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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

On all field trips, CARPOOL and share expenses. Bring binoculars, field guides, warm clothing, lunch (optional on half-day trips) and liquids. If you can provide or need transportation, call Dolores Norton (415)941-1666 or Gail Cheeseman (408)741-5330.

Field Trip Coordinators for November: Alan and Karen Thomas (408)265-9286.

- Nov. 1 **Jasper Ridge Biological Reserve.** Sunday, 8:30 am. Half day. Meet at the Preserve Main Gate. From I-280 go 2 mis. W on Sand Hill Rd. to main gate on left. Gate will be unlocked from 8:10 to 8:40 am. BE PROMPT. \$2 gate fee. Limited to 40 participants. BY RESERVATION ONLY. 60-70 species with Ring-necked Ducks and Wood Ducks possible and maybe a surprise or two. Lunch optional. Trip goes rain or shine. Leaders: Bill and Jean Clark, Bill Kirshner and Bob Duell. For reservations call leaders: Bill and Jean Clark (415)326-7565.
- Nov. 7 **Salinas River Mouth.** Saturday, 8:30 am. Full day. Meet in the parking area at the W end of Del Monte Blvd. This is the first exit off Hwy 1 after crossing the Salinas River. Take Hwy 1 S from Santa Cruz or Hwy 101 S to Hwy 156 W to Hwy 1. Bring lunch and liquids. Highlights: wintering shorebirds. Heavy rains on or one week prior to trip date cancels trip, due to dirt access road becoming a quagmire when wet. Leader: Don Starks (408)371-9720.
- Nov. 8 **Birdwalk for Beginners.** Ed Levin Park. Sunday, 8:30 am. Half day. Meet at the old school yard across from park. This is the second school going E on Calaveras Blvd. From Hwy 17 take Calaveras Blvd. E through Milpitas to park. Or take Hwy 680 N from San Jose to Calaveras Blvd. Lunch optional - bring liquids. Possible raptors - Golden Eagle and Prairie Falcon. Leader: Vicki Silvas-Young (408)293-7124.
- Nov. 10 **Bird Discussion Group.** Tuesday, 9:30 am at the home of Eve Case, 20537 Verde Vista Lane, Saratoga. This is our 20 year anniversary meeting. Topic: Skuas and Jaegers.
- Nov. 11 **Field Trip South, McClellan Park,** Cupertino. Wednesday, 9 am. South off I-280 at De Anza Blvd. (also marked as Cupertino-Sunnyvale exit). Go 1/2 mi. past Stevens Creek Blvd. to McClellan Rd. Go W on McClellan past Monta Vista High School and down into the canyon. The park is on the right just before McClellan crosses the creek. Leader: Frank Farran (408)252-3876.
- Nov. 15 **Coyote Point and Burlingame Bayfront.** Sunday, 9 am. Half to full day. Meet at the Coyote Point Yacht Club parking area. Go N on Hwy 101 to Burlingame. Take the Peninsula Ave. exit and go left on Coyote Point Drive. Follow signs to Yacht Club. \$3.00 per vehicle entrance fee. Lunch advisable. Highlights: Wintering Shorebirds, bay ducks, Loons possible plus wintering passerines. HEAVY RAIN CANCELS. Leader: Paul L. Noble (415)948-3876.
- Nov. 18 **Field Trip North.** Wednesday, 9 am to noon. Jasper Ridge Biological Preserve. Meet at the Main Gate. From 280 go W on Sand Hill Rd. about 2 mi. to the gate on the left. Gate will be unlocked from 8:45 to 9:10 am. There is a \$2 charge per person for these docent led tours. For information call Carol Zabel. (415) 948-5671.
- Nov. 18 **General Meeting.** Palo Alto Cultural Center, corner Embarcadero and Newell. Refreshments at 7:30. Program at 8 pm. Program presents Bill Martin, an "Aussie" naturalist and biologist. Bill will present a program with a multimedia slide presentation on Nomadic and Migratory birds of Australia, "Shifty Australians I have known." The program will have beautiful photography of the birds of Australia and will also be very informative. Bill Martin and Denis Carlisle lead trips to their native Australia for Monarch Tours. →

- Nov. 21 **Birdwalk for Beginners.** Neary Lagoon. Saturday, 9 am. Full day. Meet in the parking area beside the tennis courts at Neary's Lagoon on California. Take Hwy 1 N from 17. Turn left on Bay St. and left on California and take the first right turn into the park. Bring lunch and clothing for a variety of weather conditions. HEAVY RAIN CANCELS. Leader: David Suddjian (408)479-9603
- Nov. 23 **Special Slide Show on Sandhill Cranes & Platte River,** Monday, Refreshments at 7:30 pm, program at 8pm. PALO ALTO BAYLANDS INTERPRETIVE CENTER, end of Embarcadero Road, by Ken Strom, Manager of National Audubon Society's Rowe Sanctuary. Co-sponsored by City of Palo Alto. Free. See article inside for details.
- Nov. 27,28 **Gray Lodge and Sacramento Wildlife Refuge.** Friday and Saturday. 9 am. 2-day trip. Meet at the Gray Lodge Checking Station on Pennington Rd. Gray Lodge is located 4 hrs. N of Palo Alto on U.S. 99. Follow signs W from either Gridley or Live Oak. Overnight camping or Colusa motel. If planning to attend please call Gail or Doug Cheeseman for reservations and more details. Highlights: Wintering ducks, geese, swans, some by the thousands. Leaders: Doug and Gail Cheeseman (408)741-5330.
- Nov. 29 **Charleston Slough.** Sunday, 9 am. Half day. Meet at the E end of San Antonio Rd. off Hwy 101. Lunch optional. HEAVY RAIN CANCELS. 2 mis. of level walking. Highlights: Wintering ducks and Shorebirds. Leader: Phyllis Browning (415)494-6360.

Field Trip Coordinator for December: Betty Groce (415) 326-5540.

- Dec. 5 **Lake Merritt / Eastbay Shore.** Saturday, 9 am. Full day. Meet at the Rotary Science Center in Oakland. Take I-880 N to Oak St; E on Oak. Oak then becomes Lakeside, then Harrison. Right on Grand. Right on Bellevue to meeting place. Parking fee. Lunch advised. Possible Barrows and Common Goldeneyes and Hooded Mergansers. If you like ducks this trip is for you. RAIN CANCELS. Leaders: Alan Royer (408)288-7768 and Lynn Tennefoss (415)329-1811.
- Dec. 6 **Princeton Harbor / Half Moon Bay.** Sunday, 9 am. Full day. Meet at the Princeton Harbor parking area near the Harbor-master's office. From I-280 take Hwy 92 W to coast. Take Hwy 1 N to Princeton. Bring lunch and liquids. Highlights: Loons, bay ducks and shorebirds with the possibility of a Rock Sandpiper. Dress in layers. HEAVY RAIN CANCELS. Leader: Rod Norton (408)370-7448.
- Dec. 12 **Alameda Creek Flood Control Area.** Saturday. See Dec. Avocet for full details.
- Dec. 13 **San Leandro Bay and Arrowhead Marsh.** Sunday. See Dec. Avocet for full details.

PORPOISELESS BEHAVIOR: Seal of Approval...

Thousands of Dall's Porpoise and Northern Fur Seals will be spared because of a court ruling striking down an "incidental take" permit granted to the Japanese driftnet fishery within 200 miles of Alaska. The permit from the National Marine Fisheries Service would have allowed the accidental killing of 2,000 Dall's Porpoise, and it made no provision for monitoring or enforcing a zero-take limit on the endangered Northern Fur Seal. The Japanese driftnet fishery south of the Aleutian Islands operates more than 90,000 miles of nets, which kill thousands of sea birds as well as marine mammals. Alaska Senator Ted Stevens has introduced S. 62, which would ban driftnets altogether in Alaskan waters. The lawsuit against the permit was brought by the Sierra Club, other conservation groups and several Native American fishing groups.

-Econews, Newsletter of the Northwest Environmental Center



... AND FISHING CLOSURES TO PROTECT SEABIRDS AND HARBOR PORPOISE

Populations of seabirds and Harbor Porpoise will have permanent protection from becoming entangled in gill and trammel nets in areas off of central California under the terms of new legislation recently signed by Governor Deukmejian. The new law, SB 40, authored by Senator Milton Marks of San Francisco, expands several existing area closures to the use of gill nets and trammel nets by moving them into deeper waters where seabirds and Harbor Porpoise are not commonly found. SB 40 also makes the closures year-round to protect resident populations of Common Murres and Harbor Porpoise found off of central California during all months of the year.

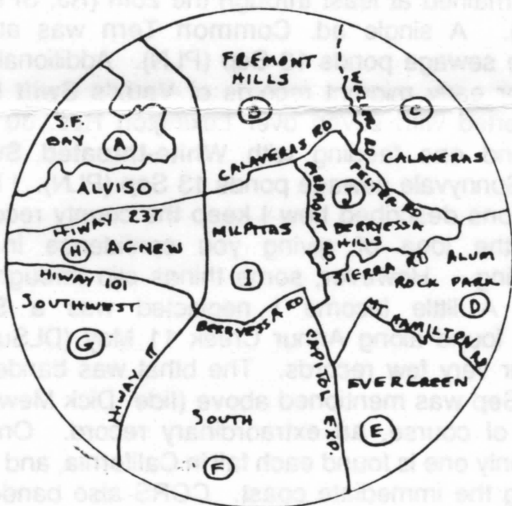
Also contained in SB 40 are measures to assist commercial fishermen in the development of alternative commercial fishing gear to replace the use of gill and trammel nets. The successful passage of the new legislation is a tribute to a unique cooperative working relationship between commercial and recreational fishermen, conservationists and state and federal resource managers.

-Dept. of Fish and Game Press Release

SAN JOSE CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

SCVAS is again sponsoring the San Jose Christmas Bird Count (CBC) to be held on Sunday, December 20. If you are new to Christmas Counts, or are a new birder, please don't let that stop you. We need people of all abilities. Save December 20 for an exciting day of birding followed by a tasty dinner. For more information, call compilers Jim and Sue Liskovec (415)969-5542, Grant Hoyt (415)969-7892, Mark McEuen (408)251-3086 -- or call one of the section leaders below.

A(Alviso)	Jean Dubois	(408)395-4264
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HELLO, AUDUBON HOTLINE?

The Audubon Hotline, (202)547-9017, is ready to take your call 24 hours a day, seven days a week. A recorded message gives you background information and current status of Audubon's priority issues. The message is updated every week.

For more information on legislative issues, contact the NAS capital office, 801 Pennsylvania Ave., SE, Washington D.C. 20003, (202)547-9009.

NOVEMBER 23 PROGRAM ON SANDHILL CRANES AND PLATTE RIVER

Please join us for a very special visit from Ken Strom, Manager of National Audubon Society's Lillian Annette Rowe Sanctuary near Gibbon, Nebraska. The Platte River hosts the largest concentration of cranes in the world. Nearly half a million sandhill cranes (80% of the US population) use the "big bend" of the Platte between Grand Island and Overton as a critical staging area from March 1 through mid-April. Whooping cranes, bald eagles, piping plover, ducks and geese, song birds, deer, beaver, mink, muskrats, and other species also overwinter on the Platte or are permanent residents. Ken's slide show includes spectacular photographs of cranes feeding, resting and courting on the Platte's wetlands, and embodies the misty aura of the river in winter.

The Platte has become critical to the migratory passage of cranes and other birds in part because other major midwestern rivers like the Missouri have become so degraded by human activity that they can no longer support large numbers of waterfowl. But now the Platte River itself faces extreme human pressures that threaten to degrade and destroy this critical habitat. So many water projects have been proposed for the Platte and its tributaries that if they were all built as planned, the river would run dry. National Audubon Society has organized a major campaign to protect the Platte, and has named the fight for its preservation as one of the five high priority issues for the next two years.

Few people are aware of the spectacular numbers and varieties of birds that are dependent on a small stretch of the Platte. Ken will discuss the Spring River Conference held each March and timed to coincide with the spectacular peak migration of sandhill cranes. The evening promises to be a unique opportunity to view a world class wildlife event, learn about the Platte and the current status of the campaign to save it. (The slide show was shown at the National Audubon Convention this summer, and it is fantastic!)



NEW RARE BIRD ALERT NUMBERS

Monterey Audubon Society announces a new phone number for their Rare Bird Alert: (408) 375-9122.

Redwood Region Audubon Society also has a rare bird alert and field trip information phone number: (707) 826-7031.

FIELD NOTES -- Bill Bousman



Last month I pointed out the value of banding stations for long term biomonitoring of populations. They can also be uncommonly good catchers of rarities as well: "candy" birds as Dick Mewaldt calls them. That has been demonstrated in the past month by the Coyote Creek Riparian station (CCRS) which netted not one, not two, but three first records for Santa Clara. First was a **Brewer's Sparrow** which was caught 28 Aug. This was a juvenile bird and carefully separated from the similar Chipping Sparrow (more likely) and Clay-colored Sparrow (unlikely). There is an old record for Redwood City. Next was a juv. **Connecticut Warbler** that showed up 2 Sep. Finally a juv. **Kentucky Warbler** was netted on 18 Sep and was caught three more times in the next nine days. The latter's behavior was surprising as the conventional wisdom is that misoriented eastern vagrants will leave the next evening and perish at sea. Both the Connecticut and Kentucky warblers are reviewed by the California Bird Records Committee and details will be submitted to them. It is not unusual to have just three species added to the county list for the entire year - to have three in one month is astounding. Then on 26 Sep Grant Hoyt and Dick Stovel took off in the early hours of the morning for their annual PRBO Birdathon. They finished their day at the Palo Alto Duck Pond with a juv. **Sabine's Gull**, the first ever recorded in the county! This gives four new species for the month. Let's hear it for candy birds and juveniles with itchy feet (or is it wings).

We are just passing the peak of the **Brown Pelican** season in the south bay. What was not expected, however, was a single bird on the Coleman ponds near Almaden Expressway 3 Aug (John Mariani-JMa). A few **Green-backed Heron** reports are expected with one 10 Aug on Stevens Creek at Hwy 101 and an imm. bird at the Mountain View Forebay 21 Sep (both Mike Rogers (MRo). A mixed flock of **Wood Duck** was along San Francisco Creek 25 Sep (Betty Groce). An **Osprey** at the end of Whipple Av. in Redwood City 18 Sep (Carl Beck) is the first of the fall migrants. **Golden Eagles** over Lexington Res. 3 Sep (David L. Suddjian-DLSu) and Palo Alto 26 Sep (Jobst Brandt) were representative of the small Santa Cruz Mountain population. However, concentrations of 7 and 5 birds between Uvas and Cavalero res. on 26 and 29 Sep (David Douglas) are surprising as that many birds are just not expected on the west side of the valley. A **Lesser Golden-Plover** in the Palo Alto FCB 19 Sep (Rich Jeffers-RJ) was the first county record since 1982. It was of the fulva race. **Lesser Yellowlegs** continue to migrate through, all being found in the Palo Alto FCB or the Mountain View Forebay (RJ, MRo, Clay Kempf fide DLSu, Paul Novel-PLN, Phyllis Browning-PMB, and Al

Eisner-AME). Numbers have ranged from two to nine except 8 Sep when 20 birds were found in the forebay along with 75 **Greater Yellowlegs** (Shawneen Finnegan-SFi). This is the largest county concentration that I have records for. Prior to the construction of the forebay there was very little habitat that was both attractive to Lesser Yellowlegs and accessible to the public. Ten to 20 birds in a fall were typical then. Typical numbers now range from 50 to 100 birds each fall. The last report of a **Semipalmated Sandpiper** was a juv. at the forebay on 30 Aug (PMB). They have been recorded there in each of the last three years. **Baird's Sandpipers** continued to be found in the forebay with three there on 3 Sep (AME), two on 6 Sep (RJ), and two on 7 Sep (PMB). The first juv. **Pectoral Sandpiper** was found there 4 Sep (PLN). There was then a gap until 24 Sep when one was found and 27 Sep when there were two (both MRo). A molting **Red Phalarope** was found in the Sunnyvale sewage ponds 1 Sep with the flocks of **Red-necked Phalarope** (PLN). This appears to be the earliest record we have had in the south bay by about six weeks. The **Sabine's Gull** found at the Palo Alto Duck Pond 26 Sep (Grant Hoyt, Dick Stovel) remained at least through the 28th (RJ, SFi, Bill Bousman). A single ad. **Common Tern** was at the Sunnyvale sewage ponds 13 Sep (PLN). Additional late summer or early migrant records of **Vaux's Swift** have been reported with seven over Lexington Res. 30 Aug (DLSu) and one feeding with **White-throated Swifts** over the Sunnyvale sewage ponds 13 Sep (PLN). I have on occasions described how I keep the county records: all with the idea of giving you confidence in my bookkeeping. However, some things slip through my fingers. A little income I neglected was a **Sage Thrasher** found along Arthur Creek 11 May (DLSu) for one of our very few records. The bthat was banded at CCRS 2 Sep was mentioned above (fide Dick Mewaldt-LRM) is, of course, an extraordinary record. On the average only one is found each fall in California, and then only along the immediate coast. CCRS also banded a **Northern Waterthrush** on 3 Sep which is more to be expected (fide LRM). The **Kentucky Warbler** that was netted 18 Sep and caught again through 27 Sep (fide LRM) is also exceedingly rare. Rounding out the unusual list from CCRS was the **Brewer's Sparrow** banded 28 Aug. (fide LRM).

Some arrivals: **Cedar Waxwing**, six over Lexington Res., 3 Sep (DLSu); **Warbler** (lowland), two at Shoreline Lake, 26 Sep (MRo); **Golden-crowned** and **White-crowned sparrows**, Shoreline Lake, 24 Sep (MRo).

If you see an "uncommon to rare" please write or call: Bill Bousman, 321 Arlington Way, Menlo Park, CA 94025 (415)322-5282.



HOLIDAY SALES

Please don't forget SCVAS when you think of holiday gift giving. Available from the SCVAS office or at General Meetings are:

TRACKS IN THE SKY: WETLANDS AND WILDLIFE OF THE PACIFIC FLYWAY still available at the great pre-publication price of \$32 + \$1.20 postage

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SOCIETY FIELD GUIDE TO BIRDS OF N. AMERICA at \$13 + .69 postage

BIRDING NORTHERN CALIFORNIA by Jean Richmond, \$10.50 + .69 postage

SAN FRANCISCO PENINSULA BIRDWATCHING, \$9.50 + .69 postage

BANQUETS FOR BIRDS, by NAS, \$2.25 + .69 postage

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NEST RECORD CARD PROGRAM

Please send cards that have been completed to Gail Cheeseman, 20800 Kittredge Rd., Saratoga, CA 95070. David Suddjian just turned in 35 cards, plus one colonial record. The colony, located on the abandoned piers just offshore in Davenport, included a max total of 240 adult Brandt's Cormorant and six Pelagic Cormorants. David made six visits beginning 27 Apr. when most pairs were actively building nests. By 6 May 90% were incubating and by May 29 young and hatchlings were evident. On his 4th visit, 15 June, he recorded 130 active nests most with 2-3 young and five young Pelagic Cormorants on the two active Pelagic nests. On the fifth visit, 13 July, he estimated 340 Brandt's young with 20 approximately already fledged. By 8 Aug. only one active Brandt's nest remained with two large young, but many fledged young were loafing around. The Colonial Register at Cornell's Laboratory of Ornithology will be pleased to add this cormorant colony to their records. From Santa Clara County David located 22 nests, including two Olive-sided Flycatcher, three Western Wood-Pewee, one Ash-throated Flycatcher, and three Black-headed Grosbeak nests. He also recorded 13 nests from Santa Cruz Co. Randy Morgan submitted 15 cards of nests he observed also in Santa Cruz Co. If you would like to record the success of nests that you locate during the next nesting season, call (408)741-5330 to request cards and instructions to participate in Cornell's Nest Record Card Program.

COASTAL WETLANDS SYMPOSIUM AND WORKSHOP FOR EDUCATORS



Teachers of grades K-12 are invited to attend a Symposium on Coastal Wetlands held at the Monterey Bay Aquarium, Saturday, November 14, 8 am-5 pm. Come meet with scientists, environmental educators, lobbyists, developers and policymakers to learn about wetland ecology, physical processes, and issues. The day includes continental breakfast, aquarium admission, curriculum fair, materials packet, and list of wetlands concepts/activities. San Jose State University units are available by arrangement. In addition, on Saturday, November 21, symposium attendees may attend a full day of in-the-field training at any one of seven environmental education facilities, including Elkhorn Slough Visitors Center, Alviso Education Center, Palo Alto Baylands Center, Alameda's Crab Cove Center, Hayward Shoreline Park, Richardson Bay Audubon Sanctuary and the San Francisco Bay Model in Sausalito. A \$15 fee covers both days' events. Please call the Education Reservationist at (408) 649-3133 to register.

CONGRATULATIONS TO KEVIN AND BARBARA

The SCVAS Board and members offer congratulations to our immediate Past President Kevin Monahan, and Second Vice President and Environmental Action Committee Chair Barbara Hambelton, who were married on Sunday, September 20. Kevin and Barbara met through SCVAS!

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT

Legislation to reauthorize the Endangered Species Act, and extend it for five years, beginning in fiscal year 1988, has been introduced in both houses of Congress. H.R. 1467 and S. 675, introduced by Congressman Gerry Studds (D-MA) and Senator George Mitchell (D-ME), have both received hearings. National Audubon asks Congress to reject any weakening amendments. On the other hand, there are a few strengthening amendments that would increase funding, promote species recovery, protect wildlife overseas, establish monitoring systems, and penalize lawbreakers.

Please ask your Senators and Representatives to support strengthening, and reject weakening, amendments.

- Audubon Endeavor, Mt. Shasta Area Audubon Society

PUBLIC POISON PATROL MONITORS PESTICIDE USE

Americans annually apply 2 billion pounds of pesticides to farmlands and lawns across the country. There is no question that this has serious negative impacts on wildlife, but the extent of harm is unknown. Defenders of Wildlife has formed a POISON PATROL, to enlist the public in reporting wildlife believed to be poisoned by pesticides. Defenders' has published a pamphlet informing citizens of the problems pesticides sometimes cause wildlife, describing circumstances under which citizen activists should suspect that wildlife they find may have been poisoned, and providing a toll-free number, established by the EPA, to report the finding. The calls will be proof of public concern, and will identify areas of the country where problems seem particularly severe. Defenders will use the calls in its efforts to increase federal funding of testing facilities for the critical retrieval and analysis of wildlife for pesticide residues. To receive a pamphlet, please write Defenders of Wildlife, 1244 Nineteenth St., NW, Washington, DC, 20036.

GIFTS AND MEMORIALS

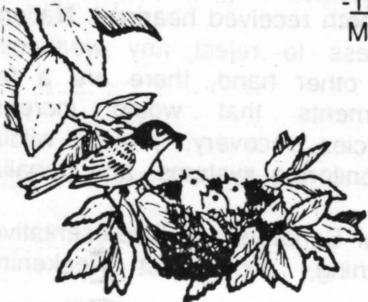
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*In memory of Gaylord Androes
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FOR NAS-MONO LAKE FUND
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INTRODUCING PROJECT FEEDERWATCH

The Cornell University of Ornithology and Canada's Long Point Bird Observatory will conduct a survey of feeder birds this winter, sponsored by Bird Watcher's Digest. Project Feeder Watch will gather data weekly on winter bird populations, using volunteer observers from across North America. If you can identify the birds that visit your feeder, you are invited to participate. You will use special data forms to record the birds that visit your feeders on one or two days each week throughout the winter. In return for your efforts, you'll receive reports about the distribution and abundance of feeder birds in your region and throughout North America. An annual registration fee of \$7.00 will help cover costs of printing special data forms, postage, and computer analysis of results. To register, send your name, address and \$7.00 check (made payable to Bird Watcher's Digest) to Bird Watcher's Digest, P.O. Box 110, Dept. FW, Marietta, Ohio, 45750. You will receive record forms and full instructions from the Cornell Lab of Ornithology.

-The Quail,
Mt. Diablo Audubon Society



YOU COULD WIN AN ORIGINAL ANSEL ADAMS

You could be the lucky winner of an original, signed Ansel Adams photograph when you buy a ticket to the very special Sempervirens Fund raffle. At a Feb. 18 reception, Ansel Adams' daughter and granddaughter will draw the winning names. Ticket holders, who need not be present to win, will have their choice of prints, selected from "What Majestic Word", Portfolio IV. These prints were Ansel Adams' contribution to the creation of Castle Rock State Park and a memorial to Russell Varian, founder of Varian Assoc. and the guiding force behind the park's creation.

Tickets cost \$100 and, because only 500 will be sold, each purchaser stands a very good chance of winning. Contact the Sempervirens Fund, 968-4509, for information and ticket requests.

NON-AUDUBON TRIPS AND EVENTS

The following are not sponsored by Audubon but are listed for your information:

Don Starks is offering a Beginning Birder's class through SFBBO in November. Call Don, (408)371-9720, for details.

Palo Alto Adult Education is sponsoring a weekend course on the Natural History & Boat Excursion of Monterey Bay on Dec. 5 & 6. Included is a Saturday lecture at Palo Alto High and a boat trip on Sunday to view Gray Whales and other animals. Cost is \$50.00; for more information call (415)329-3752.

Also on Dec. 5 & 6 is a Wildlife Arts and Crafts Sale at the San Francisco Bay Nat'l Wildlife Refuge Visitor's Center, located on Marshlands Rd. near Dumbarton Bridge toll plaza. For more information call (415)792-0222.

Activities at the Refuge in November include a bird watching excursion on Nov. 1, The Amazing Cordell Banks with Dr. Bob Schmieder on Fri., Nov. 6, Salt Marsh Safari on Nov. 8, Birding tour of San Pablo Bay on Nov. 15 and much more. Call (408)262-5513 for more information on additional programs, dates and times.

San Francisco Bay Wildlife Society is a new nonprofit corporation established at SF Bay Nat'l Wildlife Refuge to enhance nature education programs. Its object is to promote a conservation ethic in the Bay area. It raises money through book sales, membership, donations and fund raisers. Membership is open to anyone with a concern for conservation and wildlife education. P. O. Box 524, Newark 94560 is their address.

A Holiday Nut Sale is being held to benefit the Environmental Library of the Peninsula Conservation Center. One lb. bags of almonds, pecans and walnuts, along with recipes, are on sale at the Conservation Center store, 2253 Park Blvd., Palo Alto.

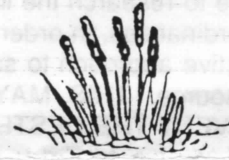
On Thursday, November 5, at the Conservation Center, Author's Night will be held. Many well known authors will be on hand to autograph books you may purchase for gift giving or your own library. Refreshments will be served and admission is free.

Doug and Gail Cheeseman (Cheeseman's Eco. Safaris) are offering January pelagic trips in Monterey Bay on Jan. 16, 23 and 30 from 7:45 am to 3 pm for \$30. January is the peak of the Grey Whale migration, plus excellent for seabirds and pods of dolphins and porpoises. Send \$30 for each reservation. Phone: (408)741-5330.

The museum at Coyote Point, San Mateo, features Slithery, Slimy & Scaly species on Saturday, Nov. 21. Crafts, projects, demonstrations, games and film will be based on the theme, from 1 to 4 pm. Free with Museum admission.

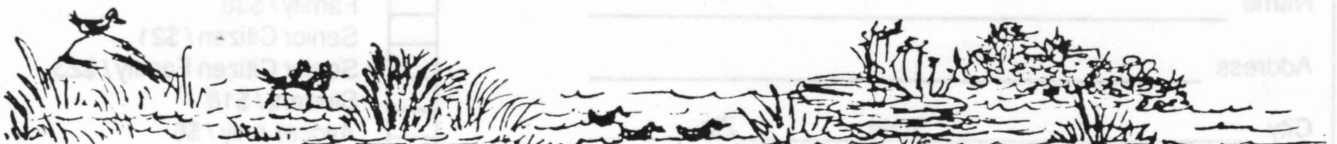
Audubon Canyon Ranch in Stinson Beach offers Fall Colors Hike Tom's Point Special and Monarchs in November. For dates and times and further information, call (415)868-9244.

The Fremont Adult School will offer a one-day workshop on the field identification of local shorebirds, ducks, gulls and other land and water birds. This field trip will be on Saturday, November 21st, and is designed for both beginning and experienced bird watchers. Students must pre-register for this trip by Tuesday, Nov. 17th. Register in person or by mail at the Fremont Adult School, 4700 Calaveras Ave., Fremont 94538. Include fee \$14.50, and a stamped self-addressed envelope. The instructor for this class is Alice Hoch, an experienced teacher and birder. For more information, call the Adult School at (415)791-5841 or the instructor at (415)657-0475.



Cheeseman's Eco. Safaris have organized the following international wildlife trips for 1988 that have space: 1) Two weeks on a 10 berth yacht in the Galapagos, May 22-June 9, \$2250, plus airfare \$1053. 2) Kenya, Rwanda, Zimbabwe, & Namibia, from Mtn. Gorillas to Etosha NP with the Cheesemans and ornithologists Don Turner and Ian Sinclair, July 21-Aug. 21, \$5400, plus airfare \$2785. 3) Kenya Wildlife Safari with Jim Anderson and Terry Stevenson, July 22-Aug. 13, \$3150, plus airfare \$1425. 4) Australian Natural History, Oct. 16-Nov. 6, \$3850, incl. airfare. Call (408)741-5330 for detailed itineraries

Palo Alto Adult Education Nature Courses will present California Wintering Waterfowl Nov. 14 and 15; lecture on Saturday from 9-3 and a field trip to Sacramento. Refuges on Sunday. Cost \$24. This weekend course will take place when the wintering waterfowl are at their highest density. On Saturday we will talk about the species that make up this group; where they come from, what they eat, where they go to next. On Sunday we will travel to the Sacramento Refuges to view many of these species. For more information call 329-3752.



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HELP SAVE SANTA CLARA COUNTY CREEK HABITAT

Riparian creeks are disappearing. They are not protected currently by County ordinances from impacts of residential and agricultural development. However, the Santa Clara County Preservation 2020 Task Force has recommended that the Planning Commission design a Creek and Riparian Protection Ordinance. We would like the most protective measure possible, and have formed a committee to research the literature, and other counties' existing ordinances, in order to come up with a positive and protective approach to saving this precious and important resource. **THIS MAY BE OUR LAST CHANCE TO PREVENT THE DESTRUCTION OF OUR LAST CREEKS.** If you would like to participate, please call Linda Elkind at (415) 322-6792. If you feel that our last creeks should be protected, you are encouraged to express your opinion by letter to the County Board of Supervisors, the County Planning Commission, and editors of your local newspaper.

NAS DUES SPLIT CHANGE

National Audubon Society has changed the way they allocate portions of dues paid to chapters. We will receive a larger dues payment for every new member our chapter recruits, and a smaller payment for each renewal. If you present any gift subscriptions this year, please order them through our chapter. We have our own order forms, and will be glad to send them to you, or you may use the form on the back of the AVOCET. We also have gift subscription cards to send as acknowledgment of gifts given, and will send them if you would like us to.

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