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CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

Apr. 23
Friday

CLASS IN FIELD IDENTIFICATION 7:30 - 8:00 p.m. Nelson Metcalf will discuss the birds that might be seen on the Island Boat next May 16, such as the Alcids, Cormorants, Shearwaters and Petrels.

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING 8:00 p.m. Farrand Hall Museum of Natural History. AFRICA BIRDING will be the topic of a talk by Marie Beals. Mrs. Beals spent several weeks in Africa last summer and will relate her experiences on that continent.

Apr. 24
Saturday

FIELD TRIP ON REFUGIO ROAD. Note SATURDAY date. Party #1 is for those who would like to go over Refugio Pass. This group will meet at the parking lot at Refugio Beach Park (22 miles west of Santa Barbara on U.S. 101) at 8:30 a.m., bird along Refugio Canyon and up the pass. Party #2 will meet at the Museum at 8:00 a.m., drive over San Marcos Pass to Santa Ynez and bird south on Refugio Road which crosses Hy 246 west of Santa Ynez. The two parties will meet for lunch near the big tree in the middle of the road at the foot of the hill. Bring lunch. Make up your own car parties, car donation \$1.25. Leaders - Rich Miller and Nelson Metcalf.

Apr. 24-25
Sat.-Sun.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY SHOW at the County Court House Sat. 1-5 p.m., Sun. 10-5 p.m. The Audubon Society will have a display on the California Condor. We need volunteers to man the booth for an hour or two on either day. If you help out call Mrs. Roger Gildersleeve, ph. 6-1926.

May 2
Sunday

FIELD TRIP TO ZACA LAKE Those who made the trip last April will remember what a fabulous spot this is. The Zaca Lake Resort is now operating and the management wants to know the approximate number of people and cars that will make the trip. Please notify Mrs. Cooke at the Museum (phone 6-5520) if you plan to go and tell her how many will be in your party. Bring lunch. The distance to Zaca Lake is 48 miles via San Marcos Pass (Hy 154), 61 miles via 101. For the benefit of those who do not know the way it is suggested that all cars meet at the junction of Calif. 154 and U.S. 101 (5.5 miles north of Buellton) at 9:00 a.m. Ride contribution should be \$1.50. The resort will make no charge for the one-day visitors, but invites all who would like to make it a two-day outing to come up Saturday morning, take a cabin and have lunch and dinner Saturday and breakfast Sunday at the Lodge. The charge will be \$38.00 per cabin (two persons), \$15.00 for an extra person

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in a cabin. It is needless to say that the accommodations and food will be excellent. Those going up Saturday should bring lunch for the picnic Sunday. Cabin reservations should be made with Miss Sue Graff, Zaca Lake, Los Olivos, Calif. by mail, or by phone- Los Olivos 688-4891. Please notify Mrs. Cooke if you are going up Saturday.

May 16
Sunday

SPRING ISLAND BOAT TRIP For this trip we have secured the very new LORAYNE II. This boat (68' x 24') is far more roomy and comfortable than any previously available. It has a galley seating 36 at tables and clean modern rest rooms. There are benches around the entire boat, so no one need bring folding chairs. Some may wish to bring cushions as it is a long "sit" on wooden benches. The Lorayne will leave from its new slip at the foot of Navy Pier at 6:15 a.m. and return by 5:00 p.m. Park your car at the Harbor parking lot at the foot of the breakwater. Those who wish to have breakfast on board may do so at reasonable prices. Bring snacks and lunch unless you prefer to purchase them in the galley. The boat fare will be \$8.00 per person, for 40 passengers. Make advance reservations by calling Mrs. Cooke Ph. 6-5520 before May 7. After that date we must fill our quota with non-members if necessary. Make checks payable to Santa Barbara Audubon Society. The trip plan is to circle Anacapa Island clockwise, make a brief stop in Smugglers' Cove and then cruise along the north shore of Santa Cruz Island until it is time to head for home. After the fine winter rains, the Island wild flowers should be at their best. On this trip we see many flying fish and sea lions and usually shark, seal, porpoise and sometimes whales. The birds seen on May trips in 1963 and/or 1964 were red-throated and arctic loon; eared and western grebe; pink-footed, sooty and Manx shearwater; ashy and black petrel; pomarine jaeger; black-legged kittiwake, Sabine's gull; pigeon guillemot; Xantus' murrelet and the Santa Cruz jay.

May 21
Friday

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING Note the Change Of Date to avoid conflict with Memorial Day Weekend. This is our annual meeting and we are having a special speaker. John Borneman, the Condor Warden, will give us a STATUS REPORT ON THE CONDOR. Save this date.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Enclosed is a copy of the new fact sheet on the Condor, published by National Audubon. We will soon receive additional quantities for distribution. I need a volunteer to organize and distribute copies to all sporting goods and firearms stores in Santa Barbara and vicinity. Members who wish to distribute copies to groups should call me so we can maintain a record of our distribution activities.

John Borneman, the Condor Warden, is now living at 2208 Sunridge Drive, Ventura, Tel. 642-9589. He is available to talk to members and selected non-Audubon groups. He also should receive from each of us a report whenever, wherever we see condor, with brief details on number, age, weather etc.

The Condor Corps is now in the formative stages. This will be a group of people who indicate that they do, or will, go into the Los Padres National Forest often enough to participate in an overall information gathering activity on condor, sanctuary conditions, violations, etc. This information will be integrated with the State Fish and Game Department, and the forest Service and local law enforcement agencies so that there is current knowledge of condor activities, as well as

conditions within the forest and perimeter areas. Please call me if you will join the group, and we will have John come and give us an orientation session later in April or May. We need to organize so the list of names can be sent to the Forest Service and Fish and Game.

Supervisors Grant and Beattie are taking the leadership in attempting to secure some sort of protection for the public of the undeveloped beach areas from Goleta to Gaviota. Please write them- all the Supervisors for that matter- and tell them of your interest and, I hope, your support. At the present, land can be developed down to mean high water mark: do we want Bonnymede and the projected More Mesa type of development from here to Gaviota? Public access to, and permanent protection of these beach resources is an issue in front of us today. Development should go forward, provided the citizens of the County are assured that a coherent beach-front plan will ensure public access and more public areas.....Rich Miller

SANTA ROSA PARK TRIP

We had a fine day trip on Sunday, March 21 st. After meeting at Las Cruces gas station, our caravan proceeded to Santa Rosa Park. This is a good spot for lazy birders: you can just sit and see them all.

After lunch at Nojoqui picnic grounds, a non-birder discovered a barn owl fast asleep in an oak just over our heads. He was a beautiful sight with his heart-shaped face bent down, eyes shut, completely oblivious of us all. Another highlight was seeing the first western kingbird of the season. A total of 58 species were seen.

Ruth Holbrook

BIRD NOTES

The Wood Duck, first reported by the Stevens on February 7, is still at the Bird Refuge.

A pair of Blue-winged Teal were seen at the Goleta Sanitary District Settling Ponds late in March.

Alice and Charles Richardson, off on an extended vacation, report seeing Whooping Cranes in Texas.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

1. Mr. Carl Bronner 4538 Via Maria, Santa Barbara
2. Dr. D. M. Caldwell General Hospital, Box 3650, Santa Barbara
3. Mrs. Stuart W. Upham 4943 Yapple Ave., Santa Barbara

And thanks to members Mr. & Mrs. Norman Stevens for their contribution to our Santa Barbara Audubon Society Conservation Fund.

GARDENING WITHOUT POISONS

In the months since the publication of Silent Spring by the late Rachel Carson, millions of Americans have become aware of the dangers stemming from the indiscriminate use of lethal chemicals to control insects and plant diseases on our farms and in our gardens. What we are still largely unaware of are the natural controls developed by modern science that will in the long run be much safer and more effective than the deadly chemicals with which we are now poisoning our own environment.

In Gardening Without Poisons, Beatrice Trum Hunter shows how natural protections against insect plagues and pestilence work and how we can make these forces help us if we understand them. The book is \$5.00, Houghton-Mifflin publishers.

--The Avocet--Santa Clara Valley Audubon