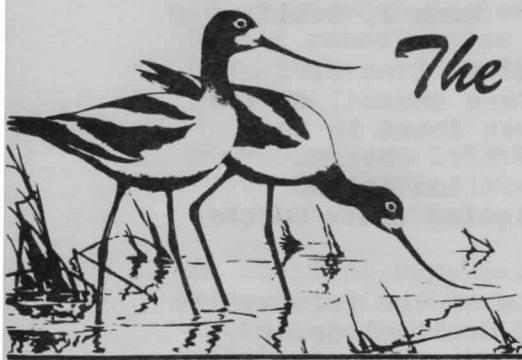


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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Jan. 11 -- Board of Directors Meeting, Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., at the home of Kay McCann, 783 Garland Drive, Palo Alto, 327-4138. Meeting open to all members--Please phone in advance if you plan to attend.

- Jan. 12 -- Field Trip South - Montalvo Arboretum, Wednesday, 9 a.m. Montalvo is on the south side of Highway 9 between Saratoga and Los Gatos. The turn off is about 1/2 mile from Saratoga (on the right); about 4 miles from Los Gatos (on the left). Leader: Catherine Lintott, 356-4264.

- Jan. 16 -- Monterey - Pacific Grove Field Trip, Sunday. Meet at 9 a.m. at the Coast Guard Pier. Leader: Bill Reese (Monterey Audubon Society), 375-2740.

- Jan. 25 -- Palo Alto Audubon Wildlife Film, Tuesday, 4 p.m., Palo Alto High School Auditorium, 50 Embarcadero Rd. "Mule Deer Country" by Buzz Moss. The film documents a year in the life of the mule deer. See Sept. 'Avocet' for more information.

- Jan. 26 -- Field Trip North -- Coyote Hills Regional Park, Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. Meet at the first parking lot. Turn left at Jarvis Road after crossing Dumbarton Bridge. Turn left again at the first light (Marsh Road). Drive 1 mile and turn left at the sign; drive to parking lot on left. Leader: Ron Russo, Park Naturalist. Phone Kay McCann, 327-4138, for more information.

- Jan. 26 -- General Meeting, Wednesday, 8 p.m., Homestead High School, Room 5, Building C. See notes on page 2 on "Land Birds of the Farallon Islands".

LAND BIRDS OF THE FARALLON ISLANDS

Jan. 26, Wednesday, 8 p.m.
Public invited--no charge

Homestead High School
Room 5, Building C

Dr. L. Richard Mewaldt will show slides and talk about the land bird migrations on the Farallon Islands. These migrations are unusual in that several bird species rarely seen in California have been found in the migrations during the three years that the Point Reyes Bird Observatory has maintained its banding station on the Southeast Farallon Island. Studies of the Farallon migrations are providing intriguing clues to the migratory pathways of several land bird species.

Dr. Mewaldt is well known to most SCVAS members because of the informative talks he has given us in the past. He is Professor of Ornithology at San Jose State and is on the Board of Directors of the Point Reyes Bird Observatory.

Note: Point Reyes Bird Observatory is a non-profit research organization and will gladly accept your donation of Blue Chip trading stamps. If you wish to donate, please bring them to the meeting. Your membership in this worthy organization also is invited. For information, come to the meeting or write to: Point Reyes Bird Observatory, Mesa Road, Bolinas, Calif. 94924.

BOARD NOTES

The SCVAS budget for 1971-72 should be printed in the January 'Avocet'. See page 7.

Motion made and seconded to give gift memberships of 'Audubon' to those who are not members, but have given time and effort in lecturing and speaking at our General Meetings. Mr. Forrest Smith, Vice-President and Manager of Clean Bay, Inc., who gave an excellent program in October, will be one of the recipients of the gift memberships.

A REMINDER ABOUT ASILOMAR

The National Audubon Western Conference will be held March 25, 26, 27, 28, 1972 at Asilomar. For program information and other needed material, send a request to AUDUBON CONFERENCE, 555 Audubon Place, Sacramento, California 95825.

Refer to the October 'Avocet' for further information on the Asilomar conference.

HELP NEEDED AT SAN JOSE STATE

San Jose State College has undertaken a complete natural history survey of Alum Rock Park for the City of San Jose. It will include the history, geology, the plants and animals of the region. Several graduate students will participate in the study under the direction of Drs. Harvey and Hartesveldt of the college. One of our members, Michael Brady, a graduate student in Natural Science has undertaken a survey of the birds. He will try to determine which birds are there, where they are, and when they are there. The study is expected to take a year or more to complete. Mike would appreciate any assistance that SCVAS members could offer by way of personal observations, bird lists and references pertinent to the area. He can be reached at 321-7746 or 4050 Manzanita, Palo Alto, 94306.

A LOOK AT CONSERVATION

In an Audubon Society as large as ours, the conservation efforts should have a cohesiveness of action to them if we are to protect and preserve the habitat of birds in Santa Clara Valley- or, perhaps, even better, of those remaining in our once natural and agricultural environment.

We therefore feel that the rapidly increasing membership must have a voice in guiding our future activities toward the conservation goals we all wish to attain.

It would be very helpful if you, both new members, and those who have been fighting the battle for a long time, would take a few minutes off after the busy holiday season to answer a few questions. These do not require lengthy answers and can be done on plain paper, but please do it- and return them to Tony Look, P. O. Box 1141, Los Altos, Ca., 94022.

- (1) If you have an area of conservation interest, what is it specifically?
- (2) Please give me a list of conservation projects on which you are now working and where they are located.
- (3) In what area of interest in conservation should the Audubon Society devote its time and money?
- (4) Should these interests be distinct from other conservation groups? Why?
- (5) What are the guidelines for supporting projects of other groups if your answer above is yes?
- (6) Are you personally interested or do you know of someone who is willing to help in the following fields: Conservation; observing local governmental meetings; writing short articles on natural history or other outdoor subjects; volunteer office work- with and without typing; or other help not mentioned above?
- (7) In your opinion, what is the most efficient manner of operating an alert system on conservation matters that require immediate action?

As this year of 1971 closes, it is very encouraging to observe that more and more communities are becoming aware of the value of the open fields, the bay shoreline or the wooded glen that still remains intact within their jurisdiction. We hope that you, as members of the Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society, will continue to keep the community leaders alerted to any change which would cause irreparable damage to those few remaining natural areas left to our wildlife and to ourselves.

Tony Look

A GOOD BIRDING AREA TO BE CLOSED??

John Upchurch reports that part of the land along Smith Creek near the Ranger Station on the Mt. Hamilton Road may be closed in the future. The land has been sold to a private party; with the access road being contested in court now.

John says the area has an interesting variety of birds near the creek, including Nuthatch, Dippers, California Thrashers, and several varieties of Warblers and Wrens. He says he has seen Golden Eagles several times on his trips to the area.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

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STRENGTH THROUGH NUMBERS -- THE BAAC

Retired Forestry Professor Frank Beyer of Vallejo was welcomed as the representative of the new Napa-Solano Audubon Society at the Oct. 2 quarterly meeting of the Bay Area Audubon Council held in Fremont.

The purpose of this group is to strengthen conservation projects in several areas, to concentrate efforts on state and federal matters, and to offer aid and comfort to each other in the challenges of operating the societies-- Christmas counts, meetings, field trips, and education. The presence of Paul Howard, Western Representative of the National Audubon Society, adds immensely to these meetings, for he is approachable, responsive, and aware of current happenings in the Audubon Society and in the state and federal legislatures.

Discussed were: Dept. of Agriculture's pesticide control bill (HR 10729) which has been amended to weaken the authority of states that now have strong laws; coastline and regional conservation legislation; the Wildlife Refuge; East Bay Municipal Water District's use of American River water in its park plans; a second-home development with mudflat fill at Bodega Bay; and the Baldwin Channel and the Peripheral Canal.

Most interesting were guests, Dr. John Smail and Jack Guggolz of Pt. Reyes Bird Observatory, describing the hearings on the wilderness proposals at Pt. Reyes National Seashore; and Fremont councilmen, Donald Dillon and Geoffrey A. Steel, talking about how conservationists get elected to office and how they prevail thereafter.

At the July meeting men from Standard Oil Company talked about that industry and the environment. Dr. Winterman, of the California Division of Highways, will be the speaker at the January meeting. SCVAS will be host. Your comments and ideas are welcome.

Florence LaRiviere 327-2854

CALIFORNIA'S ENDANGERED AND RARE SPECIES OF WILDLIFE

The following list of species and sub-species of California birds, mammals, fish, amphibians and reptiles has been submitted by the Department of Fish and Game to the Fish and Game Commission for consideration as "endangered" and "rare".

An "endangered" animal is a species or sub-species of birds, mammals, fish, amphibia or reptiles whose prospects of survival or reproduction are in immediate jeopardy from one or more causes, including loss of habitat, change in habitat, overexploitation, predation, competition or disease.

Endangered:

California brown pelican	Colorado River squawfish
California condor	Mohave chub
Southern bald eagle	Owens pupfish
American peregrine falcon	Tecopa pupfish
California clapper rail	Unarmored threespine stickleback
Yuma clapper rail	Santa Cruz long-toed salamander
Light-footed clapper rail	Desert slender salamander
California least tern	Blunt-nosed leopard lizard
Morro Bay kangaroo rat	San Francisco garter snake
Salt marsh harvest mouse	

A "rare" animal is one that -- although not presently threatened with extinction -- is in such small numbers throughout its range that it may be endangered if the environment worsens.

Rare:

California black rail	Shortnose sucker
California yellow-billed cuckoo	Humpback sucker
Mohave ground squirrel	Bonytail
Stephens kangaroo rat	Siskiyou mountain salamander
Fresno kangaroo rat	Kern Canyon slender salamander
Island fox	Tehachapi slender salamander
San Joaquin kit fox	Limestone salamander
Wolverine	Shasta salamander
Guadalupe fur seal	Black toad
California bighorn sheep	Southern rubber boa
Peninsular bighorn sheep	Alameda striped racer
Lost River sucker	Giant garter snake

Classification of wildlife as "endangered" or "rare" at the State level is made by the California Department of Fish and Game. At the Federal level, determination is made by the Secretary of the Interior, on the advice of the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife. In each case, the recommendations originate with the professional biologists and the agencies responsible for wildlife conservation.

HELP FOR DE ANZA COLLEGE LIBRARY

Gary Korn, Periodicals Librarian at De Anza College, is trying to add back issues of "Audubon" to the periodicals collection. He needs back copies from 1909 to 1969. Anyone who has back copies to donate, or knows where they can be obtained, should contact:

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Audubon Canyon Ranch		25.00
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Sempervirens Fund		200.00
Save-the-Redwoods League		100.00
Audubon Camp 1/2 Scholarships		125.00
SSF Bay Nat'l. Wildlife Refuge Fund		1000.00
United New Conservationists		10.00
Nature Conservancy SF Bay Project		750.00
Bay Area Audubon Council Expenses		25.00
Publicity		40.00
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Joyce T. Todd
Treasurer

FIELD TRIP REPORTS

Joe Greenberg reports the 8 people who made the trip to the Grey Lodge Game Management Area were treated to spectacular displays of thousands of geese and ducks.

The weather was good and 80 bird species, including Sandhill Crane, Bittern, Night Heron, Lewis' Woodpecker, and Vesper Sparrow, were observed.

Frank Farran reports a very interesting trip led by Emmanuel and Mary Taylor to the Anderson Dam Unit of Coyote River Park last November 10. Among the 32 species observed were Red-tailed Hawks, Wood Ducks, Common Gallinule, Cooper's Hawk, Nuttall Woodpeckers, and Ruby-Crowned Kinglets.

CONSERVATION ORGANIZATIONS

Following is a short list--by no means complete--of conservation organizations pursuing the protection of environmental quality. Please contribute to, or join, any of the groups of particular interest to you.

Committee for Green Foothills

885 Oak Grove, Menlo Park, Ca. 94025
Annual membership: \$5.00

Vigilant surveillance of all local conservation issues with articulate representation at public hearings and planning meetings. Issues quarterly newsletter and action alert notices.

Save San Francisco Bay Association

P. O. Box 925, Berkeley, Ca. 94701
Annual membership: \$1.00

Represents the public interest in issues involving Bay fill. Continues educational publicity on the value of the Bay and Marshlands.

The Nature Conservancy

Western Regional Office
215 Market Street, San Francisco, Ca. 94105
Annual membership: \$5.00

Conducts a very effective program for identification and acquisition of unique areas that should be preserved. Issues quarterly, "Nature Conservancy News" and North California Chapter Newsletter.

Planning and Conservation League

909 Twelfth Street, Sacramento, Ca. 95814
Annual membership: Regular \$10; Student \$3.00

Non-partisan lobbyist for conservation issues in the State legislature. Keeps members informed on progress of important environmental bills; conducts an annual conference/workshop to gather and disseminate ideas for legislative action.

AUDUBON CAMP OF THE WEST

Summer sessions for 1972 have been set as follows:

- I June 25 - July 7
- II July 9 - July 21
- III July 23 - August 4
- IV August 6 - August 18

The enrollment fee is \$200.00 per session. This includes meals, housing, field trips, and instruction.

For further information write: Audubon Camp
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Boulder, Colorado 80303

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