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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 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 popularity of this trip, it will be 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 sure you can make it. To reserve a place, call the leaders: Mike Newcomer (736-4176) and Jim Rosso (251-3582).
- Feb. 3 Board of Directors Meeting, 7:00 PM (note 1/2 hour earlier) at the home of Betty Wyatt, 5524 Bigoak Dr., San Jose.
- Feb. 7 Field Trip, Sat., Panoche Valley. We will be looking for wintering hawks, sparrows, Mtn. Plover, Mtn. Bluebird, Lewis Woodpecker, and the elusive Chukar. All day trip. Call leaders for further information and ride sharing. Leaders: Sue and Jim Liskovec (969-5542).
- Feb. 8 Field Trip, Sun., 9 AM Deer Hollow Farm. In Los Altos, take Foothill Expy. 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. 11 Field Trip South, Wed., 9 AM, Central Coyote River Park. South on US 101 past Capital Expressway to Hellyer exit. Meet in parking lot by lake in Hellyer Park. We'll caravan south about 4 mi. to Tennant Rd. Leaders: Jean and 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. 15 Owl Trip, Sun., 4:30 AM, Mt. Madonna County Park. From San Jose take 101 south to Gilroy. Take 152 west approximately 9 mi. to Summit Rd. and the entrance to Mt. Madonna Park on the right. Meet along Summit Rd. near this corner. Rain cancels. Bring a flashlight and brunch. We should hear Sawwhet, Screech, and Great Horned Owls; with luck we may see one. We will also do some

daytime birding, looking for such mountain birds as Red-breasted Nuthatch and Golden-crowned kinglet. Leader: David Houle (856-1069).

- Feb. 18 General Meeting, Wed. 7:30 PM, Lucy Evans (Baylands) Interpretive Center, east end of Embarcadero Rd. in Palo Alto: "\$10,000 Worth of Racing Pigeons!" (see note further on in this AVOCET).
- 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. Leaders: David Houle (856-1069) and Rob Hansen.
- Feb. 21 Boat Trip, Sat., 7:45 AM - 3 PM, Monterey Bay Pelagic Excursion. Cost \$19 per person. Trip leaves 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. Alcids, Fulmar, and Kittiwakes are abundant in winter. For further info. call Debi at (408) 425-8111. Leaders: Ted Chandik and Arnold Small.
- Feb. 22 Field Trip, Sun., 9 AM, Anderson Reservoir to Coyote Reservoir. Take E. Dunne exit off Hwy. 101 in Morgan Hill. Go east over hill. After passing Jackson Oaks, continue 1.2 miles on Dunne to parking area on left of road. We shall hike 4 miles or more along Coyote Ck. Expect mud and some rugged spots. Bring a backpack lunch. Leader: Emelie Curtis (408) 779-2637.
- Feb. 24 Special Board of Directors Meeting, Tuesday, 7:30 PM at the home of Rod Norden, 647 B Maybell, Palo Alto.
- Feb. 27-
Mar. 1 Statewide Audubon Meeting at U.C. Davis. The theme is "Audubon Action Priorities in California." Participants include some Directors of State Resources Agencies. For more info. please call or contact SCVAS President Phyllis Swanson (address/phone number in back of AVOCET).
- Feb. 28-
Mar. 1 Field Trip, Sat.-Sun., Honey Lake National Wildlife Refuge. We will be looking for waterfowl, hawks, Bald Eagles, northern and invasion species, which may include Longspurs, Bohemian Waxwing, Northern Shrike, Tree and Harris Sparrow, plus, with luck, Sage Grouse. Meet Sat. at the Fleming Unit Headquarters at 8 AM and again at noon. On Sun. meet at the Litchfield Motel at 5:30 AM for Grouse, and again at 9 AM for a trip to Eagle Lake. Motels are available in Susanville and Litchfield, primitive camping at the Refuge. Motel reservations are advised. Susanville is a 6-hr drive from San Jose in good conditions; be sure to carry chains and check on road conditions. Be ready for cold weather and snow or mud on trails. Leaders: Bob and Carol Yutzky. For further info., check with local coordinator David Houle (856-1069).
- Feb. 28 Birdwalk for Beginners, and Families!, Sat. 8:30 AM, Grant Ranch. From Hwy. 101 take Alum Rock Ave. east to Mt. Hamilton Rd. Grant Ranch is 7 miles up Mt. Hamilton Rd., near the intersection with Quimby Rd. Meet in the parking area near headquarters. Lake, riparian, and oak-woodland habitats. Leaders: Marilyn and Russell Fowler (356-7758).
- Mar. 7 Field Trip, Sat. 8 AM, Coyote Hills Regional Park. From the peninsula, go east across the Dumbarton Bridge, then left on Jarvis, left on Newark, and

left on Patterson Ranch Rd. Or take Hwy. 17 north to Jarvis and turn right on Newark. Meet at the entrance to the park. There is a fee for each car. Leader: R. Jay Andre (257-2038).

THAT FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING

Audubon members will get a unique view of birding at the Feb. 18 General Meeting when Dan Talt tells all about the little-known but world-wide sport of Pigeon Racing. From the 200 species of pigeons of the globe, only the Homing Pigeon is classy enough for this sport ... so classy, in fact, that as much as \$23,000 has been paid for one bird! Dan had \$10,000 worth of racing pigeons in his aviary at one point in his career. He'll show a short film, followed by a talk about his own activities. And he'll bring some of the equipment used for timing and conducting races, plus a few of his racers. Find out about buying, breeding and caring for this talented type of bird, and bring your friends to this unusual presentation.

TAKE IT OFF--TAKE IT ALL OFF!

What's this? The Avocet's into porno? Well, not really. It is my way of encouraging your cooperation in the eradication of the Mediterranean Fruit Fly, alias the Medfly. Medfly is a serious threat to California agriculture. It's imperative the fly be eliminated here, and to do that, we are all going to have to work together to see that fruit is stripped from all citrus, olive, avocado, apple, quince, persimmon, pomegranate, kiwi, loquat and guava trees. Take it off, take it all off!

There are several important reasons for the eradication of this obnoxious pest. First and foremost, is the threat of aerial Malathion spraying. If the fruit stripping program is not successful, we face the likelihood of spraying EVERY 5 DAYS from March to November. If we remove fruits currently on our trees, we eliminate the maggots that are feeding in the fruit, as well as egg laying sites for future generations. The few females that survive then have a greater chance to breed with the released irradiated males. The success of the stripping program will determine the ultimate success of the whole program, so, Take It Off, Take It All Off!

We've all eaten luscious tree-ripened fruit grown here, but how would you feel if your fruit were served with tweezers? Picking out the maggots one by one could become tedious! A little extra protein I can handle, but at that rate, I'll pass the fruit course, thank you. Reason enough to eliminate the Medfly.

Hand stripping fruit is laborious, but there's no substitute (unless you consider Malathion, and I don't). You must remove all large fruits, citrus, avocados, etc., ripe and unripe, from the trees, and when that's done, tackle berry bushes like pyracantha. Stripping berries is easy if you cover the ground with a sheet to catch the fallen fruit, and then beat the bush with a stick. Rake up ALL fruit on the ground and dispose of it by one of the recommended methods. Eat, freeze, can or cook what you can (ever heard of Meyer Lemon marmalade?) Give away what your friends and neighbors can use but DO NOT take any fruit out of the county. Remember, we are under quarantine; other California counties don't want Medfly either. Bag the remainder of the stripped fruit in heavy duty plastic bags and leave for garbage pick up. Or you can dig a hole at least 12" deep and bury the fruit. Composting is NOT recommended--it won't kill the maggots. Finally, have the soil drenched under the

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trees with a pesticide called "Baytex" (fenthion). This will kill any adults as they emerge in the spring. (The fly pupates in the soil and emerges as an adult.)

It is imperative the infestation be stopped NOW. Fruit should be stripped from trees as soon as possible, no later than Feb. 1. The AVOCET was mailed early this month so we could spread the message and encourage your participation. The California Conservation Corps is doing a fine job, but we can't leave everything up to them. I urge you to assume the responsibility for stripping your own trees and bushes; volunteer to help your friends and neighbors, too. In this way, Auduboners, you can make the stripping program a success and help eliminate the Medfly from Santa Clara Valley. So, TAKE IT OFF, TAKE IT ALL OFF!

Phyllis Swanson

With thanks/apologies to Ruth Troetschler

MONO LAKE

We are almost there! As of this writing (Jan. 10), \$3875 of the \$4000 challenge to the membership has been received for the legal defense of Mono Lake. With the \$8000 from the habitat preservation fund, Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society has contributed a total of \$11,875. Your response has been marvelous--over 125 people have contributed toward the campaign. If you have thought about contributing, but have not done so as yet, now is the time! Help push us over the top! Please remember that the wildlife of Mono Lake is depending on us. Every gift will help save Mono Lake. Thank you all very much, Dave, Phyllis, Jim and Sue.

FOR THE GULLS, GREBES AND PHALAROPES OF MONO LAKE, HERE IS MY CONTRIBUTION OF

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Buteos-flight silhouette

Falcons-flight silhouette



Jim Liskovec
Mike Rigney

THE 1980 SAN JOSE CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

The 1980 San Jose Christmas Bird Count is now history. To all those brave, dedicated souls who made this count a success we extend our sincere thanks.

Although it is generally considered bad form to grumble about rainy weather in a drought year, we are certain many of you that suffered through the drizzles and occasional down-pours wished that a little of that rain could have come a day later. We feel confident the rain, together with several other factors, accounted for the low number of individual birds counted this year. Last year over 120,000 birds were counted in the San Jose section as opposed to a little over 76,000 this year. The number of species seen this year, however, did not vary significantly from last year--155 species for 1979 versus 154 this year.

In analyzing the totals for species this year and last several groups of birds showed a definite decline. Although there were a few exceptions, sightings of waterbirds were markedly reduced this year. Pintails, Northern Shovelers, Canvasbacks and Scaup sp. accounted for nearly 10,000 of the 120,000 birds seen last year. This year totals for those species added up to just over 200.

Ducks were not the only waterbirds which were apparently less abundant this year. Dunlins and Dowitcher sp. added 9,784 birds to last year's total--this year only 1,500. Last year the San Jose count was high in the nation for American Avocet and Black-necked Stilt, a feat which we are not likely to duplicate as our totals are less than one-third of last year's.

There are various hypotheses to explain the decline in waterbird observations. The most likely explanation is that this is a mild winter. Many of the ducks and geese may be wintering farther north. If this is the case northern California, Oregon and Washington counts should be high for those species which were low here.

As long as we are talking about birds that were on the down side, Red-winged and Tricolored Blackbirds deserve noting. Last year a total of 19,000 individuals of those two species were seen. This year's total was less than 6,000. Not all species dropped this year. For the fourth year in a row White-tailed Kite numbers increased--47 last year, 65 this year. House Finches were up slightly over last year--3,185 to 5,458. Rock Doves (Oh Boy!) were up also this year. We won't depress you with the figures.

Extra effort by night people produced more sightings of owls this year. Great Horned Owls were up this year. The Calaveras section produced a Pygmy Owl. Swallows went unrepresented last year but this year both Tree and Rough-winged (Bob Roadcap near Milpitas) Swallows were counted.

We had our share of unusual species this year. For the second year we had both a Palm Warbler (Craig Kuziel near Marriott's) and a Ferruginous Hawk (Bill Bousman near Ed Levin Park). A Peregrine (Richard Carlson) and a Prairie (Craig Kuziel) Falcon were seen in the Alviso area. Also seen in the Alviso area were two groups of Phalaropes which are fairly uncommon inland during the winter. One group seen by Russ and Marilyn Fowler contained Wilson's Phalaropes. If accepted by the regional editor, these sightings would represent the second California record for this species during the winter. Our national bird was represented by two adults and one immature seen near Calaveras Reservoir. Bald Eagles are becoming regular winter birds for the Mt. Hamilton range.

Count participants were treated to one of the finest after-count dinners in recent memory thanks to the generous hospitality of Lynn and Martha Hunton. We cannot express properly the appreciation this society and all the tired, wet and hungry birders had for the sumptuous meal provided by the Hunton's.

Decisions involving reports of unusual species were mediated by an efficient Rare Bird Committee. Headed by Dick Mewaldt and assisted by Bill Bousman, Bob Roadcap, Henry Weston, and Phil Gordon, this committee insured that all the necessary supportive information regarding rare species was complete and accurate.

Your coordinators would like to again thank all the people listed below for making this yet another memorable Christmas Bird Count. Good luck in the coming year and let us know if you have suggestions which might make next year's count run smoother.

SAN JOSE CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT - DEC 21, 1980

Horned Grebe 2; Eared Grebe 5268; Western Grebe 27; Pied-billed Grebe 31; White Pelican 1; Double-crested Cormorant 810; Great Blue Heron 41; Green Heron 4; Cattle Egret 5; Great Egret 198; Snowy Egret 121; Black-crowned Night Heron 79; American Bittern 24; Canada Goose 2238; White-fronted Goose 10; Mallard 178; Gadwall 49; Pintail 128; Green-winged Teal 81; Cinnamon Teal 33; American Wigeon 156; Northern Shoveler 20; Wood Duck 9; Redhead 9; Ring-necked Duck 65; Canvasback 27; Lesser Scaup 16; scaup species 27; Common Goldeneye 17; Bufflehead 22; Ruddy Duck 2355; Common Merganser 91; Red-breasted Merganser 17; duck species 125; Turkey Vulture 64; White-tailed Kite 65; Sharp-shinned Hawk 13; Cooper's Hawk 5; accipiter species 1; Red-tailed Hawk 167; Rough-legged Hawk 3; Ferruginous Hawk 1; buteo species 2; Golden Eagle 12a, 9i; Bald Eagle 2a, 1i; Marsh Hawk 40; Prairie Falcon 1; Merlin 1; American Kestrel 187; California Quail 628; Ring-necked Pheasant 58; Clapper Rail 3; Virginia Rail 4; Sora 5; Common Gallinule 12; American Coot 2876; Killdeer 376; Black-bellied Plover 6; Common Snipe 70; Long-billed Curlew 87; Spotted Sandpiper 4; Willet 230; Greater Yellowlegs 25; yellowlegs species 3; Least Sandpiper 523; Dunlin 756; Short-billed Dowitcher 147; Long-billed Dowitcher 533; dowitcher species 142; Western Sandpiper 97; Marbled Godwit 8; Sanderling 5; American Avocet 1751; Black-necked Stilt 577; phalarope species 8; Glaucous-winged Gull 28; Herring Gull 619; Thayer's Gull 15; California Gull 755; Ring-billed Gull 1639; Mew Gull 659; Bonaparte's Gull 376; gull species 3689; Band-tailed Pigeon 80; Rock Dove 4424; Mourning Dove 1180; Barn Owl 5; Screech Owl 13; Great Horned Owl 32; Pygmy Owl 1; Burrowing Owl 6; Short-eared Owl 1; Anna's Hummingbird 236; Belted Kingfisher 21; Common(red-shafted) Flicker 280; Acorn Woodpecker 62; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 12; Hairy Woodpecker 6; Downy Woodpecker 14; Nuttall's Woodpecker 60; Black Phoebe 72; Say's Phoebe 27; Horned Lark 61; Tree Swallow 1; Rough-winged Swallow 1; Steller's Jay 212; Scrub Jay 389; Yellow-billed Magpie 314; Common Crow 89; Chestnut-backed Chickadee 309; Plain Titmouse 127; Bushtit 598; White-breasted Nuthatch 40; Brown Creeper 16; Wrentit 33; Dipper 1; Winter Wren 2; Bewick's Wren 68; Long-billed Marsh Wren 238; Cañon Wren 4; Rock Wren 5; Mockingbird 107; California Thrasher 9; American Robin 239; Varied Thrush 44; Hermit Thrush 112; Western Bluebird 232; Ruby-crowned Kinglet 305; Water Pipit 343; Cedar Waxwing 573; Loggerhead Shrike 88; Starling 7297; Hutton's Vireo 18; Orange-crowned Warbler 1; Yellow-rumped Warbler 484; Myrtle 3; Audubon's 140; Townsend's Warbler 6; Palm Warbler 1; Common Yellowthroat 20; House Sparrow 413; Western Meadowlark 1183; Red-winged Blackbird 3531; Tricolored Blackbird 2157; Brewer's Blackbird 7182; Brown-headed Cowbird 15; blackbird species 59; Purple Finch 27; House Finch 5458; Pine Siskin 6; American Goldfinch 119; Lesser Goldfinch 497; Rufous-sided Towhee 73; Brown Towhee 264; Savannah Sparrow 468; Lark Sparrow 304; Rufous-crowned Sparrow 9; Dark-eyed (Oregon) Junco 729; White-crowned Sparrow 3107; Golden-crowned Sparrow 1101; Fox Sparrow 29; Lincoln's Sparrow 18; Song Sparrow 502; sparrow species 12. Oops - typist goofed! Peregrine Falcon 1.

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BOARD NOTES

Heard a presentation by Ruth Troetschler on the Medfly (Ed. note: see Phyllis Swanson's article in this AVOCET). Reports from Jim Liskovec on Mono Lake and Linda Newberry on the Condor Conference and some thoughtful Benign Neglect from Courtenay Dawson-Roberts.

The Christmas Bird Counts provide a tremendous amount of data that we normally don't see, first because the coverage of the various habitats by competent birders is so great, and secondly due to the formal report system. The reports this month are dominated by the Palo Alto and San Jose CBC, although I have only limited information from our other local count, the Mt. Hamilton CBC.

A Green Heron was seen along San Francisquito Creek on 13 Dec. and again on 22 Dec. (Jeanne Henning). Five Cattle Egrets were seen at the horse barns of Rt. 237 on Dec. 21 by Richard Carlson (RC) and party. A Least Bittern was reported from the Palo Alto Flood Control Basin (PAFCB) in early December (Monica Johnston), but intensive attempts to find the bird again were unsuccessful. There were extensive reports of Whistling Swans this December with 14 seen flying east over Ed Levin Co. Park on the SCVAS trip of 6 Dec., 17 at Calaveras Res. the same day; an adult with 3 imm. at Pescadero Marsh 20 Dec; and 2 adults and 5 imm. at the Palo Alto Baylands 26 Dec. Eurasian Wigeon showed up in unusual numbers with one reported from Salt Pond No. 1 in Mountain View 12 Dec; 5 to 6 birds reported from salt evaporators in Mountain View, and north of Moffett Field, and on Bear Gulch Res. on count day (22 Dec.): plus an end of year male at the north pond in PAFCB 31 Dec. Clark Blake (CB) found at least 63 Wood Ducks on Searsville Lake 22 Dec; numbers in November were over 150. Sixty-five Redhead were counted on Charleston Slough 12 Dec. by David Houle (DH), and many stayed for the Palo Alto CBC. A male Barrow's Goldeneye was seen northwest of the west end of the Dumbarton Bridge both before and after the Palo Alto CBC, but not on count day. Not missed was an Oldsquaw there 22 Dec. (Alice Hoch). For the second winter Hooded Mergansers have returned to the small reservoir at Skylands, just off Rt. 84 with a pair there 22 Dec. A Rough-legged Hawk was reported at the PAFCB 26 Dec. by Ed Schaefer (ES), too late for the Palo Alto CBC, but an imm. Ferruginous Hawk was seen on the San Jose CBC on 21 Dec. A Prairie Falcon was seen in the Agnew sector of the San Jose CBC on 21 Dec. by Craig Kuziel (CK), and a Peregrine was reported the same day from the Alviso sector (RC). Merlins continue to be seen in numbers locally with one along San Francisquito Creek 9 Dec; another along Guadalupe River on 21 Dec; and two seen over the PAFCB 26 Dec. Two Lessor Yellowlegs were seen northwest of the west end of the Dumbarton Bridge after the Palo Alto CBC (CB). A Wandering Tattler seen by Ed Helley and party near the Moffett Field fuel dock on 22 Dec. appears to be the first record for Santa Clara County. They have been previously reported from the Dumbarton Narrows. Sanderlings reported from the Alviso sector 21 Dec. (DH) seem to be found in very small numbers in the south bay every winter. Two Roadrunners were reported from the Mt. Hamilton CBC 29 Dec., both seen in chamise scrub. The Lewis' Woodpeckers found at the Los Trancos Open Space Reserve in October were still present 22 Dec. with 4-5 birds counted. The usual numbers were seen on the Mt. Hamilton CBC where they are resident. Ferrol & Glenn Burris reported an Ash-throated Flycatcher in their yard in Mountain View on 4 Jan. This bird is very rare here in winter. Another exceptional wintering bird was the Rough-winged Swallow seen by Bob Roadcap beyond the west end of Warren Rd. on the San Jose CBC 21 Dec. A Mountain Bluebird was found by Ed Schaefer and party north of Los Trancos Woods on the Palo Alto CBC 22 Dec. Emelie Curtis reported 2 female Golden-crowned Kinglets from Anderson Res. 9 Dec., but none were found on the CBC's. An Orange-crowned Warbler was along San Francisquito Creek 22 Dec. (John Glover). Three Palm Warblers were reported with 1 along Coyote Creek 21 Dec. (CK), and two east of the north frontage pond in PAFCB on 22 Dec. (Ted Chandik). One of the PAFCB birds was initially seen 14 Dec., and one has been seen again through 26 Dec. Many Lawrence's Goldfinches were seen in the San Antonio Valley on 25 Dec., and in addition, three Sage Sparrows were found in chamise scrub. During

the December high tides the Palo Alto Baylands was extensively searched for Short-tailed Sparrows and one was found on 22 Dec. next to the PG&E catwalk on the island southeast of the Interpretive Center. This is reached from the Mountain View salt ponds.

If you see something "uncommon to rare" please share it. Drop me a note or call: Bill Bousman, 321 Arlington Way, Menlo Park, CA 94025 (322-5282).

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