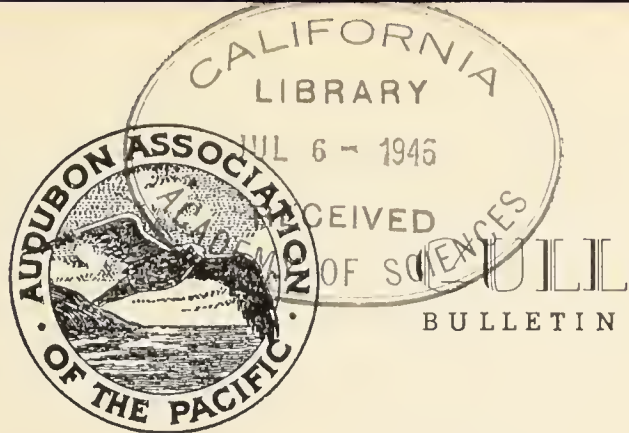


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### Memorial Library

In memory of her sister, the late Miss Elizabeth M. Richards, Miss Mary Richards recently presented ten books to the Audubon Association of the Pacific. All of the publications are from the personal library of Miss E. M. Richards, who formerly taught mathematics at Horace Mann High School, and was a member of the Association from 1937 until her death in January 1946. In tribute to Miss Richards, the books have been placed in the San Francisco Public Library at Larkin and McAllister Streets, San Francisco, the meeting place of the Audubon Association, where they may serve as a source of inspiration and guidance for present and future bird students.

Included in the collection are: "The Birds of America" by John James Audubon (reprint), "Birds of California" by Irene G. Wheelock, "Birds of the Pacific States" by Ralph Hoffmann, "Bird Notes Afield" by Charles A. Keeler, "Bird Watching in the West" by Frances Staver Twining, "Birds of Yosemite" by M. E. Beatty and C. A. Harwell (Special Number, Yosemite Nature Notes, 1938), and "Birds" (Vol. 1, No. 2, 1930, published by San Jose State College). There is also an album of "American Bird Songs" recorded by the Albert Brand Bird Song Foundation, Laboratory of Ornithology, Cornell University. Perhaps this fine group of books will inspire the members of the Association to build a larger, more extensive ornithological library, thus making it possible to meet more adequately the needs of the members of the organization and of the community.

### Additional Notes on Harris Sparrow Visitor of Berkeley

In the April of 1946 "Gull" an announcement was made of the appearance in Berkeley in January 1946 of a Harris Sparrow, a rare winter visitor in this section of the United States. It had arrived with a flock of White crowned and Golden-crowned Sparrows and had appeared daily in Mr. and Mrs. Stafford Jory's yard up to the time the article was written. Later upon further inquiring it was found that this particular Harris Sparrow had continued its daily visits up to May 1. After that date it was no longer seen. The White-crowned and Golden-crowned Sparrows also disappeared about the same time. Mrs. Jory states that the scattering of black spots on the breast and the brownish coloring on the head of the Sparrow gradually developed into the outstanding black crown and connected black throat patch of the adult bird, so that they had the great pleasure of seeing the immature young of January develop into the full-grown adult of May. It will be interesting to know whether this individual appears again next January in the Jory garden.

Mrs. Joseph Grinnell of the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology at the Univer-

sity of California, has kindly looked through her records for past appearances of Harris Sparrows in California. "Other Berkeley records for the Harris Sparrow are: hillside south of Strawberry Canyon, one seen repeatedly in winter of 1912-1913 (Allen, Condor, 45, 1943: 150); winter of 1924-25, seen daily for several weeks near High Court (Foster and Foster, Condor 30, 1928:252); banded on November 21, 1927, not seen again (Clabaugh, Condor, 30, 1928:163); a single individual seen on the University Campus in company with White-crowned and Golden-crowned sparrows on February 10, 1931 (Wythe, Condor, 33, 1931:127).

The earliest seasonal occurrence recorded for California is October 27, Hayward, Alameda County, (Emerson, Condor, 2, 1900:145) and the latest, March 27 to April 25, San Gabriel River Sanctuary, Los Angeles County (Comby, Condor, 45, 1943:199)

This sparrow has been recorded as seen in eleven widely scattered counties in California: Lassen, Butte, Alameda, Contra Costa, Santa Clara, Mariposa, Merced, Inyo, Los Angeles, Orange, and San Diego counties."

### **An Out-of-Season Observation of the Whistling Swan**

On the morning of May 24, 1946, a pair of Whistling Swans (*Cygnus Columbianus*) was observed on San Francisco Bay north of the Oakland approach to the Bay Bridge. As both individuals possessed black bills and the full white plumage of the adult, it would seem that they were unquestionably of this species. The swans were dabbling in shallow water near the shore. Long strips of vegetable matter were seen dangling from their bills. The birds were not observed on subsequent days. They were undoubtedly delayed in migrating to the northern breeding grounds as the Whistling Swan is listed as a midwinter visitant from November to March by Joseph Grinnell and Alden H. Miller in "The Distribution of the Birds of California" (1944).—

Grace Irene Crowe, California Academy of Sciences.

### **A Returned War Physician's First Patient**

Some time ago Mrs. Esther S. Henrie of the Napa Audubon Society wrote that while out with a scout group on October 7, 1945, an injured osprey was found on the banks of the Napa River. This was the first osprey seen in Napa county for many years, according to the records kept from 1881 to 1941 by the late Mr. Bickford, for years the foremost bird man in that locality.

The injured bird, which could not fly because one wing-tip dragged, was bandaged several times and each time it tore off all bandages. A physician and surgeon just returned from the war in Europe became interested and decided to make the bird his first civilian patient. According to Mrs. Henrie's account, a straight-jacket of canvas was fashioned allowing freedom of neck and legs. This was placed on the bird after its wing was set. It could balance itself on a perch, became quite tame, and did not tear off this bandage. It gave a special call when its care-taker, Mrs. H. Wheeler of St. Helena, approached, and it made no attempt to strike her with talons or beak. It ate fish sent each day by friends in Napa interested in the bird. Even the postal employees hastened the special parcels through the mail. The osprey seemed to be making satisfactory progress and was to have been released on a particular day. All interested were sorry when it died just the day before its release. The physician lost his first civilian patient.

### June Field Trip

Miss Tillie A. Papina led the Audubon group on its monthly field trip to Ross in Marin County on June 16, 1946. Phoenix and Lagunitas lakes were visited. Some members came by way of Madrone Trail, others by Hidden Meadow. The day was warm and pleasant, the lakes shimmering. Many members added new birds to their lists of first-time observations. These following 37 species were seen:

Turkey Vulture	California Jay	Solitary Vireo
Red-tailed Hawk	Western Crow	Warbling Vireo
Anna Hummingbird	Chestnut-backed Chickadee	Yellow Warbler
Allen Hummingbird	Plain Titmouse	Pileolated Warbler
Belted Kingfisher	Bush-tit	Black-headed Grosbeak
California Woodpecker	Brown Creeper	Lazuli Bunting
Hairy Woodpecker	Wren-tit	Purple Finch
Ash-throated Flycatcher	House Wren	House Finch
Black Phoebe	Robin	Green-backed Goldfinch
Violet-green Swallow	Russet-backed Thrush	Spotted Towhee
Rough-winged Swallow	Hermit Thrush	Brown Towhee
Cliff Swallow	Hutton Vireo	Junco
		Song Sparrow

Nine members attended, Mr. and Mrs. George Kilham; Mrs. Rose Anable, Mrs. Sadie Bozant; the Misses Jean B. Fay, Tillie Papina, Camilla Paroni, Marie Sterne, and Minnie Young. Fourteen visitors were present.—

Jean Bradford Fay, Historian

### June Meeting

The June meeting took place June 3, 1946, with our president, Miss Jean Fay, presiding. Dr. Russell T. Congdon of Wenatchee, Washington, showed beautiful pictures that he and Mrs. Congdon had taken in the northwest. Some were of Canada Geese, Sandhill Cranes, and White Pelicans feeding young.

New members were announced by Miss Ivander MacIver as follows: Miss Grace Irene Crowe, assistant, Dept. of Birds and Mammals of the California Academy of Sciences, Miss Elizabeth Beynon, Miss Blanche P. Stevens, Mrs. Esther S. Henrie of the Napa Audubon Club, and Mrs. Beth M. McCarthy.

### Statement of Editorial Policy

"The Gull" is traditionally a bulletin of local bird study. For over 27 years it has preserved as a record the observations of birds made on the regular field trips in this region, as well as presenting unusual records and factual articles of popular interest, stressing local and western birds.

Articles contributed must reach the editor before the 20th of the month in order to be published in the next month's issue of "The Gull".

Due to the impossibility of determining subspecies in the field, subspecific names will not be used in recording observations, with the exception of such birds as the Canada Geese, where size differences are marked.

It is hoped that each issue will contain information of interest to each member, whether beginner or long-time observer.

Suggestions and criticisms will be cheerfully received.



**Observations**

One pair of Ruddy Ducks with six young, May 23, Chain of Lakes, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, Mrs. Laura A. Stephens.

From El Sobrante, Contra Costa County, California, Mr. Walter W. Bradley reports: White-crowned Sparrow, last observed on April 21; Fox Sparrow last observed on April 21; pair of House Wrens nesting in wren-house, April 20; pair of Black Phoebes nesting under eaves of cabin, May 4. Other observations at this locality include: Black-throated Gray Warbler, April 21; Lazuli Bunting, April 28, and Golden-crowned Sparrow, May 4.

**July Meeting**

The 346th meeting of the Audubon Association of the Pacific will be held on Thursday, July 11, 1946, at 8:00 p. m. in the Assembly Room of the San Francisco Public Library at Larkin and McAllister Streets. Dr. Jean Linsdale will take as his subject "The Hastings Natural History Reservation". The lecture will be illustrated with films taken by Mrs. T. Eric Reynolds.

**Announcement**

Members and their guests are invited to a no-host dinner before the regular meeting of the Audubon Association on July 11, 1946. Meet at 6:00 p. m. at the Lotus Bowl, 626 Grant Avenue, San Francisco.

**Directions for Reaching Hastings Reserve:**

Address Dr. Jean Linsdale, Hastings Reservation, Jamesburg Route, Monterey, California.

Telephone Dr. J. M. Linsdale, Paraiso Springs, 2 F-14 (through Salinas).

By auto leave Salinas by highway going toward Monterey for 10 miles, turn to left on Tassajara Road, which follows to corner marked 3 miles to Jamesburg. Here follow road to left toward King City for 2.6 miles; then turn left, cross creek, and enter gate marked R. P. Hastings. The house is 1 mile from this gate and is the second one up this lane.

**July Field Trip**

On Sunday, July 14th, Mrs. Albert B. Stephens is to be our leader on a trip to the Chain of Lakes in Golden Gate Park and to the vicinity of the Cliff House. Members and friends take Sutter St. No. 1 or No. 2 cars that leave Ferry Building in San Francisco and get off where cars are switched near entrance to Sutro Baths. Group meets here at about 10 a. m. During July one sometimes sees Shearwaters and Pigeon Guillemots in this location.

Bring lunch and binoculars.

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