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CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

Sat.- Sun.- SALTON SEA FIELD TRIP: Note the change in date to agree with the school holiday. Meet at Salton Sea State Park 10.8 miles beyond Mecca Mon. on Highway 111 at 12:30 p.m., Saturday. Distance from Santa Barbara Feb. 13, 14, about 250 miles. Camping at Ramer Lake between Calipatria and Brawley. 15. Accommodations at Desert Motel, 432 West Main Street, Brawley. Take lunch for three days. Suggested driver donation, \$10.00. Be sure to call Mrs. Cooke at 687-8657 if you are going. Leader: Hopefully, Nelson Metcalf.

Fri. REGULAR MEETING: 8:00 p.m. Fleischmann Auditorium, Museum of Natural Feb. 26 History. We will have a panel discussion on the CALIFORNIA CONDOR: its present status, its future (does it have one?). Panelists: John Borneman, Condor Warden, Sandy Wilbur and Dean Carrier, Biologists. This is a special opportunity to query the experts, to find out all you want to know about this rare and endangered species that is to be found only in this part of California. Dinner: the panelists and their wives will be our guests at the Sweden House, 2710 De la Vina, 6:00 p.m. (no host dinner). Please try to remember: BRING YOUR OWN CUP for the refreshments after the meeting! Bird identification class, 7:30, Bird Hall, with Les Cook.

Sat. TUCKER'S GROVE: Meet at Tucker's Grove Park, intersection of Mar. 6 Cathedral Oaks Road and Turnpike Road, at 8:00 a.m. Driver donation \$.50. Leader: Bob Prickett

For all trips, contact Mrs. L. A. Cooke if you need a ride, can take someone, or have questions. The number is 687-8657.

Wed. BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING: 7:30 p.m. Jr. Dept. Museum of Natural Mar. 10 History. All members welcome.

In the Calendar of Coming Events listed here we sometimes call to your attention events that are not directly connected with Santa Barbara Audubon Society. This is not meant to imply Santa Barbara Audubon Society (or National Audubon Society) support, endorsement or recommendation. We list them because they may be of special interest to our members.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Late Feb. or early March. Zero Population Growth is planning a rummage sale. For more information or pick-up, call Elaine Beach, 963-2885.

March 13-21, Century City. First annual Ecology Festival. This will

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be a major national ecology show.

May 8. Bikeecology Day. Admittedly the date is a bit far off, but this gives you a chance to get those bike-riding muscles in good condition!

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Monthly Meetings are on the fourth Friday of the month (November-December meeting usually combined; no meetings June, July or August) Museum of Natural History, 8:00 P.M. Visitors welcome.

Field Trips. Usually at least two a month; except during the summer. Non-members welcome.

Membership: in the National Audubon Society automatically entitles you to membership in the local chapter, without additional dues. You receive Audubon six times a year, a beautiful and informative magazine; also the local bulletin. If interested call (or write) Membership Chairman Mrs. R. Peteler, 7000 Gobernador Canyon Road, Carpinteria, Ca. 93013, 684-4488; or Mrs. T.P. Webster, 179 Canon DR., Santa Barbara, Ca. 93105, 687-8168.

FEATHERS FROM FIFI'S DESK

ARM PATCH FOR SBAS MEMBERS. Now that our membership is over 500 it seemed to me that some of our members might like to wear with pride a special arm patch, so the polls are now open for what you would like to have on it. It need not be a bird: a plant, a mammal, insect, reptile—anything animal or vegetable! (I think we'll leave the minerals out of this!) The Condor has been suggested as being the most unusual bird in this area, but if you would prefer to see something else on our arm patch, please send in your vote: by mail to Mrs. T.P. Webster, 179 Canon Drive, Santa Barbara, Ca. 93105, or plan to vote at the meeting Feb. 26, at which time the polls close. (The ballot box has already been on recent trips.....) Please DO NOT phone in your vote!

RECYCLING. Collecting points you may not know of:

1. Goleta area. Ecology Action- Isla Vista Survival Center at Bruce McVickers' car wash, opposite Taco Bell on Embarcadero Del Norte. Bottles, newspapers, aluminum cans, styrofoam egg cartons.

2. Santa Barbara area, City College parking lots on Loma Alta Dr. Newspapers, aluminum and bottles.

Bundle and tie papers, crush cans, remove all metal from glass.

BIRDS... UCSB LAGOON. If you have any information concerning birds (especially the waterfowl) seen in that area prior to 1955 please convey it to Dr. R. Holmes, Marine Sciences, UCSB.

SENATOR LAGOMARSINO was one of four state legislators praised by the Sacramento Audubon Society for "outstanding achievement in the field of conservation". The others were Sen. A Beilenson, (D) Beverly Hills; Assemblymen E.L. Z'berg, (D) Sacramento and P. Wilson, (R), San Diego. It is good to know that we have in this area a legislator especially concerned with the issues that mean so much to us.

READING OF INTEREST.

SUNSET, February issue. Excellent article on the Santa Monica Mountains, and the possibility of a national park there.

ATLANTIC MONTHLY, February. Article on Atomic Energy Commission.

LIFE. January 8, page 32 "Last Grab for Land".

SATURDAY REVIEW, FEBRUARY __, Feature article on Mercury.

SBAS has in its LIBRARY now ONE THIRD OF THE NATION'S LAND, "A Report to the President and to the Congress by the Public Land Law Review Commission".

SANTA BARBARA CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT - SATURDAY, JANUARY 2, 1971

Common Loon	4	Semipalmated Plover	11	Downey Woodpecker	26
Artic Loon	3	Snowy Plover	71	Nuttall's Woodpecker	20
Red-throated Loon	1	Killdeer	529	Cassin's Kingbird	2
Horned Grebe	18	American Golden Plover	1	Black Phoebe	98
Eared Grebe	20	Black-b Plover	194	Say's Phoebe	43
Western Grebe	172	Ruddy Turnstone	5	Horned Lark	47
Pied-billed Grebe	97	Black Turnstone	13	Violet-green Swallow	3
Sooty Shearwater	1	Common Snipe	12	<u>Tree Swallow</u>	1
<u>White Pelican</u>	1	Long-billed Curlew	5	Scrub Jay	500
Brown Pelican	3	Whimbrel	37	Common Raven	2
D-c Cormorant	149	Spotted Sandpiper	17	Common Crow	817
Brandt's Cormorant	1	Willet	185	Mountain Chickadee	6
Great Blue Heron	42	Greater Yellowlegs	21	Plain Titmouse	137
Green Heron	7	Lesser Yellowlegs	1	Common Bushtit	1337
Common Egret	39	Least Sandpiper	141	White-br Nuthatch	19
Snowy Egret	12	Dunlin	8	Red-br Nuthatch	7
Cattle Egret	3	Short-billed Dowitcher	45	Brown Creeper	4
B-c Night Heron	43	Long-billed Dowitcher	17	Wrentit	197
American Bittern	1	(Dowitcher Sp.?)	77	<u>Dipper</u>	1
Canada Goose	1	Western Sandpiper	178	House Wren	11
Black Brant	4	Marbled Godwit	103	Bewick's Wren	34
White-fronted Goose	1	Sanderling	1443	Long-b Marsh Wren	10
Mallard	277	American Avocet	1	Canyon Wren	10
Gadwall	2	Black-necked Stilt	5	Rock Wren	3
Pintail	640	Glaucous-winged Gull	21	Mockingbird	262
Green-winged Teal	83	Western Gull	1928	<u>Brown Thrasher</u>	1
Cinnamon Teal	30	Herring Gull	52	California Thrasher	32
American Widgeon	229	California Gull	437	Robin	3649
Shoveler	268	Ring-billed Gull	1310	Varied Thrush	5
Wood Duck	1	New Gull	575	Hermit Thrush	134
Redhead	18	Bonaparte's Gull	261	Townsend's Solitaire	6
Ring-necked Duck	38	Heermann's Gull	100	Western Bluebird	56
Canvasback	101	<u>Black-legged Kittiwake</u>	2	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	26
Greater Scaup	1	(Gull Sp.?)	171	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	315
Lesser Scaup	114	Forster's Tern	9	Water Pipet	144
Bufflehead	14	Royal Tern	3	<u>Bohemian Waxwing</u>	1
Oldsquaw	1	<u>Caspian Tern</u>	1	Cedar Waxwing	2723
White-winged Scoter	15	Common Murre	1	Phainopepla	2
Surf Scoter	148	Band-tailed Pigeon	1310	Loggerhead Shrike	35
Ruddy Duck	637	White-winged Dove	1	Starling	1569
Common Merganser	1	Mourning Dove	653	Hutton's Vireo	16
Red-br Merganser	6	Spotted Dove	2	Warbling Vireo	2
Turkey Vulture	2	Roadrunner	1	Orange-crowned Warbler	18
White-tailed Kite	26	Barn Owl	6	Myrtle Warbler	28
Sharp-shinned Hawk	11	Screech Owl	3	Audubon's Warbler	1322
Cooper's Hawk	19	Great Horned Owl	4	Black-throated Gray Warbler	2
Red-tailed Hawk	97	Pygmy Owl	1	Townsend's Warbler	2975 o
Red-shouldered Hawk	14	Burrowing Owl	3	Yellowthroat	19
Golden Eagle	2	Short-eared Owl	3	House Sparrow	371
Marsh Hawk	7	White-throated Swift	11	Western Meadowlark	642
<u>Prairie Falcon</u>	1	Costa's Hummingbird	1	Red-winged Blackbird	6735
Pigeon Hawk	4	Anna's Hummingbird	661	Tri-colored Blackbird	511
Sparrow Hawk	116	Allen's Hummingbird	5	Hooded Oriole	2
California Quail	370	Belted Kingfisher	18	Bullock's Oriole	1
Mountain Quail	1	Yellow-shafted Flicker	1	Brewer's Blackbird	1458
Virginia Rail	1	Red-shafted Flicker	236	Brown-headed Cowbird	152
Sora	3	Acorn Woodpecker	317	Western Tanager	1
Common Gallinule	1	Yellow-b Sapsucker	4	Black-headed Grosbeak	1
American Coot	2,044	Hairy Woodpecker	10	Purple Finch	35

CHRISTMAS COUNT CON'T.

House Finch	2964
American Goldfinch	220
Lesser Goldfinch	222
Lawrence's Goldfinch	<u>22</u>
Rufus-sided Towhee	89
Brown Towhee	561
Savannah Sparrow	94
Vesper Sparrow	5
Lark Sparrow	26
Rufus-cr Sparrow	6
Slate-colored Junco	<u>2</u>
Chipping Sparrow	8
White-cr Sparrow	3260
Golden-cr Sparrow	658
White-th Sparrow	4
Fox Sparrow	28
Lincoln's Sparrow	<u>23</u>
Song Sparrow	78
Oregon Junco	<u>1735</u>
Gray-headed Junco	1

TOTALS - Species 194, Individual Birds 50,358.

Underlined birds are new to our Christmas Counts. Underlined numbers indicate more individuals on the species than in any previous count.

Ten species were seen in the Count Period (Dec.22 to Jan. 3) but not found on the Count Day - European Widgeon, Osprey, Common Tern, Ring Turtle Dove, Winter Wren, MacGillivray's Warbler, Wilson's Warbler, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Pine Siskin and Red Crossbill.

Nelson Metcalf

FEATHER'S CON'T.

SOLID WASTES. On December 28, 1970, the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors passed Resolution #70-787 unanimously. It says, in part, that they urge the State Legislature to:

- a. Require a deposit on all containers used for the sale of malt and carbonated beverages.
- b. Promote research by beverage and container industries on biodegradable containers.
- c. Support programs encouraging citizens to take more responsible attitude toward disposal of beverage containers.

HARBOR. If you enjoy as much as I do the walk out along the break-water, and a spell of sitting on the sandspit watching the boats and the birds, then you will want to watch warily the consideration of various plans for the improvement of the harbor. For one of the plans being considered would put a road out to the sandspit, and then, of course, pave the spit so that cars could park there. I hope this will not be the solution to their problems that they finally settle on: we need some places where cars aren't! and the prospect of having the sea breeze diluted with exhaust fumes, and the lapping of the waves obscured by the roar of engines, is really quite abhorrent!

January 28, 1971. The second anniversary of the Santa Barbara oil spill was observed with an Ecology Fair on Anapamu Street. Santa Barbara Audubon was there all day long with a special exhibit on the proposed flood control projects in the Goleta Slough area, and a table with lots of "literature" on it, and two ducks and a weasel as well (courtesy of the Museum). The weasel gave the staff opportunities to explain to quite a few people that Audubon is not "just birds". Alice Kladnik was in charge of the exhibit project, and was assisted by Phil Archenbronn, Tomi Sollen, June and Bill Gardner and Bob Flather. Joy Parkinson, assisted by cutting stencils so that we could make available the good article on the slough which had appeared in SURVIVAL TIMES. Mabel Rett at the Museum mimeographed it for us, and I collated and stapled the pages. Several helped to staff the booth: Jan Hamber, Florence Sanchez, the Gardners, Tomi Sollen, Phil Archenbronn, Mr. & Mrs. H. Smith and Terence Bellamy. The Ecology Fair was well attended and gave us another good opportunity to meet the public. Special thanks to all the Audubon members who supported the endeavor.

DID YOU HEAR THE GOOD NEWS ABOUT THE CROSS FLORIDA CANAL? HAVE YOU LET PRESIDENT NIXON KNOW HOW PLEASED YOU ARE?

BIRD OF THE MONTH EXHIBIT continues to provide fine displays, thanks to Margaret Bolduan, for the Public Library and for schools. Its Towhee exhibit was at the First Congregational Church for its week-end of environmental awareness, as was the Goleta Slough display.

SANDSPIT STUDIES: Richard and I were out there Jan. 30 and the oldsquaw was still there. When we first observed it two boys were throwing rocks at it, which prompted a run to the rescue on my part (the duck perhaps did not need any help, but such behavior is infuriating!). No dreadful confrontation ensued: I guess they saw me coming out of the corners of their eyes! Later we watched as a retriever with the improbable name of Emily also pursued the oldsquaw (both boys and dog seemed to be attracted to the rarest bird in the Harbor!). The duck definitely had the advantage: Emily would paddle furiously, then turn in bewilderment when the duck went under, to pop up many yards away. Good exercise for Emily and no harm to the duck!

NEEDED, PLEASE: Assistance with Programs; also with Library. If you can help please call Fifi: 687-8168. Also with Membership. We are now 551 strong and there is lots of paper work.

Fifi Webster.

COME EARLY AND JOIN IN THE FUN OF THE BIRD IDENTIFICATION CLASS, THIS WILL INVOLVE THE IDENTIFICATION OF OUR WINTER BIRDS FROM THE PROJECTION OF COLORED SLIDES. BRING PENCIL AND PAPER AND SEE HOW WELL YOU DO. THIS IS IN THE BIRD HALL, 7:30 P.M. FEB. 26.

REPORT ON FIELD TRIPS

Ventura County Game Preserve: The 39 Santa Barbara members and friends who went on this trip Jan. 24 were privileged to visit this private property. Many diked lagoons provide feeding places for large numbers of water fowls and wading birds, a total of 84 species were sighted. Special interest was found in viewing Cattle Egrets, White-faced Ibis, Common Scoter, Short-eared Owls, Yellow-headed Blackbirds, Tree swallows and a Purple Martin.

Les. Cook.

Thirty-eight birders enjoyed a June-in-January day at Cachuma and Happy Canyon January 30th. Through the kindness of Phyllis Gandy an hour of excellent birding was had in the restricted area below the dam. 57 species the count for the day.

Bill and June Gardner.

NEW MEMBERS, JANUARY, 1971

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