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CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

- Mar. 31
Friday CLASS IN FIELD IDENTIFICATION: 7:30-8:00 p.m. The topic of the identification class was not available at press time. Just come and be surprised.
- REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING: 8:00 p.m. Farrand Hall, Museum of Natural History. Kirby Morgan, Assistant Beach Supervisor, Carpinteria State Beach, will present an illustrated program, Desert Shrimp, with emphasis on the tadpole shrimp, Triops longicaudatus.
- Apr. 6
Thursday BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING: 4:30 p.m. Museum of Natural History.
- Apr. 6-9
Thurs. Sun. THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COOPER ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY will be held at the Museum of Natural History. The payment of a small registration fee entitles you to go to all the activities. The Santa Barbara Audubon Society is a co-sponsor of the meeting. There is a need for people to provide transportation, serve coffee and box lunches, or help with registration. If you are interested helping, call Alice Richardson at 966-2481. in
- Apr. 8-9
Sat.-Sun. FIELD TRIP TO FIGUEROA MOUNTAIN: This is an opportunity for campers to have an overnight outing. All others meet at the Museum at 8:00 a.m., or at point (where 154 first borders Lake Cachuma) at 8:45 a.m. on Sunday. LET MRS. COOKE, AT 966-5520, KNOW IF YOU ARE GOING. Also please let her know if you will take passengers or if you need a ride. Driver donation is \$2.00. Take lunch. Leaders: Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Gardner.
- Apr. 22-23
Sat.-Sun. COUNTY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY SHOW in the patio of the Historical Society Museum. We need volunteers to man the booth for an hour or two on either day.
- Apr. 23
Sunday FIELD TRIP TO DUNE LAKES: This is a tentative date depending upon our getting a permit from Mr. Chase, who has favored us before, but who has not yet been contacted. If you hope to go, call Mrs. Cooke at 966-5520 and make sure the trip is on. Let her know if you will take passengers or if you need a ride. Meet at the Museum at 7:30 a.m. or at the intersection of 154 and 101, four miles north of Buellton at 8:30 a.m. Driver donation is \$2.75. Take lunch.
- Late
Flash
Trip
Confirmed
- Other
Dates April 29-Field Trip to Refugio Pass and Santa Ynez Valley
May 7- Field Trip to Zaca Lake
May 21- Spring Island Boat Trip aboard the Swift

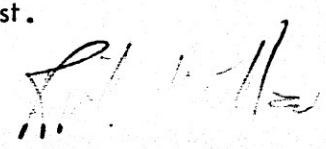
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PRESIDENT'S NOTES

San Rafael Wilderness: Senator Kuchel and Representative Teague have introduced Bills that would lead to protection of the historic first wilderness to be established after the Wilderness Act enactment in 1964. However, a group of large landowners, and Supervisor Tunnell of Santa Maria, are creating some resistance to the establishment of the wilderness. In the Fall of 1965, the Supervisors passed a resolution unanimously endorsing the enlarged wilderness. In September 1966, and again on March 13, 1967, they reviewed their actions and have now passed a resolution urging a delay until they have collected more water run-off data in the Sisquoc drainage. It is my belief, and that of the USFS and other concerned groups and individuals, that the amount of increased water production which can be secured from the area is marginal. The issue has become enmeshed with the most subjective economic and political pressures, which threaten the entire project. We cannot afford to let the Condor flyway, the Condor Sanctuary, the pictographs, the scenic and botanical climax be destroyed through inaction. Write your Supervisor now to express your approval of their action in support of the Wilderness. George H. Clyde, 1st District (Carpinteria, Montecito, Mission Canyon areas); Joe J. Callahan, 2nd District (City of Santa Barbara); Daniel G. Grant, 3rd District (Goleta and upper Santa Ynez Valley); Francis H. Beattie, 4th District (Lompoc and lower Santa Ynez Valley); Curtis Tunnell, 5th District (Santa Maris area). Write the News-Press as well and indicate your support of wilderness and your appreciation of their support of wilderness.

There will be a Senate Hearing in Washington on April 11th: write Senator Kuchel and endorse his Bill; write Congressman Teague as well--his Committee in the House will hold a similar hearing later--perhaps in May. Concerted local support by numerous letters will prove to the Congress that there is a real demand for wilderness and that there is real support in the local communities. I will keep you abreast of further developments and I urge you to write. I am planning to go to Washington for the Hearing, provided we can raise the funds. I think it is important to continue local Audubon support in addition to National Audubon, so I hope I can go. I know National will at least split the cost with us.

Clark Refuge: We have had John Russell prepare working drawings for an initial development phase at the East End, consisting of parking lot, barrier to prevent public access on the North side, start of a walk from the frontage road area around the end, creation of a "new," smaller beach area. The Park Commission has accepted these plans and will soon ask the City Council for permission to let it out for bid. They have a little bit less than \$7,000 in their budget, plus \$1,000--from a bequest. The City is in the midst of severe money problems, as you have read, so it is possible that the Council will not permit the job to go out for bids, or they may not release all the budgeted \$. Now that we have a specific phase designed and approved, your Board solicits the opinion of the Membership regarding the establishment of an initial fund goal at this time. A suggested amount is \$4,000, which is 50% of the estimated cost; it is also 50% more than the estimated cost, which we could add to the Park budget (if it were approved fully) to do more, and pay the architect out of Refuge funds rather than out of general funds as we have until now. The Board wants to discuss this with you at the meeting on March 31st, and receive your guidance at that time. I believe that we can proceed at this time with this phase with the confidence that it will be an effective and constructive start on the overall development plan. Please call me in the interim if you have any questions. We will have drawings and the model at the meeting on March 31st.



CONSERVATION NOTES

Good News: A wildlife sanctuary is under construction and is expected to be finished by the end of the year near Walnut (west of Pomona). The 10-acre site is being developed to preserve plants and wildlife native to that area. Foot-paths and bridges are being constructed. An amphitheatre will provide an instruction area. The sanctuary will include a large lake, a pond, a natural meadow, marshes, a meandering stream, covered shelters, and a roadside rest. Sounds like a dream, doesn't it? Maybe it is, but it is being paid for by a five cent tax on the Mt. San Antonio College District citizens.

Bad News: Birders from the Los Angeles chapter were distressed by the carelessness of hunters in leaving dead and wounded Black Brant in the Bay; shooting sitting birds; taking more birds than the bag limit of three. The pretty little goose may be soon lost if something isn't done about the checking of shooters.

X (From the "Pacific Flyway", Morro Coast Audubon paper comes this item: A Glaucous Gull, a second year bird was collected at Oceano. I maintain that a bird that is mentioned in the main body of Arnold Small's "Annotated Check List of Southern California Birds" isn't enough of a rarity to contribute anything to the science of ornithology by lying in a drawer somewhere instead of being on the shore for all to see. Also I don't think it is the spirit or intent of the Christmas Count to go out and shoot an Allen's Hummer the day after the Count so that the identification is sure. This was in the Sacramento Audubon's "Observer".

Let's not forget the aim of the National Audubon Society which seeks to educate the American public not just in bird watching, but in the protection and conservation of the last remaining wild areas for the enjoyment now of everyone and of future generations to come. We who enjoyed watching birds in lush spots along the coast must be immediately concerned with the growing threat of draining the marshes, filling in the tidelands and building highways over the lagoons. Our voices to protect these areas and the city parks and playgrounds must be raised now that their effect may be felt in time. Bird watching and conservation go hand in hand. Each bird or animal has its own ecological niche or area where it can compete with other birds and animals and survive. In order to have any wildlife at all it is necessary to preserve these habitats. Without marshes there will be no rails or herons; without tidelands there will be no shorebirds; without lagoons and city parks the ducks, geese and kingfishers will leave and the refreshing beauty of the scenic wild lands will be gone.

Members Urged to Protest New IRS Ruling: It has been suggested that all Audubon Society members be encouraged to write letters to appropriate Government officials protesting the recent Internal Revenue Service action against the tax-exempt status of contributions to the Sierra Club. This action poses a serious threat to the continued existence of all organizations whose interest in Governmental operations is based on philanthropic, ethical, or esthetic considerations, rather than profit or commercial advantage.....Tom Pollis, Conservation

FIELD TRIP REPORTS

The Salton Sea—Borrego Area trip was probably the best our group has ever taken. To many the greatest thrill was the sight of so many thousands of Canada Geese, Snow Geese, Pintails, Shovelers, Widgeon and other ducks in compact flocks in the air, on the ground and on water. To others the biggest kicks came from adding 1 to 15 or more species to their life lists. Even Waldo got greatly excited when we finally located his first Cattle Egrets. Thirty three people in nine cars sighted 105 species in the Salton Sea—Borrego Area, and 127 for

the entire trip. Among the many exciting species seen were: White-faced ibis, Blue goose, Ross' goose, Gambel's quail, Gray partridge, Mountain plover, Ground dove, Gila woodpecker, Verdin, Cactus wren, Sage thrasher, Black-tailed gnatcatcher, Scott's Oriole, Abert's towhee

CARE OF SICK OR BABY BIRDS

With spring and the nesting season upon us, the following information may be of value to those of you who come across birds that have fallen from the nest.

Feeding young birds is a demanding responsibility. If the fledgling can be replaced in the nest, it is far better to do so and let the bird parents go on with the exacting job for which they alone are best suited. The nest should be reinforced if necessary. If the nest has been destroyed, a small basket, berry, shoe, or cigar box can be secured in the crotch of a tree near where evidence of a nest appears.

If the bird has feathers and can hop, put the bird in a bush as near as possible to where it was found. Parent birds will not kill young if handled by humans! Put a helpless baby bird in a facial tissue lined box and keep warm with 40 watt light bulb. Protect bird from over heating and cover box with tissue.

HAND FEEDING FOR SEED EATERS

1 egg 1 slice stale white bread, no crusts 1 tbsp mashed
1 c milk 1 can baby strained beef heart potatoes
1 tbsp. sugar 1 tsp. strained spinach/chickweed 1 tsp cuttlebone
Cook all ingredients together in a double boiler for about 1/2 hour

FOR INSECT EATERS

1 can strained beef heart 1 tsp sieved greens or small peas
1 tsp melted butter 1/2 tsp mashed potatoes

Mealworms may be fed to insect eaters. Feed baby birds small amounts with dropper, but frequently-every 15-20 minutes during the daylight hours, until about half feathered, then every 1/2 hour. Give all birds 1 drop of vitamins a day.....from Audubon Warblers

ATTENTION PHOTOGRAPHERS (con't)

Last month we started a list of bird slides we needed to fill out our collection. If you have any available for use by the society call Alice Richardson 966-2481.

Vaux's Swift	Mountain Chickadee	Scott's Oriole
Costa's Hummingbird	Calif. Thrasher	Hooded Oriole
Rufous Hummingbird	(showing bill)	Blue Grosbeak
Allen's Hummingbird	Plain Titmouse	Lazuli Bunting
Calliope Hummingbird	Verdin	Lesser Goldfinch
Lewis' Woodpecker	Common Bushtit	Lawrence's Goldfinch
Yellow-br Sapsucker	Mockingbird	Lark Sparrow
(Red-br form)	Varied Thrush	Rufous-crowned Sparrow
Cassin's Kingbird	Townsend's Solitaire	Oregon Junco
Ash-th Flycatcher	Hutton's Vireo	Black-chinned Sparrow
Black Phoebe	Audubon's Warbler	Song Sparrow
Say's Phoebe	Hermit Warbler	Townsend's Warbler
Violet-gr Swallow	MacGillivray's Warbler	
Pinon Jay	Tri-colored blackbird	

We also need pictures of pelagic birds such as fulmars, shearwaters, petrels, pigeon guillemot, murrelets, auklets and the tufted puffin.