CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

Jan. 22
FRIDAY
CLASS IN FIELD IDENTIFICATION 7:30 - 8:00 p.m. This month Irma Cooke will discuss the field identification of the GULLS found in the Santa Barbara area.

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING 3:00 p.m. in Farrand Hall, Museum of Natural History. Our speaker will be Dean Blanchard who will give an illustrated talk on "Birds of the Arctic Islands". Mr. Blanchard will describe the experiences he had during the summer of 1964 when he visited Iceland, Greenland and the Faroes Islands.

Jan. 23
SATURDAY
FIELD TRIP TO DOS PUEBLOS RANCH. In response to many requests, we are having a field trip on SATURDAY. Meet at 11 a.m. at Dos Pueblos Ranch. Take 101 north to the Dos Pueblos turnoff. Follow the road under the freeway and meet on the Frontage Road. We hope to see the wild turkeys that have become established on the ranch property. Bring lunch.

Feb. 6-7
SATURDAY - SUNDAY
OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP TO MORRO BAY. Meet at 10:30 a.m. Saturday morning at the Museum of Natural History in Morro Bay State Park. Camping available at the State Park and many motels in nearby Morro Bay. We will bird in Morro Bay on Saturday. Sunday morning we will go to Rancho Montana de Oro and stop at Avila Beach on the way home Sunday afternoon.

Feb. 20-22
SATURDAY - SUNDAY - MONDAY
WEKEND AT LOS BANOS WILDLIFE AREA. Meet at Canal Farm Inn about ½ mile east of Los Banos at 2:00 p.m. Take 101 to Paso Robles, route 41 to route 33 and follow 33 to Los Banos; or take route 33 (formerly route 399) from Ojai to Los Banos. Driving time approximately 5 hours. The Los Banos Wildlife Area is winter home to thousands of ducks and many shorebirds.

A NEW YEAR'S REQUEST

The Santa Barbara Audubon Society, though less than two years old, has already gained the reputation of being a militant conservation organization.

You are all aware of the pressures on our last remaining wilderness areas, and of the urgent need for immediate action.

To be really effective, any organization must be alert, active and, above all, it must GROW. We need to attract more and more interested people to "our side". These people are everywhere. Many of them do not know yet that we exist. They wish to aid the cause of conservation, but do not know where to begin.

I would like to invite each one of you to be a part of the Member-
ship Committee to encourage people to join the Audubon Society. It is not necessary for them to be particularly interested in birds. An interest in nature is all that is needed. Many of the people we meet every day are vitally interested in preserving our natural heritage. Tell them about the Audubon Society. Tell them of our aims. If you are not sure of these aims, telephone me. I have literature available which will help you tell the Audubon story.

All the successful businessmen I know attribute a great percentage of their success to advertising. Let us advertise the most precious commodity we have. Many of you have already done so and our membership has grown steadily. Keep up the good work. And to those of you who have not yet introduced a new member to our organization, let me say that there is no satisfaction to equal that of showing someone how he can help in the important work of our Society.

Joy Parkinson, Membership Chairman, Tel-79371

BIRD NOTES

The most notable local bird visitor of the past month has been a Wood Ibis which has been at Goleta Slough and the Devereaux Slough since Dec. 12. The Wood Ibis, or Wood Stork, is a large heron-like bird about the size of a great blue heron. It is white with a dark naked head, a large large black wing area and a black tail. The bill is very thick at the base, decurved and nine inches long. The specimen in the Bird Hall at the Museum was taken at the Devereaux Slough more than thirty years ago, and this is the first reported in Santa Barbara area since that time.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

1. Mr. Douglas A. Emerson
2. Mr. W. H. Ferry
3. Mr. & Mrs. T. K. Follis
4. Dr. & Mrs. C. Seybert Kinsell
5. Mrs. Beryl D. Moore

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CHRISTMAS COUNT REPORT

On January 3, 48 observers in 16 parties combed the Santa Barbara area from dawn to dusk to count the bird population. The final tally showed they had counted 46,880 birds of 155 different species. The number of species was down from our 1963 high of 166, but higher than the 140 species counted in 1962. The species that showed the greatest gain in numbers was the starling which exploded from 14 in 1962 and 115 in ’63 to 10,872 in 1964. The Coyote fire was probably responsible for the decrease found in certain chaparral birds, notably the wrentit and the California quail. The development of Stow Lake resulted in the loss of some of our duck population. The redhead and ring-necked ducks were not seen there this year.

The Christmas Count Committee would like to thank the following hard working observers: Waldo Abbott, Isabel Ebel, Arthella & Edouard Jacot, Alice & Charles Richardson, Molly & Richard Watkins, Mary Erickson, Ivana Gardner, John Hildebrand, James Shipp, Lyndall Laughrin, John Flavin, Kate Smith, Arne Albertson, Norman Stevens, Nelson Metcalf, Alice & George Kladnik, Josephine Putnam, Leslie Cook, O.L. Cunningham, Jean & Frank Noel, Janet Hamber, Joy Parkinson, Bob Blake, Anne Eissler, Rich Miller, Tom Follis, Janet Gearhart, Marie Beals, Elizabeth Russell, Dorothy & Roger Gildersleeve, Ruth Case, Ruth Parker, Jean & Paul Johnson, Margaret & Kenneth Millar, Jewell Kriger, W.H. & Jo Ferry, Ruth & Wales Holbrook and Terry Grant.

The complete list of species sighted and numbers counted is on the following page.
Red-throated loon 19
Hornced grebe 9
Bared grebe 24
Western grebe 35
Pied-billed grebe 55
Brown pelican 28
D.C. cormorant 236
Great blue heron 11
Green heron 3
Common egret 11
Snowy egret 17
Black-cr. N. Heron 41
Wood ibis 1
Canada. goose 12
Black brant 5
Mallard 110
Fintail 126
Green-winged teal 97
Cinnamon teal 18
American widgeon 83
Shoveler 43
Canvasback 13
Lesser scaup 43
Bufflehead 3
White-wmg scoter 13
Surf scoter 194
Ruddy duck 403
Common merganser 3
Red-br merganser 42
Turkey vulture 1
White-tailed kite 7
Sharp-sh hawk 4
Cooper's hawk 8
Red-tailed hawk 39
Red-shouldered hawk 5
Rough-legged hawk 1
Golden eagle 1
Marsh hawk 2
Pigeon hawk 1
Sparrow hawk 92
California quail 170
Mountain quail 3
Sora 4
Common gallinule 2
American coot 923
Snowy plover 48
Seminatrix plover 1
Killdeer 255
Black-b. plover 26
Common snipe 26
Long-billed curlew 4
Whimbrel 15
Spotted sandpiper 11
Willet 141
Least sandpiper 78
Dunlin 52
Dowitcher (sp?) 57
Western sandpiper 60
Marbled godwit 115
Sanderling 822
Western gull 3250
Herring gull 13
California gull 2167
Ring-billed gull 1130
Mew gull 272
Bonaparte's gull 392
Heermann's gull 69
Forster's tern 36
Royal tern 1
Common murre 1
Pigeon guillemot 1
Ancient murrelet 3
Band-tail. pigeon 699
Mourning dove 698
Roadrunner 2
Barn owl 2
Screech owl 4
Great horned owl 6
Burrowing owl 4
White-tr. swift 2
Anna's hummingbird 153
Belted kingfisher 7
Red-sh. flicker 81
Acorn woodpecker 267
Hairy woodpecker 1
Downy woodpecker 11
Nuttall's woodpecker 10
Black phoebe 36
Say's phoebe 13
Horned lark 70
Scrub jay 379
Yellow-b. magpie 4
Common raven 1
Common crow 751
Plain titmouse 107
Common bushtit 737
White-br. nuthatch 12
Wrentit 85
Bewick's wren 22
Long-b. marsh wren 7

Mockingbird 246
Calif. thrasher 19
Robin 219
Hermit thrush 12
Western bluebird 20
Blue-gr. gnatcatcher 14
Ruby-cr. kinglet 118
Water pipit 106
Cedar waxwing 1211
Pine siskin 1
Loggerhead shrike 36
Starling 10,872
Hutton's vireo 10
Orange-crinkle warbler 9
Myrtle warbler 6
Audubon's warbler 551
Black-thr. gray warbler 2
Townsend's warbler 9
Yellowthroat 14
House sparrow 573
Western meadowlark 569
Red-w. blackbird 5915
Tri-col. blackbird 2002
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Christmas Count- Santa Barbara Area 1964
Number of species-155
Number of individuals-46880
Number of parties-16
Number of observers-48