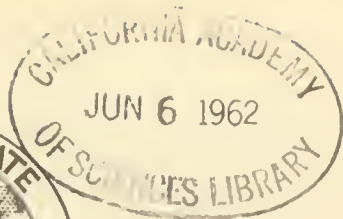


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JUNE DINNER MEETING

The 530th regular meeting of the Golden Gate Audubon Society will be held in Oakland on Thursday, June 14 at 6:30 in Lakeside Park Garden Center, which is near Children's Fairyland.

This year the Society is celebrating its 45th birthday, and it is indeed a special occasion for all of its members. Dinner will be served in the Vista Room overlooking beautiful gardens which surround the building. Not only has the most beautiful spot in the East Bay been selected for this annual dinner, but a most outstanding and dedicated naturalist has been sought as speaker, Mr. William Penn Mott, Superintendent of Parks in Oakland. His lecture is entitled "Birds, Beasts and Battles."

Dinner will be \$3.75 (tax and tip included). Reservations should be sent to Miss Rose Hovsepian, 2321 Ward St., Berkeley 5. For your convenience a reservation form is included at the end of this issue. Please make checks payable to Golden Gate Audubon Society. Deadline for reservations will be Monday, June 11.

Mark your calendar now! Come and help your organization celebrate this milestone. We hope to welcome new and old members at this important gathering.—MYRA J. BROWNE, *Program Chairman*

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—PHYLLIS ZWEIGART, *Nominating Committee Chairman*

COVEL'S CONSERVATION CORNER

This is a fresh "call to arms"—to speech, pen and typewriter—and to the ballot box. It is truly "now or never" for several vital issues, to decide whether certain open spaces essential to future recreation, to wildlife and human preservation, will be saved. It is the time for all Audubonites, all Conservationists, to rally their friends and neighbors. Ballots, dollars, and letters or telegrams to Congressmen are the individual missiles which can win this war for the future of America Outdoors.

A fact sheet on the State Park Bonds to be decided at this June 5th election is being sent Audubon members. Please circulate this important message! Contra Costa County citizens also have an opportunity to approve County Park Bonds which would secure a little of the fast-vanishing green space and wildlife habitat in that mushrooming suburbia, and would include nature centers. The Audubon Canyon Ranch fund drive must really be put on the road this month! Please vote with dollars in the Canyon Ranch cause!

Our precious Point Reyes National Seashore Bill is stalled at this writing in the House Rules Committee—and Congress is completely stalled by a costly filibuster. It appears to be the time to remind our Congressmen—not the Senators now—that we want a House vote on Pt. Reyes as soon as possible! The Wilderness Bill also needs more of your help, as it has formidable opposition from well organized minorities. The May White House Conference on Conservation is good news, like the current movement to implement "Outdoor Recreation Resources," but in the final show-downs it is affirmative votes and budget appropriations—not speeches and sentiments—which count—at Sacramento and Washington! These legislators must know your wishes—and how about sending a carbon copy of your letters to your Conservation Chairman?—PAUL F. COVEL,

Conservation Chairman

ALAMEDA FIELD TRIP

The Alameda field trip on April 15, with about 35 members and guests, was perhaps notable more for what was not seen than for what was seen. Although 63 species were recorded during the day, various birds that used to be seen regularly were missing. Among them were Great Blue Heron, Common Egret, Black Turnstone, Sparrowhawk, Clapper Rail, Audubon Warbler, Song Sparrow. Avocets numbered perhaps 150, instead of the thousands of former years. Very few curlews were seen. Destruction of the loafing grounds bordering San Leandro Bay undoubtedly explains the sharply lessened numbers—both of species and of individuals. The new Oakland Airport, visited during the afternoon, provides loafing ground for some species, but to find out what is there requires hiking several miles. There are pheasants and owls—Short-eared, Burrowing, and Barn—but no one in the Audubon group saw them on April 15.

The group explored a number of places. In Lincoln Park the discovery of a hooded Oriole, apparently nesting, provided excitement. At the east end of Liberty Street, Western Grebes and several varieties of ducks were

found. Following Eastshore Drive into a new section rapidly being filled in, the party found a concentration of sandpipers. A drive along the South shore gave good opportunity to see ducks, Sanderlings, and Snowy Plovers. (The tide was high.)

Off McCartney Road on Bay Farm Island was the best viewing of the day—Avoets, Willets, Black-bellied Plovers, Dowitchers, Knots, Terns, Marbled Godwits, a few ducks, Barn and Cliff Swallows, and a few Starlings (the first recorded in Alameda, according to Junea Kelly). The tide was ebbing fast, and birds were far out when the party reached the site of the old radar building at the west end of the island. In several places on the west shore there was a good view of Ruddy Turnstones (but no Black).

Besides visiting the new Oakland Airport, the afternoon group went to the Frontage Road area to see—and hear—Horned Larks. Pipits were everywhere, but birds in general are widely scattered and plainly reduced in numbers.—ELSIE ROEMER, *Leader and Historian*

SPRING FLOWER TRIP

On Saturday, April 14th, 35 members met at the Stone Bridge near Napa for a flower trip into Napa and Lake counties. Although the cold weeks of spring had delayed the blooming somewhat, close to 100 interesting plants were identified and observed and many others were seen from our cars as we drove along. The lavish display of colorful fields for which Lake County is famous was good even though not at peak performance. Our route was along the Silverado Trail, over the St. Helena grade to Middletown, thence to Clear Lake Highlands, back to the Pope Valley turnoff north of Middletown, then by way of Pope Valley to Conn Reservoir where the tour officially ended.

The Redbud, one of the main objectives of the trip, was at its best as we barely dipped into the region where it grows around Clear Lake. Although redbud becomes more spectacular as one moves into the hills beyond Clear Lake, lack of time prevented us going farther. As we drove from Middletown to Clear Lake, we were rewarded, however, with frequent views of this startlingly brilliant magenta-flowered shrub and cameras recorded scenic views and close-ups of this dramatic member of the Pea Family.

A few of the outstanding flowers sighted include: mountain dogwood on the St. Helena grade, lupines, one of the colorful highlights, painting the hills with great splashes of purple, fields of cream cups and star lily (*Zygadenus*), lavender fields of Chinese houses, Sargent eypress on the Pope Valley grade, a California endemic, billowing meadowfoam, buttercups, and the new velvety red leaves of the Kellogg oak.

In the afternoon we had a refreshment stop at the general store in Pope Valley. Here we are proud to report everyone behaved very decorously, the reason perhaps being that the "bouncer" was a lady who looked every inch capable of tossing the huskiest member of our party right out the door. The general store proved as interesting as she, and the giant skins of rattlesnakes were admired with amazement—GLADYS L. SMITH, *Leader*

FIELD TRIP TO PATTERSON PASS

On April 28, 18 hardy birders met at Livermore at 5 a.m. and set out for "Patterson Pass", stopping only briefly to observe Lewis Woodpeckers at the McCoy Ranch and a male Phainopepla, which flew onto its nest, at the bridge. Unfortunately, except for Black-headed Grosbeaks, birds were scarce in general and several expected species were not to be found. However, several Calliope and a single Black-chinned Hummingbird, and, best of all, a Black-chinned Sparrow that sang persistently from the top of a small dead tree so all could see and hear him at close range, were located. Afterwards some of us went to the San Joaquin Valley in an unsuccessful attempt to find Fulvous Tree Ducks. Instead, we found and observed at close range three Surfbirds in a rice field (!) just north of Firebaugh, probably the first inland record for this species in California.

—PAUL DeBENEDICTIS, *Historian*; MARIE L. MANS, *Leader*

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members to our Society: from Berkeley, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence D. Brenner, Miss Frances E. Brown, Miss Eunice Buddenhagen, Mr. Roland W. Davis, Mrs. Eleanor M. Strong; from Hayward, Mrs. Dorothy Waugh; from Lafayette, Mr. Peter Bosworth; from Oakland, Dr. and Mrs. J. V. Gilkey, Miss Patricia Moorshead, Mrs. Oscar M. Olson; from Piedmont, Mr. Gary R. Luders;; from Richmond, Mr. and Mrs. Donald R. Meifert; from San Francisco, Mr. George Gervase Downes, Miss Vi Jones, Miss Dorothy Miles, Mrs. Joseph Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Peterson, Mr. Bruce Steinheimer, Miss Ruth Lorraine Tennis; from Stockton, Mr. Joseph Henry West; from Walnut Creek, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Ojala—ROBERTA J. LONG, *Membership Chairman*

FIELD TRIPS FOR JUNE

Saturday, June 2, to Fleishhacker Zoo and beach areas. Bank Swallow, a bird of unique nesting habit, will be the main attraction. After birding in and around the zoo a walk will be made along the beach to observe the swallows nesting in the banks bordering the shore line. Come prepared to walk in the sand. Meet at the north entrance to the zoo on Sloat Blvd., at 9:15 a. m. Leader, Erlene Hevel, PR 5-6498.

On Saturday and Sunday, June 9 and 10, to David Snyder's cabin at Clark Station Summer Homesites in the northern Sierra. Elevation 6200 ft. Also, to marsh area near Marbles's Hot Springs in the Sierra Valley, east of Yuba Pass. Take Highway 40 to Auburn, then Highway 49 north to Clark Station, which is nine miles beyond Sierra City. Another route: take Highway 40 to Truckee, thence by Highway 89 west to Sattley; approximately one mile northwest of Sattley, turn left on Highway 49 and cross Yuba Pass. Clark Station is two miles west of Yuba Pass. Best accommodations, Pioneer Lodge, two miles west of Clark Station on Highway 49. For reservations, phone Pioneer Lodge, via Grass Valley, or write Pioneer Lodge, Sattley, Calif. There are motels in Sierra City, camping at National Forest Service, Lincoln camp ground across Yuba River from Snyder Cabin, Chapman Creek Campground one mile west of the cabin. Meet at cabin at 9 a. m.

and 2 p. m. on Saturday. For Sunday trip to Sierra Valley, meet at cabin at 8:30 a. m. or at The Kitchen in Sattley, 9 a. m. For map write Mrs. Beth Snyder, Clark Station, Sattley, Calif., or contact Field Trip Chairman. Leader, Mrs. Beth Snyder.

Thursday, June 7, to area north and east of old quarry (punch bowl) off Redwood Road between Skyline and Mountain Blvds. This is one of the places, close in, where natural habitat can be found. Oaks, chaparral and open fields are here, plus a stream. Birds and botany will be covered on this walk as the leader is well versed in both subjects. Meet at Redwood Road and Mountain Blvd., at 9:30 a. m. No 15 AC Transit bus passes this point. Leader, Marshall M. Jenks, KE 4-9353.

On Saturday and Sunday, June 16 and 17, to Van Damme Beach State Park, 14 miles south of Fort Bragg on State Route No. 1. From Bay Area points take U. S. 101 to Cloverdale and then turn off onto State Route 128 and continue on it to State Route No. 1. Distance is about 165 miles and travel time 5 hours. Camping is a feature of the park. Motels are available in Fort Bragg. Spectacular views of ocean and cliffs are to be found here. Water birds nesting on the rocks off shore may be seen. Thrushes and warblers should be numerous at this time. This is a new area for our group, so the exploring should be interesting. Meet at the park headquarters 9 a. m. and 1 p. m. on Saturday. Co-leaders, Marjory Reu, SK 1-2591 and Oliver Allen, Phone 948-5639.

On Saturday, June 30, to Strawberry Canyon. Meet at 9 a. m., at the entrance to the Botanical Gardens. The habitat, some man made and some natural, attracts a large variety of birds. Hummers can be seen at close range. The calls and songs of Swainson's Thrush, Western Wood Pewee, Olive-sided Flycatcher, Black-headed Grosbeak and Finches will probably be heard. Leader, Harold G. Peterson, LO 8-7534.

FIELD TRIPS FOR JULY

July 10, Tuesday-Cliff House.

July 14 and 15, Saturday and Sunday overnight-Echo Summit

July 28, Saturday-Golden Gate Park.

—HAROLD G. PETERSON, *Field Trips Chairman.*

WESTERN CONFERENCE AT ASILOMAR

The National Audubon Western Conference dates will be April 6-7-8-9, 1963 at Asilomar State Park, California. Anyone planning to attend should write now to the National Audubon Conservation Center, 2426 Bancroft Way, Berkeley 4, in order to be on the priority list for early mailing of the registration forms. Last year people who had waited too long before registering were unable to obtain accommodations. The 3rd Nature Photography Salon will be held at the 1963 Conference, and copies of "Regulations and Conditions of Entry" have been sent to Audubon Branch Presidents, from whom interested members can get the details.

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