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CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

- Wednesday
June 14 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING: 7:30 PM Junior Library at the Museum of Natural History. Election of officers will be held at this time. All members are welcome.
- SUMMER FIELD TRIPS--1972
- Saturday
June 24 SAN ROQUE CANYON. 3 - 3½ hours, about 2 miles.
Meet at water treatment plant, San Roque Road, ¼ mile above Foothill Rd. at 8:00 AM. Yellow-breasted Chats and Yellow throats greeted me on arrival one morning last week.
Leader: Florence Sanchez
- Saturday
July 15 FIGUEROA MOUNTAIN. All day, 3-4 miles walking.
Meet at Museum of Natural History parking lot at 7:00 AM or at intersection of Rt. 154 and Figueroa Mountain Road about 38 miles from S.B. at 8:00 AM. We'll bird along the road to the peak and lunch there. Return will be by Happy Canyon Road. Mountain Chickadees, Eagles and Stellars Jays may be had plus many more.
Suggested driver donation \$1.75.
Leaders: Helen & Dick O'Reilly
- Saturday
August 12 SKOFIELD PARK & RATTLESNAKE CANYON. 3 miles walking.
Meet at Skofield Park on Las Canoas Road at 8:00 AM. Birding in the park is usually good. A nice walk up the canyon gives chances for Canyon Wrens, Pygmy Owls, Hawks, woodland and field birds.
Leaders: Virginia & Bob Puddicombe
- Saturday
August 27 MT. PINOS. All day, 2 miles walking.
Meet at Museum of Natural History parking lot at 6:30 AM or at the Ojai Shopping Center (intersection of Highway 150 and 33) at 7:30 AM. Route: Highway 101 south to Highway 33, left to Ojai, over Pine Mountain Summit to Lockwood Ozena Road, right to Lake of the Woods. Left through Cuddy Valley to Mt. Pinos campground where we will stop for birding. Regroup for assault on the peak. Condors seldom are in flight before 10:00 AM. We should see among other things Green-tailed Towhees, Red-breasted Nuthatches, Pygmy Nuthatches, Clark's Nutcrackers, Mountain Bluebirds, Mountain Chickadees and Cassin's Finches.
Suggested driver donation \$3.25 from Santa Barbara, \$2.00 from Ojai.
Probable leaders: Ruth Parker and Beryl Moore

CALENDAR OF EVENTS continued

Saturday SANTA CLARA ESTUARY-McGRATH PARK. 2 miles walking
Sept. 9 Meet at the Museum of Natural History at 7:30 AM or at Seward off ramp
Standard Oil station at 8:15 AM. Take lunch.
Here we should see an excellent assortment, including hordes of shore
birds, Terns, Gulls, Jaegers, White-faced Ibis, Kites and Phalaropes.
Suggested driver donation \$1.00.

Leader: Nelson Metcalf

Friday REGULAR MEETING: 8:00 P.M. Fleischmann Auditorium, Museum of Natural
Sept. 22 History. Program to be announced with the September El Tecolote
bulletin.

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FROM THE VICE-PRESIDENT

In the absence of our President Jim Mills, who is vacationing in England and Ireland and from whom a message is forthcoming in the next (September) bulletin, my thanks to those who made our annual picnic such a success. Over 100 members participated in socializing, birding, and feasting at Toro Canyon Park.

Your new Board of Directors will need your cooperation. Come to the meeting and volunteer your talent and services.

Already our new outing chairmen have planned summer field trips and we are looking forward to a full year's schedule of good birding.

Tomi Sollen

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FIELD TRIPS - SUMMER 1972

A salute to all of you birders who seek the relaxation and enjoyment of this fine hobby. Joy Parkinson joins me in an earnest desire to put an interesting program together for the coming year. But We Will Need Help. We have many talented birders who seldom go on trips or volunteer to lead. Our eight hundred members need an active program which in turn requires leadership. We will contact at least thirty people, hoping to put it all together for the coming year. As a starter we offer a new program of field trips through the summer. Please arrange your own rides but as a last resort call me, Leslie Cook at 963-4501 evenings for help.

Leslie Cook

FIELD TRIP REPORTS

REFUGIO CANYON ROAD SOUTH OF SANTA YNEZ: April 23, 1972.

The lower Refugio Canyon was found to be an excellent birding area, with 67 species seen. The best find was the SPOTTED OWL at Nojoqui Falls. 29 birders shared this rare privilege.

Jan Hamber

SPRING BOAT TRIP:

On May 20 eighteen people took the Hurricane to Santa Cruz Island. The day was cold, but visibility was good, and many Pigeon Guillemots and Xantus' Murrelets were seen. There were also many flocks of Shearwaters, including one huge flock of Sooty Shearwaters that took over thirty minutes to pass the boat.

Bob Prickett

ANNUAL MEETING AND PICNIC: June 3

Thanks to all who helped make our June picnic a success:

Reservations: Vivian Mets

"Linen" tablecloths: Bob Sollen -- tables set by George Kladnik and ??

Antipasto, Salad and Bread Chefs: Mary Ankeny, Alice and John Hamilton, Nellie Gryk, Donna Shorts; and especially Tomi Sollen, who also worked on Friday afternoon.

Wine Stewards: Martin Rypins and Don Shorts

Cake and Coffee: Alice Kladnik

And VERY SPECIAL thanks to our two excellent steak chefs: Hank Hamber and Bill Mets

(If I have forgotten anyone, please let me know, and please forgive me.)

Joy Parkinson

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FEATHERS FROM FIFI'S DESK

You can imagine how the Webster family leaps to answer the phone when it rings in the early evening: our 22-year old Anne is bicycling alone across the continent and calls us about once a week. Truly a Big Adventure! She reports that the country is beautiful and "People are wonderful"---in spite of hills and rain, flat tires and broken spokes! The mail today brought a nice letter to us from people who were kind to our wanderer....

When I left the scene of the picnic Saturday, replete with Joy's good food and the best possible seasoning it can have---good company---the sun was just going down behind the mountains. Lovely...lovely land of ours.... The best part of the picnic was watching John Borneman with his new binoculars. They were a gift to the Audubon Condor Naturalist from the S.B. Audubon Society, which certainly has special reasons for giving what support it can to the condor program. John needed new binoculars and yearned for Bushnell 10x50; that's what he has, and once they were in his hands he hardly stopped "trying them out". We hope he will see lots of condors...

READING OF INTEREST

STOP IT! A GUIDE TO DEFENSE OF THE ENVIRONMENT by Dr. N. K. Sanders (Rinehart Press, 1972; 160 pp., \$3.50 paperback). In case you missed Bob Sollen's review of this book, I call its existence to your attention. If you have at any time encountered Norm in the course of his many attempts to save S.B.'s environment, then you will surely want to read any book that he has written.

MEGALOPOLIS OR THE GOOD LIFE? \$1.50; if you want a copy best call the EcoCenter (962-2210) to reserve one. It will even have color pictures! This will be a well-edited summary of all the presentations made at the four sessions of the Adult Ed. class concerning the future of the South Coast. It was my privilege to participate in this endeavor: I gave a report on transportation.

Note. The Ecology Center has become a lending library...no longer a book store.

TOWARD BALANCED GROWTH: QUANTITY WITH QUALITY (\$1.50) and TOWARD A SOCIAL REPORT (55¢). From Government Printing Office.

POPULATION AND THE AMERICAN FUTURE (Signet, \$1.50)...based on the findings of the President's Commission on Population.

FEATHERS continued

Lost Parrot...mostly green. A Miss Ashton called; she lives in Old Mission area. If you see a wandering parrot please let her know: 965-7522.

Remember through the summer months that nothing really stops....it is business as usual for most, and the planning commissions, etc, will be meeting with many important items on their agendas. Watch the newspaper, and when you can, attend meetings: being a "warm body" shows citizen interest in an issue and can have an effect on the amount of serious consideration it is given. Maybe I'll see you there!

With this, my three years on the Board of Directors of S.B. Audubon end. All the work has been made a pleasure by the many fine people I have met. It amuses me to recall that several years ago I just started out to watch a few birds...one thing led to another, and soon I was doing all I could for the Audubon cause, and through those activities I have become involved as I never was before in many issues affecting our community.

To all my Audubon friends, best wishes for a summer full of good birding!

Fifi Webster

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

New members, send application and check made to: National Audubon Society to membership chairman: Mrs. Maxim Smith, 1600 Garden, Apt. 35, Santa Barbara, CA 93101. The current El Tecolote will be sent to you.

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For the joy of our last meeting, our thanks to master chef, Joy Parkinson. She did forget to mention two important assistants--Jan Hamber and Ed Parkinson.

Editor

KEEP POSTED ON: EQAB--Corps of Engineers, Wilderness area study; City Council--Wilderness area study; County Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors--new recreational zone; Save East Beach; and the Freeway hearing.

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