell.

Remember Catherine Lintott's ASH-THROATED FLYCATCHERS? Ants invaded the nest and killed the young. A happier note advises that Catherine has had young OWLS (probably Screech) at her birdbath repeatedly since July 10th. This summer she observed the entire fabrication of a TOWHEE's nest.

Oliver Allen and Roy Fisk observed one and then two FLAMMULATED OWLS on the night of 27 July at Yosemite. They saw PINE GROSBEAKS there, also. Oliver reported that Hans Gruber, on Hill Road between Santa Cruz and Felton, had RED CROSSBILLS for about a week in mid-July and one EVENING GROSBEAK.

Did the CEDAR WAXWINGS linger unusually late? Flocks were reported in late May by Eve Case and Joyce Todd and during the first two weeks of June by Viola Anderson and Fanny & Charles Zwaal.

The Zwaals had a nesting pair of HOODED ORIOLES. They have noticed the abundance of BULLOCK'S ORIOLES this year.

Virginia Bothwell saw a third BARN SWALLOW assisting the two parents feed the second-brood nestlings. Emily Smith suggests the "babby sitter" might be a member of the first hatch.

Harriet Mundy noted WILSON'S and NORTHERN PHALAROPES and two LONG-BILLED CURLEWS at the Palo Alto Yacht Harbor on 1 August.

Some very late miscellaneous notes:

John Todd reports a BARN OWL at 9 p.m. July 19 on a wire on Page Mill Road, just beyond Frenchman's Tower. The owl hissed at John on his bike.

July 23, LOGGERHEAD SHRIKE heard, then seen for the first time here (Todds, Robie Ridge, Palo Alto).

An anonymous communication from a bird-loving child at 1621 Channing Ave., Palo Alto: "August 4 I saw an ALBINO HORNED GREBE, 3 kinds of PHALAROPES, 1 BLACK-NECK STILT, some WILLETS, BLACK-CROWNED HERON and some CURLEWS at Dumbartin Brige. At Palo Alto Yacht Harbor I saw some SEMIPALMATED PLOVERS, a WHITETAIL KITE, some RINGBILLED GULLS, 2 RUDDY DUCKS, a PEID-BILLED GREBES and some DAWITCHERS." We should like to publish your name. Call Bob Fuller or the Editor and let us know.

August 11, t a.m., an immature RED-TAILED HAWK sat in White Oak next to Todds' house. He yelped and looked about uncomfortably. After flying about from one oak to another, still yelping, he flew toward the hills.

#### 4. Vacation Trips

Eve and Lloyd Case had a marvelous trip to Rocky Mountain National Park, with a special hourney to Maroon Bells which they found to be as inspiring as it is described to be by Justice Douglas. At the Black Canyon of the Gunnison River they observed courting BROWN-CAPPED ROSY FINCHES near the snow line. They drove up to the Bear River Refuge in Northern Utah and found flocks of WHITE-FACED GLOSSY IBIS, BLACK TERNS, and FRANKLIN GULLS.

Manette and Herbert Wittgenstein found the birding exciting in Hawaii. They report the active Audubon Society there is eager to assist visitors. They identified 32 species, 21 being new to them. Highlights were two nesting colonies of RED-FOOTED BOOBIES, GREAT FRIGATE BIRDS, three species of HONEYCREEPERS, and the BRAZILIAN CARDINAL.

#### 5. Future Notes

Please send your contributions to me at 835 Webster Street, Palo Alto by the twentieth of each month for compilation prior to publication of the Avocet at the first of the next month. Also, please include any suggestions you may have concerning format and content.

--Bob Fuller  
(DA5-9575)

#### IN LOVING MEMORY

Helen Morton Todd (Sept. 25, 1874 - Aug. 15, 1962). Mother condensed articles for the Avocet and helped me by clipping the Manchester Guardian and Christian Science Monitor. She was an active conservationist, and loved and protected the trees and wildlife around her own small home. --John and Joyce Todd

