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\*\*\*\*\* CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS \*\*\*\*\*

September 8: Sunday Boat Trip to the Islands.

Embarkation at Norm's Landing on Stearns Wharf 6:30AM.

Return by 5:00 PM. Bring warm clothing and lunch.

Reservations with a deposit of \$7.00 must be made in advance.

Only the first 34 reservations received will be accepted. Other deposits will be returned. Since Treasurer Holbrook is out of town, send your reservations to Joy Parkinson (Mrs. E.A.),

568 Beaumont Way, Goleta.

In the unlikely situation that we do not have a full boat, it may be necessary to collect an additional fee of \$1.00 at embarkation.

Judging from the three previous trips it appears certain that phalarope and several species of shearwaters and petrels will be found in the channel, and that oystercatchers, tattlers, and three species of cormorants will be seen near the islands. Ravens and Santa Cruz jays are among the birds to be seen on the islands. On previous trips (but not on all of them) we have seen ruddy and black turnstones, fulmar, pigeon guillemot, Cassin's auklet, Xantus' murrelet, common murre, parasitic jaeger and bald eagle.

Although we do not plan to land, we will cruise close enough to Santa Cruz to identify many of the birds, animals and plants. Approximately 30 species of birds should be seen on the trip, 10 to 14 of which are rarely, if ever, seen in the Santa Barbara area. Last May we had fine views of several Island foxes which are found only on the channel islands.

September 27, Friday: 7:30 PM Board of Directors Meeting

8:00 PM Regular Monthly Meeting - Farrand

Hall, Museum of Natural History. The

speaker be Mr. Peter Batten, collector and director of the animals at A Child's Estate. Mr. Batten, who lived in Borneo several years, is an ardent wildlife conservationist. He will relate some of his adventures with his animals and tell about future plans for the Bird Refuge. This meeting will be of great interest to all those who hope to see the Refuge become a desirable place for birds.

A vote on the Santa Barbara Audubon Society Constitution will be taken at this meeting.

September 29: Sunday Field Trip to Isla Vista Beach and Devereux Slough. Meet at John Flavin's home at 7:30 AM:

Address: 6868 Sabado Tarde, Goleta. (Go out to Isla Vista, take El Colegio Road to Camino Corto. Sabado Tarde is the second road from the beach.)

The walk will take us down the steps at the end of Camino Majorca to the beach. We will walk along the beach to Devereux Slough

### REPORT FROM THE BOARD

The monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Barbara Audubon Society was held on Friday, May 24.

A letter from Bill Goodall reports that an all day meeting of delegates from all the Southern California Branches and affiliates will be held on Saturday, February 1, 1964, at California State Polytechnic at San Dimas. The purpose of the meeting is to bring together representatives from the various branches to discuss their problems and projects. The cost of \$3.00 per person will be paid by the treasury of the Santa Barbara Audubon Society.

The Board approved the idea of having a small Audubon display at the County Horticultural exhibit in the corridor of the courthouse on October 26 and 27. Our exhibit will be concerned with attracting birds to the garden. Mrs. Alice Richardson will be in charge.

### MEMBERSHIP REPORT

A warm welcome to the 91 people who have joined the Santa Barbara Audubon Society to date! We hope those of you who have not attended our meetings and field trips will do so. We have interesting programs and activities and are looking forward to meeting you.

Those who have not yet joined or transferred to our group are invited to do so as soon as possible. Due to mailing costs, we are sorry the October issue of our bulletin will be the last copy we will be able to send to those who are not on our membership list.

The National Audubon Society has informed us that, as of August 1 single memberships will be \$8.50; Family memberships \$12.50

### CONSERVATION REPORT

A bill to exploit wildlife by removing the import tax on wild birds and animals shipped into the United States for commercial exhibit purposes, H.R.1839, was quietly passed out of the House Ways and Means Committee without hearings early this year, and passed the House. The National Audubon Society had objected to this bill in the last Congress and asked the House Committee for hearings which were not granted. The Senate Finance Committee did grant a hearing, held July 23. Appearing in support of the measure was Congressman Charles M. Teague. Senate backer of the bill is Thomas Kuchel. The National Audubon Society opposes the lifting of import duties on wild birds and animals intended to be sold, exhibited or sold for exhibition purposes for three important reasons. (The payment of import duty is not required now, under present law, if the animals are in shipment to public zoological gardens where they are displayed for scientific or educational purposes.)

- 1.-It would encourage needless commercial exploitation of wildlife by importers thus endangering some species that are extremely rare or even threatened by extinction. Such birds as the West Indian Flamingo are highly desired for commercial purposes, yet are rare.
- 2.-Relating to the conservation of our native fauna, the bill would eliminate careful checking of imported animals and no end of harm could result from the introduction and subsequent release of animals that could become serious pests in North America
- 3.-The bill would encourage the crass exploitation and inhumane treatment of animals that characterizes many of the so-called "roadside zoos".

FIELD TRIP REPORTS

Boat Trip About 25 members and friends enjoyed the boat trip arranged by Maggie Millar on May 19th. Weather was dull and cloudy as we left the wharf, but cleared somewhat when we reached the islands. We went around Anacapa where giant coreopsis were in bloom and pelicans and cormorants were nesting, then along the north shore of Santa Cruz where we saw several island foxes. Waldo Abbott, complete with microphone and loudspeaker, called off the birds the rest of us were missing.-----At lunch Waldo was surprised with a beautiful birthday cake wishing him a "Happy Bird Day", and many humorous birthday cards from the members.-----In all, 31 species of birds were sighted. Among the more interesting were several large flocks of sooty shearwaters; a few pink footed shearwater; 8 pigeon quill-mots; 1 Cassin's auklet; northern phalaropes; great numbers of wandering tattlers and oystercatchers; Brandt's, Baird's and double crested cormorants; raven and Santa Cruz jay.-----Our thanks to Maggie for arranging this enjoyable trip.

Davy Brown Camp June 9 found eleven early risers meeting with four hardy overnight campers at Davy Brown Campground in the San Rafael Mountains. The day was hot and sunny, a nice contrast to the cold fog left behind in Santa Barbara and the San Marcos Pass. The day's birding produced a list of 64 species, the prize going to the three lucky people who saw the condor. Four species of vireo, the Hutton's, Bell's, solitary and warbling, were seen, as well as the beautiful lazuli bunting and western tanager. Waldo Abbott was the leader of the group.

Botanic Garden The trip to the Garden and Bird Refuge was held July 21. A small, enthusiastic group, ably led by Dr. Richardson, enjoyed beautiful weather and the late summer flowers. An interesting sight at the Garden was a very large, hungry young cowbird being patiently fed by a very small, tired Hutton's vireo. The group later went to the Bird Refuge where 16 species were seen. At the Garden 27 species were seen so the total was 43.

BIRD ALERT

Last year a small group participated in a highly successful "Alert". The Alert goes out by telephone when a rare or interesting bird is seen in the area. 20 alerts went out last year on such birds as parasitic jaeger, snow goose, pectoral sandpiper, Tennessee warbler, golden plover, and pygmy owl. If you would like to be on this year's list, call or write Janet Hamber (Mrs. H.F.), 4236 Encore Dr., Santa Barbara. Phone 7 6549. We only ask that you be very interested in rare birds and that you be willing to one or more phone calls immediately to reach others on the list.

NAME FOR BULLETIN

Following is a list of suggested names for our new bulletin:

Bird Notes	Open Spaces	Channel Migrant	Santa Barbara Bird Bits
The Magpie	Channel Call	El Tecolote	The Santa Barbara Birder
Chirps	The Pelican	Channel Birdwatcher	

This list will be on blackboard at our meeting September 27 so you can check your favorite. If you can not attend meeting you may call Janet Hamber, 7 6549, and let her know your vote.