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## CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

- Apr. 20-21 County Horticultural Show: Our Society will have an exhibit at the show, to be held at the Santa Barbara Historical Society Museum from 1-5 on Sat. and 10-5 on Sun. If you can give an hour or two on either day to help man the exhibit, please call Alice Richardson, 966-2481.
- Apr. 21 Field Trip To Refugio Pass: Meet at Museum at 8:00 a.m. or at the Refugio turn off about 23 miles west of Santa Barbara at 8:30. Bring lunch. Driver donation is \$1.25.
- Apr. 26 Field Identification Class: 7:30 p.m. Junior Library. Spring wildflowers will be featured is evening.  
Regular Monthly Meeting: 8:00 p.m. Farrand Hall, Museum of Natural History. Tonight will feature Wanderings With Waldo, as Waldo Abbott shows an assortment of film on his various field trips.
- Apr. 27 Field Trip to Tucker's Grove and San Antonio Creek: Meet at Museum at 8:00 a.m. or at Tucker's Grove-Turnpike and Cathedral Oaks- at 8:20 a.m. A splendid canyon area recently opened to public use lies contiguous to and above Tucker's Grove. Bring lunch. Driver donation is 50%. Call Mrs. Cooke at 966-5520 if you need a ride or can take passengers.
- May 2 Board of Directors Meeting: 4:30 p.m. Junior library, Museum of Natural History.
- May 5 Field Trip to Santa Paula Creek and Ojai Valley: Meet at Museum at 7:00 a.m. or at Steckel Park at 8:10 a.m. Quickest route is by 101 to Ventura, 126 to Santa Paula, thence 4 miles north on 150 to the park. Take lunch. Driver donation \$1.50. Call Mrs. Cooke about rides. Leader: Tom Follis.
- May 11-12 Field Trip to Davy Brown: An overnight opportunity for camping fans in real back country atmosphere. Meet at Museum at 8:00 a.m. or at point where 150 first borders Cachuma Reservoir at 8:40. Take lunch for two days plus supper and breakfast. We will have coffee for all. Driver donation is \$2.50. Call Mrs. Cooke about rides
- May 19 Field Trip to Point Mugu State Park: Meet at the Museum at 7:30 a.m. or at the park entrance 15 miles beyond Oxnard on 101 alternate at 8:45 a.m. Bring lunch. Entrance fee for cars probably 75¢. Call Mrs. Cooke about rides.

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Driver donation is \$1.50. This superb property, of over 6,000 acres is part of the old Broome Ranch. It is ideal for hikers in fact is only for them. Those who have had a preview feel that this will become one of our regular field trips. Leader: Les Cook.

May 24 Annual Meeting and Picnic: To be held at Tucker's Grove.  
Friday Details in the May bulletin.

Sept. 8 Fall Boat Trip: The Swift is chartered for this day. See  
Sunday below for spring trips.

#### SPRING BOAT TRIP

Our original intent to have a spring boat trip was thwarted by the almost solid booking of the Swift by the Sierra Club. Desirable fishing boats will not charter after May 1, so we will have to look forward to Sept. 8 before we can go as a group. However, Mrs. Kenneth Fortney, who is in charge of reservations for the Sierra Club, graciously invites Audubon people to join the congenial Sierra Clubbers from now through June 16 on almost any Sat. or Sun. She may be reached at 962-2492 for information.

#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The San Rafael Wilderness is finally a reality. The efforts of several conservation groups and hundreds of individuals succeeded in enlarging the original Forest Service proposal from 76,000 acres to almost 143,000 acres. We can truly feel that this was a job well done. It would be pleasant if we could now sit back and relax, but unfortunately, we must continue to work to preserve our natural heritage.

One of the most alarming trends today, especially in California, is the rapid loss of our estuaries. A bill, H.R. 25, introduced by Rep. John D. Dingell, of Michigan, authorizing the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to study the nation's estuaries and to work with individual states to devise plans for preserving them has been passed by the House. This bill is now awaiting action by the Senate Commerce Committee, Chairman: Senator Warren G. Magnuson, of Washington. It will probably be considered first by a subcommittee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries, headed by Senator E.L. Bartlett, of Alaska. (The only remaining estuaries in the Santa Barbara area are the Goleta and Sandyland sloughs, both of which are under tremendous development pressures.) This bill is of great importance in protecting the remaining estuarine areas which are the habitat of thousands of migratory birds and the breeding ground of many species of fish. ---- Joy Parkinson, President

#### WILL SUCCESS SPOIL THE NATIONAL PARKS?

Beginning Wed., May 1, 1968, the Christian Science Monitor will start a series of articles which will attempt to answer the above question. Visits to the national parks are at an all-time high and growing every year. Leading spokesmen assert that the popularity may be damaging fragile resources. They believe that the time has come for extensive rethinking about the parks. Americans must do more to care for, preserve, and insure these great national assets. Information concerning these articles may be obtained through Mrs. L. Bartlett, 216 Moreton Bay Lane, Goleta, 93017, Ph. 967-2746

#### AUDUBON CAMP OF THE WEST SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Our grateful thanks to Mr. Robert W. Flather for his generous contribution to our Camp Scholarship Fund.

## A WORD TO THE WISE

As our branch grows, the number of people taking part in our field trips becomes greater. It is necessary, from time to time, to divide the group into several parties, each with its own leader. Whether we are in one large group or several small ones the trips will be much more enjoyable for all if each person observes a few simple rules:

1. Stay with your party. If plans have to be changed suddenly it is most disconcerting for the leader to discover that he has "lost" two or three members.

2. Never walk ahead of the leader. By doing this you may disturb all the wildlife before the rest of the party has a chance to see it.

3. Do not molest any animal or bird. What is merely an interesting experience for you may be terrifying, or even fatal, for it.

4. Remember - the more noise you make, the less you and others will see and hear.

Many of our most enjoyable field trips are on private lands. Respect the owner's property as you would wish him to respect yours. Our continued good relationship with these generous people depends on YOU.....HAPPY BIRDING!!

## FIELD TRIP REPORTS

Feb. 24 was a gorgeous day which along with an unusually fine assortment of birds made for a good outing at the Bird Refuge and the Marina breakwater and sandspit. Ducks were in their finest plumage, and with several scopes available, could hardly have been more enjoyed. About two dozen birders discovered sixty species.

On Mar. 24, forty-one people were guests at Mr. Chase's Dune Lakes, where all reveled in the unique beauty of this unspoiled property. In all, ninety-three species of birds were seen. Of special note were the White Pelican, great close-ups of Tree Swallows, Gadwalls, Bitterns, large numbers of Shovelers, numerous Long-billed Marsh Wrens and Fox Sparrows. Dr. & Mrs. Dryer of Poynette Wisc. were special guests.

## BIRD NOTES

In recent years more and more birds have been found in California areas far from their natural range. Many have remained for the winter--that are expected to be south of the border. Some think that these vagrants have always been here in small numbers. Other feel that real territorial changes are taking place.

California has nine common warblers and four more that might be called fairly common. Yet in the fall of 1966 Guy McCaskie found 32 warbler species in the San Diego area and in one week in November 1967 a research party from the Point Reyes Bird Observatory listed 21 species of warblers on the Farallon Islands.

Among the eastern warblers recorded in California last fall or winter are the BLACK & WHITE (Pt. Reyes, Morro Bay, San Diego), PROTHONOTARY (Wilson Creek 60 miles south of Monterey), TENNESSEE (Farallons), PARULA (Farallons), CERULEAN (San Diego), LUCY'S (Carmel Riviera) MAGNOLIA (San Diego, Farallons), CHESTNUT-SIDED (Pt. Reyes, Farallons), PRAIRIE (Farallons), HOODED (Borrego Springs), PALM (San Diego, Farallons), OVENBIRD (Oso Flaco, Santa Barbara Channel), NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH (San Diego, Farallons, Pt. Reyes, Monterey), CANADA (so. of San Diego), AMERICAN REDSTART (San Diego, Pt. Reyes, Farallons, Monterey).

A list of other unusual sightings in the past six months will be published next month. .... Nelson Metcalf