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Report of the President for 1946

The Audubon Association of the Pacific has had a full year of programs and field trips as well as an increase of twenty-four new members and the renewal of two memberships. The attendance of the meetings has increased.

The nucleus of the Audubon Association of the Pacific Library was started with the presentation by Miss Mary Richards of the bird books belonging to her late sister, Miss Elizabeth M. Richards, a member of the Association. Mr. Laurance J. Clarke, City Librarian, accepted the books for the San Francisco Public Library and had the collection suitably marked with book plates carrying the name of the Audubon Association of the Pacific and that of the donor. The books are on the open shelves and available to the members and the public.

Miss Alice S. Mulferd, Curator of the Oakland Public Museum, opened the first meeting in the museum auditorium with the October meeting of the Audubon Association. This first East Bay meeting for the membership was a conducted tour of the museum and a study of the bird collection.

Dr. Robert C. Miller, Director of the California Academy of Sciences, Dr. Jean M. Linsdale, Director of the Hastings Reservation, and Mr. Robert C. Walker, Director of the San Francisco Junior Museum, presented their educational programs to the members during the year.

The first trip to Livermore since the war was taken to study the Phainopepla. All of the bus tickets were sold and the trip was very successful.

The president wishes to thank the members of the committees for their work in carrying out the details of the organization. The editorship of *The Gull*, carried on ably during the war by Miss Clelia A. Paroni, was accepted by Miss Grace Irene Crowe upon Miss Paroni's resignation. Mrs. Junea W. Kelly edited the bird observations. Mrs. Joseph Grinnell and Mr. Walter W. Bradley arranged fine and varied lecture programs for the monthly meetings.

The members regret the loss of three members by death, Mr. Charles S. Cushing, Miss Elizabeth M. Richards and Mr. Albert B. Stephens.

The president wishes to thank Mr. Arthur H. Myer for conducting the Lake Merritt Census and Mr. Herman V. Lefler for organizing the Christmas Census.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Bradford Fay, President.

Christmas Bird Census

Audubon Association of the Pacific, December 22, 1946

San Francisco, California. (Marina, Yacht Harbor, Palace of Fine Arts Lagoon, Laurel Hill Cemetery, Lincoln Park, Lands End, Sutro Heights, Seal Rocks, Ocean Beach, Golden Gate Park, Pine Lake, Lake Merced, Fleishhacker Zoo, Sigmund Stern Recreation Grove, Mt. Davidson, Twin Peaks, Hunter's Point, Bay shore, Bayview Park & John McLaren Park.) Ocean beach 8%, bay shore (with salt-marsh & mud flats) 5%, parks 62%, freshwater ponds and marsh 12%, open fields 7%, chaparral 6%.

December 22, 1946, sunny, (partly overcast at times); temperature 45 to 60 °F.; wind, variable, 0 to 4 m.p.h., cool; 21 observers in 8 parties, total hours for all parties 68 (65 on foot, 3 by car); total miles for all parties 61 (50 on foot; 11 by car).

Territory I: Marina, Yacht Harbor, Palace of Fine Arts Lagoon. Leader, Mr. C. A. Bryant. Horned Grebe, 1; Western Grebe, 42; Pied-billed Grebe, 3; Brown Pelican, 3; Double-crested Cormorant (Farallon), 29; Black-crowned Night Heron, 10; Mallard, 75; Baldpate, 107; Pintail, 3; Redhead Duck, 5; Ring-necked Duck, 49; Canvas-back, 25; Greater Scaup, 2; Ruddy Duck, 48; Red-breasted Merganser, 5; American Coot, 45; Black Turnstone, 9; Sanderling, 4; Glaucous-winged Gull, 49; Western Gull, 310; California Gull, 76; Mew Gull (Short-billed), 2; Bonaparte Gull, 1; Anna Hummingbird, 3; Belted Kingfisher, 2; Black Phoebe, 1; Robin, 1; Ruby-crowned Kinglet, 2; Audubon Warbler, 4; English Sparrow, 11; Brewer Blackbird, 71; House Finch, 3; White-crowned Sparrow, 20; Song Sparrow, 1. Total, 1022 individuals.

Territory II. Hunter's Point, Bay Shore, Bay View Park, & John MacLaren Park. Leader, Mr. Brighton C. Cain. Red-throated Loon, 2; Western Grebe, 18; Brown Pelican, 3; Double-crested Cormorant, 21; Great Blue Heron, 2; Common Egret (American), 2; Canvas-back Duck, 1; Greater Scaup, 80; Lesser Scaup, 80; Sparrow Hawk, 2; Spotted Sandpiper, 1; Glaucous-winged Gull, 40; Western Gull, 17; California Gull, 36; Ring-billed Gull, 1; Bonaparte Gull, 47; Burrowing Owl, 1; Anna Hummingbird, 7; Belted Kingfisher, 1; Red-shafted Flicker, 4; Say Phoebe, 1; Ruby-crowned Kinglet, 4; Water Pipit, 11; Loggerhead Shrike (California), 1; Audubon Warbler, 15; Arkansas Goldfinch (Green-backed), 39; White-crowned Sparrow, 30; Common Golden-eye, 3. Total, 473 individuals.

Territory III: Laurel Hill Cemetery, Lincoln Park, Lands End and Sutro Heights. Leader, Mr. Arthur H. Myer. Western Grebe, 2; Pied-billed Grebe, 1; White Pelican, 11; Brown Pelican, 4; Double-crested Cormorant, 8; Mallard, 15; Red-tailed Hawk, 2; Sparrow Hawk, 3; California Quail, 25; American Coot, 65; Ruddy Turnstone, 41; Glaucous-winged Gull, 66; Western Gull, 13; Herring Gull, 138; California Gull, 38; Mew Gull, 122; Anna Hummingbird, 8; Red-shafted Flicker, 7; Black Phoebe, 6; California Jay, 2; Chestnut-backed Chickadee, 3; Bush-tit, 10; Wren-tit, 4; Robin, 10; Hermit Thrush, 5; Ruby-crowned Kinglet, 4; English Sparrow, 6; Meadowlark, 6; Spotted Towhee, 2; Oregon Junco, 51; White-crowned Sparrow, 198; Golden-crowned Sparrow, 4; Fox Sparrow, 1; Song Sparrow, 10. Total, 891 individuals.

Territory IV: Seal Rocks, Ocean Beach, Golden Gate Park (Beach to 31st

Avenue). Leader, Mrs. Junea W. Kelly. Western Grebe, 4; Pied-billed Grebe, 5; Brown Pelican, 90; Brandt Cormorant, 44; Black-crowned Night Heron, 1; Mallard, 161; Ring-necked Duck, 5; Lesser Scaup, 6; Surf Scoter, 3; Ruddy Duck, 24; Sharp-shinned Hawk, 1; California Quail, 100; American Coot, 43; Surf-bird, 2; Black Turnstone, 17; Sanderling, 14; Glaucous-winged Gull, 64; Western Gull, 183; California Gull, 544; Ring-billed Gull, 1; Anna Hummingbird, 10; Belted Kingfisher, 1; Red-shafted Flicker, 5; Black Phoebe, 15; Chestnut-backed Chickadee, 15; Red-breasted Nuthatch, 5; Robin, 1; Varied Thrush, 3; Hermit Thrush, 2; Ruby-crowned Kinglet, 13; Water Pipit, 13; Hutton Vireo, 4; Audubon Warbler, 40; English Sparrow, 25; Brewer Blackbird, 7; Oregon Junco, 8; White-crowned Sparrow, 63; Fox Sparrow, 5; Song Sparrow, 19. Total, 1565 individuals.

Territory V: Golden Gate Park (10th Avenue to 31st Avenue). Leader, Mr. Donald Brock. Pied-billed Grebe, 7; Mallard Duck, 414; Baldpate, 40; Pintail, 9; Teal, 1; Redhead Duck, 1; Canvas-back Duck, 6; Lesser Scaup, 4; Ruddy Duck, 41; Sparrow Hawk, 1; California Quail, 8; American Coot, 66; Killdeer, 1; California Gull, 226; Ring-billed Gull, 5; Anna Hummingbird, 25; Belted Kingfisher, 1; Red-shafted Flicker, 15; Downy Woodpecker, 1; Black Phoebe, 7; Chestnut-backed Chickadee, 20; Bush-tit, 9; Red-breasted Nuthatch, 2; Wren-tit, 3; Robin, 61; Varied Thrush, 1; Hermit Thrush, 11; Golden-crowned Kinglet, 11; Ruby-crowned Kinglet, 14; Cedar Waxwing, 81; Orange-crowned Warbler (Lutescent), 1; Audubon Warbler, 6; Townsend Warbler, 7; English Sparrow, 3; House Finch, 31; Pine Siskin, 75; Arkansas Goldfinch, 9; Spotted Towhee, 12; Oregon Junco, 5; White-crowned Sparrow, 246; Golden-crowned Sparrow, 8; Fox Sparrow, 34; Song Sparrow, 25. Total, 1555 individuals.

Territory VI: Golden Gate Park (East Boundary to 10th Avenue). Leader, Mr. Herman V. Lefler. Mallard, 19; California Quail, 74; California Gull, 29; Ring-billed Gull, 14; Anna Hummingbird, 10; Red-shafted Flicker, 12; Black Phoebe, 1; California Jay, 3; Chestnut-backed Chickadee, 15; Bush-tit, 9; Red-breasted Nuthatch, 1; Robin, 5; Hermit Thrush, 5; Golden-crowned Kinglet, 2; Ruby-crowned Kinglet, 8; Water Pipit, 3; Audubon Warbler, 4; English Sparrow, 45; Brewer Blackbird, 56; House Finch, 1; Spotted Towhee, 8; Oregon Junco, 24; White-crowned Sparrow, 190; Golden-crowned Sparrow, 2; Fox Sparrow, 7; Song Sparrow, 5. Total, 552 individuals.

Territory VII: Lake Merced, Fleishhacker Zoo, Pine Lake. Leader, Gordon L. Bolander. Horned Grebe, 3; Eared Grebe, 412; Western Grebe, 38; Pied-billed Grebe, 32; White Pelican, 9; Double-crested Cormorant, 5; Great Blue Heron, 1; Black-crowned Night Heron, 1; American Bittern, 1; Mallard Duck, 70; Gadwall, 2; Baldpate, 23; Ring-necked Duck, 28; Greater Scaup, 3; Ruddy Duck, 44; Red-breasted Merganser, 4; Sharp-shinned Hawk, 3; Cooper Hawk, 2; Red-tailed Hawk, 1; Pigeon Hawk, 1; Sparrow Hawk, 5; California Quail, 72; Virginia Rail, 6; American Coot, 174; Glaucous-winged Gull, 342; Western Gull, 138; Herring Gull, 5; California Gull, 784; Ring-billed Gull, 150; Mew Gull, 250; Bonaparte Gull, 7; Anna Hummingbird, 69; Belted Kingfisher, 1; Red-shafted Flicker, 12; Downy Woodpecker, 4; Black Phoebe, 30; Holarctic Raven (American), 3; Chestnut-backed Chickadee, 77; Bush-tit, 41; Wren-tit, 2; Bewick Wren, 15; Long-billed Marsh Wren, 5; Robin, 4; Hermit Thrush, 22;

Golden-crowned Kinglet, 57; Ruby-crowned Kinglet, 54; Water Pipit, 2; Loggerhead Shrike, 1; Black and White Warbler, 1; Orange-crowned Warbler, 1; Audubon Warbler, 71; Townsend Warbler, 25; English Sparrow, 35; Red-winged Blackbird, 50; Tri-colored Blackbird, 200; Brewer Blackbird, 1900; Bronze-headed Cowbird, 45; Purple Finch (California), 4; House Finch, 66; Pine Siskin, 16; Arkansas Goldfinch, 2; Spotted Towhee, 11; Slate-colored Junco, 1; Oregon Junco, 103; White-crowned Sparrow, 462; Golden-crowned Sparrow, 7; Fox Sparrow, 38; Song Sparrow, 59. Total, 6159 individuals.

Territory VIII: Sigmund Stern Grove, Mt. Davidson, Twin Peaks, and Laguna Honda Home. Leader, Mrs. E. C. Stowell. Pied-billed Grebe, 1; Sharp-shinned Hawk, 1; Cooper Hawk, 1; Red-tailed Hawk, 1; Sparrow Hawk, 1; California Quail, 36; American Coot, 3; Glaucous-winged Gull, 8; Anna Hummingbird, 2; Red-shafted Flicker, 3; Black Phoebe, 19; Chestnut-backed Chickadee, 3; Bewick Wren, 1; Robin, 2; Hermit Thrush, 2; Ruby-crowned Kinglet, 4; Audubon Warbler, 1; English Sparrow, 6; Meadowlark, 38; House Finch, 1; White-crowned Sparrow, 13; Fox Sparrow, 2; Song Sparrow, 2. Total, 152 individuals.

There was a total of 96 species and 12,369 individuals observed in the eight territories.

February Meeting

The 353rd meeting of the Audubon Association of the Pacific will be held on Thursday, February 13, 1947 at 8:00 p. m. in the Assembly Room of the San Francisco Public Library at Larkin and McAllister Streets. Mr. Harry Adamson, Berkeley artist, will do blackboard sketching with comments on "Ducks". Mr. Adamson will also show a few of his bird paintings recently completed in preparation for his forthcoming Bay Area Exhibit.

An informal dinner celebrating the Thirtieth Anniversary of the Audubon Association will be held at 465 Post St., San Francisco, preceding the meeting. Meet at 6:00 p. m. Phone Miss

Herman V. Leffler, *Chairman*.

Frances J. Blake, DOuglas 8080 (day-time only) if you plan to come.



February Field Trip

On Sunday, February 16, 1947, the field trip to Burlingame will be lead by Mr. Gordon L. Bolander. Take the No. 40 car from 5th and Market Streets, San Francisco at 8:51 a. m. and get off at El Camino Real and Easton Drive. The party will proceed into the residential area to Skyline Boulevard and possibly to one of the lakes. Bring luncheon and binoculars.

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