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CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

- Jan. 14 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING: 7:30 p.m. Museum of Natural History.
Wed. Junior Dep't. Room 3. All interested members are welcome.
- Jan. 23 REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING: 8 p.m. Farrand Hall, Museum of Natural
Friday History. Two films from Audubon, both in color will be shown. The first,
a 12 minute one, "YOUR LIVING HERITAGE"! This film shows a wide variety
of wildlife: Virgin forests, rushing streams, bison, egrets, under-
water animals, alligators and some species threatened with extinction
such as the whooping crane and the California Condor. The second film,
of 15 minutes and approaching the theme of Jan. 28 th: "PARADISE
POLLUTED." A strong clear statement on the threat and effect pollution
has upon the lives and enviroment. Commentary and photography far
better than any film on the subject seen recently.
- Jan. 25 VENTURA COUNTY GAME PRESERVE: Several hundred privately owned acres of
Sunday land much of which is dyked and flooded making it attractive to ducks,
geese, rails and shore birds, this provides excellent birding to members
and their especially invited friends. Meet at the Museum of Natural
History at 8:00 a.m. or at the 101 Seaward Ave. Standard Station in
Ventura at 8:45 a.m. Take lunch. Suggested driver donation \$1.50
Leaders: The Websters.
- Feb. 7 CACHUMA RESERVOIR- HAPPY CANYON: This trip offers many possibilities
Sat. for water, field and woodland birds. Take lunch. Leader Kim Aanarud or
The Gardners. Kim is probably better acquainted with Cachuma than any-
one we have available. Suggested driver donation \$1.25.
- Feb. 21-22- SALTON SEA: Several hundred thousand ducks and geese plus lots of other
23 goodies. Always something special. Meet at the Salton Sea State Park at
Sat. Sun. 12:30 Sat., 10.8 miles beyond Mecca on State Hwy. 111. Mileage from
Mon. Santa Barbara about 250. Camping sites at Ramer Lake between Calipatria
and Brawley. Good accommodations at Desert Motel 432 W. Main St. Brawley
Phone 714-344-2620. We will be there two nights, Feb. 21 and 22. Take
lunch for three days in the field. Total mileage over 700, suggested
driver donation \$10.00. Be sure to call Mrs. Cooke at 966-5520 if you
are going and inform her if you will take passengers or if you need a
ride. Leader: Waldo Abbott if he is sufficiently recovered, otherwise
Metcalf and Cook.

REPORT ON RECENT TRIPS

Dos Pueblos Ranch, Nov. 9 : Under threatening skies a good turnout was rewarded by finding 45 species, nine of which were ducks. Of special interest were the Lesser Scaups and Red Heads. Competent leader was Wales Holbrook.

Morro Bay- Montana de Oro- Nov. 22-23: The 134 species recorded by the 32 who took part was probably a new high for recent years. Among these were hundreds of migrating loons- three kinds, an Old Squaw Male, a Pigeon Hawk, the Rhinoceros Auklet and a Short Eared Owl. A novelty was an Albino California Thrasher.

Carrizo Plains- Dec. 6-7: This trip was a memorable one- especially for the sightings of Raptors, 7 of Eagles, 10 or 12 Ferruginous Hawk, 3 of Rough-Legged Hawk, 2 Pigeon Hawks and 3 Prairie Falcons, numerous Marsh Hawks and an abundance of Sparrow Hawks. Sightings of the six or seven hundred Sandhill Cranes were not as close as we would have liked but worth-while. Mountain Bluebirds and Plovers were abundant.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

SBAS is very pleased to announce that it is participating in the new Student Membership program. For only \$6.00 a high school or college student may become a member of the Audubon Society and will receive the magazine. It is the hope that we will acquire many new young members whose good ideas, energy and enthusiasm will be an asset to the Society.

It is not too soon to think of plans for your summer vacation, especially if you might like to attend the Audubon Camp of the West. I have brochures concerning the 1970 sessions and will bring them to the meetings, or will mail them to you on request.

A few people have not called for the Audubon calendars which they ordered. I will bring these to the January meeting to be sold (by evening's end) to anyone who wants one. SBAS does not wish to lose money on this project.

Several study projects are under way in the western U. S. on gull movements. If you see gulls wearing bright colored plastic tags on the back or on one wing, or any gulls that are obviously dyed, please make note of all details (you may even be able to read numbers and symbols on the tags) and send the information (including where and when seen) to: Dr. H.L.Cogswell

Dep't. of Biological Science
California State College, Hayward, Ca. 94542

Or convey information to Waldo Abbott or Nelson Metcalf.

As you may already have learned, Audubon is pressing to ban DDT etc. completely; we hope that all members will assist in this campaign. Volunteers please call Jewell Kriger for assignments. See the big brown pelican

Sitting on the water.

Thanks to noxious DDT

He has no son or daughter.

JANUARY 28: It is almost a year since Santa Barbara's big oil spill (we have already had another little one, and can expect more). The January 28 Committee is making plans for a special observance of this fateful anniversary; SBAS is participating and urges your support of this program.

We know that Paul Howard, our regional representative, will be here for the events of that day, and possibly someone from the national office. Watch the NEMA PRESS for articles that will inform you of the latest developments; by Jan. 14 program brochures with reservation coupons will be available at many locations in Santa Barbara. With legislators, conservationists, students and many others who are concerned for our environment taking part in the activities, we can expect a stimulating and productive day. If you can assist in any way, please call me 687-8168. We hope that the whole community will be involved; members of SBAS should plan to take an active part.

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CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT SANTA BARBARA, CA. DECEMBER 27, 1969

Common Loon	17	Black Turnstone	3	Scrub Jay	361
Arctic Loon	5	Common Snipe	10	Yellow-billed Magpie	3
Red-throated Loon	31	Whimbrel	19	Common Crow	441
Horned Grebe	5	Spotted Sandpiper	13	Plain Titmouse	106
Eared Grebe	72	Willet	228	Common Bushtit	1,085
Western Grebe	139	Greater Yellowlegs	12	White-br Nuthatch	8
Pied-billed Grebe	52	Lesser Yellowlegs	4	Red-br Nuthatch	28
<u>Fulmar</u>	1	Least Sandpiper	87	Brown Creeper	1
Brown Pelican	12	Dunlin	23	Wrentit	110
Dele Cormorant	228	Short-billed Dowitcher	4	House Wren	11
Brandt's Cormorant	6	Long-billed Dowitcher	1	Bewick's Wren	32
Pelagic Cormorant	1	(Dowitcher sp.?)	194	Long-b Marsh Wren	12
Great Blue Heron	37	Western Sandpiper	30	Canon Wren	9
Green Heron	9	Marbled Godwit	189	Rock Wren	3
Common Egret	36	Sanderling	1,494	Mockingbird	142
Snowy Egret	58	American Avocet	9	California Thrasher	24
B-c Night Heron	29	Black-necked Stilt	4	Robin	94
American Bittern	3	Red Phalarope	85	Varied Thrush	1
Canada Goose	19	Wilson's Phalarope	1	Hermit Thrush	48
Black Brant	3	Northern Phalarope	19	Western Bluebird	50
Mallard	82	Glaucous-winged Gull	19	Townsend's Solitaire	2
Gadwall	5	Western Gull	879	Blue-gr Gnatcatcher	39
Pintail	571	Herring Gull	23	<u>Golden-cr Kinglet</u>	4
Green-winged Teal	595	California Gull	523	Ruby-cr Kinglet	175
Cinnamon Teal	35	Ring-billed Gull	967	Water Pipit	21
American Widgeon	387	Mew Gull	152	Cedar Waxwing	60
Shoveler	93	Bonapatre's Gull	87	Phainopepla	1
Redhead	55	Heermann's Gull	88	Loggerhead Shrike	16
Ring-necked Duck	43	Black-legged Kittiwake	1	Starling	519
Canvasback	127	(Gulls sp.?)	972	Hutton's Vireo	14
Greater Scaup	7	Forster's Tern	60	<u>Warbling Vireo</u>	1
Lesser Scaup	196	Common Tern	1	Orange-cr Warbler	4
Common Goldeneye	1	Royal Tern	13	Myrtle Warbler	8
Bufflehead	8	Elegant Tern	4	Audubon's Warbler	1,388
White-winged Scoter	448	Common Murre	5	<u>Black-th Gray Warbler</u>	2
Surf Scoter	54	Band-tailed Pigeon	580	Townsend's Warbler	19
<u>Common Scoter</u>	2	Mourning Dove	402	Yellowthroat	18
Ruddy Duck	697	Spotted Dove	5	Wilson's Warbler	1
Common Merganser	1	Barred Owl	5	House Sparrow	144
Red-br Merganser	11	Screech Owl	2	Western Meadowlark	446
Turkey Vulture	10	Great Horned Owl	7	Red-w Blackbird	13,223
White-tailed Kite	22	Pygmy Owl	2	Tricolor ed Blackbird	2,205
Sharp-shinned Hawk	7	Short Eared Owl	1	<u>Bullock's Oriole</u>	1
Cooper's Hawk	17	Anna's Hummingbird	525	Brewer's Blackbird	1,931
Red-tailed Hawk	80	Allen's Hummingbird	2	Brown-h Cowbird	138
Red-shouldered Hawk	14	Belted Kingfisher	13	<u>Black-h Grosbeak</u>	2
Golden Eagle	2	Red-shafted Flicker	168	Purple Finch	19
Sparrow Hawk	92	Acorn Woodpecker	181	House Finch	2,441
California Quail	223	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	3	Pine Siskin	2
Mountain Quail	2	<u>White-winged Dove</u>	2	American Goldfinch	70
Virginia Rail	1	Hairy Woodpecker	5	Lesser Goldfinch	777
Sora	1	Downy Woodpecker	10	<u>Green-tailed Towhee</u>	2
Common Gallinule	1	Nuttall's Woodpecker	21	Rufous-sided Towhee	64
American Coot	2448	Cassin's Kingbird	3	Brown Towhee	7392
Semipalmated Plover	5	Ash-throated Flycatcher	1	Savannah Sparrow	35
Snowy Plover	41	Black Phoebe	55	Lark Sparrow	30
Killdeer	646	Say's Phoebe	27	Rufous-cr Sparrow	2
Black-b Plover	106	<u>Barn Swallow</u>	1	Oregon Junco	544

Christmas Count Con't.

Chipping Sparrow	42
White-cr Sparrow	1,871
Golden-cr Sparrow	618
Fox Sparrow	7
Lincoln's Sparrow	3
Song Sparrow	47

Seen in the count period, but not on count day: Marsh Hawk, Pectoral Sandpiper, Ringed Turtle Dove, Roadrunner, Burrowing Owl, White-throated Swift, Steller's Jay and Yellow-headed Blackbird.

BY DISTRICTS SPECIES INDIVIDUALS

Goleta North	84	16,398
Goleta South	125	10,290
Santa Barbara North	85	2,618
Santa Barbara South	101	11,140
Montecito	65	2,720
Camino Cielo	29	293
Paradise Valley	53	1,169
Ocean	39	1,443

Totals 55 observers in 23 parties, 179 species, 45,059 individuals.

SESPE WILDLIFE AREA CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT DECEMBER 30, 1969

Common Loon	3	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	3	Loggerhead Shrike	7
Horned Grebe	2	Downy Woodpecker	1	Starling	53
Eared Grebe	189	Nuttall's Woodpecker	13	Hutton's Vireo	1
Pied-billed Grebe	2	<u>Black-chinned Hummingbird</u>	2	Orange-cr Warbler	2
Great Blue Heron	3	Anna's Hummingbird	30	Audubon's Warbler	400
Canada Goose	20	Black Phoebe	17	Townsend's Warbler	3
<u>Green-winged Teal</u>	13	Say's Phoebe	19	<u>Hermit Warbler</u>	1
Lesser Scaup	7	Horned Lark	35	Yellowthroat	7
Ruddy Duck	7	Scrub Jay	213	Western Meadowlark	50
<u>California Condor</u>	2	Common Raven	67	House Sparrow	38
Turkey Vulture	1	Common Crow	215	Brewer's Blackbird	30
Sharp-shinned Hawk	2	Mountain Chickadee	15	Purple Finch	32
Red-tailed Hawk	42	Plain Titmouse	39	House Finch	354
Red-shouldered Hawk	2	Common Bushtit	203	Pine Siskin	1
Golden Eagle	3	Wrentit	53	American Goldfinch	3
Sparrow Hawk	12	House Wren	1	Lesser Goldfinch	89
California Quail	43	Bowick's Wren	11	Lawrence's Goldfinch	9
American Coot	44	Canon Wren	7	Green-tailed Towhee	1
Killdeer	16	Rock Wren	7	Rufous-sided Towhee	116
Common Snipe	3	Mockingbird	14	Savannah Sparrow	9
Spotted Sandpiper	2	California Thrasher	21	Lark Sparrow	108
Greater Yellowlegs	1	Robin	124	Rufous-cr Sparrow	3
Ring-billed Gull	2	Hermit Thrush	8	Sage Sparrow	2
Mourning Dove	80	Western Bluebird	40	Oregon Junco	246
Roadrunner	1	Mountain Bluebird	1	White-cr Sparrow	256
White-th Swift	14	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	10	Golden-cr Sparrow	47
Belted Kingfisher	8	Ruby-cr Kinglet	49	Fox Sparrow	14
Red-shafted Flicker	42	Cedar Waxwing	16	Song Sparrow	1
Acorn Woodpecker	46	Phainopepla	2		

Totals: 22 observers in six parties. Species 86, Individuals 3,751