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JAPANESE ORNITHOLOGIST TO ATTEND AUDUBON CONFERENCE

The National Audubon Western Conference at Asilomar, Pacific Grove, **April 6-9**, will give us a chance to meet old friends and new acquaintances. The Secretary of the Ornithological Society of Japan and Staff Member of the Yamaskiha Institute for Ornithology in Japan will attend the Conference. Mr. Masashi Yoshii will give an address and show pictures on **Tuesday morning, April 9**, following the presentation of the film "San Francisco Bay" by Laurel Reynolds and Mindy Willis.

According to William N. (Bill) Goodall, National Audubon's Western Representative, the Conference theme "Playing Russian Roulette with Nature" will portray man's gamble with air, water, land and wildlife. For information write to Audubon Western Conference, P.O. Box 3666, El Monte, CA 91733, or phone the editor of *The Gull*.

ZUMWALT TO DISCUSS CANYON RANCH ECOLOGY

"Some Ecological Ties Between Audubon Canyon Ranch, Bolinas Lagoon and Kent Island" is the title of a slide talk to be presented by Clerin W. Zumwalt at the Golden Gate Audubon meeting **Thursday, April 11**, at **7:30 p.m.** in the Hall of Flowers, Golden Gate Park. Mr. Zumwalt, Canyon Ranch Naturalist, worked for the U. S. Forest Service for 32 years before retirement. The Hall of Flowers is on Ninth Ave. at Lincoln, San Francisco. Visitors are welcome.

Our annual picnic at Canyon Ranch will be **Sunday, May 5**. Bring your lunch.—MRS. PHYLLIS ZWEIGART, *Program Chairman*.

FIELD TRIPS FOR APRIL-MAY

Saturday, April 6 (as announced in March *Gull*) Audubon Canyon Ranch and Pt. Reyes Bird Observatory in Marin County. Meet at **8 a.m.** in rear parking lot of Elwood's Restaurant, which is in northern part of town of Stinson Beach on State Highway 1. If you plan to have breakfast in Elwood's Restaurant, allow enough time *before* 8 a.m. The leader, C. W. Zumwalt, Canyon Ranch Naturalist, will guide us to the rookery of Great Blue Herons and Common Egrets. Migrating land and water birds may also be seen. In the afternoon we shall visit the Pt. Reyes Bird Observatory for a demonstration of bird banding, bird songs, and other activities.

Saturday, April 13, Tilden Park, Berkeley. Meet at Spruce St. Reservoir at Spruce and Grizzly Peak Blvd. at **9 a.m.** Migrating and nesting birds and also spring wildflowers should be abundant at this time. Leader. L. R. Leinbach, 526-7649.

Saturday, April 27, McCoy Ranch, Arroyo Mocho. Orioles, Phainopeplas, Western and possibly Cassin's Kingbirds, Yellow-billed Magpies and Lewis' Woodpeckers can be seen. Meet in Livermore on block beyond the tall flagpole on Livermore Ave. at **8:30 a.m.** Allow one hour's driving time from Oakland. Leader, Miss Aileen Pierson, 587-4163.

Sunday, April 28, above trip to be repeated. Meet at **8:30 a.m.** DAY-LIGHT SAVING TIME. Leader, Miss Erline Hevel, 661-4251.

Sunday, April 28, for HARDY SEAFARERS, a boat trip to circle the Farallon Islands to see nesting and migrating sea birds. **Boat will leave Sausalito at 7 a.m., Daylight Saving Time**, and will return approximately at 4 p.m. Fare: \$10 per person. Make checks payable to Golden Gate Audubon Society and please *enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope* and mail to Mrs. Valeria DaCosta 2090 Pacific Ave., San Francisco 94109. Details will be sent with acknowledgment. **Reservations will close April 15 or earlier if boats are filled.** Leaders: Ted Chandik, Rich Stallcup.

Sunday, May 12, Jack London Ranch, Glen Ellen, Sonoma County.
Saturday, May 18, Mt. Diablo State Park, Contra Costa County. (Details of two above trips will be in *May Gull*.)

Friday-Sunday, May 31-June 2, Yosemite National Park. In previous years at this time Great Gray and Pygmy Owls, Black-backed Three-toed Woodpeckers and Williamson's Sapsucker were seen. Leaders, meeting place and time will be in *May Gull*. There will be a \$1 charge for each person attending in order to help defray the leaders' expenses. If you are making cabin room reservations through Golden Gate Audubon, please include this item in your check. All others will pay at start of field trips. Please copy the following form for your reservations:

Camp Curry accommodations wanted:

Cabin room, with bath, single, \$10.13 a night	\$20.26, tax incl.
Cabin room, with bath, double, \$6.83 per person a night	\$27.32, tax incl.
Cabin without bath, single, 5.25 a night	\$10.50, tax incl.
Cabin without bath, double, \$3.41 per person a night	\$13.64, tax incl.

All above accommodations are for *two nights*.

Also, there are 5 cabin rooms with bath for May 29-June 2:

Single \$10.13 a night	\$40.52, tax incl.
Double \$6.83 a night	\$54.64, tax incl.

Please send names and addresses of both parties when making a double reservation.

Cancellations may be made up to **April 30**. On a double reservation a cancellation must be for a cabin room or cabin—not just for one person unless you provide a substitute and a check so that the original check can be returned, or an additional check to cover the cost of a single reservation. Make checks payable to Golden Gate Audubon Society and mail **before April 30** with a *Stamped, self-addressed envelope* to Mrs. Alice Radcliffe, 2101 Bay St., San Francisco 94123.

On all field trips bring lunch, binoculars, and interested friends.

—MRS VALERIA DaCOSTA, *Field Trips Chairman*.

"WILD RIVERS OF NORTH AMERICA"—APRIL 2

Mrs. Frances Ellen Fallgatter reminds us that the current Audubon Wildlife Film season will conclude on **Tuesday, April 2**, with "Wild Rivers of North America" by Dr. John D. Bulger. As announced in the March *Gull*, the Allagash, St. Lawrence, Hudson and Buffalo Rivers, as well as pristine streams in the Northwest Territories will be featured in this personally narrated film. Over sixty species of animals shown in their natural environment include the nutria, mink, fisher, pine marten, caribou, beluga, curlew and ptarmigan. The program will begin at **8:15 p.m.** in the Garfield School Auditorium, Rose St. at Grant, Berkeley. Single admission at the door is \$1.50 for adults and \$1.00 for students under 18.

"THE WORLD AT YOUR DOOR" ON APRIL 25

Laurel Reynolds, nationally known wildlife and nature photographer (and Golden Gate Audubon member), has captured with great sensitivity the fascinating world of nature at your doorstep—flowers unfolding in time-lapse photography, life of the butterfly, hummingbird competition, the robin in the redwood, barn owls, a spider juggling crystal dewdrops. The final segment of the film shows the adjustment of some of the local avian inhabitants to urban change. Mrs. Reynolds is noted for the creative artistry and scientific authenticity of her films.

Mrs. Reynolds will present "The World at Your Door" on **Thursday, April 25, at 8:15 p.m. in the Oakland Auditorium Theatre**, 10th and Fallon Sts., Oakland. Tickets (\$1.75 each) may be purchased in advance from the Oakland Museum Association, 274-19th St., Oakland, or from Breuner's Box Offices in Oakland, Berkeley, or Richmond. Tickets will also be available at the door, including 75-cent tickets for juniors under 16. The proceeds will benefit the fund for Oakland Museum acquisitions in the field of natural science.

AUDUBON NATURE TRAINING PROGRAM

A development of particular interest this spring is the addition of a Parent's Series to train resource volunteers for the elementary schools, and thereby reach beyond the immediate family to serve a larger segment of the community. In addition, Miss Phyllis Lindley is instructor for a field course in outdoor education at San Francisco State College, into which our basic Teachers' Series is incorporated. We believe you will be pleased by this recognition of the professional quality of the program.

You will recall that in the December *Gull* we appealed to you for ideas of sources of funds, and for contributions. One member helpfully put us in touch with the Crown Zellerbach Foundation, and we received a contribution from them. We would also like to thank the Piedmont Garden Club, and the following Golden Gate members for their contributions: Aida Brenneis, Carlyn Halde, Mrs. Kenneth Hardy, Roger Kniss, Sylvia McLaughlin, Janet Nickelsburg, Aileen Pierson, and Phyllis Zweigart. The total received from all of the above sources was \$735. The sum pledged by Golden Gate Audubon Society will be reduced by this amount. We believe that members should understand that although the Audubon Nature

Training program has always been under the sponsorship of GGAS, which acted as the fiscal agent in handling the Rosenberg grant funds, our Society has only expended \$25 of its own funds on the program in its first 3½ years of operation.

Where is the money for next year going to come from? It's as simple as that. We are reluctantly but seriously considering raising our tuition fees. However, an increase sufficient to bring in even an additional \$500 could discourage attendance, perhaps where it is most needed. We have not as yet been able to enlist any substantial community financial support, despite our best efforts, and are far from achieving our goal of permanent financing. We are still continuing to diligently explore and pursue every possible source of funds. And once more we ask for your ideas and your financial assistance.—BERTHA UNDERHILL, *Director, Golden Gate Audubon Society.*

GGAS members are invited to the dedication of San Luis National Wildlife Refuge near Los Banos, 10 a.m. **April 3.**

COVEL'S CONSERVATION CORNER

Pickets on Fifth Avenue, New York, including Audubon members and "assorted allies", recently protested store window displays of "rare cat" furs—those of leopards, cheetahs, tigers and others which are being pushed faster toward extinction by women's fashions. A new bill to ban such imports of endangered species, H.R. 11618, by Rep. Alton Lennon, was scheduled for a vote in March. Congressman John Dingell has also led a fight for such controls.

Our Redwood National Park issue is still much alive in Congress it seems because some members of the House Interior Committee are slated to go over the ground and hold hearings in northwestern California by mid-April. We pray the sun will shine on these solons and that they will be permitted to listen to as many conservationists as lumbermen. The precise times and places of these hearings should appear in the newspapers well in advance and your Chairman can also inform you. If you need new inspiration to fight for redwoods drop in to see the graphic posters loaned by the Sierra Club to the Natural Science Center. Also, we recommend the film, "Zero Hour in the Redwoods", available from the Sierra Club's film outlet, Associated Films of Hayward, to any group with a projector.

A special bulletin on "Thermal Pollution of Water", the Jan-Feb. publication of the Sport Fishing Institute, revealed such pertinent facts that an issue was enclosed with each copy of the *Audubon Leader's Conservation Guide* for Feb. 15th. In fact, a bill (H.R. 14971) to curb the "thermal pollution" of estuaries has just been introduced in Congress by Rep. Richard L. Ottinger of New York. Let's watch those nuclear plants!

A "Preliminary Shoreline Plan" drawn for the Port of Oakland by the firm of Wilsey and Ham, and just released, contains some features for wildlife. We suggest interested persons secure copies and study the "Alternates" drawn for San Leandro Bay and Emeryville Crescent in particular.

One copy is available for inspection at the Natural Science Center.

—PAUL F. COVEL, *Conservation Chairman*

ALAMEDA CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION FIGHTS FOR TIDELANDS

The Alameda Conservation Association filed a Complaint in the U. S. Court in February against the Leslie Salt Company and the State of California *to cancel* the Leslie Slough Swap; *to obtain* from the U. S. Courts a declaration of the State and Federal interest in the conservation of San Francisco Bay salt marsh, tide and submerged lands for fishing and propagation of fish, for conserving wildlife habitat, migratory bird flyways, and open space for abatement of air and water pollution; and *to compel* the State of California and the United States **to protect and defend the total public interest in the preservation of the San Francisco Bay estuary.**

According to the Alameda Conservation Association, Leslie Salt Co. claims approximately 52,000 acres of wetlands in 6 counties around the Bay, and the Attorney General and the State Lands Commission of California are attempting to fix a new line of ordinary high tide in the South Bay and confirm all diked lands behind that line in the private ownership of Leslie Salt Co., including 420 acres of formerly navigable sloughs. When such property is in private ownership, it can be drained and filled for subdivisions and commercial purposes, thereby destroying important fish and wildlife habitat.

Legal action is expensive, and the Alameda Conservation Association needs dollars for its Legal Fund (P.O. Box 341, Alameda, CA 94501).

IN MEMORIAM—CAROLINE S. LIVERMORE

Mrs. Caroline S. Livermore died in her sleep at home in San Francisco on February 1. She was 84 years old and had been active right up to her death.

From the time she attended an American Garden Club Convention in 1934, she was dedicated to saving places of special interest and beauty for the enjoyment of all people, and hers became one of the great names in conservation in California. She was one of the key persons responsible for setting aside for us acres that have since become state parks—Stinson Beach, Samuel Taylor State Park, Tomales Bay State Park, and Angel Island. Mt. Caroline on Angel Island is named for her. She was instrumental in saving Richardson Bay and in establishing the foundation. She was the founder of several conservation organizations.

Golden Gate and Marin Audubon societies have reason to be particularly grateful to her, as she was one of the ten people who put up the original \$1000 for the option to buy Audubon Canyon Ranch. She continued to be a generous contributor to the ranch and was deeply interested in its program.

Marin Audubon Society is raising \$800 for Audubon Canyon Ranch as a memorial to Mrs. Livermore. If you, as a Golden Gate member, would

like to help our society do the same, please send your memorial gift in Mrs. Livermore's name to Dr. Albert Boles, our sanctuary and memorial fund chairman, 854 Longridge Rd., Oakland 94610. Dr. Boles will notify the family that you have made a gift, and he will see that the names of donors are listed in *The Gull*. All checks should be made payable to Audubon Canyon Ranch. Contributions are tax deductible.

I hope you will respond generously in the memory of this remarkable woman who did so much for all of us in the Bay Area.—AILEEN PIERSON, *Secretary, Audubon Canyon Ranch.*



AUDUBON CANYON RANCH, BOLINAS LAGOON
Under joint sponsorship of Golden Gate and Marin
Audubon Societies to protect a major rookery of
Common Egrets and Great Blue Herons.

The following gifts of remembrance were made to Canyon Ranch:

<i>In Memory of:</i>	<i>Gift of:</i>
Mrs. Caroline Livermore	Aileen Pierson, Dr. Albert Boles
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—DR. ALBERT BOLES, <i>Sanctuary & Memorial Fund Chairman</i>	

Marin Audubon Society's Study Section has published an interesting monograph on the 1967 observations of the nesting activity at Canyon Ranch, edited by Richard L. Doult. Helen M. Pratt wrote an 8-page report on "The Nesting Success of Great Blue Herons and Common Egrets."

FIELD NOTES NEEDED FOR SAN PABLO BAY-NAPA MARSH AREA

Golden Gate Audubon Society received the following letter from the Regional Director of the U. S. Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife:

"The Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife is currently engaged in studies that we hope may eventually culminate in acquisition of land in the San Francisco Bay area for the establishment of a Wildlife Refuge. Two locations under study are the Petaluma Marshes and the San Pablo Bay-Napa Marsh area extending from Petaluma River east to Mare Island. Right now we are trying to gather as much factual information as we can concerning the wildlife and natural features of these two areas, the aim being to establish a clear picture of their potential as units of the National Wildlife Refuge System.

"We know of your organization's interest in the San Francisco Bay region and are hopeful that among your membership there are field notes covering our study areas. We are particularly interested in lists of birds

and other wildlife seen on specific dates and at specific localities. Estimates of total numbers of each species seen would be very useful. If you can help us in any way, please send your information to this office marked for the attention of Mr. Sanford R. Wilbur." (P.O. Box 3737, Portland, Oregon 97208)

AUDUBON CAMP OF THE WEST

Audubon Camp in the Wind River Range of the Rocky Mts., Wyoming, will offer four 2-week sessions **beginning June 23 and ending August 16**. The camp fee of \$135 includes board, lodging, instruction and field trip transportation. Enrollment per session is limited to 50 adults (18 years or older). For applications write to the Director, Audubon Camp of the West, P. O. Box 3666, El Monte, CA 91733.

POINT REYES BIRD OBSERVATORY NEWS

Point Reyes Bird Observatory is expanding its regular program this spring to include the Farallon Islands. A resident biologist, Mr. Henry Robert, will be stationed on the islands from April 1 to October 31 to carry out research on the breeding and migratory birds. The program, with the partial support of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, will assess the damage done over the years by human intrusion into the breeding colonies, and set up guidelines for future administration of the islands as a wildlife refuge. The breeding birds of the islands have suffered much human disturbance and predation since the time of the Russian sealers. This predation reached its peak during the Gold Rush when in one year 600,000 Common Murres' eggs were sold in San Francisco. The murres are now slowly increasing in numbers from a few score pairs 30 years ago, but they, and other island species, are vulnerable to Western Gull predation. PRBO will study the birds of the islands with a view to maintaining the numbers of the various breeding species. In addition to the Common Murres and Western Gulls, the species known to breed there are the Ashy Petrel, Leach's Petrel, Tufted Puffin, Cassin's Auklet, Pigeon Guillemot, Brandt's Cormorant, Double-crested Cormorant, and Pelagic Cormorant.

PRBO volunteers will also observe and band the fantastic variety of small birds that visit the islands. These birds, many of them normally eastern species, have long interested students of bird migration.

PRBO is still marking shorebirds at Limantour Estero, Point Reyes National Seashore. Observers are requested to report birds with painted tail feathers to PRBO, Mesa Road, Bolinas, CA 94924, giving the color of paint and the location on the tail.

OBSERVATIONS—Bud Fry reported a female *Oldsquaw* on Bodega Bay near Doran Park Feb. 26. Elizabeth Land spotted 2 *Parasitic Jaegers* at China Beach (S.F.) Feb. 6. Val DaCosta and Roger Kniss saw a *Black-legged Kittiwake* on a mudflat in Bodega Harbor March 2.

If you see nesting birds in camera range, please phone Warren Larson (525-9149 or the editor (655-8886). They are making educational films and slides using telephoto lenses to avoid disturbing the birds.



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The June *Gull* deadline will be a week early-April 24.