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CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

- Oct. 27
Friday
FIELD IDENTIFICATION CLASS: 7:30 p.m. In preparation for Sunday's field trip, Les Cook will discuss the birds to be found in Sandyland Slough.
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING: Our program this evening will take us into the world of marine biology. Mr. Nelson Baker, Curator of Invertebrate Zoology, and Mr. Gale Sphon Malacologist, of the Museum of Natural History will narrate their movie "Opisthobranchs-Colorful Slugs Of The Sea" Opisthobranchs are mollusks that have little or no shell. They include some of the most vividly colored and ornate creatures of the sea. In local waters we have a shocking pink one, Hopkinsia roseacea and Flabellina iodinea with showy orange plumes above a rich purple body. This film will be a treat for the eyes.
- Oct. 28
Saturday
JUNIOR BIRD WALK. This walk will be for children between the ages of 7 - 13. Parents only if accompanied by a child. Meet at Skoffield Park at 10 a.m. The walk will end at noon.
- Oct. 29
Sunday
FIELD TRIP TO SANDYLAND SLOUGH: We again have a permit to visit this privately owned slough property. Park and assemble at the east end of Santa Claus frontage road at 8:30 a.m. We will also visit Carpinteria beaches and perhaps a canyon or two. Bring lunch. Driver donation 50¢. Leader: Les Cook
- Nov. 2
Thursday
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING: Museum of Natural History at 4:30 p.m.
- Nov. 11
Saturday
FIELD TRIP TO HAPPY CANYON AND LAKE CACHUMA: Meet at Museum at 8 a.m. or at roadside where the highway first borders the reservoir at 8:30 a.m. Good chance of seeing osprey. Take lunch. Driver donation \$1.25 Leaders: June and Bill Gardner.
- Dec. 3
Sunday
FIELD TRIP TO DOS PUEBLOS CANYON: This famous canyon, site of the world famous orchid greenhouses, has a small zoo and an attractive reservoir, all of which makes for a fine outing. A long eared owl continues to be seen there and the many wild turkeys offer unusual appeal. Take lunch. Driver donation 60¢. Leaders: Ruth and Wales Holbrook.
- Dec. 9-10
Sat.&Sun.
FIELD TRIP TO CARRIZO PLAINS: Now is the time to get your reservations in at California Valley Lodge, California Valley, Calif. mentioning that you are part of the Audubon Society group. More details in November.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

If you have attended the Audubon Society's Western Conference at Asilomar in previous years read no further, but, if you have not yet enjoyed this wonderful experience, I recommend that you plan to do so, April 6-9, 1968.

The Asilomar Conference grounds are located in a beautiful natural setting beside the Pacific Ocean, near Monterey, California. Accommodations are comfortable, food is fabulous and prices more than reasonable. Add to this, interesting programs, fascinating field trips the opportunity to meet and talk with fellow conservationists from all over the West, and you will see why we "old timers" plan to be there again in 1968. Won't you join us? You will be glad you did.

-----Joy Parkinson

FIELD TRIP REPORTS

Santa Clara River: The thirty or more people who made this trip saw two black brant, a white-tailed kite, six kinds of terns (including the Least), myriads of northern phalaropes and a few Wilson's phalaropes, among the more interesting birds for their lists. Guests, Mr. and Mrs. Wainger felt that the area was most rewarding. Mrs. Wainger is secretary of the Tucson Audubon Society. After spending a month in Santa Barbara they left saying that they would certainly come again and we hope they will.

-----Les Cook

Devereux Slough and Goleta Beach: Thirty-five members and guests participated in the field trip on Saturday, September 16th. Possibly because of somewhat overcast skies, there was only one lone surfer in evidence as we started our walk towards Coal Oil Point. An unidentified voice called out "surfboard", which some people mistook for "surfbird". There were several marbled godwits and whimbrels on the beach among the willets, sanderlings, sandpipers and snowy plovers. Everyone enjoyed excellent views of two recently arrived white-tailed kites at Devereux, and two sharp-eyed young men spotted four white pelicans flying over the ocean. South of the airport, two black-necked stilts, a group of stately egrets and several great blue herons created a Japanese-print effect in the slough. Though no unusual birds were seen a total of 79 species was recorded, making the rather long hike well worth the effort.

-----Joy Parkinson

BOOK NOTES

Get out The Winter Beach from the public library if you would like to take an ecological journey down the East Coast, from Mt. Desert Island to Cape Hatteras. Interestingly written by Charlton Ogburn Jr., 1966, Book No. 500.90914, it buses you for 300 pages along this sandy expanse which includes the six National Seashores. If you wish to skim sections where you find no bird lore, it is easily done; but you may miss some vivid writing like his explanation of just how waves break, and sand is moved.

Readers of books much liked are hereby invited to write in to El Tecolote brief recommendations as above; (Mail to 4236 Encore Dr., Santa Barbara, Cal. 93105) or if you prefer, phone me at 969-1171 and I'll do it.

-----Wales R. Holbrook

CONSERVATION NOTES

The true meaning of conservation was vividly, realistically and pleasantly presented during a two week session at Audubon Camp of the West on Wind River in Wyoming. As a camper, I was introduced into the fascinating world of ecology, botany, geology and entomology and the

study of vertebrates--including birds. Our excellent instructors, together with camp director, Paul Howard, made these 2 weeks not only interesting and meaningful but a most pleasant experience. It is not too early to start thinking about YOUR reservations for a real treat for next summer. I have information, brochures, etc. for those who are interested--also we hope to have a program featuring the camp later in the year. -----Tom Follis

SANTA BARBARA CHRISTMAS COUNT, Saturday, December 30, 1967

Last December 61 observers in 25 parties found more than 50,000 birds of 178 species in our 15-mile circle. 178 species placed Santa Barbara fifth among the 863 counts taken in the U.S. and Canada.

The National Audubon Society's Annual Christmas Count provides valuable information on the distribution of birds in North America. It is a most delightful form of competition between communities and gives the participants one of their most exciting birding days of the year.

To make a successful and accurate count we should have every experienced and competent birder in this region plus an equal number of less experienced people to act as spotters, recorders and drivers. If there is a good possibility that you can participate in the count of Dec. 30, please sign up whether or not you consider yourself skilled in the field identification of birds.

Entrance Fee - National Audubon requires an entrance fee of 50¢ from each observer. This helps to pay the cost of printing the national Christmas Count report, a book of about 400 pages.

DISTRICT CAPTAINS: responsible for the selection of parties.

1-Goleta and Hope Ranch Area	Joy Parkinson & Margaret Millar
2-Santa Barbara Area	Leslie Cook & Arthella Jacot
3-Montecito Area	Ruth Holbrook & Jewell Kriger
4-Paradise Valley & Mountain Area	Bill Gardner & Gordon Fish
5-Off-shore Ocean Area	Waldo Abbott

CHRISTMAS COUNT REGISTRATION

If it is at all likely that you will participate in either of our Christmas Counts please mail the following coupon at once to Nelson Metcalf, 900 Calle de los Amigos, Apt. 6-603, S.B. Calif. 93105 -Phone

NAME..... PHONE.....

ADDRESS.....

Please underline every area in which you would be willing to serve and circle your preferred area or areas.

Goleta	Santa Barbara	Camino Cielo	Ocean Boat
Hope Ranch	Montecito	Paradise Valley	At Feeder Only

Underline Preference: Land Bird Area Water and Shore Bird Area
Underline Preference: Rugged Hiking Moderate Walking Little Walkin

If there is a possibility that you may participate in the Sespe Wildlife Area Count on Sat. Dec. 21, please check you preferred area below

- ✓ 1. Sespe Corridor (a rough ride but little walking)
- ✓ 2. Santa Clara Valley and Lower Piru Basin (moderate walking)
- ✓ 3. Upper Piru Basin (rugged hiking)

TIJUANA RIVER VALLEY TRIP - October 13,14,15, 1967

Party of 30 (11cars): Cardners; J. Hamber, J. Parkinson, L. Cook, N. Metcalf; Hirts; Holbrooks, E. Russell; Knezeviches; Krigers, Millars; McCune, Kastler, Dwight, Beals; Noels; Picciottos; Shipps; Websters & Richard

BIRDS REPORTED in Tijuana River Valley, Imperial Beach, Silver Strand, Otay Mesa, Otay Lake Campground, Point Loma, Upper Newport Bay, Buena Vista Lagoon, San Elijo Lagoon and en route:

Eared Grebe	Pectoral Sandpiper (netted)	Common Crow
Pied-billed Grebe	Least Sandpiper	Plain Titmouse
B-c Cormorant	Dunlin	Common Bushtit
White Pelican	Dowitcher (sp?)	Wrentit
Brown Pelican	Western Sandpiper	House Wren
Great Blue Heron	Marbled Godwit	Bewick's Wren
Green Heron	Sanderling	L-b Marsh Wren
Common Egret	American Avocet	Mockingbird
Snowy Egret	Black-necked Stilt	Calif. Thrasher
Black-cr H. Heron	Red Phalarope	Water Pipit
White-f Ibis	Wilson's Phalarope	L. Shrike
Mallard	Northern Phalarope	Starling
Pintail	Western Gull	Black & White Warbler
Cinnamon Teal	Herring Gull	Orange-Cr Warbler
Amer. Widgeon	California Gull	Myrtle Warbler
Shoveler	Ring-billed Gull	Audubon's Warbler
Wood Duck	Heermann's Gull	Tennessee Warbler
Surf Scoter	Forster's Tern	Canada Warbler
Ruddy Duck	Least Tern	Yellowthroat
Turkey Vulture	Royal Tern	Wilson's Warbler
White-t Kite	Caspian Tern	House Sparrow
Cooper's Hawk	Band-tailed Pigeon	Bobolink
Red-tailed Hawk	Mourning Dove	West. Meadowlark
Red-sh Hawk	Ground Dove	Yellow-h Blackbird
Golden Eagle	Roadrunner	Red-winged Blackbird
Marsh Hawk	Barn Owl	Tricolored Blackbird
Sparrow Hawk	Great Horned Owl	Brewer's Blackbird
Calif. Quail	White-thr. Swift	Brown-h Cowbird
Virginia Rail	Anna's Hummingbird	Scarlet Tanager
American Coot	Belted Kingfisher	Western Tanager
Semipalm. Plover	Red-shafted Flicker	Rose-breasted Grosbeak
Killdeer	Acorn Woodpecker	House Finch
Am. Golden Plover	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	American Goldfinch
Black-b Plover	Tropical Kingbird	Lesser Goldfinch
Ruddy Turnstone	Ash-th Flycatcher	Lawrence's Goldfinch
Black Turnstone	Black Phoebe	Brown Towhee
Common Snipe	Say's Phoebe	Rufous-s Towhee
Long-b Curlew	Olive-s Flycatcher	Savannah Sparrow
Whimbrel	Vermilion Flycatcher	Lark Sparrow
Spotted Sandpiper	Horned Lark	Sage Sparrow
Willet	Swallow (sp?)	Oregon Junco
Greater Yellowlegs	Scrub Jay	White-cr Sparrow
	Common Raven	Golden-cr Sparrow
		Song Sparrow
		Longspur (sp?)