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CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

- Sept. 21
Saturday FIELD TRIP TO SANTA CLARA RIVER & SANDYLAND SLOUGH: Meet at the Museum at 8 a.m. or at Standard Station at Seward Ave. off ramp in Ventura at 8:45 a.m. Bring lunch. Rider donation will be \$1.50. Leader: Tom Follis.
- Sept. 27
Friday FIELD IDENTIFICATION CLASS: 7:15 p.m. Junior Library. Dr. Charles Richardson will present Some Trouble Spots In Bird Identification. Bring your field guide books. REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING: 8:00 p.m. Farrand Hall, Museum of Natural History. NATURE'S HALF ACRE, a Walt Disney True Life Adventure, will be the program for the evening. This interesting color film shows the plant, animal, and insect life likely to be found in a garden, field, or woodland. Magnified close-ups and time-lapse photography help to picture the constant struggle for existence. A great film for the whole family.
- Oct. 6
Sunday FIELD TRIP TO SANTA PAULA CANYON: Meet at Museum at 7:30 a.m. or Steckel Park at 8:45. We will carry lunch and eat on the trail (no water available). Rider donation is \$2.00. Leader: Tom Follis.
- Oct. 19
Saturday FIELD TRIP TO TUNNEL RD., ROCKY NOOK, SAN ROQUE CANYON: Meet at Museum at 8:30. Bring lunch. Leader: Bob Shannon
- Nov. 2/3
Sat.-Sun. FIELD TRIP TO MORRO BAY: If you are interested in staying at Motel 6 be sure to make your reservations now, Motel 6 298 Atascadero Rd. Morro Bay. Tel- 805-772-8881.
- Nov. 22
Friday REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING will again feature member's slides. Time to start getting yours ready now.
- Dec. 7-8
Sat.-Sun. FIELD TRIP TO CARRIZO PLAINS: Make reservation soon at California Valley Lodge, California Valley, Cal.

CONSERVATION CORNER

We had good weather in Vancouver and the Fraser Valley of British Columbia. There was a marked shortage of birds observed. Discussion with residents about old haunts revealed that habitats were disturbed by the population explosion and polluted by sprays, insecticides, and filth. The Fraser River was contaminated with sewage and industrial wastes. But there were signs of awakening. The Vancouver Sun newspaper is conservation minded. The B.C. Wildlife Federation and the Anti-Pollution Board are very active; they want this mess cleaned up, and

legislation created to keep it so.

The solution would seem to be for conservation minded individuals and organizations to present their views to all levels of government because we do care. I recollect the saying taught to me by my grandfather, "Each one teach one, for to withhold is to perish."

John Knezevich

It was almost a year ago that the purchase of some Devereux School property by UCSB was announced. We wondered what would happen to a favorite birding area, especially when the projected development of that property was shown in the paper. Now it would seem that the property could not have fallen into better hands, for it has been proposed (and approved by the Regents) that 32 acres be set aside as a Nature Preserve.

This will offer much needed protection to the rocky reef known as Coal Oil Point, which is one of the finest along our predominantly sandy coastline; to the sand dunes, which are a very special habitat, harboring plants of much interest; and to the lagoon and mudflats. The latter will assume even greater importance when "improvements" render the Goleta Slough less appealing to many of the birds we now rejoice to see there.

In all probability, if this land had been purchased by some private developer there would never have been this recognition of its special value to the natural scientist. Now, although its protection will perhaps mean limited access to the general public, it will at least be protected. It may be that eventually there will be footpaths, so that one can visit the area just as one can now go around the Campus Lagoon. This all sounds much superior to a subdivision!-----Fifi Webster

FIELD TRIP REPORTS

Island Boat Trip: We had a full boat and fine weather when the group set sail on the "Swift" on Sunday, Sept. 8. Saw the usual number of bird species, about 30, and the usual number of whales, sharks, Dahl porpoises, seals, sea lions and flying fish. Sooty shearwaters were scarce until we were nearly across to Santa Cruz, but there were many small flocks of the rarer Pink-footed shearwaters. We had good views of about six Fulmars, many Black petrels, a few Ashy petrels, many Wandering tattlers, Black oystercatchers and Common ravens, one Red-throated loon and two Surf scoters. Commonest of all were the Northern phalaropes, which were found everywhere. Only a single Wilson's phalarope was sighted. The big surprise was the complete absence of the auklets, murrelets and guillemots that we usually find. Only a few Brown pelicans were seen as weather conditions made it undesirable to go near Anacapa Island. And for the first time in many trips, no tired land birds landed on the boat to rest. The only land birds seen in mid-channel were two hummingbirds, apparently Allen's.

Wind and waves offered a surprising variety. Strong southwest winds and a choppy sea on the Island side of the Channel, until we got in the lee of Santa Cruz. Little and, at times, no wind near the mainland. As a result, we came home, first under two mainsails and staysail, then as the wind dropped off, under full sail, and finally had to go back to the auxiliary power. The serious birders who stuck it out in the bow through the morning got well drenched by the waves and spray.

Mount Pinos Field Trip: Seventeen members and three guests met at Ojai on August 28. Almost 60 species were recorded, including at least 11 California Condors, a Golden Eagle, White-headed Woodpeckers, Steller's Jays, Clark's Nutcrackers, McGillivray's Warbler and Cassin's Finches. As usual on the Pinos trip, no one had enough time for birding on the mountain or along Cuddy and Lockwood Valleys. Perhaps this trip should be an "overnight"..... Nelson Metcalf

FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE FOR 1968 - 1969 SEASON

Nov. 2-3 Sat.-Sun.	Morro Bay - Avila Beach. Meet at Morro Bay at 10:30 a.m. Leaders: Waldo Abbott and Nelson Metcalf.
Nov. 17 Sunday	Botanical Gardens - Skofield. Meet at Botanical Garden at 8:30 a.m. Leaders The Knezeviches and The Holbrooks.
Nov. 30 Saturday	Goleta Slough - Devereux - Coal Oil Point. Meet at Crown parking lot at Fairview at 8:30 a.m. Leaders: The Gardners and Joy Parkinson.
Dec. 7-8 Sat.-Sun.	Carizzo Plains. Meet at Ojai 150 & 33 at 8:45. Leaders: Waldo Abbott and Les Cook.
Dec. 15 Sunday	Dos Pueblos Ranch & Reservior. Meet at Dos Pueblos off ramp at 8:45 a.m. Leaders: The Holbrooks and Gardners.
Jan. 4 Saturday	Bird Refuge - Shoreline Park - Arroyo Burro Beach. Meet at Bird Refuge at 8:30 a.m. Leaders: Kim Aanerud and The Knezeviches.
Jan. 11-12 Sat.-Sun.	Joshua Tree National Monument. Meet at Monument Head- quarters 29 Palms at 12:00 noon. Leader: Waldo Abbott
Jan. 26 Sunday	Point Mugu Marshes. Meet at Seaward Ave. off ramp in Ventura at 8:45. Leaders: Tom Follis and Les Cook.
Feb. 9 Sun.	Lake Cachuma - Nojoqui Park. Meet at Lake Cachuma at 8:30 a.m. Leaders: The Knezeviches and Shannons.
Feb. 15-17 Sat.-Mon.	Salton Sea - Anza Borrega Park. Meet at State Park at 12:30 p.m. Leaders: Waldo Abbott and Nelson Metcalf.
Mar. 1 Saturday	Point Mugu Park. Meet at Park at 8:45. Leaders: Tom Follis and the Knezeviches.
Mar. 16 Sunday	Refugio Pass - Lake Cachuma. Meet at Refugio Park at 8:45 a.m. Leaders: The Shannons and Gardners.
Mar. 29 -30 Sat.-Sun.	Victorville. Meet at Junction of 126 & 99 at 9:45 a.m. Leaders: Les Cook and Nelson Metcalf.
April 12 Saturday	San Roque Canyon - San Antonio Creek. Meet at Filtration Plant on San Roque Rd. at 8:30. Leader: Richard Webster.
Apr. 14-20 Sun.-Sat.	Possible trip to Tucson Area & Oak Creek Canyon. Are you interested? Leaders: Nelson Metcalf and Les Cook.
April 27 Sunday	Zaca Lake. Meet at Mattie's Tavern at 8:00 a.m. Leaders: Les Cook and the Gardners:
May 10 Saturday	Reyes Peak. Meet in Ojai at 150 & 33 at 8:30 a.m. Leaders: The Shannons and Tom Follis
May 24-26 Sat.-Mon.	Point Lobos - Big Sur - Moss Landing. Meet at Big Sur at 12:00 noon. Leaders: Nelson Metcalf and Les Cook

Schedule subject to change. Always check El Tecolote. If you
need a ride or can give one, or if you are going on a trip call Mrs.
Cooke at 966-5520 and let her know.