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## CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

- Sat. PARADISE CANYON: Meet at the Los Prietos Ranger Station on Paradise Road  
Oct. 16 at 8:30 A.M. Take Lunch. Driver donation \$1.25. Leader: Bob Prickett.
- Fri. REGULAR MEETING: 8:00 P.M. Fleischmann Auditorium, Museum of Natural  
Oct. 22 History. A talk on THE CALIFORNIA SEA OTTER will be given by William Bryan, a member of the Executive Committee of Friends of the Sea Otter. Mr. Bryan, a lawyer of Salinas, a diver and photographer, will illustrate his talk with a film and slides of the otter and its life-style.
- Sat. SAN ROQUE CANYON: Meet at the top of Jesusita Trail (on San Roque Road  
Oct 30 by the water filtration plant) at 8:00 A.M. This will be a half-day trip along an easy trail in the canyon. Leader: Florence Sanchez.
- Sun. SAND SPIT \* BIRD REFUGE: Meet at the Harbormaster's office at the  
Nov. 7 marina at 7:30 A.M. for this half-day trip. This outing always provides excellent close-ups of shorebirds, ducks, grebes and loons. Leader: Kevin Aanerud.

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### FROM THE PRESIDENT

In line with our hopes to work toward constructive goals on the Audubon front your Board is concerning itself greatly with aiding in the securing of the future of the Goleta Slough. This matter with its ramifications, particularly its relationship to the airport, should rate high in any order of priorities. While the Cessna matter is now a dead issue, the trend of action by the Santa Barbara City Council and the Airport Commission as represented by that matter is not. Sorely needed is the guidance of a long-range plan in dealing with the airport and the slough to replace the piecemeal approach evident at present.

By way of review the State of California, through its Fish and Game Department, made an in-depth study of the slough and its values and would apparently contribute financially to the enhancement of the values represented in this too-fast disappearing type of wildlife habitat. The Pereira airport study and plan, paid for by the city but not actually accepted by it, also recommended preserving the slough environment, recognizing it as a valuable economic asset as a tourist attraction.

Although the subject of the slough has the energetic support of your Board, it certainly has no corner on such interest. Following our Board meeting by a few

days, a further meeting of a subcommittee of the Board met with representatives of several other groups and individuals to gain a more effective approach toward the attainment of our common goals. It is certainly gratifying to realize that such a body of concerned people will be busying themselves in this crucial cause.

Incidentally, don't keep your own good ideas on this and other matters to yourselves. All members are welcome to meetings of the Board, usually on second Wednesday, 7:30 P.M. at the museum of Natural History.

Jim Mills

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#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### LIBRARY

###### Recent acquisitions:

AN EYE FOR A BIRD by Eric Hosking. A gift to our library from Ruth Parker, this is a handsome volume with many illustrations by the noted British photographer whose autobiography it is.

WILDLIFE REVIEW. Publication of the Dept. of Recreation and Conservation of British Columbia. We have been given a year's subscription to this interesting periodical by the T.H.F. Bellamys.

REPRODUCTIVE STATUS OF THE CALIFORNIA BROWN PELICAN IN 1970, WITH NOTES ON BREEDING BIOLOGY AND NATURAL HISTORY by F. Gress. State of Calif., The Resources Agency, Dept of Fish and Game.

###### Access to books:

This remains something of an unsolved problem and meeting in Fleischmann complicates it a little; the books are in a cupboard in the Junior Library and the more we have, the farther to go, the harder it is to manage! I will try to be there on meeting nights by 7:30 at latest (and could return to library after the meeting). Of course this time conflicts with Field Identification Class... Last month I missed my young assistant and elected to be in the big hall to offer our new arm patches to members. I hope to be able to arrange for some other occasion when members may plan regularly to come for books.

Fifi Webster, Librarian

##### FIELD TRIP REPORT

On Sept 11 over forty members enjoyed sunny weather on the fall boat trip to Anacapa Island. The usual variety of sea birds were seen, the high points being a close look at a tufted puffin and a brief glimpse of a skua. Outside the channel there were also good views of a number of sharks and a lone sei whale.

Bob Prickett

##### BIRD NOTES

OSPREY at the Harbor Sept. 17, Kevin Aanerud. STILT SANDPIPERS still at Goleta Sewage Pland Sept. 18. AMERICAN GOLDEN PLOVER on the Harbor sandspit Sept. 6, Brad Schram. SOLITARY SANDPIPER on Tecolotito Creek Sept. 26, K. Aanerud. PECTORAL SANDPIPER on Leadbetter Beach Sept. 24, K. Aanerud. BAIRD SANDPIPER goleta Slough Sept 26, Richard Webster. Two PARASITIC JAEGERs, 35 POMARINE JAEGERs, 10 SABINE'S GULLS, 55 ARCTIC TERMS, 1 SKUA and 1 TUFTED PUFFIN on UCSB boat trip Sept 11. one PARASITIC JAEGER Sept. 3, Waldo Abbott and one Sept. 19, K. Aanerud 20 RED PHALAROPES on boat trip Sept. 11; one in harbor Sept. 18, Les Cook. BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE, harbor, Sept. 6, B. Schram. EASTERN KINGBIRD, Bird Refuge Sept. 21, K. Aanerud. Two TROPICAL KINGBIRDS, Atascadero Creek, Sept. 26 and Oct. 1, R. Webster et al. One BANK SWALLOW, Sept. 18, K. Aanerud. One WINTER WREN, Botanic

Garden, Sept. 15, L. Cook. Many WARBLERS since Sept. 18: LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH Sept. 18, K. Aanerud; BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER Sept. 26, R. Webster, J. Parkinson; AMERICAN REDSTART, Oct. 1. Other warblers reported Sept. 6 to Oct. 1 - ORANGE-CROWNED, YELLOW, AUDUBON'S, BLACK-THROATED GRAY, TOWNSEND'S, HERMIT, YELLOWTHROAT and WILSON'S. Many of the warblers were seen in the rows of tamarisk east of Storke Road and the row west of Los Carneros Road. BLUE GROSBEAK, Atascadero Creek Sept. 18, K. Aanerud. Another escaped CARDINAL, More Mesa, Sept 18. Everyone is commenting on the late arrival of WHITE-CROWNS and GOLDEN-CROWNS.

Nelson Metcalf

PROGRAM NOTES

The November/December meeting will be MEMBERS' SLIDES NIGHT. If you have slides or film that you would like to share, please call Desmond Jones at 962-2407 so that a program can be arranged in good time.

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FEATHERS FROM FIFI'S DESK

ARM PATCHES. They have arrived and we hope you will agree that they are very handsome! Essentially black and white, with a red border and red head on the condor. Cost: \$2.00. (This includes tax). I can mail them to you if needed; please include postage (10¢ per patch). Make out checks to Santa Barbara Audubon Society, Inc. (They will be available at meetings.)

AUDUBON DECAL. There have been requests for these, so we have ordered a few and expect to have them at next meeting. (I think it is 3 for \$1.00, or 35¢ each).

MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTING STAMP. Available at Post Office for \$3.00; you need not be a hunter to purchase one! These are issued by Dept. of Interior, and funds help to keep the ducks flying. Cinnamon teal are on this year's stamp.

BLACK MESA-FOUR CORNERS controversy. Watch your TV schedule as it is expected that a series of programs on this subject will appear in toto on Ahannel 28, followed by discussion. (The series appeared on KABC-TV).

BIRDS, ailing, injured, oiled or "otherwise"! It might be helpful to know who has skill in caring for birds, also facilities for keeping them. There is one member who can take in larger birds (small ones would escape through the mesh in her aviary) and another member who would prefer to care only for smaller ones. We do receive calls to assist and do not always know where to turn. (Mammals are something else, presenting problems with rabies, etc., so that we had better leave them to the professionals). To keep a wild creature one must have a permit from Fish and Game; there is no cost. Any ideas on this? Volunteers?

For example: One sunny Sunday morning I was called by the lifeguard at Arroyo Burro Beach to assist with a sick bird. It was a pigeon guillemot that seemed slightly oiled, and we took it to the Child's Estate. My curiosity as to who had known to call me was solved at EQAB meeting: Councilman Eschenroeder had rescued the bird!

Another example: At supper time a call from a woman who was much concerned about a pigeon that seemed to be caught in the roof tile of a market, and she could not get anyone to help. A bit later, on my way to a meeting about the Slough, I stopped at the store to investigate and found that a "bag boy" had managed to release the bird BUT "it seems to have a broken leg..." (If he had brought the bird down "My brother would have cared for it---he raises pigeons", said a checker).

Many and varied are the predicaments that birds can get into, and sometimes we can help.....

BLUE CHIP STAMPS. Les Cook was pleased with a contribution of 10,000 which he works with. Any more?

Fifi Webster

EVENTS TO COME

- Sun.  
Oct 9 GOLETA SALT MARSH SURVEY: This monthly bird survey under the auspices of the UCSB Museum of Zoology will be continuing indefinitely at 7:00 A.M. on the second Sunday of each month. Our assistance on this project is greatly appreciated. We meet at the old bridge at the southeast edge of the airport for instructions and assignment. It takes about 2 hours. For more information call Alice Richardson, 687-4981.
- Thurs  
Oct. 14 ELECTRICITY FROM THE ATOM - DO WE NEED IT AND DO WE WANT IT?  
7:30 P.M. at the Adult Education Center, 914 Santa Barbara Street. Co-sponsored by Los Padres Chapter of Sierra Club and Adult Education. The nation is now faced with a critical need for more electrical power. Are nuclear power plants the only alternative? This vital question and its impact on our environment will be explored in a panel discussion. Panelists include Frank A. McCrackin, manager of the environmental planning for the Southern California Edison Company; Dr. Henri J. Fenech, professor of nuclear engineering at UCSB; and Dr. John W. Gofman, professor of medical physics at UC Berkeley.
- Oct. 26-  
Nov. 30 "NATIONAL PANORAMA OF CONSERVATION ACTION", a pictorial exhibit display of citizen conservation action. The show, organized last year in Phoenix, Arizona, gives a view of eight nationally known conservation groups-- the National Audubon Society, the American Forestry Association, the Environmental Defense Fund, the Fund For Animals, the National Wildlife Federation, the Nature Conservancy, the Sierra Club, the Wilderness Society--their present activities and their future plans to stop pollution, to conserve the remaining natural beauty of our land, and to protect the other species that share the earth with us. The display is going to shopping malls in large cities across the country.
- Oct. 26-30 The ESPLANADE MALL, OXNARD, CALIFORNIA
- Nov. 3-7 Montclair Plaza, Montclair, California
- Nov. 10-14 Valley Plaza, Bakersfield, California
- Fri.  
Nov. 12 SANTA BARBARA UNDERSEAS FOUNDATION "WHITE ELEPHANT SALE" and ANTIQUE AUCTION. To raise funds for SBUF. Miramar Beach Hotel Convention Center. Admission: Donation of an auctionable "White Elephant" plus \$1.00. Live entertainment, exhibition square dancing and dancing for all. All donations are tax-deductible. For further information call the SBUF office, 966-4814
- 1972
- Mar. 25-28 ASILOMAR WESTERN CONFERENCE - NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY. One of the most worth-while conservation conferences you will ever attend. The theme for 1972 is "GOLDEN OPPORTUNITIES IN CONSERVATION" As a long-time participant in the Asilomar conferences, your editor, pro tem, recommends this conference highly. You will meet with fellow-westerners, discuss mutual interests and problems, and return refreshed and inspired. Don't miss it. For advance information send a postcard to: Audubon Conference, 555 Audubon Place, Sacramento, CA 95825. Be sure to include your Zip code,



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STUDY SKINS

In rainbow rows they lie  
With data tagged:  
The who and where of death.  
Their feet so neatly crossed  
No longer know the freedom of the fields,  
Nor folded wings the forest's shaded flight.  
In drawers and cabinets encased,  
They lie in rainbow rows,  
A feathered regiment.

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EAST AFRICA SAFARI S EMPHASIZING BIRDS AND ECOLOGY

Two special safaris to East Africa for July and August, 1972 are now being organized by Golden Gate Audubon Vice-President, George Peyton, with strong emphasis on birds and ecology, as well as the big mammals.

Unusual features, particularly appealing to Audubon members, are being offered, including each safari being limited to 15 people for more personal attention NO MORE THAN 4 TOUR MEMBERS RIDING IN EACH VEHICLE, for added comfort and good viewing, and an excellent local naturalist guide from Africa leading each safari.

Tour arrangements are being made in cooperation with Root and Leakey Photographic Safaris, Ltd., of Nairobi, Kenya. Anyone interested in further information should contact George Peyton by phone (415-3131 or 531-5588) or letter (4304 Adelaide Street, Oakland, CA 94619.

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