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## CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

- Jan. 24  
Friday      FIELD IDENTIFICATION CLASS: 7:30 p.m. Tonight Waldo Abbott will discuss Birds of the Marshes.  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING: 8:00 p.m. Farrand Hall, Museum of Natural History. We have an extra special treat in store as our own member, John Taft, narrates his Audubon Wildlife film, LAND THAT I LOVE. Don't miss this!
- Jan. 26  
Sunday      FIELD TRIP TO POINT MUGU MARSHES: Leave Museum at 8:00 a.m. or meet the group at the Standard Station at the Seward Ave. offramp in Ventura at 8:45. Take Lunch. Driver donation - \$1.75. Notify Mrs. Cooke, 966-5520, if you are going. This is private property, so we prefer having members only and their special guests. Leaders: Tom Follis and Les Cook.
- Jan. 30  
Thursday      BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING: 4:30 p.m. Museum Junior Library. Interested members always welcome at meeting.
- Feb. 9  
Sunday      FIELD TRIP TO LAKE CACHUMA & NOJOQUI PARK: Meet at Museum at 8:00 a.m. or at roadside where 154 first borders Lake Cachuma at 8:30 a.m. Take lunch. Driver donation - \$1.25. Leaders: The Shannons and the Knezeviches.
- Feb. 15-17  
Sat.-Mon.      FIELD TRIP TO SALTON SEA: Meet at Salton Sea State Park 10.8 miles beyond Mecca on State Highway 111 at 12:30 p.m. Mileage to the park is about 250 miles. There are camping spots in the area (near Ramer Lake). For Motel arrangements call the Desert Motel - 432 W. Main St., Brawley, phone 714-344-2620. We will be there two nights, Feb. 15 & 16. Make your reservations promptly. We will have lunch in the field all three days. Total mileage will be 700 or more, so the suggested driver donation is \$10.00. Be sure to call Mrs. Cooke at 966-5520 if you are planning on going. Leaders: Waldo Abbott and Nelson Metcalf.

## CONFERENCE ON CONSERVATION EDUCATION

John Knezevich, SBAS's Conservation Chairman attended the California Conservation Council's "Conference On Conservation Education" in Sacramento last October. This is a continuation of his report from last month's bulletin.

8. Friday luncheon speaker was Dr. Bengelsdorf, Science Editor of the Los Angeles Times. His topic was Space Ship Earth-People and Pollution. He likened the earth to a space ship on its orbit around the sun. In brief, he elaborated on the increased demands on our planet;

through the controlled death rate millions were saved by antibiotics while production of people went on at an astronomical rate. Demands for food and consumer goods were met by the introduction of DDT and other lethal pesticides and by the application of artificial fertilizers. The use of combustion engine fuels have brought pollution to frightening proportions. Since none of us would abandon death control he sees the only ultimate solution as birth control for everyone.

9. State and Federal programs are to assist schools. Many films and pamphlets are available on request. (Samples collected for S.B.A.S.)

10. Awards Banquet. Dr. Pearl Chase was honored here as the Mother of the Conservation Council. Dick Smith, S.B.A.S. member, was given a merit award. Dr. Frank Tyson spoke on Nature and the Urban Dweller. He emphasized the importance of parks and green spaces. How a landscaping program reduced the number of broken windows in an eastern school from 200 a week to zero was told. People destroy ugly things. The solution would seem to be in the growing awareness in all levels of society

11. The greatest untapped resource...women!... their clubs, fund raising projects and what to do with the raised funds. Conservation projects are the ideal outlet for these funds. This would pay eternal dividends by the increased health and vitality that would be generated in our youth by the mothers making a sane environment for their children.

12. I talked with Fish and Game representative, Mr. Leach. The question soon came up about the Goleta Slough and what should be done about it. He thought that we should circulate a petition on its future use. Again the outdoor classroom is the ideal use for the slough for grades from kindergarten through to PhD, also adult education

Conservation is more than the preservation of natural resources for economic use. It is a mood, an emotion. The very spirit that impels us will determine its success. The good ship Conservation in education is launched. Will you determine by your thoughts and actions that she has an eternal journey?

#### SESPE WILDLIFE AREA CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT-DEC. 21, 1968

Horned Grebe-30, Eared Grebe-77, Western Grebe-1, Pied-billed Grebe-10, Great Blue Heron-3, Green Heron-3, Canada Goose-76, Mallard-12, Pintail-5, Green-winged Teal-6, American Widgeon-6, Ring-necked Duck-15, Canvasback-142, Ruddy Duck-185, Common Merganser-6, California Condor-13, White-tailed Kite-3, Sharp-shinned Hawk-3, Cooper's Hawk-7, Red-tailed Hawk-62, Red-shouldered Hawk-3, Ferruginous Hawk-1, Golden Eagle-3, Sparrow Hawk-41, California Quail-267, American Coot-353, Killdeer-34, Common Snipe-12, Spotted Sandpiper-4, Least Sandpiper-15, Dowitcher-6, Western Gull-1, Band-tailed Pigeon-473, Mourning Dove-33, Spotted Dove-34, Roadrunner-3, White-throated Swift-132, Anna's Hummingbird-8, Red-shafted Flicker-58, Acorn Woodpecker-57, Lewis' Woodpecker-1, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker-7, Downy Woodpecker-2, Nuttall's Woodpecker-10, Black Phoebe-10, Say's Phoebe-32, Horned Lark-152, Steller's Jay-13, Scrub Jay-252, Pinyon Jay-1, Common Raven-19, Common Crow-651, Mountain Chickadee-20, Plain Titmouse-39, Common Bushtit-127, White-breasted Nuthatch-5, Red-breasted Nuthatch-12, Brown Creeper-1, Wrentit-16, Dipper-1, House Wren-1, Bewick's Wren-38, Canon Wren-5, Rock Wren-5, Mockingbird-28, California Thrasher-11, Robin-245, Hermit Thrush-20, Western Bluebird-126, Mountain Bluebird-1, Townsend's Solitaire-1, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher-2, Ruby-crowned Kinglet-20, Water Pipit-12, Cedar Waxwing-294, Phainopepla-1, Loggerhead Shrike-20, Starling-59, Orange-crowned Warbler-1, Audubon's Warbler-554, Yellowthroat-1, House Sparrow-39, Western Meadowlark-234, Red-winged Blackbird-1, Brewer's Blackbird-418, Brown-headed Cowbird-1, Purple Finch-4, House Finch-562, Lesser Goldfinch-284, Lawrence's Goldfinch-9, Rufous-sided Towhee-39, Brown Towhee-143, Savannah Sparrow-21, Vesper Sparrow-2, Lark Sparrow-115, Rufous-crowned Sparrow-3, Sage Sparrow-7, Slate-colored Junco-1, Oregon Junco-706, White-crowned Sparrow-707, Golden-crowned Sparrow-90, Song Sparrow-3.

104 SPECIES-----8,353 INDIVIDUALS

CHRISTMAS COUNT SANTA BARBARA CAL. DECEMBER 28, 1968

Common Loon	15	Whimbrel	60	Long-b Marsh Wren	1
Arctic Loon	7	Spotted Sandpiper	7	Canon Wren	8
Red-throated Loon	14	Willet	219	Rock Wren	1
Horned Grebe	9	Greater Yellowlegs	7	Mockingbird	288
Eared Grebe	35	Lesser Yellowlegs	2	California Thrasher	49
Western Grebe	186	Least Sandpiper	48	Robin	2268
Pied-billed Grebe	88	Dunlin	17	Varied Thrush	5
Brown Pelican	21	Dowitcher	10	Hermit Thrush	97
D-c Cormorant	351	Western Sandpiper	101	Western Bluebird	25
Brandt's Cormorant	6	Marbled Godwit	136	Townsend's Solitaire	2
Great Blue Heron	48	Sanderling	453	Blue-gr Gnatcatcher	8
Green Heron	9	Northern Phalarope	5	<u>Golden-cr Kinglet</u>	1
Common Egret	19	Glaucous-winged Gull	64	Ruby-cr Kinglet	266
Snowy Egret	16	Western Gull	1443	Water Pipit	148
<u>Cattle Egret</u>	1	Herring Gull	16	Cedar Waxwing	1753
B-c Night Heron	76	California Gull	997	Phainopepla	3
Canada Goose	3	Ring-billed Gull	720	Loggerhead Shrike	29
Black Brant	20	Mew Gull	131	Starling	1965
Snow Goose	2	Bonaparte's Gull	59	Hutton's Vireo	5
Mallard	164	Heermann's Gull	40	Orange-cr Warbler	17
Gadwall	6	Forster's Tern	6	Myrtle Warbler	4
Pintail	339	Royal Tern	13	Audubon's Warbler	1246
Green-winged Teal	36	Band-tailed Pigeon	583	Black-th Gray Warbler	5
Cinnamon Teal	2	White-winged Dove	1	Townsend's Warbler	28
<u>European Widgeon</u>	1	Mourning Dove	1007	Yellowthroat	21
American Widgeon	282	Ringed Turtle Dove	1	Wilson's Warbler	1
Shoveler	95	Barn Owl	4	House Sparrow	263
Redhead	16	Screech Owl	3	Western Meadowlark	550
Ring-necked Duck	6	Great Horned Owl	7	Red-w Blackbird	9800
Canvasback	105	White-throated Swift	30	Tricolor Blackbird	200
Greater Scaup	2	Anna's Hummingbird	505	Hooded Oriole	1
Lesser Scaup	89	Belted Kingfisher	9	Baltimore Oriole	1
Bufflehead	22	Yellow-shafted Flicker	1	Bullock's Oriole	3
White-winged Scoter	4	Red-shafted Flicker	202	Brewer's Blackbird	2053
Surf Scoter	251	Acorn Woodpecker	241	Brown-h Cowbird	68
Ruddy Duck	696	Yellow-b Sapsucker	8	Black-h Grosbeak	1
Common Merganser	2	Black Phoebe	73	Purple Finch	63
Red-br Merganser	54	Say's Phoebe	17	House Finch	3927
Turkey Vulture	1	Horned Lark	30	American Goldfinch	297
White-tailed Kite	23	Violet-green Swallow	7	Lesser Goldfinch	332
Sharp-shinned Hawk	5	Steller's Jay	1	<u>Lawrence's Goldfinch</u>	2
Cooper's Hawk	11	Scrub Jay	555	Rufous-sided Towhee	126
Red-tailed Hawk	53	Yellow-billed Magpie	1	Brown Towhee	540
Red-shouldered Hawk	7	Hairy Woodpecker	3	Savannah Sparrow	95
Sparrow Hawk	91	Downy Woodpecker	20	Lark Sparrow	8
California Quail	359	Nuttall's Woodpecker	15	<u>Slate-colored Junco</u>	1
Common Gallinule	2	Cassin's Kingbird	2	Oregon Junco	1250
American Coot	2284	Common Crow	397	<u>Gray-headed Junco</u>	2
Semipalmated Plover	3	Mountain Chickadee	1	Chipping Sparrow	15
Snowy Plover	186	Plain Titmouse	94	Harris' Sparrow	1
Killdeer	543	Common Bushtit	1121	White-cr Sparrow	4015
Black-b Plover	172	White-br Nuthatch	25	Golden-cr Sparrow	463
Ruddy Turnstone	2	Wrentit	123	Fox Sparrow	6
Black Turnstone	6	House Wren	9	Lincoln's Sparrow	3
Common Snipe	8	Bewick's Wren	49	Song Sparrow	73

67 participants in 29 parties. Total species 165; individuals 50,486  
 Underlined birds appear on Count for the first time