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CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

Apr. 22
Friday

CLASS IN FIELD IDENTIFICATION: 7:30-8:00 p.m. Janet Hamber will discuss the identification marks of the SWIFTS and SWALLOWS of Santa Barbara County.
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING: 8:00 p.m. Farrand Hall, Museum of Natural History. Mrs. Jacqueline Broughton, Educational Coordinator of the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden, will give a slide illustrated talk on "Local Wildflowers and Where to Find Them."

X Apr. 24
Sunday

FIELD TRIP TO FOXEN AND COLSON CANYONS This date and area excell for field and woodland migrating birds. We should also see masses of wild flowers as well. Please notify Mrs. Cooke at the Museum, 6-5520, if you need transportation or are driving and willing to accept passengers. Meet at the museum at 8 a.m. or at Mattie's Tavern in Los Olivos at 9:15. Drivers donation \$2.25. Bring lunch.

X May 1
Sunday

FIELD TRIP TO ZACA LAKE We are permitted the pleasure of birding at this resort only if we are luncheon or overnight guests. Reservations for luncheon must be made through Mrs. Cooke, 6-5520, through Apr. 25th. Overnight guests make their own reservations by calling Los Olivos 688-4891. Old timers recognize this as one of the most idyllic, secluded mountain aeries in southern California. It is alive with birds in the spring. Mention to Mrs. Cooke the need for transportation if such is the case. Those willing to take passengers please let it be known. Meet at the museum at 7:15, or else join the group at the intersection of 101 and 154 $5\frac{1}{2}$ miles north of Buellton. Driver donation \$2.00. DO NOT TAKE LUNCH. Lunch cost: \$3.00

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OVERNIGHT TO DEVIL'S PUNCH BOWL PARK This park is located on the north shoulder of the San Gabriel Mountains, almost exactly north of Glendora. It is reached by 101 to Ventura, State 126 to U.S. 99, which is taken south for 2 miles when a cut-off to State 14 is taken by turning left. Eight miles finds the town of Solemint from which State 14 bears east to Pearblossom. If not in the caravan, ask directions as to how to reach the park 7 or 8 miles to the southeast. Mrs. Cooke, 6-5520, will receive requests for transportation and offers of passenger space. Meet at the museum at 7:30 a.m., or at Henry's Restaurant on 126 in Fillmore at 8:40. Arrange own meals and lodging. We will have coffee making equipment available. Driver donation \$3.00. Camping is permitted in the park. Non-campers make arrangements for

motel space at Palmdale, 25 miles away, or try Pearblossom.

June 3 ANNUAL MEETING. Note the change of date to avoid conflict
Friday with Memorial Day Weekend. Save this date. Details later.

CONSERVATION NEWS

There is growing evidence that the National Park System is under full scale attack by those who advocate using up, not conserving, our natural resources, and who are using expediency and political compromise as instruments for achieving their ends. One example of this is the new attack on Olympic National Park. Sprung suddenly and without warning, it follows a pattern which is familiar to those who have fought through some three decades for the establishment and protection of this unique unit of the National Park System. It would open the Park for logging, the continuing objective of powerful timber interests in the State of Washington and the Pacific Northwest.

Another example is the threat to the Great Smokies Park. This proposal calls for the construction of a trans-mountain road that would cut through the heart of one of the two large undeveloped areas remaining in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Offered publicly for the first time last fall by the National Park Service, it has suddenly been pushed forward as a substitute proposal to fulfill a 1943 agreement between Swain County, North Carolina, the State of North Carolina, and the Department of Interior. After 23 years, the Park Service has reactivated the old agreement for a North Shore road with a proposed new road location that would take it through the center of the Great Smokies wilderness.

The Tuscon Audubon Society contributed \$5,000 to help the Nature Conservancy make the down payment on 320 acres along the Sonoita Creek bed south of Patagonia. This is a famous birding area that was visited by many Audubon members who attended the Society's 1964 national convention in Arizona. Mrs. Boyd Hunt accepted the chairmanship of a committee that will raise more than \$1000,000 to complete the acquisition. ---Audubon Leader's Conservation Guide

Those of us in the Ventura County area, in particular, are pleased at the results of the recent United Water Conservation District election at which time the Sespe Dam Project was defeated by a narrow 32 votes. UWDC directors are saying that the vote was not conclusive even after a recount of the votes. The preservation of the condor became a prime issue after Mr. Fisher of a State Water Agency issued a report five days prior to the election opposing the dam. Mr. Gene Marshall, a member of our group from Ventura, deserves thanks in spearheading the drive to defeat the Sespe Dam Project. Even in the face of the negative local vote, the dam-building Bureau of Reclamation and the local promoters can be expected to try to revive the scheme after a few years. ---- Tom Follis, Conservation Chairman

FIELD TRIP REPORTS

The field trip to Los Prietos was a bit confined due to a surprising amount of water flowing in the river making fording hazardous. It was a gorgeous day however and many birds were seen- none of the unusual category. Notable were the hairy woodpecker, a fine view of a perched Cooper's hawk and a number of handsome bluebirds.--Les Cook

On the field trip to the Condor Country we had almost 100 birders in about two dozen vehicles and none got into serious trouble on the bad road. Most of the people were from the Fresno and Santa Barbara clubs. Condors were numerous with from one to four visible most of the day, but only a few people saw them close up. Most of them were $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 3 miles away. Two golden eagles and many red-tails, Cooper's hawks, turkey vultures and raven were seen from the parking area and

along the road, giving all fine opportunities to compare the flight silhouettes and patterns. Fifty-nine species were recorded. John Borneman, Audubon condor warden and Fred Sibley, condor ecologists for the Fish and Wildlife Service, were with us between 2:00 and 3:00 p.m. They were kept busy answering questions for us.--- Nelson Metcalf

BIRD NOTES

The Bald Eagle that wintered at Lake Cachuma was still there on March 13th. Any later sightings should be reported to Nelson Metcalf.

The only report of a Lewis' Woodpecker wintering in the Santa Barbara area was of one along Modoc Road in late December. No one could find it after that time, but on March 24th, Janet Hamber found one dead on the pavement in that same location. Where did it hide all winter while so many looked for it in vain?

The Palm Warbler that was in Joy Parkinson's back yard for about a week in early January probably remained in the neighborhood all winter because John Hildebrand who lives a few blocks away from Joy saw it in his yard on March 5th.

The female Hooded Merganser seen January 2 and 3 on the small pool at the Santa Barbara Cemetery was back there on March 4 and 5th.

If anyone saw the two-year old all-white Glaucous Gull near Stearn's Wharf later than March 20th, will he please notify Nelson Metcalf. The one that was there last spring remained until at least June 10th.

On April 2nd, a Condor was seen flying down Rattlesnake Canyon and over the Las Canoas Road area.

THE NORTH AMERICAN NEST-RECORD CARD PROGRAM

Do you know the location of any bird's nest ? If so, you can add your bit to the knowledge of ornithology. The program is run by the Laboratory of Ornithology at Cornell University. The principal aim is to accumulate a large amount of data on the breeding biology of birds of the entire North American continent, which will be stored on IBM cards in a form ready for analysis. These data, once processed, will be available to researchers interested in many areas of avian biology, such as annual and geographical variations in breeding seasons, clutch size, fledging periods, and nesting success. We hope that the program will also play a key role in the study of man's modification of his environment, through marsh drainage, urbanization, and the use of pesticides.

They need data from all parts of the country. Observations from city parks and back yards, of the commonest species, will be as important in the future of this program as those from remote parts of the continent. They need the cooperation of all competent field observers. If you would like to help this year, please get in touch with Janet Hamber, 7-6549, for cards to fill out.

Last year, the first year of the program, went very well. Over 23,000 completed cards were received from 700 individuals. The Laboratory has accumulated over 500 cards each for several species; among these are Eastern Phoebe, Tree Swallow, Barn Swallow, House Wren, Catbird, Eastern Bluebird, Red-winged Blackbird and Common Grackle.

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