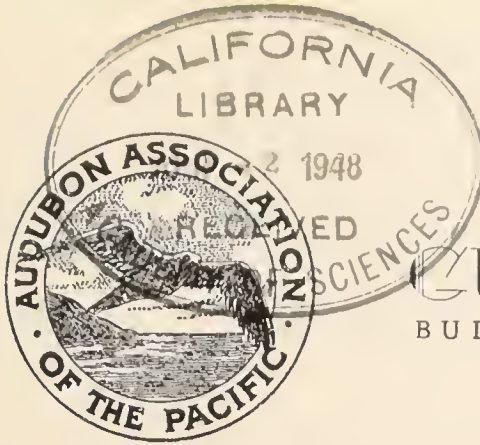


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A Change of Status

At the last meeting of the Audubon Association of the Pacific, held on March 11th, in the San Francisco Public Library, it was overwhelmingly voted to become a branch of the National Audubon Society.

We might well take pride in this new step. It should strengthen our influence, being part of the wider Audubon cause, coordinating our efforts toward greater public appreciation of our natural resources, especially wildlife, and the need of conserving them.

We know of no other organization that is doing a more magnificent work along the lines of educational achievements. The Junior Audubon membership alone runs into millions, extending far into Canada. The growing system of Nature Centers and Study Camps for youth leadership, increasingly fills a wide-spread need. To be a part of this, and much more besides, should revitalize us with a new sense of appreciation, as well as responsibility.

The immediate effect of this important change, will be that we obtain membership in both the national and the local organizations, with one annual dues payment of \$5.00, bringing the Audubon Magazine as well as the Gull. Provision is also made for the local society to continue as such, with dues of \$1.50, for those who wish to be local members only.

We should look forward with pleasure and confidence toward this new relationship with Audubon interests.

Ethel E. Richardson, President

March Meeting

The 366th meeting of the Audubon Association of the Pacific was held March 11th in the San Francisco Public Library. The President, Mrs. Ethel Richardson presided. Fifty members and guests were present.

A letter was read from the National Audubon Society in regard to procedure for proposed affiliation of the Audubon Association of the Pacific with the National group. On motion it was agreed that a secret vote be taken. Thirty-seven ballots were cast: yes, 31; no, 6.

Miss Watkins, chairman of the Conservation Committee, told of nature field trips planned for elementary students of the East Bay schools.

It was decided that the April meeting will be held in the auditorium of the Lakeview School on Grand Ave., Oakland.

Letters were read from Mrs. Virginia Emlen, Madison, Wisconsin, acknow-

leding receipt of contributions of money for CARE food packages and of clothing to be sent to ornithologists in Europe. It was decided that contributions will be accepted at the close of each monthly meeting and that members who wish to do so, may contribute clothing through Mrs. George C. Browne.

The President spoke of the 1948 Summer Sessions of the Audubon Nature Camp and stated that two scholarships have been established, one through the efforts of Mrs. T. Eric Reynolds and one through the efforts of Mrs. Dorothy Dean Sheldon. The desirability of the Audubon Association of the Pacific establishing such a scholarship was discussed but no action was taken.

One new member, Mr. C. L. Carson was welcomed.

Mr. Brighton C. Cain, speaker of the evening, told of birds seen on a recent trip, and showed motion pictures of birds.

Respectfully submitted,

Hazel Walsh, Recording Secretary

March Field Trip

The field trip to Tilden Park was taken under clearing skies with only two small showers to mar the day. One half of the group took a muddy path through the chaparral on the west side of Jewell's Lake and down to the lake shore where it met the remaining half which took the road along Wildcat Creek. The party then struck out to the east of the lake. The party again split, one section taking to the hilly brush and grassland while the other returned along the road back toward the picnic area.

35 species of birds were seen or heard:

Ring-necked Duck	California Thrasher
Canvas-back Duck	Western Robin
Red-tailed Hawk	Hermit Thrush
Sparrow Hawk	Ruby-crowned Kinglet
American Coot	Hutton's Vireo
Great Horned Owl	Lutescent Warbler
Anna's Hummingbird	Western Meadowlark
Allen's Hummingbird	Red-winged Blackbird
Red-shafted Flicker	Pine Siskin
Black Phoebe	Green-backed Goldfinch
Steller's Jay	Spotted Towhee
California Jay	Brown Towhee
Chestnut-backed	Rufous-crowned Sparrow
Chickadee	Oregon Junco
Plain Titmouse	Fox Sparrow
Bush-tit	White-crowned Sparrow
Wren-tit	Golden-crowned Sparrow
Bewick's Wren	Song Sparrow

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Harry Adamson, Mrs. and Jean Mate-son Mrs. Richardson, Brown, Stowell, Austin, Misses McIver, Blake, Messrs. Myer, Leffler, Le Mieux, Butler, Thompson, Carson, Robinsin, Dubois.

— Jean M. F. Dubois, *Leader and Historian*.

Observations

Edited by MRS. JUNE W. KELLY

February 7, 1948, 1 White-tailed Kite, Island #1 north of San Pablo Bay; 1 Kite, east of Bridge, Tubbs Island; 1 Kite, just east of Cordelia; 2 Kites, just north of Goodyear along Cordelia,—Benicia Road; 1 Short-eared Owl, on Island #1.; February 23, 1 White-tailed Kite, 10 miles south of San Jose; February 28, 1 Allen Humming Bird, Lake Temescal; 1 Holboell Grebe, San Leandro Bay; February 29, 1 Slate-colored Junco, singing near Fairfax, Marin Co., A. Laurence Curl.

February 26, 9 Red Crossbills, Sutro Garden, San Francisco, Florence Plymell; February 18-21-28, Red Crossbills, Chain of Lakes, Golden Gate Park, Junea W. Kelly.

Report of Field Trip Committee of the Audubon Association of the Pacific

Our field trips have been well attended this last year (1947).

Some outings of years ago have been revived, notably Burlingame and Rodeo Lagoon, Marin County.

Our trips to McCoy Ranch (back of Livermore) and to the Monterey Peninsula in May were outstanding.

<i>Trip Month</i>	<i>Location Visited</i>	<i>Members & guests</i>
January	U. C. Campus, Berkeley & Mr. Myer's res.	Many
February	Burlingame	16
March	East Bay Regional Park	34
April	McCoy Ranch	Unknown, but many
May	Moraga, St. Marys Monterey Peninsula	19 37
June	Diamond Canyon, Oakland & Dr. Reynold's res.	40
July	Land's End, S. F.	16
August	Ross, Marin Co.	16
September	Alameda & Bay Farm Island	29
October	Golden Gate Park	39
November	Rodeo Lagoon, Marin Co.	5
December	Lake Merritt	30

I again thank Mr. Arthur Myer, Mrs. Richardson and others for their assistance, also the many fine leaders some of whom have served again and again.

Respectfully submitted,

F. J. Blake

Chairman, Field Trips.

April Meeting

The 367th meeting of the Audubon Association of the Pacific will be held on April 8, 1948, in the auditorium of the Lakeview School, Grand Avenue and MacArthur, Oakland. To avoid steps, enter at the back of the building. A business meeting will take place at 7:30, and our speaker, Mrs. Dorothy Dean Sheldon, will give her illustrated lecture, "PROSPECTING WITH A CAMERA", at eight o'clock. Following the lecture, there will be an informal "get-acquainted" period.

Mrs. Sheldon is a photographer and lecturer with a national reputation. She has recently returned from an Eastern trip, where she gave a series of lectures for the Massachusetts Audubon Society. Her colored film of wildlife in the West is an entertaining and vivid story of her adventures in the out-of-doors.

This will be our first meeting as a branch of the National Audubon Society. Members are urged to bring guests both for the privilege of hearing Mrs. Sheldon and to learn of the advantages of membership in our Association.

— Laurel Reynolds, Program Chairman

NOTE: Treasurer's report will appear in next issue.

April Field Trip

On Sunday, April 11th, Laurence Curl will lead the field trip to the McCoy ranch on the Arroya Mocha back of Livermore.

The party will meet at the flagpole on First St., Livermore at 9 o'clock; then turn south to Livermore Ave. thence on the Arroya Mocha road southeast for four miles. The McCoy ranch is on the right after the sycamore grove and close to the old school house.

Private car pools will be arranged in San Francisco by Miss F. Blake, DO. 2-8080 (daytime) or Mrs. G. T. Kilham, OR. 3-4262 (evenings) and in the East Bay by Mrs. A. H. Myer, BE. 7-3080.

Those joining cars in Oakland will meet at Broadway and MacArthur at 8 a. m. while those coming from San Francisco will take the 7:40 "C" train to Broadway, Oakland. Bring lunch and binoculars.

Special Shore Bird Trip

On Sunday, April 18th, Mrs. G. Earle Kelly will lead a trip to observe the shore birds in Alameda. The party will meet at Santa Clara and High Sts. 9:15 a. m.

From San Francisco take the "O" bus at 8:45 a. m. East Bay members will transfer to the Alameda bus at Broadway and Sixteenth St. and go to the meeting place. Bring lunch and binoculars.

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