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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- April 3 Audubon Wildlife Film, Tuesday, 4 pm, Palo Alto High School Auditorium, 50 Embarcadero Road, Palo Alto, 327-7100, ext. 4347, Tom Sterling presents, "Twentieth-Century Wilderness."
- April 3 Board of Directors Meeting, Tuesday, 7:30 pm at the home of Bob Hassur, 14875 Cole Drive, San Jose.
- April 6-9 Morongo Valley Field Trip, See article in March Avocet. Leader: Frank Farran, 252-3874.
- April 10 Audubon Wildlife Film, Tuesday, 8 pm, Morris Dailey Auditorium, California State University at San Jose, 277-2321, Tom Sterling presents, "Twentieth-Century Wilderness."
- April 10 Bird Discussion Group, South County, Tuesday, 9:30 am at the home of Kathryn LIntoff, 17150 Buena Vista, Los Gatos. Topic: "Double-Crested Cormorant."
- April 11 General Meeting, Wednesday, 8 pm, Homestead High School, Room 5, Building C. Mike Brady will present "Feeding Adaptations of Woodpeckers". Please note this is the second Wednesday of the month instead of the usual third Wednesday.
- April 11 Field Trip South, Santa Teresa Park, Wednesday, 9 am (Rescheduled because of rain.) Monterey Road south from San Jose past I.B.M. plant. Right on Bernal Road about one mile to park. Meet at Picnic Parking lot. Leader: Juliette Wheeler, 867-9597.
- April 15 Duvenek Ranch Field Trip, Sunday, 9 am. Interstate 280 to Moody Road, Foothill College turn off. West on Moody about 2 1/2 miles. Left at "Hidden Villa" sign about 1/2 mile. Park near corrugated iron barn. Leader: Ruth Troetschler, 948-4142.
- April 18 Bird Discussion Group, North County, Wednesday, 9:30 am at the home of Yvonne Weilberg, 138 Cervantes Road, Portola Valley, 854-6230, Topic: "Comparison of Ruby-Crowned Kinglet, Hutton's Vireo and Western Flycatcher."

- April 25 Field Trip North, San Francisco Watershet--Pilarcitos Lake, Wednesday, 9 am. Bring a lunch. Meet at 9 am at Chevron Station. Route 280 north to Millbrae exit. Take road north parallel to 280 to Chevron Station, about 1 block. We will be behind locked gates all day and you can only enter or leave with the group. We will car pool there. Leader: Kay McCann, 327-4138.
- April 28 Calaveras Reservoir Field Trip, Saturday, 8:30 am. From San Jose, North on Highway 17. East on Calaveras Blvd. about 4 miles. Meet by duck pond in Levin Park on the south side of the road. From Palo Alto, south on Bayshore. East on Mt. View-Alviso Road which eventually becomes Calaveras. Bring lunch. Leaders: Mr. & Mrs. Les Sleeper, 323-9370.
- May 12 Pajaro Dunes Field Trip, Saturday, 9:00 am. South on State Route 1 from Santa Cruz to vicinity of Watsonville. Right at Riverside Drive. Right almost immediately again at gas station. Left at first stop sign and go toward beach on Beach Road. The Pajaro Dunes gate house is at the end of Beach Road. You will be directed from there. Leader: Mr. & Mrs. John Warriner, 415-851-1936.
- June 2 Yosemite Field Trip, Saturday, 7:00 am. Meet where the entrance road to Bridalveil Campground meets the Glacier Point road. If you plan to stay in a Curry Company cabin or lodge, get reservations now at 415-434-0660. Leader: Joe Greenberg, 326-8120.

INFORMATION NEEDED

A long range study of the movements of willets and marbled godwits in the south San Francisco Bay area is currently in progress. These two species are being captured, marked and released at their resting grounds during high tides. They receive aluminum Fish and Wildlife Service leg bands and brightly colored patagial markers which are readily visible on birds in the field. The patagial wing marker is a thin peice of vinyl plastic coated nylon bearing a number or letter-number combination and is fastened to the patagium (a flap of skin on the leading edge of the wing) with a short nylon rod.

This masters degree thesis project by Paul R. Kelly under the direction of Dr. Howard L. Cogswell will hopefully provide information on the daily local movements of these species with respect to tides, time of day, weather conditions and other factors. Information about their migration could possible result.

Any person who observes a bird carrying a marker could make a useful contribution to our knowledge of these birds by reporting the details of the sighting. The information desired is as follows (partial information can be of value).

1. Name and address of observer
2. Date of observation
3. Specific location (to within one mile, describe location with respect to local landmarks easily found on standard road maps).
4. Species carrying marker, if known.
5. Color of marker and whether observed on left or right wing.
6. Number or letter-number combination on marker, if possible.

Please report information to:

Dr. Howard L. Cogswell
Department of Biology
California State University
Hayward, California 94542

HOW ONE GROUP OF CITIZENS TRIED TO FIGHT CITY HALL (Shoreline Regional Park)

At the end of Terminal Boulevard in Mountain View is the only remaining portion of the historic end of Charleston Slough, long ago diked from the bay waters but still fed by storm runoff and ground seepage. A walk there on an evening in spring flushes screaming mother stilts. In summer, a Cinnamon Teal sails solemnly along Charleston Slough, leading three small duplicates of herself. In winter, myriads of Shovelers, Scaups, and Pintails ride together on the ponds.

As you read this, the slough already altered by dikes, roads and pumping even after a cease and desist notice was issued by the Army Corp of Engineers, will be carved up to line a 44 acre, 9 foot deep boat lake. Bay waters will be brought from Charleston Slough and the normal storm drainage will be pumped into the Palo Alto Flood Basin. The shores of the lake will have garbage fill and earth fill. There will be concession stands and a museum; an aerial tram to "Festive Isle" will go over rented boats the children of Mountain View can hardly afford. But this is a regional park, paid for by regional mondy:

\$600,000	--	City of Mountain View
\$600,000	--	Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation
\$1.2 million	--	State of California Parks Department
\$1.2 million	--	Land and Water Conservation Fund Department of Interior

Three giants keep this park rolling over every available conservation organization and public agency set up to stop the destruction of wildlife habitat:

1. The City of Mountain View refuses to acknowledge the value of wildlife habitat.
2. The City of San Francisco and its sunset scavengers have lots of garbage.
3. The big "C's": Complacency and a willingness to Compromise.

Many of us are embarrassed that we didn't fight this plan years ago; we went to other projects. Yet now, we have more environmentally oriented agencies and organizations and laws with implore citizens to get involved. Look at this batting average:

CONTACTED	RESPONSE	RESULT
US Army Corp of Engineers-- asked of Mt. View had a permit to fill a marsh	Cease and Desist order issued 10/20/72 Requested reports from California Fish and Game and Department of Interior No permit to fill yet issued to Mt. View	Ignored by City of Mt. View Filled and diked sloughs then promised to stay out until mid-March
BCDC-- asked of Mt. View had a permit	Encouraged Mt. View to apply for permit	Mt. View has applied for permit, January 1973 It may be a 'minor' one--no public consideration would be given
Paul Howard, Representative Western Regional Office National Audubon, requested to be party plaintiff	Sent request to Chas. Callison,--- National Executive Vice President, February 1973	
Save S. F. Bay Association-- requested to be party plaintiff	Sent man to investigate. Talked with Corp, BCDC, and Board	---

Sierra Club was requested party plaintiff	Strong support for suit against Corp for not enforcing desist order, not holding hearing, not doing survey. This support was withdrawn without explanation.	---
Committee for Green Foothills	Agreed to write letter to Corp	---
Supervisor Calvo	Agreed to talk to Mt. View officials	---
Congressman McCloskey	Showed concern. Aide has investigated site, will call Corp	---
Bureau of Outdoor Recreation	Money was spent for land acquisition in 1969	
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife	Concerned biologist sent evaluation of wildlife habitat to be re-evaluated by B.O.R. and Interior's field Representative	---
Senator Cranston's office	Talked to Corp Requested Corp exercise their authority	---
Senator Tunney's office	Talked to Corp.	---
Water Quality Control	Concerned with ground water contamination only	---
State Lands Commission-- requested clarification of their jurisdiction	---	
California Department of Fish and Game	Sending evaluation to the Corp	

The only agency not contacted in recent months was the EPA whose Director George Milias authored the legislation for the redevelopment agency which empowered the city of Mountain View to administer the entire North Bayshore area as the Shoreline Regional Park Community in 1969. That bill, AB 1027 included in its purposes for the Park "the preservation of wildlife and marinelife habitat."

Even with the benefit of free legal counsel we have accomplished nothing other than to form a committee--Save our Sloughs--and run up huge phone and xerox bills. We now have a deeper interest in this marsh and its inhabitants and a deeper disgust with man's ability to destroy something natural for intensive "recreation."

Florence LaRiviere
Nancy Holmes

Note; The US Corps of Engineers will hold a hearing, but no date has been set as The Avocet went to press.

FIELD TRIP REPORTS

Frank Farran reports for the following trips:

Monterey-Pacific Grove: Despite the fact it had been raining at home, the weather at Monterey was nice. We saw about 45 species of birds including Oystercatcher, Green-winged Teal, Cinnamon Teal, Snipe, Sora Rail, Pygmy Nuthatch, and Rhinoceros Auklet. The leader, Bill Reese, was most instructive in pointing out the differences between the various kinds of Grebes, Cormorants, and Gulls. The trip included a stop at some excellent Monarch Butterfly trees in Washington Park.

Moro Bay area: About 30 people turned out for this two day trip. We didn't see the Peregrine Falcon, but we did see 67 other species of birds. The most notable were Arctic and Common Loon, White Pelican, Red-breasted Merganser, Black-crowned Night Heron, Black Brant Goose, Bufflehead doing his courting ritual, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Red-breasted Nuthatch and some excellent looks at Anna, Allen, and Rufous hummers. The most interesting thing was a cypress tree that seemed to harbor all sorts of small birds including occupied nests of both a Mourning Dove and Allen's Hummingbird about ten feet apart.

MAC'S ALBATROSS EXPEDITION

The annual Santa Cruz Bird Club sponsored offshore trip to see the Black-footed Albatross and other pelagic birds will be held on Monday, June 11. A Stagnaro sport fishing boat will leave Santa Cruz Municipal Wharf at 7:30 am. Make reservations by sending a stamped self-addressed envelope and \$2.50 for each ticket to:

V. Anderson
227 Linden Street
Santa Cruz, California 95060

UNUSUAL SIGHTING

The following letter was received from Mrs. Alice McCammon, Chairman of Natural History, Los Gatos Museum Association:

February 15, 1973

Dear Mr. Knoetzsch,

I am told that an observation which my husband and I were privileged to make yesterday afternoon may be of considerable interest to you. We were able to watch a hybrid Flicker at close range--about 3 feet from our window--for about 10 minutes, as it fed on our side lawn. It had black mustaches and light orange shafts. When it flew around to the front lawn, there was a glimpse of red under the wings. To our astonishment it was quickly joined on the ground by 3 more Flickers, at least two of which also had black mustaches and orange shafts. The fourth bird was similar in all respects except that in our pleasure in observing its behavior as it climbed a nearby tree, we failed to notice, for certain, whether it had any mustaches. However, we are positive that, if present, they were not red. All four birds had rusty-brown crowns and red "v's" on the back of their gray necks.

This is the first time we have ever seen any Flickers in our neighborhood--16570 Garden Lane, Los Gatos.

I do hope that the above conveys some meaning to you, as I have had little practice in describing birds.

Yours truly,
Alice R. McCammon
signed

Anyone else sighted these flickers?

HI, I'M A QUAIL!

The following letter was sent to The Avocet by Bert Nartel. Anyone interested can contact Bert at 14420 Fruitvale Avenue, Saratoga 95070.

"Hi, I'm a Quail. I know this isn't usually done but time is growing so short--I've just got to try and reach someone.

I'm sending out this message from 70 of us quail along with the Blackbirds, Bluebirds, Woodpeckers, Killdeer, Robins, and many others. This appeal also comes from possum, squirrels, gophers, and moles. I'm sorry to say that the deer left 2 years ago and have never returned.

The area I'm concerned about is our nesting spot. Spring is so near and this area will be, for the most part, turned into an asphalt parking lot. The area is owned, I'm told by the West Valley College. It lies between Fruitvale Avenue and the tennis court on the west and east and roads to the swimming pool and gym on the north and south. It's an area covered with native shrubs, native trees, and native grasses. There is a run-off creek running through the center of the area. It is not an orchard area that is plowed up every year but is rather an unspoiled, unadulterated product of mother nature.

My appeal is that this area be spared from those large earth moving machines that operate without consideration or feeling. I don't want a "park." Parks are often merely playthings for humans to manipulate and admire. You may not understand this, but we want a fence around the area to keep humans out. A sort of "wild space" where we are not hindered. A kind of refuge from all the building that is going on around us.

I'm writing this now because we are starting to select our mates and soon it will be nesting time. I know I'm asking for quite a lot with nothing to offer in return. But if we can keep our home, I promise I'll teach my eldest chick to crow so loud you'll be able to hear him all over Saratoga. Of course, you will have to slow down from your wild pace, and stop and listen carefully.

I hope this gets printed in the newspaper. I'm told that all articles must be signed, but I don't have a name you know--I'm only a quail.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

North County Area

Mr. Oscar I. Anderson	352 Middlefield Road	Palo Alto, California 94301
Kristin J. Bixler	368 Ventura	Palo Alto, California 94306
J. C. Blessing	1520 Willow, #212	Palo Alto, California 94304
Ms. Joann C. Blessing	510 Willow, #212	Palo Alto, California 94302
Dr. Clyde L. Boice	12400 Stonebrook	Los Altos Hills, Calif 94022
Mr. & Mrs. Laurence M. Breed	836 Seale Avenue	Palo Alto, California 94303
The Chapmans	3583 Lovis Road	Palo Alto, California 94303
Mr. Laurence R. Dawson	13835 Page Mill Road	Los Altos Hills, Calif 94022
Mr. David P. Dietz	1509 Gambier Cite	Sunnyvale, California 94087
Emily H. Dott	877 Lincoln Avenue	Palo Alto, California 94301
Mr. Ronald G. Ennis	2454 West Bayshore Road	Palo Alto, California 94303
Janet Farness	270 Kellogg	Palo Alto, California 94301
Mrs. E. J. Fleming	455 Los Pajaros Cite	Los Altos, California 94022
Mr. Malcolm H. Furbash	14190 Amherst Cite	Los Altos Hills, Calif 94022
Miss Lise Geott	13870 Ciceroni Lane	Los Altos Hills, Calif 94022
Mr. Robert Hiscop	24110 Villa Drive	Los Altos, California 94022
Mr. Peter R. Hughes	549 Bryant Street	Palo Alto, California 94301
E. E. Jackson	1220 273 N. Lawrence Expressway	Sunnyvale, California 94086

NATURAL HISTORY EXPEDITIONS TO EAST AFRICA

The countries of East Africa are renowned for their national parks and game reserves. As the famous naturalist-ornithologist, John Williams, has written, "No other region in the world has so much to offer the visitor who is interested in wildlife. In no other part of the globe does there exist such a wealth of big game animals, and nowhere else is there such a super abundance and variety of birdlife coupled with accessible bird haunts. No fewer than 1,033 full species of birds are found in the relatively small country of Kenya." The bird life ranges from the bizarre Ostrich, Hammerkop, Secretary Bird, and Hornbills to the beautiful Turacos, Parrots, Barbets, and Sunbirds.

The itineraries of these natural history expeditions include the finest parks and reserves in Kenya and Tanzania, as well as the coral beaches and the life beneath the seas along the Kenya coast. On Expedition V there is an optional week in the Seychelle Islands and on Expedition VI there is an optional five day climb on Mt. Kilimanjaro.

Expedition V: June 25-July 16, 1973 (22 days)
Leaders: Glenn Moffat, Biology Instructor, Foothill College
Ted Chandik, Naturalist, City of Palo Alto

Expedition VI: July 16-August 5, 1973 (22 days)
Leaders: Glenn Moffat, Biology Instructor, Foothill College
Robert Thomas, Biology Professor, College of the Redwoods

Maximum number of participants on each trip: 16
Cost of each, including round trip air fare from Los Angeles: \$1690

For further information or reservation forms write or phone Ted Chandik, 4238 Ruthelma Avenue, Palo Alto, California 94306 (415-493-5330) or Nature Expeditions International, P.O. Box 1173, Los Altos, California 94022 (415-941-2910).

THE POETRY OF PHOTOGRAPHY

"The Poetry of Photography" is a weekend program offered by University of California Extension, May 5 and 6 on the Berkeley campus, to bring together photographers whose works reflect the joy of the language of images as a means of personal expression and exploration.

John Pearson, photographer and author of To Be Nobody Else, Kiss the Joy as it Flies, and The Sun's Birthday, is the program coordinator. Guest photographers include John Hurst, who will present interpretations of wilderness from his travels in many parts of the world including Africa, Alaska, Mexico and the Grand Canyon; Wayne Miller, a photojournalist who assisted in assembling The Family of Man; Jay Moss, a multi-media artist specializing in light shows; Bill Ratcliff, whose photographs have appeared in Audubon Magazine, the Audubon Calendar, and National Wildlife; Ernani Seddon, who specializes in infrared macrophotography in the coastal waters of California.

Information and enrollment forms are available from Department P10, University Extension, University of California, 2223 Fulton Street, Berkeley, California 94720, 642-1061.

MAYLASIA AND INDIA BIRDING TOUR

Los Angeles Audubon Society announces a 24 day birding tour of Malaysia and India, beginning Saturday, June 23. Cost, from Los Angeles is \$2285. For further information and reservations contact Mr. James Huffman, 16856 Edgar Street, Pacific Palisades, California 90272 or Mrs. Olga Clarke, 2027 El Arbolita Drive, Glendale, California 91208.

MAGAZINE DONATIONS NEEDED

Youth Science Institute is seeking donations of magazines on natural history and science so that the Institute may expand it's files of pictures and articles on these subjects. These files are then loaned to teachers for classroom use or are used by the Institute's Education Coordinator in classroom and Junior Museum presentations. The magazines needed are:

- AUDUBON
- NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
- PACIFIC DISCOVERY
- SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN
- NATURAL HISTORY

Anyone wishing to recycle any of these magazines in this manner are asked to contact Aletha Powers at 243-3416 or 258-4322. Pick up service can be provided.

WILDFLOWER SHOW

On Sunday April 29 from 10 am to 4 pm the Saratoga Horticultural Foundation, 20605 Verde Vista Lane, Saratoga will hold its wildflower show. The Foundation is located 4 1/2 miles south of the highway 85 (Saratoga-Sunnyvale Road)-Interstate 280 intersection and 1 mile north of the highway 85-highway 9 (Big Basin Way) intersection. Displays of plants found in the environs of Santa Clara County--many native to the area--will be on view to the public.

The show is being sponsored by the California Native Plant Society in cooperation with the Saratoga Horticultural Foundation, and will also include showings of plant propogation and plant dyes for fabrics. There is no admission charge; however, donations are always welcomed.

Further information can be obtained from Natalie Dickens, 493-7229.

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_____ \$15 family

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