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President's Message

During the months of December 1962 and January-February 1963, the Education Committee of our Society conducted an experiment. This was to see if the general public of Palo Alto would be interested in weekly field trips to view the shore, wading and water birds at the Palo Alto Yacht Harbor and Dumbarton Bridge areas. The Saturday trips were sponsored by the SCVAS and weekly news items appeared in the Palo Alto Times announcing the trips. The shore, wading and water birds made excellent viewing for amateurs, because of their size and numbers and stability. Weather, of course, was a drawback, due to fog, cold wind and rain during the three months. Children were welcome if accompanied by parents.

Through December and January the average number of people participating was 20. Once there were only 13 on a 21 degree, windy morning; but we had as many as 24, occasionally. At least one third were children and at no time were they bothersome. One lively little 7 year old came up to his father part way through one of the trips and said enthusiastically: "Daddy, this is my bestest day". In February, after the first week of rain, the weather was good and trip membership increased to 35-40. We never did get an accurate count because the children would not stay in one place long enough. Many people came without bird books or field glasses. Some we only saw once; about half were consistent repeaters. A considerable number joined our Society as a result of their interest. Two members matured into good leaders. Two other people, who were the leaders, learned a lot and enjoyed the experience.

It remains for the Society Directors to make an assessment for the future. Should there be public field trips next fall and the following spring, as well as in the winter? Should public field trips also be made available in the San Jose and Los Gatos-Saratoga areas? Does the Society have enough leaders with time and ability and the will to conduct such trips? It should be mentioned that a good start has been made by Mrs. John Henderson, assisted by Claude Smith, in the Los Gatos-Saratoga area, but it is too soon to give details on this experiment as yet.

--Warren M. Turner

Coming Events at a Glance

Mon. Apr. 1	7:30 p.m.	San Jose
Sat.-Tues. Apr. 6-9		Audubon Western Conference at Asilomar.
Wed. Apr. 10	8:30 a.m.	Los Gatos & Uvas Valley
Sun. Apr. 14	1:30 p.m.	Dumbarton Area
Wed. Apr. 17	8:00 p.m.	San Jose
Sun. Apr. 21	8 or 9:00 a.m.	Stevens Creek Area
Wed. Apr. 24	9:00 a.m.	Waterdog Canyon
Mon. Jun. 17	7:30 a.m.	Santa Cruz Wharf



April Calendar

Board Meeting: Monday, April 1, 7:30 p.m. at the home of John Broken-shire, 102 South 23rd Street, San Jose 27.

Regular Meeting: Wednesday, April 17 at 8:00 p.m. at Rosegarden Branch, San Jose Public Library, Dana Naglee Streets, San Jose. (Note date change necessary because of Western Conference.) Mr. Eric Carruthers, Senior Planner in the Santa Clara County Planning Department will speak on the county plans for recreation and conservation. Mr. Carruthers deserves a big audience; don't let the day change keep you away.

Field Trips:

Wednesday Morning, April 10, a trip to look for wild flowers as well as birds, probably east and south from Los Gatos and possibly as far as the Uvas Valley. It might be a good idea to bring lunch. Meet at 8:30 a.m. at the Kings Court, a shopping center in east Los Gatos, at the intersection of San Jose Ave. and Blossom Hill Road. Leader: Mrs. Edward M. Lintott (356-4264).

Easter Sunday, April 14, to the Dumbarton Bridge area. Meet at 1:30 p.m. at the Hiller parking lot, 1350 Willow Road, near west end of Dumbarton Bridge. This is a joint field trip with the Sierra Club. Leaders: Howard Wolcott of the Audubon Society and Al Draper of the Sierra Club.

Sunday, April 21, to Stevens Creek Area. Early birders will meet at the dam site at 8:00 a.m.; if you're not so early, meet at the upper parking lot at 9:00 a.m. Picnic facilities are available. Leaders: Connie and Horace Hinds.

Wednesday, April 24, to Waterdog Canyon. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at the Carlmont Shopping Center in Belmont, Ralston Avenue and the Alameda de las Pulgas in the Lee Bros. parking lot. Be prepared to walk. Bring lunch if you have time to go on to Bunker Hill Road for the wildflowers. Leader: Virginia Bothwell (322-1209) or call Carol Zabel (DA 5-5939).

--Howard Wolcott
Field Trip Chairman (WH 8-6821)

Special Events:

National Audubon Western Conference

Date: April 6-7-8-9
Place: Asilomar, Pacific Grove, Monterey Peninsula
Program: Includes open meeting of California Conservation Council, International Nature Slide Exhibit, Photography Salon, Addresses by National Audubon President Carl Bucheister and other noted conservationists, social events, nature saunters, and field trips.
Obtain: Registration forms and information from National Audubon Western Conference, 2426 Bancroft Way, Berkeley 4, California.

Albatross Offshore Trip

Monday, June 17, at 7:30 a.m. a boat will leave Stagnaro's Landing, Municipal Wharf, Santa Cruz, for a trip 12 miles offshore.

Tickets (15 of them) are \$1.50, available from Joyce Todd (DA 2-1787). This is a joint trip with Santa Cruz and Monterey. Instructions: Come warmly dressed; bring blanket, overcoat, binoculars, camera, and lunch. Take some bread for the birds. Arrive at the landing $\frac{1}{2}$ hour early to take seasickness prevention pills. Free parking. Boat inspected by U.S. Coast Guard. The trip will again be led by Leavitt M. McQuesten of Santa Cruz.

New Members

We are proud to welcome the following new members:

Mrs. Lyle F. Campbell 263 Hillview Ave., Los Altos
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Scholarships Awarded for Death Valley Study

Ten San Jose State College students have been awarded scholarships by the Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society. Each scholarship pays \$20 - the tuition to the Death Valley session of the Field Studies in Natural History (formerly the West Coast Nature School). During April 7-13 the students will study the birds, trees, insects, wild flowers, mammals and geology of the area. Recipients are: Gene Antisdell, Douglas Brownell, Sharee Cope, Loretta Green, Kenneth Hulick, Carol Molony, Michaline Prows, David Sabold, Douglas Vargas, and Mary Kathryn Warren.

--Kenneth E. Hutton
San Jose State College

"Progress" in Austria

At the Wilderness Conference in San Francisco March 8th and 9th it was strongly emphasized that wilderness conservation is a worldwide problem. Here is an opportunity to help save a valuable area in another country.

The nestling colonies of the White Spoonbill and several rare species of Egrets and Herons on the Neusiedlersee in Eastern Austria will vanish unless we help to protect them. To quote Konrad Lorenz: ".....the Neusiedlersee, which lies only a few miles east of Vienna

and which yet is as strange and mysterious as if it were lying in the midst of the Far East. Great White Herons, spoonbills, glossy Ibis and many other birds still next there in the reeds;....." The rapid build-up of the area with summer bungalows bringing in its wake pollution and rats as well as the excessive cutting of reed endangers the continued existence of this bird paradise. Otto König, the director of the Biological station for animal behavior, tries to buy as much land as possible around the lake to protect it from trespassing. This project needs relatively large sums of money which are not available in Austria. The Biological Station gratefully accepts donations large and small, from conservationists around the world. If you want to help, send in your contribution by foreign money order to "Biologische Station Wilhelminenberg, Vienna XVI, Savoyenstrasse 1, Austria" under the code "Heron protection".

--Eve Case

C O N S E R V A T I O N N O T E S

THE WILDERNESS BILL is still, in our opinion, the most important of the conservation issues, and the one most urgently demanding immediate expressions of support. Hearings began on February 28 before the Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, but, because of changes in the personnel of the Committee since last year, favorable action on the measure is by no means assured.

"CONGRESSMAN ASPINALL vs. THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES" is the title of a very outspoken, if not even courageous, article by Paul Brooks, published in the March issue of HARPER'S Magazine. Mr. Brooks, the Editor-in-Chief of Houghton-Mifflin Publishing Co., writes in very plain and forceful language. He points out very clearly just exactly what the proponents of the measure will have to overcome.... how "one stubborn man, entrenched in a powerful committee chairmanship, can defy the will of Congress and jeopardize a national asset of incalculable value"....how "Congressman Wayne N. Aspinall, of Colorado, intends once more to use his position as Chairman of the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs to frustrate the expressed will of the American people. Specifically he (Aspinall) is determined to block passage of the Wilderness Bill and to substitute his own personal plan for disposition of our public lands, a plan which (quote from N.Y. TIMES:) "instead of helping to preserve the unspoiled areas for future generations. . . would encourage their invasion and exploitation". . . "Congressman Aspinall makes no secret of this; he has already revealed his strategy in an open letter to President Kennedy."

We believe that every member of S.C.V.A.S. should read this article. If you cannot find a copy of the March HARPER'S on your newsstand, telephone us and we will lend you one of our file copies. The article is only four pages in length, but it describes, clearly, both the nature of the bill we are fighting for, and the nature of the opposition we are fighting against.

Apathy will certainly result in defeat of the bill, We must remember the just before the close of the last session of Congress, Congressman Aspinall tried to get the bill reported "under suspension of the rules", so that there would be no opportunity to restore the badly-butchered bill to its original strength. When he was overruled by the Speaker of the House, his answer was direct, and disastrous: he went home to Colorado! During the three weeks that remained before Congress adjourned, no one succeeded in getting any action, and the bill, passed by an overwhelming majority in the Senate, and favored by a known-to-be-majority of the House, was DEAD! (ONE MAN did it!)

"With an exploding population, we can no longer rely on saving individual bits of "Wild America" when they are threatened with extinction. . . We need an overall wilderness system such as the Wilderness Bill would provide. Are we going to be deprived of it by another parliamentary trick?"

On the encouraging side, the proposal to set aside a permanent wilderness area within the national domain has the highest priority in the conservation legislation being drafted by the Administration. It is understood that the Administration will open a quiet lobbying campaign in the House, and will generate sufficient pressure to force Rep. Wayne Aspinall (Dem., Colo.) to report a bill to the House. (Chairman of the Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs is Henry M. Jackson (Dem., Wash.). Senator Thomas H. Kuchel of California is on the Committee leading the fight for the bill. Addresses: Senate Office Bldg., Washington 25, D.C.)

RAINBOW BRIDGE CONTINUES TO BE IN DANGER!

The protection provided by law has not yet been given RAINBOW BRIDGE! A suit by a combination of conservation organizations, seeking to enjoin the Secretary of the Interior from closing the diversion tunnels, was denied on the grounds that conservation organizations, having no financial interest in the national monument, had no standing in court. The Court did rule, however, that the provisions of the law do remain in force, and that the law does provide that Rainbow Bridge be protected and that no dam or reservoir shall lie within a national park or monument. Congress failed to appropriate the necessary funds, so how is the Bridge to be protected? Many conservationists are writing directly to the President, at the White House, urging that the provisions of the law be carried out. Failure to do so will set a precedent which may well endanger the safety of all national parks and monuments.

THE TULE LAKE AND KLAMATH NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE complex in Northern California and Southern Oregon may yet be saved from threatened drainage and homesteading schemes. Senator Thomas H. Kuchel is still in there, fighting the good fight. His bill, S. 793, is similar to the bill which he got through the Senate last year, but which died "when the House Interior Committee quit work early on conservation bills". For a concise expression of National Audubon's attitude toward this Refuge complex, get out your July-August 1960 AUDUBON MAGAZINE and read Prs. Bucheister's article. He says, in part, "It is amazing that a few hundred individuals who stand to profit financially have been able to prevail against the interests of millions who use and enjoy waterfowl...Conservationists must speak up!"

SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR STEWART L. UDALL has courageously signed an order raising the fees for feeding livestock on public grass (under the Taylor Grazing Act). This was in spite of demands by sixteen Western congressmen that he defer such action. There will be much noisy protest and political pressure against Mr. Udall and his Bureau of Land Management. It may be difficult for him to stand his ground unless he receives the encouragement of conservationists and unless some counter-pressure is exerted in behalf of the public interest by "we, the people" who own the public lands, and whose pockets have long been picked through the give-away grazing fees. It is a basic fact that overgrazing hastens the erosion and destruction of productive soil by the removal of the covering grasses. It is also well-known that the cattle and sheep men who run their herds on "public land" are not at all concerned about the overgrazing, and rapid

destruction, because they do not, personally, own the land, and they therefore have "nothing to lose". They can merely move on to greener pastures - and despoil more land. Mr. Udall certainly deserves support for his stand.

NATURE CENTERS WILL BE THE SUBJECT OF TWO DAYS OF PANELS AND GROUP DISCUSSIONS in workshop sessions on the establishment and operation of outdoor educational areas -- such as that for which we expressed hope in the last AVOCET. The sessions will be held at Asilomar on the Thursday and Friday immediately preceeding the Biennial Conference. Of course, the "bashful" (?) Cases asked for - and received - an invitation, so we'll be there, and see you Saturday afternoon at Asilomar we hope!

--Lloyd N. Case
Conservation Chairman

Announcements

Congratulations to Howard and Margaret Wolcott on the excellent "open house" for new members of our Society to meet the older members. There was a large and enthusiastic attendance.

Does anyone in our Society belong to another group, such as a garden club? If so, our Education Committee has a delightful 16 mm color and sound moving picture film called "Next Door to Nature", which can be shown. The length of the program is from 35 to 45 minutes and is free. The offer is for April and May only. Please 'phone Mrs. Conradson, 325-2512.

Gifts received in February consisted of four "In Memory" expressions of respect and sympathy for Dr. Evelyn Case in the loss of her father, Mr. Frank L. Hart.

--Warren M. Turner

The University of California, Berkeley, is offering a two-week summer seminar at Asilomar June 16-30 on "The Ocean as an Environment". (X-161 - 2 units Upper Division credits in Zoology available.) Details from University Extension, U.C., Berkeley 4, or J. Todd (DA 2-1787).

Notes from Afield

I would like to thank everybody who sent in observations. If you have doubts about your observations being interesting to other people, send them in and let me decide. Please include the following basic facts: Species, Quantity, Location, Date, Observer. Send your information so that I may compile it and sent it to the editor of the Avocet by the 20th of each month.

-- Ralph R. Trullinger, Compiler
1960 Santa Cruz Ave.,
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Morro Bay Trip - February 16/17.

A group of 12 members enjoyed excellent birding in all places visited. At the Los Banos Refuge we saw large flocks of Canada Geese, one flock of Snow Geese, several Bittern and Common (Florida) Gallinules. Marsh Wrens were singing all around us.

The drive on Highway 33, with its lush green fields contrasting with the darker green of the bordering trees, was very pleasant. As we stopped at a rice field to admire several Egrets, we got the surprise of our lives. Literally hundreds of Snow Geese and White-fronted Geese rose from the field only to settle down again a few yards

further away from the highway. Their wing beats sounded like thunder. A cloud of Blackbirds proved to include all four species.

As we were nearing the southern limits of the wintering grounds of the Mountain Plover and were about to admit defeat, we suddenly spotted a flock of about ten of these charming birds a few yards from the highway. We stopped the cars, set up our scopes, and observed the plovers at close range for quite awhile.

At our arrival at the Golden Tree Lodge in Morrow Bay State Park we were greeted by a Great Blue Heron and a Belted Kingfisher flying up from a Eucalyptus tree. Next morning we discovered on the same tree two Night Herons sitting on their nests.

We had a very pleasant evening with good company, good food, and a marvelous view of the Bay. Next morning during breakfast we birded through the window and saw among other birds the Arctic Loon and the Common Scoter. The morning was warm and sunny and birding around the Wildlife Refuge gave us a chance to see large numbers of Black Brant Geese, and many other species of ducks and shore birds. Towards noon, regretfully, we had to start for home after having observed 71 species on this trip.

Following is a list of the species seen: Arctic Loon, Grebe (Western, Horned, Pied-billed), Pelican (White, Brown), Cormorant (Double-crested, Brandt's), Great Blue Heron, Egret (Common, Snowy), Black-crowned Night Heron, American Bittern, Black Brant, Geese (White-fronted, Canada, Snow, Mallard, Pintail, Teal (Green-winged, Cinnamon), American Widgeon, Common Golden-eye, Bufflehead, Scoter (White-winged, Surf, Common), Ruddy Duck, Turkey Vulture, California Quail, Ring-necked Pheasant, Common Gallinule, American Coot, Killdeer, Plover (Mountain, Black-bellied), Long-billed Curlew, Whimbrel, Willet, Marbled Godwit, Gull (Western, Ring-billed), Mourning Dove, Anna's Hummingbird, Belted Kingfisher, Red-shafted Flicker, Black Phoebe, Horned Lark, Violet Green Swallow, Scrub Jay, Yellow-billed Magpie, Common Raven, Western Bluebird, Northern Shrike, Audubon's Warbler, Sparrow (House, Savannah, Song), Meadow Lark, Blackbird (Red-winged, Yellow-headed, Tricolored, Brewer's), House Finch, Oregon Junco. (For conservation reasons hawk and owl reports are no longer printed in the Avocet. They can be sent directly to Audubon Field Notes - which may or not print them.) Leaders: Herbert and Manette Wittgenstein.

Huddart Park Trip - February 27.

The day was good, nippy in the shade, and warm in the sun. In a shady redwood area we found rare Slink Pods and Two-eyed Violets. Following is a list of bird species seen: California Quail, Band-tailed Pigeon, Mourning Dove, Hummingbird (Allen's, Anna's), Scrub Jay, Plain Titmouse, Chestnut-backed Chickadee, Bushtit, Wrentit, Bewick's Wren, Hutton's Vireo, Orange-crowned Warbler, House Finch, Lesser Goldfinch, Rufous-sided Towhee, Brown Towhee, Oregon Junco, Golden-crowned Sparrow. Leader: Virginia Bothwell.

Los Gatos Area Trip - March 13.

We had an almost perfect day for birding, There was no wind and a warm sun. We saw quite a few wild flowers, Leaving Los Gatos, we birded to Calero Dam, then on to Chesbro Dam. We were looking for Wood Ducks, and almost missed them, We watched about one hour and saw none. After lunch a few hardy souls went back and saw four - two males and two females. It was a particularly enthusiastic group of birders.

Following is a list of species seen: Eared Grebe, Great Blue Heron, Mallard, Wood Duck, Turkey Vulture, California Quail, Ring-necked Pheasant, Killdeer, Mourning Dove, Red-shafted Flicker, Acorn

Woodpecker, Black Phoebe, Yellow-billed Magpie, Common Crow, Plain Titmouse, Bewick's Wren, Mockingbird, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Loggerhead Shrike, Audubon's Warbler, Sparrow (House, White-crowned, Golden-crowned, Song), Western Meadowlark, Blackbird (Red-winged, Brewer's), House Finch, Towhee (Rufous-sided, Brown). Leader: Mrs. Mary Taylor.

Wolcott Coffee Klatch and Bird Walk - March 2.

Those of us who arrived in time had a very enjoyable birdwalk through the Fair Hill fields, led by Howard Wolcott, which ended at the Wolcott's home. Those who arrived too late for the birdwalk enjoyed the hospitality of Margaret Wolcott who served coffee and snacks. Margaret also told us of the history of their home. A very good time was had by all who attended. I wish to take this opportunity to thank the Wolcotts for opening their home to us.

Following is a list of the bird species seen: Scrub Jay, Western Meadowlark, Western Bluebird, Audubon's Warbler, Red-shafted Flicker (2), Violet-green Swallow (4), Robin (3), Band-tailed Pigeon (100), Red-winged Blackbird, Lesser Goldfinch (1), Hutton's Vireo, Anna's Hummingbird, Plain Titmouse, Golden-crowned Sparrow, House Finch, Bush-tit, Brown Towhee (2), (heard only - Wrentit and Kinglet).

Searsville Lake Trip - March 17.

A group of 39 people had a very refreshing walk around Searsville Lake, The weather was mostly warm and sunny. A total of 29 species of birds and several species of wild flowers were observed. At the end of the walk we enjoyed lunch under the oaks and were visited by several birds.

Following is a list of bird species seen: Coot (12), Acorn Woodpecker (3), Red-shafted Flicker (5), Bushtit (1), Great Blue Heron (9), Song Sparrow (4), Black Phoebe (2), Pied-billed Grebe (3), Ring-necked Duck (23), Ruddy Duck (4), Turkey Vulture (5), Red-winged Blackbird (7), Greater Scaup (13), Lesser Scaup (3), Wrentit (3), Chickadee (3), Scrub Jay (6), Bewick's Wren (3), California Thrasher (1), Anna's Hummingbird (2), Canvas Back (3), Loggerhead Shrike (1), Western Meadowlark (1), Mockingbird (1), Brewer Blackbird (3), White-breasted Nuthatch (1), Plain Titmouse (2), Violet-green Swallow (3), Killdeer (1). Among the wildflowers seen were: Zygadene, Arnole (Soap plant), White Ceanothus, Blue witch, Pitcher Sage, Mt. Mahogany, Brodiaea, Indian Warrior, Hound's Tongue, Filaree. Leaders: Warren and Rebecca Turner.

From Margaret Wolcott, February 17, Fair Hill Fields - We had a grand two hours Sunday afternoon and wrote things down. We were amazed at how the birds seemed to have arrived over night. We had not been out since the 12th and they had all come around between the 12th and 17th. Following is a list of species seen: Red-winged Blackbirds (20), American Goldfinch (Common) (50), Western Bluebirds (8), Oregon Junco (4), Audubon's Warbler (3), Rufous-sided Towhee (2), Western Meadowlark (6), Cedar Waxwing (8), Acorn Woodpecker (3), Red-shafted Flicker (10), Hummingbird (1), California Quail (20), House Finch (10), Bewick's Wren (6), Wrentit (2), Golden-crowned Sparrow (6), California Thrasher (2). The Wolcotts also saw: Patch of Shooting Stars in bloom, Indian Warriors in bloom, Hound's Tongue in bloom, and five Mushroom varieties.

Claude Smith reports a trip to Corral Hollow on Feb. 20 produced the following: 24 White-crowned Swifts, 8 Ravens, 6 Say's Phoebe.

Eve Case reports the following at her home in Santa Clara: One Myrtle Warbler Feb. 21 & 22, a flock of 25 Starlings in a large redwood tree near her home on Feb. 23 and a few heard on several other occasions, one robin each day for the week ending March 6th, and have seen only two flocks of Cedar Waxwings this winter - one of seven and one of 15.

Red-breasted Sapsucker - Feb. 28 - In an oak tree at my home in Los Gatos - Ruth Troetschler.

Rufous Hummingbird - Feb. 28 - One hovering over apricot blossoms on the west side of Los Gatos, near Roberts Road - Mrs. Ruth Paulus.

California Condor - Feb. 23 - One in the Sespe Canyon refuge near Fillmore in Ventura County - Herbert & Manette Wittgenstein.

Parasitic Jaegers (3) and Pomarine Jaegers (1) - March 7 - From a U.S. Navy destroyer east of Cape Canaveral, Florida. They followed the ship most of the day harrassing gulls and terns - Joe Wissel.

Common Murre - Feb. 21/22 - One at the Palo Alto Yacht Harbor. This bird was apparently tied, injured, or sick as it could not float without thrashing its wings. A thorough search on Feb. 23 could not produce it again. - Mark Nesbit (also seen by Warren and Rebecca Turner).

Wood Duck - Feb. 23 - Two, one male, one female, Palo Alto Yacht Harbor - Mark Nesbit and R. Trullinger

Bufflehead - March 17 - Two, one male, one female, at Lake Lagunita, Stanford - R. Trullinger.

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