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### MONO LAKE

YOUR response to the fundraising campaign for Mono Lake has been heartwarming. Over half of the \$4000 challenge to the membership has been raised. Member contributions totalling \$2044 plus \$8000 from the habitat preservation fund bring our total to \$10,044, leaving only \$1956 needed to reach our goal of \$12,000. Our special thanks to all of you who got the campaign off to such a good start.

Your chapter's efforts have not gone unnoticed, Dick Martyr, Audubon Western Regional Office, Sacramento, writes

... on behalf of the National Audubon Society may I extend our gratitude to Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society for your recent significant financial commitment to Mono Lake... we at the Western Regional Office have always been proud of the support our local chapters give when needed, but your exceptional effort on Mono Lake is a source of special pride...

We hope you will join us on January 21 for an evening with George Peyton National Audubon Society board member. George has been actively involved in the effort to save this very special place and will present a slide show and update on Mono Lake.

Please remember that the wildlife of Mono Lake is depending on us. The gulls grebes and phalaropes need your help. Please join us and send your tax-deductible contribution of \$25, \$50, \$100 or more

today. Every gift will help save Mono Lake

Dave, Phyllis, Jim Sue.

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THANK YOU

See you at the general meeting on January 21

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# OF THE CALIFORNIA CONDOR (1)

## Saturday January 24,1981



A DAY DEVOTED TO AN INDEPTH ANALYSIS OF THE CALIFORNIA CONDOR'S CHANCE FOR SURVIVAL. SPEAKERS WILL INCLUDE MEMBERS OF THE CONDOR RECOVERY TEAM, LOCAL AUDUBON CHAPTERS AND CONSERVATION GROUPS, 4 THERE WILL BE FILMS AND A QUESTION/DISCUSSION SESSION.

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(3) Including THE DEATH OF A CHICK

BIGGER THAN THE CONDOR.... a news note.

Paleontologists have found in Argentina the skeleton of a prehistoric teratorn, with a wingspan of about 7.5 m., and an estimated weight of about 75 kg. - believed to be the biggest bird that ever flew (Some old birds were not flyers some old flyers were not birds) Scientists have long thought that teratorns were close relatives of condors and were scavengers: Kenneth Campbell, who helped study the bones last year now considers the gigantic birds to be related to storks and vultures and to be predators. The long, narrow, hooked beak and jaw mechanism is of a bird that grabbed and swallowed whole small animals. Previously, teratorns were found only in four localities, including California,

AND ABOUT ANOTHER ENDANGERED SPECIES. . with an apology to the Desert Tortoise Preserve Committee for misleading information in the November AVOCET:

It is the Desert Tortoise Preserve Committee which has been responsible for the establishment of the Desert Tortoise Natural Area; the Desert Tortoise Council which is concerned with preservation of wild tortoises in general works on a four-state level and its principal activity is an annual symposium on the condition of the population; the California Turtle and Tortoise Club is concerned with pet turtles and tortoises. AND the area of the Natural area is 40 square miles (quite a bit more than than the 2 plus quoted by the AVOCET.)

Your EDUCATION COMMITTEE is busy looking for slides for a packet on Those are common birds, like California gulls in various plumages, Brewer's and Red-winged Blackbirds Mockingbirds Robins. Killdeer, Starlings Red-tailed Hawks, House Sparrow, House Finch, Mourning Dovem Scrub Jay Shrike Kestrel Anna's Hummingbird, White crowned Sparrow. Do you have some which you would allow to be duplicated for this worthy cause? If so, please send these glowing examples of

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BIRDS

for this worthy cause? If so, please send these glowing examples of the photographers' art to Doug Cheeseman, 20800 Kittredge Rd., Saratoga 95070.

HENRY W. COE STATE PARK is looking for docents, to assist with the museum, nature hikes,

demonstrations and evening programs. Volunteers will be expected to participate in five days training on weekends in February and March and donate a minimum of eight hours a months for the months of March through July. For information or applications call (408) 779-2728 or write Henry W. Coe State Park, P. O. Box 846, Morgan Hill, CA 95037. Deadline is January 17.





### CLASSES, TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES, ETC.

FOR IDENTIFYING SHORE BIRDS: Weekly classes visiting a different top birding spot each week. Meets Tuesday, 9:30 AM until 12:30 PM, beginning January 6, at Fremont Adult School. For novice or experienced birder. Contact Alice Hoch (instructor) at 791-5841(school) or 657-0475, or show up at first class

FOR ANOTHER WHALE TRIP: with Youth Science Institute, January 4, 10, 18 or 25, out of Monterey. \$20 for members, \$25 for non-members. Reserve with the Institute at 258-4322 or 258-7382.

FOR STUDYING OCEAN BIRDS OFF MORRO BAY: February 8-15, or June 21-July 1. Assembly point, Morro Bay. Contribution \$590. Contact University Research Expeditions Program UREP, Desk A, University of California, Berkeley 94720 (415-642-6586).

FOR NATURAL HISTORY OF MARINE MAMMALS & BIRDS OF THE CALIFORNIA COAST: This class includes discussion and Kodachrome slides of Gray, Humpback, Blue and Killer whales, plus sea otters, Stellers and California sea lions, harbor seals, Brown Pelicans, cormorants, loons, grebes, shearwaters, alcids, and mermaids, etc. Place: DeAnza College, Hinson Campus Center, 7:30-9:30 PM, Thursdays, Jan. 8, 15 23. Cost, \$15 for 3 lectures. Instructor: Doug Cheeseman. Contact Short Course Office, 996-4673 or 4674.

AND A GOOD BOOK..., recommended enthusiastically by Esther Ollis.

Animal Days (Wm Morrow & Co., 1980 - \$10 95) is the engaging and informative story of Desmond Morris, his childhood on the Wiltshire Downs, through his prepschool years of researching the noctural migration of toads and his university and graduate years with the greats and pioneers of animal ethology to his career as Curator of Mammals at the London Zoo and producer-commentator of a live animal show for BBC.



#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS\_\_\_\_

- Jan. 1 Moss Landing Christmas Count, Thurs. Contact John and Ricky Warriner, (408) 722-5589.
- Jan. 3 Panoche Valley Christmas Count, Sat. Contact Carolyn Frederiksen, (408) 688-7232.

  Please note that Carolyn's phone number in the December Avocet was incorrect.
- Jan. 3 Boat Trip, Sat., 7:45 AM 3 PM, Monterey Bay Pelagic Excursion. Cost, \$19 per person. Trips leave from Sam's Fishing on Fisherman's Wharf, Monterey. Reserve with check payable to Debi Millichap, 302 Oxford Way, Santa Cruz, CA 95060. Send a stamped, self-addressed envelope for confirmation. Gray Whales should be migrating, Alcids, Fulmar and Kittiwakes are abundant in winter. January trips do fill up, so check with Debi, (408) 425-8111, before signing up. Leaders: Ted Chandik and Alan Baldridge.
- Jan. 4 Arroyo Cheap Thrills Christmas Count, Sun. Novato. Contact Dave Shuford 669-7429.
- Jan.10 Field Trip, Sat. 9 AM. Rare Bird Trip. Meet behind Denny's at the end of Hwy.17 in Santa Cruz. Take the Central District exit, Denny's is on the right. Christmas counts always turn up rare birds. We will look for a few of the best in the Monterey Bay area. Leader: David Houle (856-1069).
- Jan. 10 Whale Trip, Sat., 7:45 AM 2 PM, Monterey Bay Pelagic Excursion. For details, see Jan. 3 boat trip. Leader: Rod Norden.
- Jan.11 Birdwalk for Beginners, Sun. 9 AM, Stevens Creek Park. From Hwy.280 in Cupertino, take Foothill Blvd. west for about 3 mi. Meet in the parking lot by the dam. The emphasis of this morning walk will be wintering land birds, the kind you might find in your yard or the local park. Leader: David Houle (856-1069).
- Jan.13 <u>Bird Discussion Group</u>, Tues. 9:30 AM, at home of Eve Case, 20537 Verde Vista Lane, Saratoga. Topic: European birding.
- Jan.14 Field Trip, Wed. 8:30 AM., Ed Levin County Park. From San Jose, no. on Hwy.17, east at Mtn. View-Alviso Rd. Turn off to Calaveras Blvd., go about 4 mi. to duck pond on south side of Calaveras Rd. Leader: Harry V. Latham (734-2326).
- Jan.17 Field Trip, Sat. 9 AM, Palo Alto Baylands. From Hwy.101 take Embarcadero Rd. east to the Yacht Harbor. Meet in the parking area for the duck pond. Bring the whole family and spend the day shorebirding, ducking and railing. There will be a healthy high tide, so the wintering Sharp-tailed Sparrow may be seen again. Leader: Allen Royer (251-6133).
- Jan.17 Whale Trip, Sat. 7:45 AM 2 PM, Monterey Bay Pelagic Excursion. See Jan.3 trip for details. Leader: Rod Norden.
- Jan.18 Field Trip, Sun, 8:30 AM, Alameda Creek Regional Trail. From San Jose take 680 north to Fremont. Take the 2nd Mission Blvd. exit. Go north 4 mi. and cross Alameda Creek. Turn right on Niles Canyon Rd., go 100-200 yds. then right onto Old Niles Canyon Rd. and cross creek again. The parking lot is below the road on your left about 150 yds. past the bridge. From Palo Alto, take Hwy.84 across Dumbarton Bridge until it becomes Niles Canyon Rd., then turn right on Old Niles Canyon Rd. Bring lunch if desired. Wood Duck, Common Merganser, and Green Heron are regular here. Leader: Phil Hand (851-2623).
- Jan. 18 Whale Trip, Sun., 7:45 AM 2 PM, Monterey Bay Pelagic Excursion. See Jan. 3 trip for details. Leader: Don Roberson.
- Jan.21 General Meeting, Wed., 7:30 PM, Lucy Evans (Baylands) Interpretive Center, end of Embarcadero Road, Palo Alto. George Peyton, member of the board of Directors of National Audubon, will give a slide presentation and update on MONO LAKE. Please come to see the slides of this beautiful area east of Yosemite and hear about the legal battle to save the lake. Social hour 7:30 PM, program begins at 8:00 PM.

- Jan. 23 <u>Discussion Group</u>, 9 PM, Meet at H. Kienitz's, 632 Univ. Dr., #1, Menlo Park for car pool to Dumbarton Environmental Center. Brown bag.
- Jan.24 Condor Conference, Sat. 9-4 at Foothill College, 12345 S. El Monte, Los Altos Hills, CA. See p.2 this issue of the AVOCET. Take Hwy.280, exit at S. El Monte near Los Altos Hills. Park in the parking lot at the bottom of the hill below the college and follow the signs (and the crowds, we hope!). (408) 779-8694.
- Jan.25 Field Trip, Sun., 8 AM, Coyote River Park in Morgan Hill. Take Hwy.101 south to Morgan Hill, turn left at the Capri restaurant onto Cochran Rd. Continue east on Cochran 2 mi. to the park. Do not get back on 101. Meet in the parking lot at the north end of the park. Lake, riparian, oak woodland, and chaparral habitats. Leader: Susie Formenti (779-8694).
- Jan. 28 Field Trip North, Wed., 9 AM, Palo Alto Flood Control Basin and Charleston Slough.

  Meet at the Audubon bulletin board by the duck pond at the east end of Embarcadero Rd.

  We will carpool from there. Leader: Dolores Norton (941-1666).
- Jan.31 Whale Trip, Sat., 7:45 AM 2 PM, Monterey Bay Pelagic Excursion. See Jan.3 trip for details. Leader: Alan Baldridge.
- Feb. 1 Field Trip, Sun., Merced and Los Banos Wildlife Refuges. An excellent area for wintering geese, raptors, Sandhill Cranes, Whistling Swans, White-faced Ibis, etc. Due to the extreme popularity of this trip, it will be strictly limited to 30 people in no more than ten cars. There will also be a second trip Feb.21. Please do not sign up unless you are certain you can make it. To reserve a place, call the leaders: Mike Newcomer (736-4176), and Jim Rosso (251-2582).
- Feb. 7 Field Trip, Sat., Panoche Pass. We will be looking for wintering hawks and sparrows, Mtn. Plover, Mtn. Bluebirds, Lewis' Woodpeckers, and the elusive Chukar. All day trip. Call leaders for further info. and ride sharing. Leaders: Sue & Jim Liskovec (969-5542 eves.)
- Field Trip, Sun. 9 AM, Deer Hollow Farm. In Los Altos, Take Foothill Expwy to its intersection with St. Joseph Ave., and Grant Rd. Follow St. Joseph to the 280 overpass, where we will meet. Leader: Frank Farran (252-3874).
- Feb.14 Photography Field Trip, Sat., Elkhorn Slough. Call Doug for details. Leaders: Doug Cheeseman (867-1371), Pete LaTourette, and Ken Gardiner.
- Feb.21 Field Trip, Sat., Merced and Los Banos Wildlife Refuges. A repeat of the Feb.1 trip. This trip will also be limited. Call for reservations and details. Leader: David Houle (856-1069).
- Feb. 21 Boat Trip, Sat., 7:45 AM 3 PM, Monterey Bay Pelagic Excursion. See Jan. 3 trip for details. Leaders: Ted Chandik and Arnold Small.
- Feb. 25 Field Trip North, Wed., 9 AM, Searsville Lake. From 280 go west on Sand Hill Rd. about 2 mi. to entrance on left (opposite Portola Rd.). Gates will be locked at 9:15 and trip will last until about noon. Audubon members only. Leader: Carol Zabel (948-5671).
- Feb. 27 Discussion Group 9 PM, at Adel Vallarino's, 930 Arboles, Atherton.



October and November have been good months as winter rarities start to show up. The first real high tide of the season brought a Rednecked Grebe to the Baylands on 22 Nov. (RBA Tape). This species is rare even along the coast. Dave Houle (DH) reported the first American Bittern of the season in the Palo Alto Flood

Control Basin (PAFCB) on 25 Oct. They have been regular there since then. Blue-winged Teal continue to be seen in the lagoon at the Baylands, at least through early December. A Redhead was in the PAFCB on 17 Oct (DH and Bill Pulliam). The Moss Landing SCVAS field trip found an <u>Oldsquaw</u> among other delights 26 Oct. Joe Atkinson noted a pair of adult <u>Ferruginous Hawks</u> in the foothills east of San Jose 8 Nov., previous to that he saw an <u>Osprey</u> there on 18 Oct. <u>Prairie Falcons</u> have been reported from the south bay with one at Mtn. View's Shoreline Park on 21 Sep. seen by Dick Stovel (DS), 2 at Coyote Hills RP on the 22 Oct. SCVAS field trip, and another sighting there on the 31 st. A Peregrine was seen at Moss Landing 12 Oct. (DH et al) More sightings of Merlins made it a good falcon autumn with one at Searsville Lake on 12 and 16 Nov. (Carol Zabel), and another in Palo Alto on 5 Dec. (DS). A report of an Upland Sandpiper flying across the PAFCB 1 Nov. is tantalizing (John Shipman). This species is exceedingly rare in northern California, and unfortunately did not stay around to be photographed for posterity. This was a pretty good fall for Pecteral Sandpipers in the local area with 1 at the Baylands 7 Oct. (Ferol Burris), and 2 at Moffett Field 10 Oct. Joe Wissel reported an imm. Parasitic Jaeger persuing a Forster's tern over the dikes n. of Alviso 9 Nov. Perhaps this was the same bird reported later from Coyote Hills on the RBA tape. Thayer's Gulls have been reported from a number of locations with at least five around the Duck Pond at the Baylands through December. Look for a Herring Gull with a dark eye, but be careful of Glaucous-winged (gray primaries) and Western (dark gray mantle). The Thayer's has fewer dark primaries than the Herring and they are dark gray above and white beneath, unlike the Herring where outer primaries are black above and below. The first report of a Shorteared Owl was on 20 Nov. from PAFCB. This is one of the best places to see this wintering species in our area, dusk or dawn is the best time. The Saw-whet Owls were heard calling in Mount Madonna County Park on 12 Oct (DH and BP). We don't know a great deal about the distribution of this little owl in Santa Clara Co. Tantalizing is a report of a Blue-throated Hummingbird in Palo Alto 17 Nov. (John Henderson). The bird was observed in poor light, but its larger size was apparent compared to the pugnacious Anna's that harrassed it and lunfortunately) drove it away. Jeanne Henning saw 3-4 Lewis' Woodpeckers at Los Trancos Open Space Reserve 25 Oct., and at least 2 have remained through 13 Nov. It seems likely that these birds are migrants from the north, and are not related to our resident population in the Diablo Range. One of the best finds of the autumn was a Sage thrasher in the weeds along Charleston Slough 2-6 Nov. (DH). The SCVAS trip to the Carmel River mouth on 26 Oct had a banner day with a Black-and-White Warbler, 2 Black-throated Green Warblers, a Northern Waterthrush and a Blackburnian Warbler. A Western Tanager was in Los Altos 28 Oct, which is late [] & S Liscovec]. Sharp-tailed Sparrows have returned to the Baylands with 2 detected on the high tide of 22 Nov.

If you see an "Uncommon to rare," share it; give me a call or drop me a note: Bill Bousman (322-5282), 321 Arlington Way, Menlo Park, CA 94025.



#### GUEST EDITOR FOR FEBRUARY

Dave Nauer has consented (again) to be guest editor - for the February issue of the AVOCET. Please send him any contributions (3684 Sweigert Rd., San Jose 95129. telephone 259-1283) The regular editor (Jackie Freeberg) will be back on the job for the March issue.

#### FIELD TRIP REPORT - - - Phil Hand

Nine of us checked out Coyote Hills Park again on Wednesday, Oct.22, and saw a total of 71 species. On the way, two Burrowing Owls were seen on the south side of the rectangular pond just south of the bend in Jarvis Road. At the entrance to the park, there was a Winter Wien flitting in and out of the bushes, and near the path to the Indian mound, we admired a Yellow-Shafted Flicker. Sora and Virginia Rail were seen again, and the number of duck species has increased to seven, but, except for Wigeons, there were only a few individuals of each, including one Green-Winged Teal, a great Horned Owl was roosting in the vine grove above park headquarters, near the famous nesting box. The big sighting of the day, however, was two Prairie Falcons swooping around and attacking each other directly overhead for several minutes. Another was seen briefly later flying low over park headquarters. The new Peterson gives a more accurate representation of the "dirty armpits" than either Robbins or the older Peterson. They're bigger and extend farther out the wings than shown in the older books.

FIELD TRIP REPORT - - - Joan Priest

Los Gatos Creek Park, December 10. A dozen happy birders sighted 33 species in all, this lovely sunny A. M. 10 species of ducks including one now rare Canvasback. A lone surf scoter. Herons and egrets abounded, high-lighted by a feeding bittern. There were four species of grebes, 12 species of song birds and other pond related species. Highlight of the day: an osprey, checking

the ponds and dodging gulls.

#### ENDANGERED LEAST TERN ON BAIR ISLAND

BY Susie Formenti

The 1980 estimate of 32 breeding pairs of nesting California Least Terns (Sterna albifrons browni) on Bair Island represents the largest population recorded, according to a recent study. The previous high was 19 pairs in 1970. However, the increase may have been due to a late spring storm that destroyed the nests of the Alameda Naval Air Station colony. It is believed that part of that colony moved to Bair Island for re-nesting.

The reasons for the decline of this endangered species is due to the development and recreational use of the coastal beaches where they nest and the polluting and filling in of their bay feeding areas. But recently most observed nesting has occurred on mud and sand flats away from the ocean.

In an attempt to attract the terns of this site on Bair Island, the study group set out artificial nest sites and decoys, with shell fragments strewn about the area to create their preference for a nesting surface of a sand-shell beach. One of the factors for the success of this colony was that the site is adjacent to a salt water estuary providing an ample food supply which is critical for the terns to successfully rear their young. Also, the protection provided by an adjacent Caspian Tern colony attempting to keep predators away from their own nest sites could be the reason for the high survival rate of Least Terns, of which approximately 30 young were fledged this year. With these ideal conditions at this Bair Island site, it's hopeful more terns will return to nest next year.

This study of the Least Tern was conducted by an independent group of birders called the South Bay Institute for Avian Studies, under contract from the San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge. If you are eager to become involved in studies such as this, and interested in joining this group, contact me at 779-8694 or Mike Rigney at 867-7459.

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