March 22 -- 8:00 P.M. - Monthly Meeting - Farrand Hall. An illustrated talk on "The Adelie Penquin" by Dr. William Maher, visiting professor at UCSB. Dr. Maher is a vertebrate ecologist who has spent many years as a research scientist in the arctic and the antarctic.

March 31 ---- Field trip to Jalama Beach Park and Point Conception Light Station. Meet at the Museum at 8:00 A.M. Bring your lunch. It is expected that a bus will be available at $2 to $3 per person. It should be good birding and the wild flowers will be at their best.

Thirty members made the field trip February 22-23-24 to Morro Bay, the Pecho Ranch, Avila and Lake Cachuma. --- **

Highlights of the trip:-- perfect weather all three days (the first such weekend since September) - everyone found a place to sleep in spite of the jam-packed motels and campgrounds - flocks of 30 to 50 white pelicans soaring in ever-changing formations high in the sky - unbelievable thousands of brant, godwit and willet - fine close-ups of surfbirds, black turnstones and wandering tattlers on the rocks at Avila, of large flocks of avocets at Morro Bay and of black oystercatchers and wonderfully wild water on the rocky coast of the Pecho Ranch (not to mention a small stampede of cattle) - good views of 7 species of loons and grebes, 14 species of ducks, 17 species of shore birds - white-throated swifts over Morro Rock - an adult plumage bald eagle - a pair of gadwall and more than 200 common mergansers at Lake Cachuma - four chestnut-backed chickadees, two Bewick's wrens, a ruby-crowned kinglet, a bushtit, an Audubon's warbler and some house finches all in the same big bush at the same time - at least 108 different species reported.

Disappointments:-- no members of the Museum's staff were able to make the trip - complete absence of robins, hermit and varied thrushes, fox sparrows, goldfinches and nuthatches which are usually found on the camp grounds.
BIRDS SEEN ON FIELD TRIP FEBRUARY 22-23-24 TO MORRO BAY, PECHO RANCH, AVILA, AND LAKE CACHUMA.

common loon 8
arctic loon 4
red-throated loon 10
horned grebe 6
eared grebe c
western grebe c
pied-billed grebe fc
white pelican 60+
brown pelican 3
double-cr. cormorant
Brandt's cormorant c
pelagic cormorant c
great blue heron c
common egret c
snowy egret
black-crowned heron
black brant 8000+
mallard
gadwall 6
pintail
green-winged teal
cinnamon teal c
American widgeon c
shoveler
lesser scaup
bufflehead fc
white-winged scoter c
surf scoter c
rudy duck fc
common merganser 200+
red-breasted merganser 8
turkey vulture
sharp-shinned hawk 2
Cooper's hawk 1
red-tailed hawk c
red-shouldered hawk 1
bald eagle 1
marsh hawk 1
sparrow hawk fc
California quail 100+
American coot c
black oystercatcher 5
killdeer
black-bellied plover
surf bird 10
black turnstone 15
long-billed curlew
whimbrel
spotted sandpiper
wandering tattler 1
willet
greater yellowlegs
least sandpiper
dunlin
long-billed dowitcher
western sandpiper
marbled godwit a
sanderling
avocet c
western gull c
California gull c
ring-billed gull c
Bonaparte's gull
pigeon guillemot 6
mourning dove
white-throated swift
Anna's hummingbird
rufous hummingbird
Allen's hummingbird
belted kingfisher
red-shafted flicker
acorn woodpecker
dowdy woodpecker
Nuttall's woodpecker
black phoebe

horned lark
violet-green swallow
scrub jay
raven
common crow
plain titmouse
chestnut-backed chickadee 4
bushtit
wrentit
Bewick's wren
rock wren
mockingbird
western bluebird
ruby-crowned kinglet
water pipit
loggerhead shrike
orange-crowned warbler
Audubon's warbler
house sparrow
western meadowlark
red-winged blackbird
Breuer's blackbird
purple finch
house finch
rufous-sided towhee
brown towhee
savannah sparrow
lark sparrow 4
Oregon junco
white-crowned sparrow
golden-crowned warbler
song sparrow

a = abundant
c = common
fc = fairly common