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CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

- Jan. 19
Wednesday BOARD MEETING at the Museum of Natural History. 4:30 p.m.
- Jan. 28
Friday CLASS IN FIELD IDENTIFICATION 7:30-8:00 p.m. Waldo Abbott will discuss the field identification of birds likely to be seen on the Carrizo Plains trip
- REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING Mr. & Mrs. Albert Case will present a program entitled AFRICAN SAFARI. Mr. & Mrs. Case were members of an ornithological tour of East Africa in 1965. While they were there, they had the opportunity to take both movies and slides of the wildlife and scenery of this fascinating country.
- Jan. 29-30
Sat. & Sun. FIELD TRIP TO CARRIZO PLAIN The Carrizo Plain is the winter home for a large flock of Sandhill Cranes as well as unbelievable numbers of Mountain Bluebirds, Horned Larks, and Water Pipits. Mountain Plover may be seen. It is one of our best areas for Raptures. Going and returning there are opportunities to see high altitude and semi-desert birds, not often seen in Santa Barbara. TRIP PLAN Depart from Museum at 8:00 a.m. Saturday - by bus if registration warrants; otherwise in private cars. Probable route: north from Ojai on US 33 to the south end of the plain. If it has rained hard on the two preceding days we will continue on 33 to McKittrick and enter at the north end. LODGING: California Valley Inn has 20 rooms. 6 rooms have 1 double bed; 3 have 2 double beds; 5 have 2 single beds; 5 have 1 double & 1 single; 1 has a king-size bed. Cost \$4.50-7.00 per person. MEALS: Meals available across the road from the Inn, but bring at least food enough for the two lunches. RESERVATIONS for the bus and the Inn should be made without delay. Send check, payable to the Santa Barbara Audubon Society to Mrs. L.A. Cooke, Museum of Natural History, 2559 Puesta del Sol, S.B. Please give names and phone numbers, indicate if you want a place on the bus; and in case the bus is not used, whether you will drive your car and carry others wanting a ride, or want a ride in another car, or will stay at home. Also indicate the type of room you prefer and, where possible, suggest roommates.
- Feb. 13
Sunday FIELD TRIP TO POINT MUGU MARSHES AND GUN CLUBS Bus will leave the Museum at 8:00 a.m. and will pick up Ventura passengers at the Standard Station, 101 and Seward Ave. at about 8:45. Make bus reservations with Mrs. Cooke at the Museum Fare: \$1.75.

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THE COMMON BIRDS OF SANTA BARBARA

The Santa Barbara Audubon Society, in co-operation with the Adult Education System and the Museum of Natural History, is sponsoring a course in beginning ornithology entitled The Common Birds of Santa Barbara. The course will begin on March 21, Mondays from 9:30-11:30a.m. at Farrand Hall, Museum of Natural History. Mr. Nelson Metcalf is the instructor for the course. He will discuss the basic principles of bird identification on local fields, woods, and at the shore, with such topics of general interest as the mystery of bird migration and orientation; ways of attracting birds to one's neighborhood; bird courtship, nest-building, incubation, and care of the young; and social behavior. This is a marvelous course for any Audubon member, beginner or expert.

NATIONAL AUDUBON CONVENTION

The National Audubon Society Convention comes to California for the first time November 12 to 16 in our capitol city of Sacramento. So circle the dates on your calendar and make a date to meet with Audubon members from all over the United States. The host society, Sacramento Audubon is planning a post-convention trip to the Hawaiian Islands. Other field trip closer to home are being planned. It will be an exciting event for Californians.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

1. Mrs. S. Griffith
2. Mr. Arthur B. Rigby
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas M. Raysor

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Most of our "older" members, those who belonged to the Museum Bird Group a few years ago, will remember Major Patrick Howden. Major Howden spent his winters in Santa Barbara and enlivened many a field trip with his British humor. Though no longer able to visit our city, Major Howden writes that he would very much like to hear personal news from his old friends. His address is Gallacher Lake Lodge, R.R.#2 Oliver, British Columbia, Canada.

CHRISTMAS COUNT

The Christmas Count for 1965 produced a record breaking number of 170 species seen on count day. In 1961 we counted 127; '62 produced 140; '63 showed 166; '64 gave us 155 species. The diligent observers recorded the following thirteen birds for the first time: fulmar, sooty shearwater, white-fronted goose, greater scaup, old squaw, hooded merganser, Swainson's hawk, black turnstone, common tern, Xantus' murrelet, rhinoceros auklet, violet-green swallow and palm warbler. Birds that showed a noteworthy increase in numbers were the red-throated loon, black brant, coot and white-tailed kite. Decreases were seen in the count of white-winged scoter, starling and red-winged blackbird. The last two species are probably roosting elsewhere outside our count area.

The Christmas Count Committee would like to thank the following hard working observers: Ruth Case, Ruth Holbrook, Wales Holbrook, Jewel Kriger, Nelson Metcalf, Mary Roberts, Terry Grant Jay Johnson, Tony Zozzora, Tom Follis, Ruth Parker, Margaret Boise, W.H. Ferry, Jo Ferry, Chester Langenbeck, Richmond Miller, William Gardner, June Gardener, Arne Albertson, Seybert Kinsell, Josephine Putnam, Richard Watkins, Molly Watkins, Norman Stevens, Alice Richardson, Charles Richardson, Mary Erickson, Elizabeth Russell, Dorothy Gildersleeve, John Hildebrand, James Shipp, Lindall Laughrin, Waldo Abbott, Benjamin Sankey, Rae Stendall, Lee Waiian, John Flavin, Ethel & Rock Lyans, Dr. and Mrs. Edge, Ann Eissler, Joy Parkinson, Craig Bazzi, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Miller.

CHRISTMAS CENSUS SANTA BARBARA CALIF. JANUARY 2, 1966

Common Loon	1	Black-b. Plover	107	Plain Titmouse	95
Arctic Loon	2	Black Turnstone	2	Common Bushtit	444
Red-throated Loon	227	Common Snipe	27	White-br. Nuthatch	18
Horned Grebe	23	Long-billed Curlew	15	Wrentit	84
Eared Grebe	60	Whimbrel	15	House Wren	13
Western Grebe	212	Spotted Sandpiper	7	Bewick's Wren	38
Pied-billed Grebe	51	Willet	257	Canyon Wren	1
Fulmar	2	Gr. Yellowlegs	9	Long-bill. Marsh Wren	1
Sooty Shearwater	2	Lesser Yellowlegs	1	Mockingbird	179
D-c. Cormorant	1049	Least Sandpiper	103	Calif. Thrasher	24
Brandt's Cormorant	53	Dunlin	40	Robin	168
Pelagic Cormorant	57	Western Sandpiper	97	Varied Thrush	8
Brown Pelican	27	Long-bill. Dowitcher	18	Hermit Thrush	16
Gr. Blue Heron	56	Short-b. Dowitcher	29	Western Bluebird	17
Green Heron	6	Marbled Godwit	198	Mountain Bluebird	2
Common Egret	47	Sanderling	973	Blue-gr. Gnatcatcher	9
Snowy Egret	31	American Avocet	3	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	149
Black-cr. N. Heron	41	Glaucous-w. Gull	51	Water Pipit	57
American Bittern	1	Western Gull	3606	Rock Wren	1
Black Brant	60	Herring Gull	3	Cedar Waxwing	88
White-fronted Goose	1	California Gull	2406	Phainopepla	2
Snow Goose	1	Ring-billed Gull	2010	Loggerhead Shrike	30
Mallard	172	Mew Gull	142	Starling	241
Pintail	511	Bonaparte's Gull	334	Hutton's Vireo	6
Green-wing. Teal	259	Heerman's Gull	102	Orange-crowned Warbler	4
Cinnamon Teal	66	Forster's Tern	30	Myrtle Warbler	3
American Widgeon	131	Common Tern	7	Palm Warbler	2
Shoveler	97	Royal Tern	5	Townsend's Warbler	8
Wood Duck	1	Xanthus' Murrelet	4	Audubon's Warbler	756
Redhead	10	Rhinoceros Auklet	2	Yellowthroat	16
Canvasback	29	Band-tailed Pigeon	366	House Sparrow	341
Greater Scaup	2	Mourning Dove	876	Western Meadowlark	598
Lesser Scaup	63	Spotted Dove	2	Red-w. Blackbird	2785
Common Goldeneye	1	White-winged Dove	2	Tricolored Blackbird	2006
Bufflehead	8	Barn Owl	7	Hooded Oriole	3
Oldsquaw	1	Screech Owl	3	Baltimore Oriole	1
White-winged Scoter	2	Great-horned Owl	3	Bullock's Oriole	2
Surf Scoter	309	Burrowing Owl	1	Brewer's Blackbird	1726
Ruddy Duck	508	Short-eared Owl	1	Brown-headed Cowbird	46
Red-br. Merganser	24	White-throat. Swift	12	Black-headed Grosbeak	2
Common Merganser	4	Anna's Hummingbird	219	Purple Finch	51
Hooded Merganser	1	Belted Kingfisher	10	House Finch	2776
Turkey Vulture	10	Red-shafted Flicker	159	Pine Siskin	6
White-tailed Kite	61	Acorn Woodpecker	249	American Goldfinch	52
Sharp-shinned Hawk	4	Yellow-b. Sapsucker	8	Lesser Goldfinch	176
Cooper's Hawk	10	Hairy Woodpecker	2	Rufous-sided Towhee	83
Red-tailed Hawk	63	Downy Woodpecker	13	Brown Towhee	607
Red-shouldered Hawk	10	Nuttall's Woodpecker	9	Oregon Junco	430
Swainson's Hawk	1	Black Phoebe	40	Savannah Sparrow	39
Marsh Hawk	5	Say's Phoebe	19	Lark Sparrow	3
Sparrow Hawk	88	Horned Lark	6	Chipping Sparrow	34
California Quail	330	Violet-green Swallow	2	White-cr. Sparrow	1677
Sora	3	Scrub Jay	407	Golden-cr. Sparrow	276
American Coot	6050	Yellow-bill. Magpie	4	Fox Sparrow	5
Snowy Plover	72	Raven	1	Lincoln's Sparrow	1
Semipalmated Plover	1	Crow	215	Song Sparrow	42
Killdeer	266	Mt. Chickadee	14		

Number of species seen: 170

Number of individual birds: 40,666

Carriazo Plain Trip - January 29-30, 1966

Waldo Abbott (leader), 3 Follises, Russ, Woll, Erickson, Gildersleeve, Hamber Parkinson, Cook, Metcalf, 2 Edges, 2 Millers, Lauter, Vaughan, Maurer, Roberts, Kinsell, Hildebrand, 2 Ferrys, Gillier (25)

Birds seen:

- Canada Goose 450
- White-fronted Goose 4
- Ross' Goose 1
- Mallard 8
- Green-winged Teal 3
- Cinnamon Teal 6
- Shoveler 1
- Ruddy Duck 4
- Turkey Vulture 1
- Red-tailed Hawk 15
- Red-shouldered Hawk 2
- Ferruginous Hawk 4
- Golden Eagle 2
- Marsh Hawk 8 Pigeon Hawk 1
- Sparrow Hawk c
- California Quail 75
- Sora 1
- Common Gallinule 1
- American Coot fc
- Killdeer 2
- Mountain Plover 12
- Common Snipe 1
- Long-billed Dowitcher 1
- Ring-billed Gull 1
- Band-tailed Pigeon 14
- Mourning Dove c
- Burrowing Owl 2
- Short-eared Owl (?)
- Red-shafted Flicker 12
- Acorn Woodpecker 6
- Nuttall's Woodpecker 1
- Black Phoebe 2
- Say's Phoebe 7
- Horned Lark c
- Steller's Jay 2
- Scrub Jay fc
- Yellow-billed Magpie 6
- Common Raven c

- Common Crow 5
- Plain Titmouse 1
- Common Bushtit 3
- Bewick's Wren 2
- Mockingbird 4
- Robin 1
- Mountain Bluebird 20 (Miller party)
- ~~Western~~ Loggerhead Shrike c
- Starling c
- Audubon's Warbler 1
- House Sparrow 4
- Western Meadowlark c
- Red-winged Blackbird c
- Tricolored Blackbird fc
- Brewer's Blackbird c
- Brown-headed Cowbird 3
- House Finch c
- Brown Towhee fc Vesper Sparrow 4
- Savannah Sparrow fc
- Lark Sparrow fc
- White-crowned Sparrow c
- Golden-crowned Sparrow 3

64 species

The numbers are my estimate. N.M.