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"The issues raised by the environmental crisis are not going to be solved by new inventions, clever tax schemes or patchwork legislation. They call for a great national debate to discover better alternatives to the present obviously faulty institutions that determine how the resources of the United States are used."

Barry Commoner

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

- Feb. 22
Friday
REGULAR MEETING: Farrand Hall, 8pm, Nat. History Museum. "Barefort Across the Water". A slide show about a sailing trip down the West coast of Mexico to the Galapagos and Pitcairn Island. The slides will include looks at the scenery and people as well as the wildlife. Our lecturer will be Eric Hochberg, Curator of Invertebrate Zoology at the Museum of Natural History. There will be a bird ID class in the bird hall at 7:30 pm. Please bring your own cup to reduce the use of styrofoam.
- Feb. 24
Sunday
CACHUMA LAKE-SANTA YNEZ RIVER: Last month this area yielded 72 species including an Osprey feeding and common goldeneye and common mergansers. We will have a chance of seeing eagles and gaining access to private lakeside ranch property. Meet at the Nat. History Museum parking lot @ 8am to arrange transportation. Pack a lunch and bring a spotting scope if possible.
Leader: Gordon Fish
- March 2
Saturday
FILLMORE-LAKE PIRU: Last month at least 1 pair of Golden Eagles frequented the valley of Piru Creek near the Condor Sanctuary. We'll visit a park, fish hatchery and Blue Point campground, above Lake Piru. Meet at All Saints by the Sea Episcopal Church school parking lot (going south on 101, exit at San Ysidro Rd, turn right onto Eucalyptus Lane; parking lot is soon on the right) at 7am to arrange car pooling. Suggested driver donation: \$2. Ventura members join group at Henry's Cafe in Fillmore on Hwy 126 @ 8:15am. Pack lunch and scopes.
Leader: Beryl Moore, 643-2913. In SB call Bill Gielow 687-3466
- March 16
Saturday
POINT MUGU: Commander Robert Baker will again lead a "dry foot" tour of the lagoon; however, the date is tentative. Meet at Gate 2 (on Hwy 1), Acey Ducey Club parking lot at 9am. Important: If you plan to go, notify Bill Gielow, 687-3466, before March 12. The size of the group is limited; priority will be given to those that haven't attended.

WE APPRECIATE

Our many thanks to Bill Downey and Dave Cosby for their enlightening and entertaining presentation on Audubon Camp of the West. By their reactions it was easy to see that our yearly scholarships are a very worthwhile project. We certainly did enjoy having them at our meeting.

FIELD TRIP REPORT

Cachuma Lake-Jan. 13: A small group enjoyed a clear, windless day of birding at Lake Cachuma. In all, 72 species were seen including excellent views of Gadwall, Bufflehead, Common Mergansers, Canada geese, female Common goldeneye, Ring-necked ducks, and an Osprey that caught a fish and proceeded to make a meal of it on an exposed perch. A large dark buteo seen in a tree near Hwy 154 and Foothill Rd. perplexed us for a while until it flew away giving its call which identified it as an immature dark-phase red-tailed hawk. The great variety of birds present makes a trip to the lake worthwhile any time during migration and the winter months. Spotting scopes are very handy.

Bill Gielow

NEW BIRDS FOR THE SANTA BARBARA AREA

TRUMPETER SWAN-Soda Lake, Carrizo Plain...ROSEATE SPOONBILL-Goleta...HORNED PUFFIN-off Santa Cruz Island...WHITE WAGTAIL-Santa Clara River Estuary...PARULA WARBLER-Goleta...CANADA WARBLER-Rincon Point...SWAMP SPARROW-Gaviota...Also, on or near Lake Sherwood, TUFTED DUCK & COMMON (Eurasian Green-winged) TEAL, now considered a race of the Green-winged Teal.

Nelson Metcalf

PRBO COURSES 1974

The main goals of these courses offered by the Point Reyes Bird Observatory are to stimulate interest in birds and their habitat, to explain the PRBO's long term research efforts and to raise money to be used for their general program. The cost of the courses benefit the individual and the observatory.

COURSE: Breeding Ecology of Pt Reyes Birds
DATE: 17-19 May
DEADLINE: 10 May
COST: \$45

COURSE: Transect of California
DATES: 21-27 June; 12-18 July
DEADLINES: 15 May; 15 June
COST: \$185

COURSE: Birds of S.E. Arizona
DATE: 14-21 May
DEADLINE: 25 April
COST: \$200

COURSE: Shorebird Ecology, Land-bird
DATE: 6-8 September Migration
DEADLINE: 1 September
COST: \$45

COURSE: Birds of San Blas Mexico
DATES: 9-17 Nov.; 23Nov-1 Dec.; 7-15 Dec.
DEADLINES: 10 Oct.; same for each trip.
COST: \$200

For further information write Meryl Stewart, Box 442, Bolinas, CA 94924

DISNEYLAND ANYONE?

Members of the SB Audubon Society have the opportunity to attend a Family Fun Night at Disneyland this March 2, 1974. The ticket price of \$4.50 includes not only admission to Disneyland, but also unlimited use of all attractions! Tickets will be available at the Feb. 22 meeting from Russ Spowart, RE3-1525 (Vandenberg).

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Did you read Bill Downey's column in the February 3rd News-Press? It was about dolphins and tuna fishermen. Read it if you get a chance.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We extend a warm welcome to the following new members:

Santa Barbara: Jane Leavitt Mrs. Helen S. Randall Ruth L. Saul
John Sterns

Goleta: James K. McCallum Ventura: D. C. A. Chappell

New members who sent their dues to the National Audubon Society do not despair. We will be notified in 3 months or so. Have YOU told a friend about the Santa Barbara Audubon Society?

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION: New members send application and check made out to National Audubon Society to membership chairperson, Mrs. Maxim Smith, 1600 Garden St., #35, Santa Barbara, CA 93101. Please send change of address to Mrs. Smith.

Non-member subscription to El Tecolote is \$1/year. Send to Mrs. Smith.

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BOOK OF INTEREST

How does one clean an oiled grebe found on the beach? A baby bird fallen from the nest...what do you do? A newly published book, Care of the Wild Feathered and Furred: A guide to Wildlife Handling and Care (\$3.95 Unity Press, Box 1037, Santa Cruz, CA 95061) by Mae Hickman and Maxine Guy, is an excellent reference to guide you in nursing injured wildlife to health. Among subjects covered are broken wings, broken legs, BB shot wounds, mercy killing, pesticides, rabies, removal of tar, release, and trimming beaks & toenails. In a section on natural diet (and suggested substitutes), you can learn how to raise meal worms for jays, robins, shrikes, mockingbirds, etc. There are instructions for making inexpensive incubators if needed. A wealth of information is in this well-done, illustrated guide by two efficient wildlife conservationists. Bill Gielow

(Editor's note: Bill has ordered this book and will donate it to the Audubon library when it arrives.)

ON WHALES, JAPAN, AND BOYCOTTS

(Editor's note: This information is taken from an article in Not Man Apart, the monthly publication of Friends of the Earth. A long time FOE member, I support the boycott. I respectfully ask each member to read the following and act in accordance with his or her own beliefs concerning the boycott. John Arnold)

On October 16, Friends of the Earth, along with seven other conservation and animal groups, called on Americans to boycott Japanese products in protest of Japan's plans to continue hunting the endangered whales. In a joint release, the groups leaders said, "Japan has pursued a policy of unrestrained rapacity, not only toward whales but toward dolphins, porpoises, endangered sea turtles, and other marine creatures. Japan's overfishing of salmon and other fish stocks is well known. Under present circumstances, we feel that we have no choice but to ask the members of our organizations, and all concerned Americans, to refrain from buying Japanese products and to express this intention in writing to dealers in such products until Japan agrees to end its ruthless destruction of the great whales."

The boycott call was prompted by the Japanese ambassador to the United States' September 19 announcement that his government would not comply with the new quotas for various whale species established by the International Whaling Commission. These quotas were established by the IWC at its annual meeting in June of 1973, and are regarded as something of a victory for conservationists.

Japanese whalers will not be complying with the IWC's decisions to phase out the hunting of Fin whales in the Antarctic by June, 1976; to allow only 5,000 Minke whales to be taken during the current Antarctic whaling season; or to

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establish "by-area," rather than hemispheric quotas for sperm whales. The Soviet Union has announced that its whalers will comply with the Fin whale measure, but not the other two. (Soviet cetologists consider the Fin whale to be commercially extinct, already.)

The call for a boycott is now before both Houses of Congress, in the form of Senate Joint Resolution 184 (S.J. Res 184) and House Joint Resolution 866.

The resolutions cite the facts that the United Nations Conference on Human Environment and the UN's Governing Council for Environmental Programs both called for a ten-year moratorium on commercial whaling and that the ten-year moratorium has been US policy since 1971. They also point out that Japanese and Soviet fishing fleets have been singularly responsible for decimating the halibut fisheries in the Bering Sea.

S.J. Res. 184 and H.J. Res. 866 call on the Secretaries of State and Commerce to "determine what action may be taken to effect compliance (by Russia and Japan) with conservation measures" for the great whales and North Pacific Fisheries. They recommend that the Secretaries examine the US's trade agreements with both countries, particularly those regarding industries which have a financial interest in the whaling and fishing industries, with this action in mind.

The resolutions were introduced in the Senate by Senators Warren Magnusen (D-Wash.), Ernest Hollings (D-S.C.), and Claiborne Pell (D-R.I.); and, in the House, by Congressmen Alphonzo Bell (R-Calif.) and Don Fraser (D-Minn.).

The eight organizations that called for a boycott on October 16 are organized as "Project Monitor," and include, besides FOE: The Animal Welfare Institute, Fund for Animals, Defenders of Wildlife, Environmental Policy Center, Animal Protection Institute, Let Live, Inc., and the Society for Animal Protective Legislation. Such other organizations as the National Wildlife Federation later added their support to the campaign.

It is hoped that economic pressure will do what reason has not yet been able to do.

SESPE WILDLIFE AREA CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

The following list includes all birds seen on count day, Friday December 28.

Great Blue Heron	2	Mourning Dove	275	Rock Wren	15
Green Heron	1	Spotted Dove	7	Lng-bld Marsh Wren	7
Mallard	5	White-throated Swift	219	Mockingbird	34
Canvasback	58	Anna's Hummingbird	31	Calif. Thrasher	78
Ruddy Duck	56	Belted Kingfisher	7	Robin	624
American Bittern	2	Common Flicker (RS)	56	Hermit Thrush	5
California Condor	2	Acorn Woodpecker	58	West Bluebird	140
Sharp-shinned Hawk	8	Yellow-b Sapsucker	12	Varied Thrush	17
Cooper's Hawk	3	Hairy Woodpecker	5	Townsend's Solitaire	7
Red-tailed Hawk	56	Downy Woodpecker	1	Blue-gr Gnatcatcher	4
Red-shouldered Hawk	3	Nuttall's Woodpecker	9	Golden-cr Kinglet	3
Rough-legged Haew	1	Black Phoebe	11	Ruby-cr Kinglet	46
Golden Eagle	9	Horned Lark	172	Water Pipit	1
Bald Eagle	1	Stellar's Jay	7	Cedar Waxwing	209
Marsh Hawk	1		1	Phainopepla	1
Kestrel	1		1	Loggerhead Shrike	11
California Quail	1		142	Starling	180
Mountain Quail	1	Plain Titmouse	9	Hutton's Vireo	13
American Coot	1		191	Orange-cr Warbler	2
Killdeer	70	White-br Nuthatch	2	Yellow-rump Warbler	368
Common Snipe	25	Wren	74	Yellowthroat	6
Duplin	4	House Wren	2	House Sparrow	36
Least Sandpiper	6	Bowick's Wren	24	West Meadowlark	118
Band-tailed Pigeon	82	Canon Wren	3	Red-winged Blackbird	46

Tri-colored Blackbird	10	Brown Towhee	226	Golden-cr Sparrow	39
Brewer's Blackbird	501	Savannah Sparrow	215	Fox Sparrow	8
Purple Finch	20	Lark Sparrow	95	Song Sparrow	15
House Finch	404	Rufous-cr Sparrow	1	Say's Phoebe	19
Lawrence's Goldfinch	3	Dark-eyed Junco	316	Gr-Horned Owl	1
Lesser Goldfinch	166	Chipping Sparrow	20	Rock Dove	16
Rufous-sided Towhee	38	White-crowned Sparrow	526		

Total number of species: 92

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Deadline for next issue: Friday March 1, 1974.

Mail or bring to John Arnold 431 Elwood Beach Drive #1 Goleta, CA 93017
Please feel free to submit information to the Tecolote for publication...if you have something interesting to share with Audubon members don't hesitate...let's have it!

BY THE WAY

I have seen a Brown Towhee at the UCSB Lagoon three times now...it is of interest because it is mottled white on approximately 10% of its body (very easily noticed). If you walk on the edge of the lagoon on the southwest side, chances are you'll spot it.

John Arnold

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