



A Letter from Gordon Bolander

On October 18, 1941, I was present at Klondike Lake, a small body of water lying just north of Big Pine, Inyo County, California. It was with considerable surprise that I viewed there at close range a Pectoral Sandpiper, *Pisobia maculata*, a species usually considered to be a coastal migrant in this State. The bird continued feeding entirely unalarmed even though I was at too close a range to allow the use of my binoculars. This occurrence, east of the Sierran divide, may indicate that this bird is perhaps not as closely bound to the coastal areas as has been assumed.

On November 20, 1941, I was observing birds on Bear Mountain, twenty-one miles south of Bakersfield and six miles east of Arvin in Kern County. This is an area famed for its gliding currents and an annual glider meet of national scope is held there. As is always the case, the local soaring birds also appreciate these same flying aids and several may be seen there at nearly any daylight hour. On the day in question, three birds were seen from the car which seemed large enough to be Golden Eagles, regular habitants of the area. It was quite a thrill to discover that they actually were California Condors, *Gymnogyps californianus*. There were two handsome adults and a more somberly colored immature bird. In an observation period of approximately an hour seven additional birds were seen, bringing the total of the group to ten birds. All of these latter birds looked to be adults but were not seen at close range. In fact, only one close view was obtained at the original three, which moved off to the southwest with the rest of the birds. However, the sight of so many of these great birds at once and the remarkable demonstration of the speed with which they move about over the country provided quite a bit for an ornithologist to be thankful for on a Thanksgiving day.



National Audubon Society

The second State Convention of the National Audubon Society and its California Affiliated Groups will be held at Santa Barbara, January 23-25. The headquarters will be the Samarkand Hotel, where the sessions will start with a luncheon on Friday, the 23rd.

Saturday's morning session will be at the Museum of Natural History, where special exhibits are being arranged. The afternoon will be spent at the Santa Barbara Art Museum, where Donald Culross Peattie will have on display an exhibit of Audubon material and wildlife paintings.

Sunday will close the convention with a field trip. A registration fee of 50 cents will be charged.



December Field Trip

Sunday, December 14, 1941, was rainy, which resulted in a small attendance, on the field trip to the University of California campus in Berkeley, and these

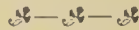
few assembled under an oil station canopy. At 10 o'clock sharp the party, consisting of six men and two ladies, started for the campus, where they viewed a flock of pipits on the lawn. The two ladies then decided that, as it was really raining, they would leave. I, with scouts of Troops 7 and 24 of Berkeley, continued on, making most of our observations from several doorways of the University buildings. The scouts enjoyed the birding, the wet view of the campus, and the intimacies of the doorways of the buildings. It was good fun, clean and wet. It was the twelfth trip of the Association for 1941 and the field trip year was complete.

Nineteen species were noted, as follows:

Quail	Pipit	Spotted Towhee
Western Gull	Audubon Warbler	Brown Towhee
Anna Hummingbird	Townsend Warbler	Junco
Red-shafted Flicker	Brewer Blackbird	Nuttall Sparrow
California Jay	House Finch	Golden-crowned Sparrow
Plain Titmouse	Green-backed Goldfinch	Song Sparrow
Western Robin		

Members attending were Miss Johnson and Arthur Myer with six guests.

Arthur H. Myer, Leader and Historian.



Audubon Notes

January Meeting: The 25th annual and the 292nd regular meeting will be held on Thursday evening, the 8th, in the Auditorium of the San Francisco Public Library, Larkin and McAllister Streets, at 8 o'clock. Annual reports will be read, officers and directors for the ensuing year will be elected, and a discussion of the policy of the Association for 1942 will take place. It is hoped that as many members as possible will attend this meeting.

The nominating committee: Mrs. Kelly, Mrs. Courtright and Mr. Bradley, has submitted its report as follows: President, David G. Nichols; First Vice-President; Mrs. Enid K. Austin; Second Vice-President, Miss Selma Werner; Corresponding Secretary, Joseph J. Webb; Recording Secretary, Harold Kirker; Treasurer, Miss Ivander MacIver; and Directors: Mrs. Dorothy Dean Sheldon, Laidlaw O. Williams and B. K. Dunshee.

The members of the Association have the privilege of selecting the three directors and nominations may be made from the floor.



January Field Trip will be taken on Sunday, the 11th, to Lake Merritt, Oakland, when a census of the ducks on the lake will be taken. San Francisco members take the "B" train from the Terminal at 9:25 a.m. and get off at Perkins Street, meeting at the duck feeding station at 10 a.m. Bring luncheon.



The **December Meeting** was not held on account of the unsettled conditions at that time due to possible black-outs.



1942 Dues: The annual dues for the year of 1942 are now payable and all members are asked to make their remittances as early as possible to the Treasurer. It is requested that all checks be made in the name of the Audubon Association of the Pacific.

Audubon Association of the Pacific

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