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"Man's place in nature was precarious long before the situation was reversed and it became nature rather than man whose survival seemed uncertain."

Joseph Wood Krutch

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

May 18
Saturday

ZACA LAKE: A trip to the only natural lake in SB County; an extremely picturesque spot in the midst of Los Padres National Forest. Group fee per day Adults-75¢; under 12 years-40¢--to be collected at Los Olivos. Meet at Natural History Museum at 7:30am or at Mattei's Tavern, Los Olivos, Highway 154 at 8:30am for car pooling. Driver donation from SB \$1.50; from Los Olivos 75¢.

Leaders: Tomi Sollen 9664836 or Minna Smith 966-7971.

No regular meeting is held in May.

June 1
Saturday

ANNUAL MEETING AND PICNIC: Stow Park, Goleta, from 4pm. Stow Park is on La Patera between Cathedral Oaks and Covington Way. Dinner will be at approximately 5:30 pm. Menu does not include steak but CHEF Joy promises a tasty dinner.

PRICE: Still only \$2.50 per person. Bring your own table service (cup, plate, silverware, wine glass, napkin). If you would prefer to bring your own picnic, please do so. Either way be sure to join us for a good old summertime picnic. Please make checks payable to SB Audubon Society, Inc., and mail them to Joy Parkinson, 568 Beaumont Way, Goleta 93017. **IMPORTANT--DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS: SATURDAY MAY 25.**

Please cooperate. We must know a week in advance to inform everyone and make all arrangements.

We will need volunteers again---someone on Friday afternoon to help with the washing and cutting of the antipasto goodies and salad greens. Several people will be needed Saturday to work on final preparations. Last year, thanks to many efficient helpers, everything went smoothly. Please call me at 967-9371 if you would like to help. Thank you.

Joy.

TOMI'S MESSAGE

At the annual meeting the Santa Barbara Audubon Society will present merit awards to those industries in the SB area which have taken a step toward ecological improvement to the environment.

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Recycling. Bob Klausner, project coordinator of the community newspaper recycling and community car pooling group, writes that newspaper sheds will be located at major shopping centers from Goleta to Carpinteria this month. Bundle or put your papers in a grocery bag and help save our trees. More information will be forthcoming on the community-wide car pooling program.

Golden Trout Camp. Bill Wirtz of Pomona Audubon Society will send materials to the SB members who signed up for the Golden Trout Camp August 4-10. If you have not heard from him, you are on the list. The first week is filled but the August 11-17 session still has openings. The second session is sponsored by the Pasadena Audubon Society. Call Tomi for more information 966-4836.

The Board of Directors voted to continue supporting membership with the International Bird Rescue Research Center in Berkeley for \$150. The Center has had a 40.8% survival rate of the 709 wild birds treated during 1973...about 300 of which were from an oil spill. Moss Landing in Monterey County is being destroyed to provide a deep water oil tanker port. Realistically (and at the direction of the regional coastal commission) Pacific Gas and Electric Co. plans to train responsible personnel with the cooperation of this center and the Monterey Audubon Society on the rehabilitation of oil covered birds.

With the cooperation of the SB Museum of Natural History, the Ruth Holbrook Memorial Fund will be used for two exhibit cases in the Botany Hall on the Co-adaptation of Hummingbirds and Hummingbird Pollinated Flowers. The project will be completed by October.

Two local areas will be discussed soon with the county supervisors...Lake Los Carneros and Zaca Lake. Preserving both of these natural areas is vitally important.

The SB Audubon Society is honoring Dr. Norman K. Sanders with an appropriate gift for his work in protecting wildlife habitat, particularly for his role in saving what remains of the Goleta Slough from further encroachment by the university, the highway and the airport. For his efforts he has been rewarded by the university with another denial of promotion. He has interpreted this repeated denial as an invitation by the university to leave, despite his popularity with students in his geography and other environmental science classes. He and his wife Jill and daughter will set sail in June for Australia in his own craft. We will miss them and we wish them well.

Dr. Sanders will receive his gift at the Annual picnic at Stow Park.

Nominating Committee: Chr. Elizabeth Russell, Joy Parkinson and Bill Ure have nominated the following individuals as new board members: Sidney Tarbox, Timothy Whitehouse and John Arnold. Nominations will be open to members and the election will be held at the Annual Meeting June 1.

Continuing board members are: Michael Fishbein, Bill Gielow, Michael Goodwin, Seybert Kinsell, Virginia Puddicombe, Elizabeth Russell, Brad Schram, and Minna Smith.

FIELD TRIP REPORTS

Devereaux Point Tide Pools--April 6: This trip was quite a success with more than 30 persons joining in for a day of sun and surf. Due to the large number, two sessions were held. Ms. Gabil's knowledge of the pools and the life forms therein were most appreciated. We look forward to future trips.

Rattlesnake Canyon/Scofield Park, April 7: The 14 members and visitors who chose to hike Rattlesnake Canyon and the park enjoyed a pleasant day of birding. While only 40 species were observed, many opportunities were had to study coloring and field marks as well as match birds with songs.

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For many, listening to the cascading song of the Canyon wren was probably the highlight of the trip. However, we also enjoyed watching such interesting behavior patterns as the hawking flights of swallows and flycatchers, the courting flight of the mocker, and the busy life of a pair of titmice feeding their brood in a hollow of an old oak.

Our pleasure in the bird life was augmented by the fine floral displays and the coastal panorama seen from high on the western flank of the Canyon.

Sid Tarbox

Wm Cooper Ranch, April 13: Mrs. Elizabeth Russell arranged the SBAS trip to the ranch near Buellton. With clear skies and no wind the group of 32 spent the day enjoying lazuli buntings, western bluebirds, western flycatchers, lark sparrows, woods filled with solitary vireos and a great horned owl!

A picnic ground under old oaks near a running stream was an added bit of pleasantry.

Virginia Puddicombe.

A paperback edition of Peterson's Field Guide to Western Birds was left on the chartered boat after the channel islands trip. If it is your book please contact Linda Gielow at 687-3466.

NATIONAL AUDUBON WESTERN REGIONAL CONFERENCE

Eight Santa Barbarans were part of the more than 700 registered conservationists who attended the meeting held at beautiful Asilomar State Park on April 6-9. They arrived from all parts of California as well as from Oregon, Washington, Montana and Colorado. The theme "Where We've Been, Where We Are, Where We Hope to Go," brought eminent speakers from throughout the nation.

Paul Howard, Western Regional Representative, did an outstanding job of convening the meetings, providing continuity, and overseeing the entire proceedings. Monterey Audubon members were cheerful and generous hosts.

In the keynote address, Dr. Elvis J. Stahr, President of National Audubon Society, spoke on "The Environment in the Energy Crisis: A Need for Education". He called for the step-up in research on the use of solar energy as the most promising solution to the energy crisis. Also, he presented to Wm Penn Mott, Director of California Parks & Recreation a check for \$150,000. These funds came from the George Wittell Trust and will be matched by state funds for the acquisition of Pescadero Marsh, along the San Mateo coast, and 5000 acres of Annadale Farm near Santa Rosa, which contains wetlands and forests. These were selected as prime areas to be protected as a reserve.

Two new films were previewed, although they are not yet ready for release. One explains what the National Audubon Society is all about. The other, by George Anderson, our well-known local cinematographer, is called "Tideland Tragedy."

We were kept busy from a 6:45am breakfast to well into the evening with a variety of panels, rap sessions, field trips, a play, a film festival, and a mini conservation workshop. There were many fine exhibits as well including one new book, "Waterfowl of North America" by William Zimmerman which was priced at \$1,000.

It was an inspiring, rewarding, worthwhile experience for me, especially to see all the hard-working, enthusiastic, sincere people who attended. As we sat with new faces for 3 meals a day, we learned of the endeavors of chapters from 100 to 1000 miles away. At many levels, from pre-school to senior citizens, the chapters are educating, informing, inquiring, and pursuing a better way of life for all living things. Next time the opportunity arises, I would certainly recommend more local persons attending this event.

Marjorie Cappiello (for Tomi who took notes enough to write a book but doesn't have time enough to condense them.)

GARDEN BIRD WALKS

The Botanic Garden is planning a new program that will broaden its use for residents and visitors. In October, it proposes to begin offering fortnightly morning bird walks (9:00-10:00 or 10:30). If there is enough public interest, it will continue these walks through the winter and spring months so as to include migrants and winter and summer residents, as well as casual or visiting birds. As appropriate, attention will be given to migration patterns, nesting activities, feeding habits, etc.

The Garden has asked for our help in providing volunteers to assist in conducting these walks. Many of us in Audubon have enjoyed birding in the Botanic Garden season after season and year after year. Can you spare an occasional morning to help others, mostly visitors and beginning birders, to share this pleasure?

If you can help, please call Sid Tarbox, 687-2067, and give him your name. This is a fine opportunity to share our interests and to increase the ranks of those who enjoy and protect bird life.

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SPECIAL BIRDWATCHING HIKE

Jim and Marylou Hand, two excellent local birders, will lead a vigorous hike to Gibraltar Dam for streamside resident species, on Saturday, June 8. Gibraltar Dam is located north of La Cumbre Peak in the Los Padres National Forest and the hike will be a rugged 7-8 miles; only those persons with hiking experience should consider this trip. It will be hot.

Meet at the Thrifty parking lot at 5-Points at 7am for car pooling. Take a lunch and drinking water.

Leaders: Marylou & Jim Hand, 966-2896

ZACA LAKE

By the first part of June, Zaca Lake should be on the SB County Planning Commission agenda regarding a conditional-use permit as requested by Cal-Pac Recreational, Inc the developer of plans for a 320 site campground with facilities for 1280 people. Zaca Lake is less than a mile in circumference and is surrounded by very little usable flat land. It is SB County's only natural lake and only one of two natural mountain lakes in the coastal range of Southern California.

The County Office of Environmental Quality has completed hearings on the Environmental Impact Report for the proposed project and it has written a final summary which states in part: "The unavoidable substantial adverse environmental impacts are: (1) fire hazard; (2) traffic related; (3) accelerated erosion and siltation and (4) loss of wildlife habitat.

"Potentially significant adverse impacts which may be mitigated with proper engineering or through the application of other regulating procedures include: (1) Groundwater overdraft; (2) Sewage contamination; (3) Flood damage; (4) Archaeological site destruction; (5) Growth inducement, and (6) Air quality."

Won't you please take time to write the planning commission asking them to deny Cal-Pac's conditional-use permit and pledge the commission to preserve Zaca Lake from improper development. Send your letter, before May 30, to:

Mr. Britt Johnson, Director
SB County Planning Commission
123 W. Anapamu St.
Santa Barbara 93101

Send a
copy to: The SB County Board of
Supervisors
105 E. Anapamu St.
Santa Barbara 93101

For more information contact Virginia Sloan, 962-2784.

JAPANESE BOYCOTT

When a coalition of conservation organizations recently announced a boycott of Japanese products designed to force the government of Japan to agree to abide by the quotas set for certain species by the International Whaling Commission, the National Audubon Society did not join in the boycott recommendation. The reason for not joining was the Society's belief that serious discussions with industrial and governmental leaders would persuade the Japanese to curtail their irresponsible and damaging whaling practices...some of which threaten the extinction of certain whale species.

After these discussions however, it now appears that the only manner in which to persuade the Japanese to end these detrimental whaling practices is through a nationwide boycott of Japanese products. It is unfortunate that a nation such as Japan, which is beset with so many environmental problems, should bear the brunt of an American boycott; be that as it may, no justification exists to continue the ruthless and brutal destruction of whale species that may at this time, without continued commercial exploitation, be doomed to extinction.

BOYCOTT JAPANESE PRODUCTS

GOOD NEWS

From the News-Press:

"Lion hunting would be prohibited for at least one more year under legislation on the senate floor.

"The bill, by Assemblyman John Dunlap(D) Napa, won 6-0 approval of the Senate Natural Resources and Wildlife Committee. It would extend the ban until January 1, 1977."

"A count of 3,492 gray whales off the California coast from last Dec. 18 to Feb. 14 is a record for the annual southward migration, federal census takers reported."

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Any sightings of rare birds or out of season birds in the SB area should be reported to Jewell Krieger, 969-4192, so she can put it on the Rare Bird Alert. If you were on the alert you would have been informed of the Brant and the Laughing Gull that were reported at Devereaux Slough on Sunday May 5. Contact Jewell for details of the alert system.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Our numbers are increasing by leaps and bounds! We welcome the following new members:

<u>Ventura</u> --Sharon Lynn Berg	<u>Goleta</u> --Jonathon Allen R Panza
Ms Betty Christy Samuel S Wright	Loretta Dipol Thomas Hollingsworth
<u>Gaviota</u> --Jeff Vaughan	Carolyn Villars
<u>Ojai</u> --Lynn J Johnson	<u>Wisconsin</u> --Mrs Carl Steiger
<u>Santa Barbara</u> --Community Environmental Council	Artie&Susie Bock
Sophie Halprin Donald Pier	Sophie Schnitter Tim Terry Mrs RM Jorgensen
Zelma Hortenstine Miss IK Jordon	SC Lewis Wm G Menchen Janet Planet
Thor&Mary Benton Smith Dr HA Welday	ME Woods Mrs JM Forbes Cleda Mayell
Miss Elizabeth Marriott Mr&Mrs W Mell	Dr James Skog Mrs Wm Hall
Marietta Williams Josephine Balcher	Helen Hunt Carpenter Mary Maier
Fred Marshall Robert Gray&Family	Mr&Mrs WE Woodbury.

Please come and get acquainted and join us in our many enjoyable activities. We'll be glad to see you.

Les Cooke, that wonderfully cheerful and witty bird expert we all love so much, is recuperating from a recent operation and we wish him the very best and a complete recovery.

TIJUANA RIVER WILDLIFE REFUGE

A bill to establish a wildlife refuge in the southwestern-most part of California is now being considered in Washington. The bill would preserve a large slough and marshy area now prime for insidious industrial exploitation; the value of California's remaining coastal wetlands cannot be overestimated. Express your thoughts to your Washington representatives and that is Senate Bill 1964 and House Resolution 9018.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY FAIR

For more than 15 years the Audubon Society has had a booth at the LA County Fair, the world's largest fair with attendance surpassing 2 million visitors. In the past this booth has been shared with the Sierra Club but this year it will be an exclusively Audubon booth, produced and run by southern California Audubon members... if enough people will volunteer to work in the booth during the fair.

Strange as it may seem, it is quite difficult to get 50 people out of the approximately 20,000 Audubon members in So. California to volunteer to serve for only 6 hours. Four persons per day are all that is required to run the exhibit booth. If you would be at all interested in working at the fair this September, keep watching future Tecolotes for more information concerning this subject, the details of which are currently being planned.

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EL TECOLOTE

Deadline for next issue: Saturday June 8, 1974. Mail or bring to John Arnold 431 Elwood Beach Drive #1, Goleta 93017.

By the time you receive this issue of El Tecolote, I'll be hiking in the Grand Canyon. Hiking and camping within the canyon is limited to 7 days per person per year and I plan to exhaust my limit in one trip: a hike from the South Rim to the North Rim with side hikes along the way. I hope to have some interesting and exciting experiences to relate to you about my trip in the next issue.

John Arnold

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