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## CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

- Nov. 21  
Sunday FIELD TRIP TO BOTANIC GARDEN Meet at the garden parking lot at 8:00 a.m. This will be a short morning trip. Leaders: Dr. & Mrs. Richardson
- Nov. 29  
Monday BOARD MEETING at 4:30 at the Museum of Natural History
- Dec. 3  
Friday CLASS IN FIELD IDENTIFICATION 7:30-8:00 p.m. Nelson Metcalf will discuss the identification of birds likely to be seen on the Morro Bay trip.  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING The Refuge Committee will present detailed plans and the latest developments on our plan for improving the BIRD REFUGE. A recording of a prize winning radio broadcast relating the disappearance of the ESKIMO CURLEW will be heard.
- Dec. 4-5  
Sat.-Sun. FIELD TRIP TO MORRO BAY, MONTANA DE ORO, AVILA BEACH Leave Museum by bus at 8:00 a.m. Saturday. Contribution to bus expense and insurance \$2.75. Either camp in the Morro Bay State Park or make your own reservation at one of the downtown motels. The Field Trip Committee has reserved nine rooms at the Motel 6, intersection of Rt. 1 and Rt. 466 in Morro Bay for Sat. night Dec. 4. Four of these rooms are one double bed rooms; the other five are two double bed rooms. All rooms are \$6.00. Mrs. Cooke will accept requests and checks for rooms until all are taken. Those who drive their own cars will meet the bus party at the Morro Bay State Park Museum parking lot a little after 10:00 a.m. Sat. Use the coupon on the last page of this bulletin to make your bus and motel reservations. If we do not have 30 bus reservations by Wed. Dec. 1, the bus will be cancelled and all must go by car. Plan own food arrangements
- Jan. 16  
Sunday OVERNIGHT ISLAND BOAT TRIP The date for this trip has been shifted from Jan. 9 previously announced. Leave the slip by the Navy Pier at 11:00 p.m. Saturday night. Board the Lorayne 11 between 10 and 11 p.m. The boat has 46 bunks available for our party. Two blankets and pillow are provided. Breakfast and lunch may be purchased on board or you may bring your own. The plan is to disembark at Prisoners' Harbor on Santa Cruz Island in the morning for a couple of hours birding up the canyon. The balance of the day will be spent cruising along Santa Cruz and Anacapa Islands. Return about 5:00 p.m. Sunday. We hope to find pelagic birds not present in the spring or fall. Use the

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coupon on the last page for making your reservation. Enclose check for \$13.00 per person. There will be refunds if we come close to filling the boat. Leader: Waldo Abbott. DO COME. THIS WILL BE THE HIGHLIGHT OF OUR FIELD TRIP SEASON.

Jan. 29-30 OVERNIGHT TO CARRIZO PLAIN The bus will leave the museum at Sat. Sun. 8:00 a.m. Sat. We will have reservations for the party at California Valley Lodge for Sat. night. Bring lunch for Sat. and Sun. There is an Inn across from the Lodge where Sat. dinner and Sun. breakfast can be secured. Carrizo Plain is our best area for Sandhill Cranes, Mountain Plover, Mountain Bluebirds, Golden Eagles and many hawks. Bus contribution \$3.00. Use the coupon on the last page for reservation. Please make it before Jan. 25th.

### CHRISTMAS COUNT

Save the date of January 2, 1966 for the Annual Christmas Bird Count of the National Audubon Society. Forty eight Santa Barbara Audubon Society members, in sixteen parties, participated in the 64th Annual Count last year. The more observers, the better the territory can be covered. Two reliable and experienced observers are needed in each party. We would like to have one or two additional people with each party. These need not be experienced "birders" but ones who can serve as recorders or drivers and provide more eyes for spotting birds.

Our Count Territory will be the same as before- a circle 15 miles in diameter with its center at the intersection of Foothill and San Marcos Pass Roads. East to west this circle reaches from San Ysidro Rd. to the Devereaux Slough and Glen Annie Canyon. It extends about  $4\frac{1}{2}$  miles into the ocean and north over the Santa Ynez range to include the Santa Ynez River valley from Fremont Camp to Gibraltar Dam.

Dawn to dusk or longer counts are preferred but any amount of time given will be useful. The Christmas Count is not only of great value to the scientist who are studying the changes in bird distribution, but is also the greatest of all ornithological sports. Once you have been a participant you will never want to miss it. If you are interested in participating in the count, fill out the coupon on the last page and mail it to Nelson Metcalf

### THE PRESIDENT REPORTS

The cause of conservation was well served by the excellent turnout for the San Rafael Wilderness Hearing, and we were very pleased by the number of Audubon members present, not the least of whom was Carl Buckheister. He delivered an excellent statement, well reported in the News-Press. Incidentally, if you have been as pleased as I have been with the wonderful coverage given by the News-Press, please write Mr. Taylor or Mr. Veblen and say so; the same for Mr. Buffum at the Goleta Gazette-Citizen. We are very fortunate to be served by such sympathetic coverage of conservation issues- for it is only through public awareness that action to preserve our natural resources can be taken. We should also write the County Planning Commission to urge delay on any rezoning (from agricultural to residential) of the Gherini property on Santa Cruz Island, at least delay until the Dept. of the Interior can finish and publish their feasibility study of a Channel Islands National Park.

As the end of the tax (and calendar!) year approaches, I urge you to think of your local Audubon activities- primarily the renewal of the Clark Bird Refuge and the Condor Warden, as well as those on a national level. We will reserve gifts for the Refuge and would be glad to forward gifts for the support of the Condor Warden or any other

National purpose you designate. Gift memberships are an excellent idea and help broaden our public support. The need to preserve our wildlife and forest resources is no less than other critical problems which our society is creating for itself.

Rich Miller, President

### CONSERVATION NOTES

The Department of Interior has submitted to Congress proposed legislation designed to protect rare and endangered native species of fish and wildlife.

The main objective of the proposal is to authorize and direct the Secretary of the Interior to protect, restore, and where necessary, establish or reestablish wild population of selected species threatened with extinction.

In a letter to Congress, the Department said that some 24 birds and 12 mammals native to the U.S. have become extinct since settlement of the 50 states. Examples given included the passenger pigeon, heath hen, Carolina parakeet, spotted Hawaiian rail, eastern elk, Texas and California grizzly bear, and the bad lands big horn sheep. The department said these animals are gone forever and will be joined before long by some 35 kinds of mammals and 30-40 species of birds unless special conservation work is undertaken.

Special efforts have been made and are continuing to be made by the Department and other Federal agencies, conservation and some State Fish and Game Departments to save such threatened species or sub-species as the whooping crane, Attwater's prairie chicken, California condor and Key deer. Similar protection is needed the Department added, for other threatened species to insure against disturbance, depletion of food and habitat, and other adverse factors.

Tom Follis

### WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

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| 1. Dr. & Mrs. Milton J. Geyman | 277 Sheffield Drive, Santa Barbara |
| 2. Mr. Wolfgang Lauter         | 638 Orchard Ave., Santa Barbara    |
| 3. Misses May & Evelyn Owen    | 463 Paseo Del Descanso, S. .       |
| 4. Mrs. Anne Perkoff           | 7405 Hollister, Ave., Goleta       |
| 5. Mr. Lee Waian               | Biology Dept., UCSB, Goleta        |
| 6. Miss Vera G. Weinert        | 5454 Berkeley Rd., Santa Barbara   |
| 7. Mr. & Mrs. C.B. Yeates      | P.O.Box 5252 Santa Barbara         |

### HOLLISTER RANCH FIELD TRIP

A group of about 25 spent the day, Oct. 24, exploring a few canyons and the beaches of the Hollister ranch beyond Gaviota. This was the first time our Audubon group had enjoyed this privilege as guests of the ranch and it was very worth while. Perhaps most notable of the 56 birds recorded was the many Bewick wrens, a marsh hawk, several road-runners and frequent red-tailed hawks. A spring day at this ranch should be even more rewarding. A palm warbler was sighted by a small group who had a survey look at the area on Oct. 20.

### ISLA VISTA FIELD TRIP

The highlight of the November 6th field trip to Coal Oil Point and the Devereaux and Goleta Sloughs was the wonderful views of the WOOD STORK, first perched on top of a large cypress and later circling high overhead. This bird, probably the same individual that visited the Goleta area last December and January, is the third ever reported in Santa Barbara County. It is, however, found quite regularly in the extreme southeast corner of California. It was a good day for herons and egrets. 56 species were seen on the trip.

## RESERVATION FORMS

Send your reservations to Mrs. L.A.Cooke, at the Museum of Natural History, 2559 Puesta Del Sol, Santa Barbara. Include your check for the amounts listed, made payable to the Santa Barbara Audubon Society.

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Morro Bay Overnight Bus \$2.75 Leave Museum 8 a.m. Dec. 4  
I enclose \$..... to reserve..... place(s) on the bus.  
Motel 6 room reservation \$6.00 Single..... Double.....

Signed..... Phone.....  
Address.....

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Santa Cruz Island Boat Trip Fare \$13.00 (includes bunk)  
Board the Lorayne 11 between 10 and 11 p.m. Sat. Jan. 15

I enclose \$..... to reserve ..... place(s) on the boat

Signed..... Phone.....  
Address.....

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Carrizo Plains Overnight Leave Museum 8 a.m. Jan. 29 Bus \$3.00

I enclose \$..... to reserve ..... place(s) on the bus.

Signed..... Phone.....  
Address.....

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## CHRISTMAS COUNT SIGN-UP

Mail to Mr. Nelson Metcalf 1208 San Miguel Ave., Santa Barbara  
I shall probably be available to participate in the count on Jan. 2, '66

My first, second and third choices of area assignment are checked below.

Montecito.....Hope Ranch...Goleta north.....Santa Ynez Valley.....  
Camino Cielo.....Ocean.....Goleta south.....Santa Barbara.....

I can, can not provide an auto (if needed).....

Signed..... Phone.....  
Address.....

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## REVISED FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE

Feb. 13--Point Mugu Marshes	Apr. 24---Foxen and Colson Canyons
Feb. 27--Santa Clara River Estuary	May 1 or 8-- Zaca Lake
Mar. 13--Los Prietos, Red Rock Area	May 15----Spring Island Boat Trip
Mar. 27--Sespe Condor Corridor	May 28-30-Quaking Aspen in Sierras
Apr. 2---Audubon Center, El Monte	June 12----Mount Pinos
Apr. 17--Santa Paula Canyon	