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CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

NOTE FOR ALL FIELD TRIPS: Will all members kindly cooperate by informing Mrs. Irma Sosa at 966-5520 when planning to go on ANY AND ALL field trips. This is important for it makes it possible for us to inform you if for any reason plans are changed. Also make it known to her if you will take passengers or if you will need a ride. Thank you.

Sept. 16
Saturday
FIELD TRIP TO GOLETA, ISLA VISTA: Meet at the Museum of Natural History at 8 A.M. or at the ocean side intersection of De Playa Dr. and Camino Lindo in the far corner of Isla Vista. Bring lunch. Suggested driver donation-50¢
Leader: Joy Parkinson

Sept. 22
Friday
CLASS IN FIELD IDENTIFICATION: 7:30 p.m. As a companion to tonight's featured talk, Janet Hamber will discuss the Woodpeckers of Santa Barbara County.
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING: Dr. Mary Erickson, our featured speaker, will talk on Acorn Woodpeckers--A Study of Their Behavior. Dr. Erickson has been studying the acorn woodpeckers that reside at Tuckers Grove and on the UCSB campus since 1963. Using slides and movies, she will tell us about her observations of this interesting bird.

Sept 24
Sunday
FIELD TRIP TO BOTANIC GARDEN AND SKOFIELD PARK: Meet at Museum at 8 a.m. or at Botanic Garden at 8:15. Take lunch
Leaders-- Mr. & Mrs. Bill Gardner

Oct. 1
Sunday
SEA & SAGE AUDUBON SOCIETY PELAGIC TRIP: Leaves from the Ventura Sportfishing Marina at 7 a.m. Oct. 1 aboard the Island Queen. For reservations, send \$9 to Margery Ernst, 1019 Riverine, Santa Ana. They will accept if space available. Further info- call Janet Hamber 967-6549.

Oct. 13-15
Fri-Sun.
FIELD TRIP TO TIJUANA RIVER VALLEY: This area is unique in that it attracts many eastern warblers and transient midwestern field birds rarely seen anywhere else in California. Drive down Friday night. Meet at Oscar's Restaurant 6 a.m. Sat. morning. Oscar's is on State Route 75 at 13th St. reached shortly after leaving 101 going west to Imperial Beach. Make reservations NOW as we will be competing with Tijuana race track goers. Take or arrange box lunches for both days. Motels available: Imperial Beach Travelodge-\$12.00 double- 525 State Route 75 (Palm Ave.) P.O. Imperial Beach.-----Chula Vista Center Travelodge-\$10:00-15:00 Double- 588 Broadway, Chula Vista----Rohr Manor Motel-\$12:00 double- 580 Broadway, Chula Vista.

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We hope to have Guy McCaskie as our leader as he knows the area better than anyone. Total mileage is probably well over 525 miles. Suggested driver donation--\$8.00. LBR MRJ. COOKE REAR FROM 107.

Oct. 27 REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING will again feature a showing of
Friday MEMBER'S SLIDES. Please start going through your slide files
in preparation for this meeting.

Apr. 6-9 ASILOMARNATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY WESTERN CONFERENCE: "Playing
1968 Russian Roulette With Nature". For information write to
National Audubon Western Conference, Box 3666, El Monte, Cal.

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SANTA BARBARA BIRD BOOK PUBLISHED

"Birds of the Santa Barbara Region," the labor of love in which our former president Nelson Metcalf has been engaged for some years, is finally off the press. This well printed small book contains more information than some books ten times its length. It records every species that has been sighted within fifty miles of Santa Barbara, charting their relative rarity and showing where and when each is likely to be found. The detailed notes are priceless.

The book has as its centerpiece a map of the whole region by Dick Smith, and is rounded off with half-a-dozen pages of "Favorite Field Trips". Taken as a whole this book is a triumph for its unassuming author, for Les Cook who drew the unique charts and all the other members who helped with the production, and for the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History which published it.

Santa Barbara Audubon Society members may obtain any number of copies from the Museum at the special members' price of one dollar. Price to non-members is \$1.25. Here is a perfect chance to do your Christmas shopping early. Any profit from the book is strictly "for the birds".-----Ken Millar

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

The National Audubon Society is pleased to announce that commencing Sept. 5th, the B.W. Lucas College Book Co. in Berkeley will carry many of the natural history and conservation books, publications, teaching texts and resources as well as children's books and nature games formerly available at the Audubon Conservation Resource Center. In addition Audubon Bulletins, Charts, Pins, Decals and Arm Bands, together with a variety of bird feeders will be featured. The address is well known to all Audubon members and friends for it is the SAME- namely, 2426 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. The store will be open six days a week from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. We hope the many Audubon members will support the Lucas College Book Co. in their efforts and desire to serve you and your special nature interests-----Bill Goodall

PACIFIC COAST TRIP

The high points of the trip to the Channel Islands on May 21 were provided not by sea creatures, furred, feathered or scaled, but by a pair of hitchhiking landlubbers.

The first hitchhiker appeared out of a deep fog and boarded the schooner Swift in mid-channel. For him it was just in time. All of his four inches were soaked and he looked completely exhausted as he clung to the rope railing. His youth and the condition of his feathers made identification difficult; he was either a Wilson's or an orange-crowned warbler. No matter. After a brief rest he began searching for insects in all the crannies and crevices of the boat. This brought him into what was obviously his first contact with people. It was a pleasant contact, soft and warm --- and the owner of the head of hair was happy to cooperate.

During the next 2 hours the tiny creature explored his big new world of shoulders, arms, feet and laps, hats, picnic baskets, binoculars and bird books. He finally went to sleep in the warm galley. Meanwhile the Swift had arrived at Santa Cruz Island and started cruising along the shore. It was time for our hitchhiker to leave. He woke up and started making his rounds of the boat again --- always contraclockwise, for those of you who are interested in scientific details ---- and he seemed in no hurry to leave, though bird songs could be heard from the island, mockingbirds, house finches, song sparrows, the talk-squawk of Santa Cruz Island jays and the shrill mating whistles of black oystercatchers. No one witnessed the departure of our small friend. As suddenly as he'd appeared out of the fog, he disappeared back into it. Perhaps his ears had caught what ours had missed, the sound of a Wilson's or an orange-crowned warbler.

A second potential hitchhiker landed briefly on the boat but was too frightened and confused to remain. And no wonder. He was very far from home. He belonged east of the Rocky Mountains. He was a bird more of the ground than of the air, and leafy thickets were his normal environment, not the chilling fog of a sea half a continent away.

Even his name belied the circumstances. We were all bundled to the cars against the cold as we watched this OVENBIRD!

It was the 13th spring record of this species of warbler for Southern California, and Triskaidekaphobes won't be surprised to learn that the little bird was lost at sea.-----Maggie Millar

MT. PINOS FIELD TRIP REPORT

On August 20th, two dozen people thrilled to the sight of two adult condors flying over their campgrounds. They were only a few hundred yards away. Later all got to see eight birds in the air at once over the valleys and ridges nearby. Nearly twenty birds were reported seen in the area the very next day!!! A fine count of sixty other high altitude habitat species was made.-----Les Cook

FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE

(Tentative and Subject to Change)

Sun. Oct.29 - Sandyland Slough	Sat. Feb. 24 - Bird Refuge, Beach
Sat. Nov.11 - Cachuma, Happy Canyon	Sun. Mar. 10 - Paradise Valley
Sun. Dec.3 -- Dos Pueblos Canyon	Sun. Mar. 24 - Dune Lakes
S&S. Dec.9,10-Carrizo Plains	Sun. Apr. 21 - Refugio, Santa Ynez
Sat. Dec.30 - Christmas Bird Count	Sat. Apr. 27 - Romero Canyon
S&S. Jan 13,14- Morro Bay	Sun. May 5 --- Steckel Park
Sun. Jan.28 - Pt. Mugu Gun Club	Sun. May 12 -- Davy Brown
Sat.,Sun.&Mon.Salton Sea	Sun. May 19 -- Island Boat Trip
Feb. 10-11-12-	