

October Meeting - "Wild Australia"

Monday, October 9, 8:00 p.m.

Garland Elementay School
Multi-purpose Room

870 N. California Ave.
Palo Alto

The school may be reached from Bayshore Freeway by taking the Oregon Avenue exit and going west on Oregon Ave. for three traffic lights. At the third light, turn right toward San Francisco and go to the first cross street - about two blocks. It has a stop sign and is N. California Ave. Turn left toward the mountains and go about 1/2 block to the first school which is Garland and is on the left.

The program will be a wonderful color movie called "Wild Australia" taken by one of our members, Dr. R. Hewlett Lee. Dr Lee is a naturalist by avocation and a conservationist at heart. He is also a surgeon by profession with the Palo Alto Clinic. This is a film he made of the natural history of Australia and it has been recommended highly by people who have seen it. Dr. Lee is also a Board member of the Planning and Conservation League and will tell us briefly about their work for legislation in the conservation field. Come and enjoy this delightful film!

Field Trips

Moss Landing and Salinas River Mouth ----- Saturday, Oct. 7, 9:00a.m.

Meet at 9:00a.m. on Jetty Road just north of Yatch Harbor near Elkhorn Slough Bridge. Jetty Road lies on west side of road about nine miles south of Watsonville. Bring Lunch. After lunch we shall proceed to the mouth of the Salinas River to an area of private property, which we enter by special permission of the owners. One or two "infrequent" birds are usually found in this area.

Leader, Mrs. Viola Anderson

Natural Bridges State Park-----Wednesday, Oct. 11, 9:00 a.m.

Meet in parking lot of American Savings Building, corner Santa Cruz Ave. and Saratoga-Los Gatos Highway in Los Gatos. Bring lunch if desired.

Leader, Lloyd Case

Palo Alto Yatch Harbor----- Saturday, Oct. 21, 9:00 a.m.

Meet at Duck Pond. This should be a good trip for marsh birds, especially herons, gulls, and white-tailed Kites.

Leader, Harriett Mundy

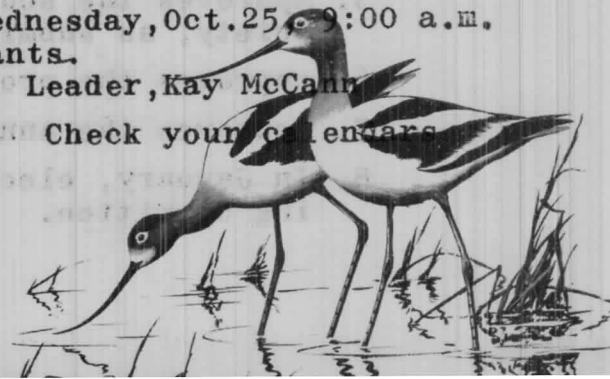
Foothill Park -----Wednesday, Oct. 25, 9:00 a.m.

Meet at entrance of Park for fall migrants.

Leader, Kay McCann

Her's a preview of long distance trips. Check your calendars and make plans to join in good birding!

- Merced Wildlife Refuge---November 18
- Honey Lake - - - - -March 9 & 10-
- Yosemite - - - - - June 1 & 2
- Mt Pinos - - - - - August 3 & 4



THE PRESIDENT'S "FIRESIDE CHAT".

At its regular September meeting, the Board of Directors confirmed the appointments of the Chairmen of the various Standing Committees, as listed in the September "Avocet". I am quite sure if any member of the Society is willing to help on any committee, the Chairman of that committee will be most delighted to receive the offer of assistance, - or comments or suggestions appropriate for that committee.

Early in the summer I asked Mr. Warren Turner, who makes the annual audit of the Society's accounts, for a copy of the audit for the last five years. From these, I hoped to construct a graph showing the general trend of our financial status over the period. It proved to be a very simple undertaking. However, the results were not as anticipated. Instead of showing a definite trend either upward or downward, the graph was a wavy line, with the yearly crest and troughs fluctuating only slightly above or below a horizontal axis; some years we showed a slight net gain; some years, a slight net loss. Specifically, last year we showed a net addition to the net worth of the Society of \$77.18, an amount comparable to those of the previous years.

The adoption of a budget for 1967-68 was the most important item of business before the Board, and the Proposed Budget was carefully considered, item by item. Conservation Contributions include: To the Nature Conservancy, \$50.00; To Save-The-Bay Association, \$50.00 to The California Condor Fund, \$250.00; to The Point Reyes Bird Observatory, \$100.00. These amount to approximately 30% of our total budget of \$1332.00 for the year.

With our total expenditures expected to be slightly greater than for last year, it is quite important that we do increase our membership. Each member should personally get at least one new member. Our membership chairman will gladly supply blank Applications For Membership; and pertinent information regarding membership.

As mentioned in the September "Avocet", the Board of Directors has the responsibility of properly conducting the business of the Society. In order that each member may know what the Board is required to do, the following is quoted from the by-laws (Art. VI, Sect.2) :

REQUIRED ACTION BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

1. Elects officers annually, as provided for in the by-laws, Art. II.
2. Approve interim action (s) by officers.
3. Confirms Committee Appointments made by the President.
4. Holds monthly meetings, except during July and August. May hold other meetings when called by the President or three members of the Board.
5. Approves the schedule of regular monthly meetings of the Society, as submitted by the Program Chairman.
6. Approves the proposed program (s) of the Committee Chairman.
7. Approves the annual budget.
8. In January, elects one Director as a member of the Nominating Committee.

(The President's "Fireside Chat", Cont'd. -2)

9. Controls the fiscal matters of the Society through the approval of the budgets and the accounts of officers and Committee Chairman.
10. Each officer, and the chairman of each committee shall be prepared to make a report of his, or his committee's, activities at each monthly meeting of the Board.
11. A "President's Book" shall be maintained, containing: incorporation documents, by-laws, outlines of officers' and committees' responsibilities, financial statements, and other essential records.
12. In addition to the officers specified by the By-Laws, the President shall appoint, subject to confirmation by the Board, (1) a Registrar, and (2) a Historian.

It was mentioned at the Board meeting that many of us are neglecting to wear our name-cards at monthly meetings, and on field-trips. These cards not only provide an easy way of getting acquainted with each other, but (with my tongue in my cheek, I mention that:) they represent fifteen cents of the amount which you "invested" in the Audubon Society when you paid your dues. ("Protect your investment".)

The exciting season of the Fall Migration is again with us, and we shall be seeing "first-birds-of-the-season". Let us share these pleasurable sightings with our members by reporting them to our editor directly. (Due to unforeseeable circumstances we regret our Field Notes Compiler, Mrs. Evelyn Hester, will not be able to handle the field notes this season.)

Good Birding,

Lloyd N. Case, (Pres.)

TEAM-MATES: THE NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY and THE NATURE CONSERVANCY

These two organizations work together in so many ways, and on so many vitally important conservation projects, that Audubon members should know about "T.N.C.", what it is, and how it works.

The primary concern of The Nature Conservancy is to preserve samples of wild nature that still remain in the United States. In order to do this, the Conservancy has a Matching and Loan Fund now exceeding one million dollars, which is used to obtain and hold desirable and "threatened" areas for conservation organizations or other agencies, until such time as those organizations can repay the Conservancy, and take over the project.

Many of the areas which have been saved by the prompt action of the Conservancy are close enough to be easily reached and enjoyed by our own members. Here, then, is a most satisfying reciprocity. Many Audubon members belong to, and actively support, the Conservancy, and on the other hand, the Conservancy very frequently makes it financially possible for Audubon chapters to obtain desirable land for sanctuaries and other purposes.

The list of projects of this nature is much too long for complete listing, but a few of the outstanding ones are mentioned:

Canyon Ranch, on the eastern shore of Bolinas Lagoon, in Marin County, is one of the outstanding nesting areas of Egrets and Great Blue Herons. Its acquisition by the Marin Co. Audubon Society was made possible by T.N.C. In the same area the very recent coup has preserved Kent Island, in the southwest segment of the lagoon north of Stinson Beach. Even though this area was designated as a wildlife sanctuary area, commercial interests were just about to move in and "develop" Kent Island with a high-rise apartment complex, and other commercial developments, including a 1000 boat marina. Working quietly, but effectively, the Conservancy moved in and purchased the land, just one step ahead of condemnation by the Bolinas Harbor District. It has been donated to Marin Co. for permanent protection as a natural area, of 110 acres.

Closer to home, the Conservancy acquired the 54-acre tract of grassland and the beautiful, heavily-forested valley in the Los Altos hills, known as the Byrne tract. This area is well known to many of our members, because Howard and Margaret Wolcott have led several field trips over the rolling hills and along the woodland trails. "The Byrne Preserve" will be deeded to the local government - to serve as a natural park.

Other projects of interest to us include: The Lyman Memorial Buckeye Grove, - a tract of unplowed grassland with an unusual grove of California Buckeyes, located in Napa Co., the Onslow-Ford Preserve, 193 acres of heavily forested watershed near Pt. Reyes National Seashore and containing some rare stands of Bishop Pines; the Pygmy Forest, 10 acres of heavily forested mature miniature pines, in Mendocino County; Spindrift Point, a rocky Pacific bluff located to the north of Muir Beach, in Marin County and supporting flowering herbs and various rare lichens.

And, of course the Patagonia-Sonita Creek Sanctuary, consisting of 309 acres along a year-around flowing stream, on an important migration flyway, in southern Arizona. Many of our members have enjoyed exciting birding in this sanctuary, where 172 species have been recorded (and if the Conservancy had not made it possible for the Tucson Audubon Society to purchase this land, it would now be a golf course!).

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If all of this sounds like I think that many members of S.C.V.A.S. should also belong to T.N.C., It isn't accidental, it is because that is what I think!

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A VALUABLE ADDITION TO OUR S.C.V.A.S. LIBRARY: Through the generosity of Miss Emily Smith, our Societ's library now included an almost complete file of bi-monthly Audubon publications starting with the Janury-February 1928 "BIRD LORE". At that time Miss Emily was the Corresponding Secretary of the Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society. The National Audubon Society did not yet exist as a single organization. Instead, there was the "National Association of Audubon Societies" which publised the bi-monthly magazine "Bird-Lore", devoted to the "study and protection of birds" edited by Frank M. Chapman. The article in these magazines are informative and delightful reading; much of the content is still pertinent, even though they are practically forty years old. (NO advertising materail except on the last page and the back cover!).

By the end of 1940, the National Association of Audubon Societies had become the National Audubon Society, and starting in 1941 "Bird Lore" became the Audubon Magazine", devoted to the "protection and preservation of our native wildlife".

Miss Emily has given her complete files of these early Audubon magazines to our library. This is a gift for which we are most grateful, and we are certain that those of our members who read these issues will be sure to find them very interesting reading. (For further information, call 867-4748.)

Thank you again, Miss Emily Smith!

AUDUBON WILDLIFE FILMS

"Sight and Sounds of the African Wilds" by G. Stuart Keith

Tuesday, October 17, 1967
at

Palo Alto High School Auditorium	-	-	-	-	-	4:00 p.m
Morris Daily Auditorium, San Jose State College	-	-	-	-	-	8:00 p.m

Kenya - its exotic birds and ever-thrilling big game animals, filmed in color by Stuart Keith, noted ornithologist at the American Museum of Natural History. Sights include mounted police on camelback in search of desert bandits, numerous brilliant songbirds in Nairobi gardens, thousands of flamingos at Lake Nakuru, a pride of tawny lions, zebras, rhinos and baboons as well as the scavenging marabou stork and ornate crested crane. Sound recordings of many of the birds songs enhance this unique film program.

FIELD NOTES

July 29 - one Least Tern at Audubon Sanctuary near Dumbarton Bridge. Alit on mud besides Forster's Terns and appeared one-third their size. It had a dark bill, a white forehead and black band around the nape of the neck connecting the eyes. We could get no color on the legs. Observed for five minutes in sunlight using 7x35 binoculars.
Kay McCann & Carol Renfrew

August 13-fifteen Purple Martins flying around dead treetops on Ox Mt. in San Francisco Watershed property in San Mateo Co. Several of the birds were uniformly dark with the chunky build of the Martin. They were observed for 20 minutes on clear, sunny day with 7x50 and 7x35 binoculars.
Ray & Kay McCann

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

The National Audubon Society is pleased to announce that commencing September 5th, the B.W. LUCAS COLLEGE BOOK COMPANY in Berkeley will carry many of the natural history and conservation books, publications, teaching texts and resources as well as children's books and nature games formerly available at the Audubon Bulletins, Charts, Pins, Decals and Arm Bands, together with a variety of bird feeders will be featured. The address is well known to all Audubon members and friends for it is the SAME - namely, 2426 Bancroft Way, Berkeley.

This special natural history and conservation resources store will be open six days a week from 8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. Mail orders will receive prompt attention by writing or telephoning: 848-3311 (code 415).

The National Audubon Society, together with the office of the Western Representative, hopes its many members and friends will support the Lucas College Book Company in their efforts and desire to serve you and your special nature interest.

William N. Goodall
Western Representative

WHAT IS THE PLANNING AND CONSERVATION LEAGUE?

It was founded in February of 1965 as an organization to speak for all California conservationists and to speak where it would be most effective in the State Legislature. Noting that pressure groups and industry had often blocked conservation legislation by the use of effective lobbyists, the founders of the PCL felt that it was necessary to have a similar skill to bring about the legislation for conservation and planning: first, through a well financed program to include the securing of a lobbyist; and second, through the enlistment of the aid of able conservation-minded legislators and state officials. Through the support of active conservationists, planners and the major conservation societies directed by a devoted group of founders, the PCL became a reality. It now has the energetic support of most of the diverse and zealous conservation-minded organizations, a full time lobbyist, and is growing rapidly in impact and importance.

At a conference in Berkeley in the winter of 1966, a tough legislative program was evolved. This conference has the active participation of all major conservation and planning groups in California, and the success in achieving the planned goals has been a true attribute to the PCL and its effective program. PCL feels there is much more to do; smog, water pollution, wildlife preservation, open space planning, preservation of our natural wonders, parks, recreation - - -. The list is endless, and the PCL seeks widespread support and money. They may be contacted at the planning and Conservation League, 2636 Ocean Ave., San Francisco, 94132.

R. Hewlett Lee. M.D.

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“Conservation is a state of harmony between man and land. By land is meant all the things on, over or in the earth. Harmony with land is like harmony with a friend . . .”
Aldo Leopold (Round River)



PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

(Preliminary and subject to revision)

SATURDAY — April 6:

REGISTRATION OPENS (1 P.M.)
HOSPITALITY — Monterey Peninsula Audubon Society
SAN FRANCISCO INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION OF NATURE SLIDES (4 P.M.)
BUFFET DINNER
Evening Program — Keynote Address:
“MAN SPINS THE CYLINDERS”

SUNDAY — April 7:

Early Morning Nature Saunter
Morning Program:
“MAN AND WILDLIFE RESOURCES”
“THIS CROWDED PLANET”
Afternoon Program:
“CALIFORNIA GAMBLES WITH NATURE”
“CALIFORNIA REDUCES THE ODDS”
Evening Program — Conference Address:
“THE NATIONAL OUTLOOK”
Feature Film
“CALIFORNIA” — An Introduction to the Ecological Health of an American Region.
(Produced by Environmental Television Institute)

MONDAY — April 8:

Morning Program:
FIELD TRIPS and OCEAN BOAT TRIP
Afternoon Program:
NATURAL AREAS — OPEN SPACES — NATURE CENTERS
Evening Program — Concluding Address:
“EDUCATION — THE SAFE CYLINDER”

TUESDAY — April 9:

Morning Program:
FILM FESTIVAL (The latest in Conservation Films)
Noon:
Box Lunches for All (Ready at 8 A.M.)
Tidepool Explorations (informal)
CONFERENCE ADJOURNS (1 P.M.)

CONFERENCE SPEAKERS

(partial list)

SHERRY BALLARD, APSA	— Photochrome Club of San Francisco — Co-ordinator
CHARLES H. CALLISON	— Executive Vice-President, National Audubon Society
ROLAND C. CLEMENT	— Vice-President, National Audubon Society
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