

# The Avocet

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## President's Message

In looking back over the past year, it seems as though our Society has performed somewhat like a symphony orchestra. We have worked together; many have taken part and good music has resulted. Vice President Dr. Evelyn has been the concert master, performing where ever needed. The directors have played first violin, while the chairmen and their committees have balanced and filled out the orchestra. There were three financial sponsors, who are always needed, and a loyal Audubon audience to clap.

To continue and conclude the summing up started last month, chairman Lloyd Case and his committee of Lucy Evans, Margaret Wolcott, Kay McCann and Harriet Mundy worked effectively to inform not only our own members, but city councilmen, Supervisors and planning commission members about conservation matters. Cooperation with the Youth Science Institute and the Sierra Club was initiated. An effort to establish a wildlife refuge in the Palo Alto marsh lands was carried on. Members of the committee attended the National Audubon Convention in Corpus Christi; the Biennial West Coast Conference on Nature Centers; and cooperated in the Sierra Club tree planting program, and the development of hiking and riding trails in Santa Clara County.

Sanctuary chairman Bill Pillow repaired and repainted the Yacht Harbor bulletin board and has kept its bulletins current and interesting. Mrs. Pillow has several times activated her telephone corps to spread the word. Program chairman Mrs. Kay McCann provided programs of professional standards. They were interesting, educational, varied. It was her wish and mine that more of our members could have attended these programs. Our greatest number at a meeting was 128, but the average meeting had from 50 to 60 members attending. Maybe a different day of the week might help in permitting more members to come.

Social chairman Mrs. J. W. McBain (north) and Mrs. Caroline Davis (south) have been most pleasant to work with; and such good refreshments! These two have had a number of helpers, including Mrs. Houck, Mrs. Zabel, Mrs. Hillebrand, Mrs. Coldran, Mrs. Zwaal, Mrs. McRae. Four people have arranged the field trips: Dr. Case and Howard Wolcott the week-end trips, and Miss Emily and Mrs. Bothwell the mid-week ones.

Space is running out and I must be brief. Thanks to John Brokenshire for excellent publicity; to Dr. Applegarth and Admiral Williams for handling the Wildlife Film details; to Bob Fuller, Oliver Allen and Ralph Trullinger for their "Notes from Afield"; to Mr. Kirkwood for his audit of our financial records and to the whole AVOCET staff for their tremendous job. The excellence of our bulletin is something to be proud of and our heartfelt thanks go to Mrs. Todd, Elsie Hoeck, Mrs. Castner, Miss Rulofson and Mr. & Mrs. Emmanuel Taylor for all the time and effort they expended in our behalf and to our delight. We are indebted to Tom Harvey and H.G. Weston for their checklist of the "Birds of Santa Clara Valley Region". Membership chairman Mrs. Snow gives us the information that the Society membership



will total about 450 by annual meeting time on June 10th.

A special and final paragraph is needed to acknowledge all that Mrs. Fanny Zwaal has done for us. She is our general handy man who keeps things tied together. Loyally and devotedly she does everything asked of her. I nominate her to be our "Mrs. Audubon".

And so the conductor of the orchestra and his wife take a final bow. We wish all a good summer and good birding and good wishes also to the next president.  
-- Warren M. Turner

### Summer Calendar

Sat. June 1	9:00 a.m.	Audubon Canyon Ranch, Marin
Mon. June 10	5-9:00 p.m.	Vasona Park, Los Gatos
Wed. June 12	8:30 a.m.	Soda Springs Road, Los Gatos
Sun. June 16	8:45 a.m.	Point Lobos Reserve
Mon. June 17	7:30 a.m.	Santa Cruz Wharf
Wed. July 17	('Phone Miss Emily Smith, 354-2494, after 7/1/63)	
Sat. Aug. 3	9:00 a.m.	Frost Amphitheater, Stanford
Wed. Aug. 14	('Phone Miss Emily Smith, 354-2494, after 7/1/63)	

### Annual Meeting:

(Our usual spot, Montalvo, now closes at 5:00 p.m. because of vandalism....Kay McCann)

Monday, June 10, at Vasona Park, Los Gatos. The time is flexible - come when you can. We always have a good time.

5:00 - 6:00 p.m. Birding around Vasona Dam

6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Family dinners. Bring your own food and drinks.

7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Directors' meeting; conducted tour and/or birding for members.

8:00 - 9:00 p.m. Annual meeting, election of officers, and our own color film "Nature Next Door", photographed in Tilden Park. (Committee chairmen please submit written reports; no oral ones this time.)

There is a pleasant house in the park, so that we can eat inside or out, and a ranger to get us oriented. Gates close at 10:15 p.m. sharp. Directions to this lovely new meeting place:

- 1.- If coming from the north on Freeway 17, take Lark Ave. turnoff, cross Lark Ave. and follow Garden Hill drive into the Park.
- 2.- From the north on San Jose-Los Gatos Road (South Bascom), turn right on Lark Ave., then to Garden Hill Drive and proceed as above.
- 3.- From the south on San Jose-Los Gatos Rd., turn left onto Lark Ave. and proceed as above.
- 4.- From Los Gatos or Saratoga, take Robert's Road off Santa Cruz Ave. and enter the south gate of the Park just past the second bend of the road after crossing Los Gatos Creek and before reaching Highway 17 overpass. Drive to the north end of the Park and watch for the Audubon sign.

If you need more help with the directions, call Fanny Zwaal at CY 2-2060.

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 half an 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. (I'll have remaining tickets with me at the annual meeting.--J.T.)

Field Trips:

Saturday, June 1, a visit to Audubon Canyon Ranch. This is the famous ranch which is being acquired, as a nature area and sanctuary, through the great efforts of the Marin Audubon Society and Golden Gate Audubon Society. We shall probably wish to give them further aid after visiting the area. Meet at the Ranch at 9:00 a.m. Bring lunch. Directions: Twenty-five miles north of San Francisco on Highway 1, between Stinson Beach and Bolinas on the Lagoon. Entrance marked with a sign: Audubon Canyon Ranch. For further information call 296-2410.

Wednesday Morning, June 12, to "Summus Mons", at the upper end of Soda Springs Road, in the Santa Cruz Mountains. Frances Dieterich has a cottage there which overlooks Los Gatos and the Santa Clara Valley. Wild flowers will be still in bloom and there may be Sage Sparrows to see. Meet Frances at 8:30 a.m. at junction of Los Gatos-Santa Cruz Highway and Idlewild Road, a little more than 4 miles from Los Gatos. There is parking space on the right side of the Highway, across from Idlewild Road. Bring lunch if you want to drive over Mount Umunhum and down to Almaden in the afternoon. Leader: Miss Frances Dieterich (241-0527 or 354-1100).

Sunday, June 16, to POINT LOBOS RESERVE. The "Plan-of-the-day" includes two "circle-hikes" along trails that have not been included in previous field trips. These are easy trails, taking about 30 minutes for each, but they go through several different types of habitat. One of them is a particularly delightful, woodsy trail through a portion of the Pine Ridge forest. In order to get ahead of the probably large Sunday crowd, plan to meet at the Reserve entrance (on Highway 1, about 4 miles south of Carmel) at quarter of nine, so that we can enter when the Reserve opens at nine o'clock. If you miss us at the entrance, ask the Warden for one of the Audubon Society Field Trip Maps. You will probably be able to meet us at the Main Parking Area for the Point Lobos-Sand Hill trail. Look for us along "The Blue Trail" on the map. We'll walk counter-clockwise. If you miss us there, drive to the south end of the South Shore Drive. We will park there and walk along "The Red Trail", in a clockwise direction. We plan to eat lunch at the Picnic Area just north of Little Mound Meadow, so bring lunch - and perhaps a ground-cloth to sit on, just in case all of the tables are occupied before we get there. Leaders: Lloyd and Eve Case. Telephone AX 6-2410 if you wish further information.

Monday, June 17 - Santa Cruz boat trip. See bottom of page 46 for details.

Wednesday, July 17, tentative date for a salt marsh trip. Please call Miss Emily Smith, 354-2494, after July 1 for details.

Saturday, August 3, to Frost Amphitheater, Stanford University. Meet at rear of Memorial Auditorium at 9:00 a.m. Albert Wilson, retired head gardener of Stanford University, who designed the planting in the Amphitheater, will identify plants for us. There will be ample time for birding. Leader: Howard Wolcott(DA 3-3288)

Wednesday, August 14, tentative date for a salt marsh trip. Please call Miss Emily Smith, 354-2494, for details after July 1.

Summer Hiking Suggestions:

Stevens Creek Park ) For summer residents  
Castle Rock Ridge ) through early August

Dumbarton Bridge Area ) for returning water and  
Moss Landing and McClusky Slough Area) shore bird migrants beginning latter part of July

-- Eve Case

Student Scholarships

Ten additional scholarships have been given San Jose State College students. Each award pays the \$20.00 tuition fee to the June 9-14th session of the Field Studies in Natural History (formerly West Coast Nature School) to be held at Lassen National Park.

The recipients are: Cathy Connor, Lynette Dawson, Harold Garrett, B. Reid Hill, Joan Koester, Sharon Orbeck, Michaline Prows, James Scott, Penelope Silva, Carolyn Strelow.

-- Kenneth E. Hutton  
Scholarship Committee

FROM AUDUBON CONSERVATION RESOURCE CENTER  
2426 Bancroft Way  
Berkeley 4 - (Th 8-4042)

Effective June 1st:

Summer hours for the Resource Center will be  
12 noon to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The Center will reopen on Saturdays commencing  
October 5, 1963.

Notices will be sent on details of Fall Saturday hours.

New Members

We welcome the following new members:

Mr. & Mrs. Jos. R. Herr	13480 Mandoli Dr., Los Altos Hills
Mrs. Florence R. Pettit	710 Frenchman's Rd., Stanford
Mr. Edward Dienger	1020 Amarillo, Palo Alto
Mrs. Georgia Marceau	466 Lincoln Ave., Redwood City
Mrs. Chas. Blackman	17955 Mt. Charley Rd., Los Gatos
Mr. Walter Saenger	998 Bonneville Way, Sunnyvale
Mrs. Erna C. Ketchum	5040 Alan Ave., San Jose 24
Mr. & Mrs. Wm. C. Henley	5188 Rafton Dr., San Jose 24

-- Angelina Snow  
Membership Chairman

### Mark Nesbit Retires

Since 1941, Mark Nesbit has been Harbormaster at Palo Alto Yacht Harbor. He is an Audubon Society member, much loved and respected for his care of the birds at the harbor duck pond. Recently he has been spending part of the week at his home in Grass Valley, where he will move soon upon retirement. He helped to design and build (after studying the Lake Merritt preserve) the bird fountain in Byxbee Park - a project financed through the 1946 gift of Mrs. Louis Stern, and his interest in birds and their habits grew steadily from close association with them. I am always sure, when Mr. Nesbit telephones, that he has an observation worth sharing: Great Blue Herons standing in the last remaining virgin marsh near the Bay, a pair of beautiful Wood Ducks pausing for awhile in the pond, or an unusual bird far off its normal course.

"Mark Nesbit....has a lot of fine feathered and grateful friends - wild ducks that have flown into his small wildlife sanctuary after having been wounded by hunters in the South Bay area. During recent years, Nesbit has nursed and cared for hundreds of water fowl that have found their way to his duck hospital and rest home! He has even applied splints to the wings of some to mend broken bones." (S.F. Call-Bulletin 12/29/53) "Mark knows and loves the Palo Alto bay shore lands, the little port and its potentialities, the channels, the wildlife, the winds and tides and dangers." (Elinor V. Cogswell, Palo Alto Times 9/6/52) "Mark has twice served as chairman of the Santa Clara County Fish and Game Association and is one of the founders of the California Marine Parks and Harbors Association." (David Cowger, P.A. Times 12/28/61)

Best of luck in your new plans, Mr. Nesbit, and thank you for protecting one sanctuary for birds. I've seen you buttonhole boys with guns, who didn't care whether they hit a tin can or a Snowy Egret. What, now, is the future of your sanctuary?

-- J. Todd

### CONSERVATION NOTES

The Wilderness Bill and the Insecticide Problem continue to demand attention from conservationists. At the national level they are still the most important items.

California's Mountain Lions would be saved from the present threat of extinction by the passing of California Senate Bill 65, - introduced by Sen. Fred Parr. This bill proposes to remove the \$50 bounty on male lions and the \$60 bounty on females. In 1962, California paid out \$5,230 in bounties for 114 slain lions. The Department of Fish and Game estimates that at the present time there are between 500 and 600 lions remaining in the state. If the present subsidized slaughter continues, another five years will surely see the extinction of this beautiful wild animal. This bill deserves the immediate and active support of everybody interested in conserving our wildlife. As one form of "land resource", belonging to all of the people, the mountain lion is as a symbol of our wilderness, - and once gone, it is gone forever. The bill is supported and approved by a "Committee to Remove the Bounty". The membership of this committee reads like a "Who's Who" of Conservation. Of course it includes our Carl Buchheister. Even ranchers and livestock raisers approve of it, realizing the overall value of the mountain lion. Ian McMillan, operator of a large livestock ranch at Shandon (remember the Screen Tour film "The Shandon Hills"?) says that the philosophy of paying out public funds for the

killing of a species that deserves and needs protection is dangerously out of accord with our time.

The Senate Fish & Game Committee Chairman is Ronald Cameron (Auburn) and the Committee's address is: Senate Chambers, State Capitol, Sacramento 4. (Approved by Committee 5/22. Bill now goes to the full Senate.)

Good News About Pesticides. One of the most encouraging bits of news to appear for quite some time was contained in Bud Boyd's column in the San Francisco Chronicle for Friday May 17. While the action which it described was primarily in connection with pheasants and game-fish, it will inevitably be of great benefit to all forms of animal life, including man himself.

Three top state agencies, The Department of Public Health, the Department of Agriculture, and the Department of Fish and Game, met (May 15) to investigate the dangerous buildup of poisonous insecticides in the flesh of pheasants. To quote Bud Boyd: "...they took a long, searching look at the problem, and then figuratively rolled up their sleeves, as if to say, 'Okay, now what can we do about it?!'..." What they plan to do includes:

- a closer surveillance of pilots who are spraying DDT into fields;
- closer check on agriculturists who are ignoring good practices in their application of insecticides;
- a more comprehensive sampling, through the establishing of "monitoring stations", so that the poisonous buildup in fish and animals can be checked regularly.

These steps are small compared with the magnitude of the problem, but at least they ARE steps. This mutual awareness of the dangers of indiscriminate use of pesticides is indeed good news. We have made a small gain, and stand to gain much more, but we cannot be apathetic, relax, and say "Well, they are finally going to take care of it!"

The efforts mentioned above are aimed at the future. There are definite actions to be taken, and the sooner the better. Obviously, the State Legislature should enter the field, because this problem cannot be solved without legislation, - laws controlling the use of insecticides in agriculture, and in the State and the Federal Government programs for pest and predator control.

Conservationists should keep a close eye on their newspapers, read the column reporting the day's action in Sacramento, and then get into immediate action supporting or opposing bills or resolutions pertaining to this rapidly increasing danger.

---Lloyd N. Case

#### Notes From Afield

Steven's Creek Dam and Park Trip, April 20.

Early birds met at the dam at eight o'clock. We were surrounded by many Violet-green and Cliff Swallows. They were at close range, easily viewed by the naked eye. About nine o'clock we went on to the parking lot in the park, then walked on the road along the creek as far as the bridge. The group consisted of about twenty people, who enjoyed nice weather. A total of 36 species were seen; also a number of interesting wild flowers.

Bird species seen: Common Loon (1 male & 1 female), California Quail (2), Caspian Tern (2), Mourning Dove (1), Vaux's Swift (5), Allen's Hummingbird (1), Red-shafted Flicker (1), Acorn Woodpecker (6), Hairy Woodpecker (1), Western Flycatcher (1), Western Wood Pewee (3+), Olive-sided Flycatcher (1), Violet-green Swallow (15+ est.), Cliff Swallow (15+ est.), Steller's Jay (4+), Scrub Jay (1), Plain Titmouse (2), White-breasted Nuthatch (1), Wrentit (heard), California Thrasher (1), Robin (7), Hutton's Vireo (heard), Solitary Vireo (heard), Warbling Vireo (5), Orange-crowned Warbler (1), Yellow Warbler (5), Audubon's Warbler (5), Brewer's Blackbird (20+ est.), Brown-headed Cowbird (2+), Black-headed Grosbeak (10), House Finch (14+), Lesser Goldfinch, Rufous-sided Towhee (1), Brown Towhee, Oregon Junco (5), Song Sparrow (2).

Some of the wildflowers seen: Gilia, Purple Nightshade, Mule's Ear, Wild Radish, Bedstraw, Nemophila, Snowberry, Wild Sweetpea, Hedge Nettle, Fairy Lantern, Sticky Monkey Flower, Golden Yarrow, Lupine, Blue Dick, Iris.

Leader: Horace Hinds

#### Mt. Hamilton Area Trip, May 4.

A group of 25 observers met at Quimby Road and Mt. Hamilton Rd. We first birded on a nearby ranch which was very productive, then moved on to a small lake which produced very little. Our next and final stop was at Smith Creek, where we ate lunch. Extremely good views were had of Wilson's and Yellow Warblers at Smith Creek. A total of 37 bird species plus a number of wildflowers and some miscellaneous wildlife were observed.

Bird species seen: Pied-billed Grebe (1), Ruddy Duck (12), California Quail (30), American Coot (12), Mourning Dove (15), Anna's Hummingbird (1), Acorn Woodpecker (3), Nuttall's Woodpecker (1 female), Western Kingbird (4), Black Phoebe (1), Western Flycatcher (1 plus 1 heard), Western Wood Pewee (1), Swallowa unidentified (10), Steller's Jay (7+), Scrub Jay (5), Yellow-billed Magpie (10), Brown Creeper (1), House Wren (2), Robin (2), Swainson's Thrush (1 heard), Western Bluebird (3), Yellow Warbler (4), Wilson's Warbler (7), House Sparrow (6+), Western Meadowlark (5), Red-winged Blackbird (20+), Bullock's Oriole (7), Brewer's Blackbird (15+), Brown-headed Cowbird (1 heard), Black-headed Grosbeak (6), House Finch (15+), Lesser Goldfinch (15 est.), Rufous-sided Towhee (6), Brown Towhee (10), Oregon Junco (9).

Some of the wildflowers seen: Speedwell, Chinese Houses, Filaree, Buttercup, Baby Blue Eyes, Lupine, Periwinkle, Forget-Me-Not, California Poppy, Fiddleneck, Wild Radish, Meadow Foam, Johnny-Tuck.

Miscellaneous: Gray Squirrel (6), Yellow-legged Frog and two clusters of eggs.

Leader: Wilma Thompson

#### Wolcott Ranch - Fair Hills Trip, May 5.

This trip was attended by three representatives of the Town Crier, Los Altos weekly, who plan to do a feature article on the Audubon Society. In all there were approximately 20 observers. The weather was warm and the sun was shining brightly. The Wolcott's served refreshments that were enjoyed by all at the end of the walk. A total of 19 species of birds and a number of flowers were observed.

Bird species seen: California Quail (1), Band-tailed Pigeon (32 est.), Mourning Dove (6), Anna's Hummingbird (5), Allen's Hummingbird (1), Acorn Woodpecker (6), Western Kingbird (1), Olive-sided Flycatcher (1), Scrub Jay (5), Plain Titmouse (1 heard), Wrentit (1 heard), Mockingbird (3), Western Bluebird (3), Cedar Waxwing (8), Western Meadowlark (3), House Finch (13+), Lesser Goldfinch (1), Rufous-sided Towhee (1 heard), Brown Towhee (4).

Some of the flora seen: Blue Dick, Owl's Clover, Vetch, Ithuriel's

Spear, Filaree, Wild Geranium, Lupine, Scarlet Pimpernel, Mule Ears, Amole, Blue-eyed Grass, Teasel, Snowberry, Gooseberry, Bee-Plant.

From Anna C. Richardson, Palo Alto:

3/6 62 Cedar Waxwings in our Chinese Elms  
3/29 New grass seed attracted 11 Golden-crowned Sparrows  
(We usually have 3 or 4 feeding regularly here)  
4/9 Rufous Hummingbird at length on Weigela blooms.  
4/10 Audubon Warbler passing through (Prior to the last  
two winters we had them regularly feeding. Where have  
they gone?)

This winter the following have not been seen at any time in our garden:  
Hermit Thrush, Fox Sparrow, Oregon Junco, Ruby-crowned Kinglet. We  
miss them.

From Charles and Fanny Zwaal, San Jose:

Further reports on the Bullock's and Hooded Orioles: The male  
Hooded Oriole was first seen on April 17 and the female not until the  
5th of May. The pair feed at the Abutilon shrub, bathe at our bird  
bath and seem to fly into the Palm tree next door. We have not so far  
been able to find their nest.

On May 4th we found the nest of the Bullock's Orioles in the  
Deodar tree next door and on May 7th they were feeding their young.

The Palm tree and the Deodar tree grow next to each other, so the  
two kinds of Orioles are compatible, except that the Bullock's Orioles  
will drive the Hooded Orioles away from the Abutilon shrub if they  
arrive at the same time.

Last dates for sparrows in our neighborhood: White-crowned,  
April 29, and Golden-crowned, May 1.

In a rather bushy tree across the street from us and about three  
houses south are Robins feeding their young. In the next tree and on  
the opposite side from the Robins are Mockingbirds feeding young.

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Lesser Nighthawk - Two - May 4th Jacalitos Creek Road south of Coalinga  
California - Joe Wissel.

Leconte's Thrasher - One - May 5th - Kettleman Hills northeast of  
Avenal, California - Joe Wissel.

Ash-throated Flycatcher - One - April 28th - Camp Stuart - Claude Smith

Eared Grebe - One - in breeding plumage - May 5th - Lake Lagunita,  
Stanford - R.R. Trullinger.

Northern Phalarope - 100 + in breeding plumage - May 12th Salt Pond  
east of the Dumbarton Bridge - R.R. Trullinger.

Arctic Loon - One - May 15th - Several views from the wharf in Santa  
Cruz -

-- R.R. Trullinger  
1960 Santa Cruz Ave.,  
Menlo Park, California

(Be sure to send your summer observations to Mr. Trullinger for the  
September Avocet.--J.T.)

Notes from a youthful contributor:

"At Calivares reservoir I saw: 2 House Wren, an Orange-crowned  
Warbler, 6 Western Bluebird, 2 Bullocks Oriole, 4 Vesper Spar-  
row, a Rufous crowned sparrow, a Western Wood Pewee. I didn't  
see a Eagle, but 2 accidental birds: Bobolink, Orchard Oriole.  
P.S. A Tarantula spider. It was 5/11/63"

--Russell Greenberg (Age 9)  
1621 Channing Ave., Palo Alto



Editor's Notes

Please help this group now if you can:

Northern California Association to  
Preserve Bodega Head and Harbor  
2731 Durant Ave.,  
Berkeley 4, Calif.

They have very respectable lawsuits pending and can win. Although two law firms are contributing most of their services to the cause, money is needed, especially if the struggle should drag on. Picture yourself what San Andreas Fault can do to P.G.E.'s "Hole in the Head".  
--J.T.

There will be no Avocet for July or August. Please send material for the September issue to me before August 20. -- J.T.

Virginia Bothwell joined the recent Sierra Club jaunt to Angel Island, and returned utterly charmed. Almost everybody stays near the water playing volleyball or eating, while the nature lover has virgin territory to explore by himself. She identified numerous gorgeous butterflies, as Great Purple Hairstreaks, saw a deer or two (who reputedly swim the strait from the mainland), and saved from an oncoming stroller a very unusual spider with countless babies on her back.  
--J.T.

"To a person uninstructed in natural history, his country or seaside stroll is a walk through a gallery filled with wonderful works of art, - ninety-ninths of which have their faces turned to the wall."  
Thomas Henry Huxley

Americans have come to love air-conditioners better than trees and gardens, bulldozers better than hillsides, and have missed the lesson that man's greatest mission is not to conquer nature by force but to cooperate lovingly with her for his own purposes.  
--Lewis Mumford,  
Author and U.C. Professor

Sad Reflection: On the wall of a British museum is a sign that reads:  
The Animal you see here  
is the most dangerous  
and destructive creature on earth

On the wall below the sign hangs a single large mirror.  
From "National Wildlife", April '63.

Joyce Lanset, a Palo Alto member, recommends lady bugs as a possible alternative to poisonous sprays. Aphis infestation disappeared from a madrone tree after lady bugs were placed in the tree. Bugs hibernate happily in the refrigerator, and can be taken out when needed. One quart should be ample for the ordinary home garden. A possible source: L.E. Schnoor, 646 Elm St., Yuba City, Calif.

Madera Canyon, Arizona, is famous for its birds and for Audubon members and ornithologists who enjoy meeting there. Field list and details from: Santa Rita Lodge, Box 444, Amado, Arizona.

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