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### December Field Trip

The December field trip was taken on the 11th to the campus of the University of California at Berkeley, thence through Strawberry Canyon and the Botanical Gardens. It was a perfect day sunny and warm, after an early morning thunder and lightning storm. Luncheon was eaten at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur H. Myer, who very generously provided good hot coffee and plenty of cake and cookies.

Birds were few and far between. The most interesting observation was that of an American Golden-eye found in the swimming pool in Strawberry Canyon. This, I believe, is a new record for the campus. The list of twenty-eight species is as follows:

American Golden-eye	Titmouse	Audubon Warbler
Sharp-shinned Hawk	Bush-tit	English Sparrow
Red-tailed Hawk	Wren-tit	Purple Finch
Sparrow Hawk	Vigors Wren	Green-backed Goldfinch
Quail	Robin	San Francisco Towhee
Anna Hummingbird	Hermit Thrush	San Francisco Brown Towhee
Red-shafted Flicker	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	Junco
Black Phoebe	Pipit	Nuttall Sparrow
Coast Jay	Cedar Waxwing	Song Sparrow
California Jay		

Twenty-one members attended: Messrs. and Mesdames Myer, Stephens; Mesdames Cummings, Kelly, Rocca, Saunders, Woolsey; Misses Blake, Cocke-fair, Cohen, Collins, McIver, Perdue, Taylor, Werner; Messrs. Berliner, Johnson, Kirker and Power, with seven guests.

Laura A. Stephens.



### Christmas Bird Census for San Francisco

The Christmas census for 1937 was taken on December 19th, embracing Fort Mason, the Marina, the Presidio, the ocean beach, Golden Gate Park, Sunset Boulevard and Lake Merced, from 8:30 a. m. to 5:30 p. m. The weather was perfect, sunny and warm, with an average temperature of 60°.

The birds seen on the Sunset Boulevard were one Quail, one Anna Hummingbird, five Robins and twelve Nuttall Sparrows.

In addition to the above territory, one of our members visited Laurel Hill Cemetery. As this cemetery is to be removed before long, which means also its

trees and shrubs, which make it now an ideal bird refuge, it is of interest to record the species observed there perhaps for the last time: one Sharp-shinned Hawk, two Anna Hummingbirds, three Red-shafted Flickers, four California Jays, ten Western Robins, one Audubon Warbler, six English Sparrows, one San Francisco Towhee, twenty Juncos and two Nuttall Sparrows, a total of ten species and fifty individuals.

Species	Fort Mason to the Beach	Golden Gate Park	Lake Merced
Common Loon .....	3	.....	.....
Pacific Loon .....	1	.....	.....
Red-throated Loon .....	5	.....	.....
Eared Grebe .....	.....	1	106
Western Grebe .....	42	.....	21
Pied-billed Grebe .....	4	13	89
Brown Pelican .....	81	.....	.....
Farallon Cormorant .....	4	.....	.....
Brandt Cormorant .....	179	.....	.....
Baird Cormorant .....	2	.....	.....
California Heron .....	.....	.....	1
American Bittern .....	.....	.....	3
Canada Goose .....	.....	.....	6
Mallard .....	34	515	48
Baldpate .....	33	6	52
Pintail .....	1	9	.....
Redhead .....	.....	4	2
Ring-necked Duck .....	55	5	26
Canvas-back .....	75	76	61
Lesser Scaup .....	.....	24	3
American Golden-eye .....	.....	2	.....
White-winged Scoter .....	5	.....	.....
Surf Scoter .....	24	.....	.....
Ruddy Duck .....	18	101	12
Red-breasted Merganser .....	.....	1 f	2
Sharp-shinned Hawk .....	1	.....	1
Cooper Hawk .....	.....	1	2
Sparrow Hawk .....	3	2	4
Quail .....	91	39	103
Virginia Rail .....	.....	.....	2
Sora .....	.....	.....	9
Florida Gallinule .....	.....	.....	4
Coot .....	388	496	1266+
Black Turnstone .....	9	.....	.....
Sanderling .....	232	.....	.....
Glaucous-winged Gull .....	331	69	270+
Western Gull .....	807	83	70+
Herring Gull .....	2	.....	33
California Gull .....	1008	205	400+
Ring-billed Gull .....	503	.....	.....
Short-billed Gull .....	17	.....	28
Mourning Dove .....	1	.....	.....
Anna Hummingbird .....	9	41	19
Belted Kingfisher .....	2	3	2
Red-shafted Flicker .....	6	8	26
Willow Woodpecker .....	.....	.....	1
Black Phoebe .....	12	9	15
Say Phoebe .....	2	.....	.....
Horned Lark .....	.....	.....	48
California Jay .....	2	.....	3
Chickadee .....	19	92	26
Bush-tit .....	62	154	109

Red-breasted Nuthatch .....	2	16	2
Creeper .....	1	-----	-----
Wren-tit .....	2	-----	2
Vigors Wren .....	-----	18	15
Tule Wren .....	-----	-----	10
Winter Wren .....	-----	-----	1
Western Robin .....	20	6	2
Varied Thrush .....	-----	3	-----
Hermit Thrush .....	2	18	2
Ruby-crowned Kinglet .....	16	30	8
Pipit .....	1	-----	36
Shrike .....	-----	-----	2
Hutton Vireo .....	-----	1	-----
Myrtle Warbler .....	-----	-----	14
Audubon Warbler .....	50	173	212+
Townsend Warbler .....	2	2	-----
Yellowthroat .....	-----	1	45
English Sparrow .....	27	76	-----
Meadowlark .....	-----	-----	17
Red-winged Blackbird .....	-----	-----	63
Tricolored Blackbird .....	-----	-----	11
Brewer Blackbird .....	340+	-----	1000+
Purple Finch .....	1	-----	4
House Finch .....	63	-----	107
Pine Siskin .....	-----	15	16
Willow Goldfinch .....	-----	-----	28
Green-backed Goldfinch .....	2	-----	6
San Francisco Towhee.....	6	20	22
Junco .....	24	95	23
Nuttall Sparrow .....	80	249	673
Golden-crowned Sparrow .....	2	27	20
Fox Sparrow .....	1	8	28
Lincoln Sparrow .....	-----	-----	4
Song Sparrow .....	29	20	110

The total for the census was eighty-six species, 12,928 individuals. Observers: Commander and Mrs. Parmenter; Messrs. and Mesdames Jencks, Stephens; Mesdames Bracelin, Brown, Cummings, Kelly; Misses Danz, Rinehart, Werner; Messrs. Berliner, Bolander, Cudaback, Hansen, Kirker, Millard, Myer, Power, Thomas and Wells.



### Christmas Bird Census at Benicia, California

Benicia, California, December 24, 8 a. m. to 5 p. m. Partly cloudy, turning to cold rain, which continued most of the day; light southeast wind; temperature 43° at start, 52° at return. Observers traveling together by automobile with occasional stops to canvass the marsh and hills along highway between Benicia and Cordelia, the two towns being fourteen miles apart. Pied-billed Grebe 1; California Heron 7; American Egret 4; Black-crowned Night Heron 2; American Bittern 1; Lesser Snow Goose 24; Mallard 8; Pintail 50; Green-winged Teal 6; Shoveller 30; Canvas-back 300; American Golden-eye 3; Bufflehead 2; Ruddy Duck 800; White-tailed Kite 2; Cooper Hawk 2; Red-tailed Hawk 4; Marsh Hawk 5; Prairie Falcon 1; Sparrow Hawk 15; Valley Quail 30; Coot 800; Killdeer 8; Greater Yellow-legs 6; Western Gull 80; California Gull 15; Short-billed Gull 45; Horned Owl 1; Burrowing Owl 2; Anna Hummingbird 1; Red-shafted Flicker 42; Black Phoebe 1; Say Phoebe 2; Horned Lark 20; Tree Swallow 6; Nicasio Jay 35; Plain Titmouse 3; Bush-tit 50; Western Bluebird 8; Ruby-crowned Kinglet 10; Pipit 25; Shrike 27; Audubon Warbler 4; Meadowlark 300; San

Francisco Redwing 50; Brewer Blackbird 3000; House Finch 350; Willow Goldfinch 700; Green-backed Goldfinch 8; San Francisco Towhee 2; Brown Towhee 4; Savannah Sparrow 60; Lark Sparrow 35; Junco 15; Nuttall Sparrow 110; Golden-crowned Sparrow 17; Suisun Song Sparrow 3. Total 57 species, 7142 individuals.

The pair of Kites has been observed almost daily during the past year on a certain small acreage within the area covered. Shorebirds were almost absent due to the usual shoreline being covered by high flood waters from the central valleys. Visibility was not sufficiently satisfactory to identify many wildfowl in the distance.

James M. Barkley and Emerson A. Stoner, Benicia, California.



**Correction:** In the November, 1937, GULL, volume 19, number 11, in the article entitled "Woodpeckers": disregard the sentence: "Two were seen by Arthur H. Myer at Lake Merced . . .," as these observations were not in San Francisco but at Lake Merritt in Oakland.



### Audubon Notes

**January Meeting:** The 21st annual meeting will be held on Thursday evening, the 13th, at 8 o'clock, room 19, Ferry Building.

Annual reports will be read and officers and directors will be elected for the ensuing year.

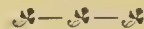
The speaker will be Lieut.-Comd. Reuben H. Hunt, M. C., U. S. N., whose subject will be "Some Birds of Midway Island." The lecture will be illustrated.



**January Field Trip** will be taken to Lake Merritt, Oakland, on Sunday, the 16th. San Francisco members will take Key Route boat at 9:20 a. m. and the Grand Avenue car on the Twenty-second Street train, leaving the car at Grand Avenue and Perkins Street, where party will meet. Bring luncheon.

The annual census of the ducks will also be taken and a request is made for volunteers.

**1938 Dues:** The annual dues for the year of 1938 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.



**December Meeting:** The 244th regular meeting was held on the 9th, in room 19, Ferry Building, with fifty-five members and guests present. President Junea W. Kelly presiding.

Miss Elizabeth M. Richards of San Francisco was elected to membership. The following observations were reported:

Harold Kirker: November 26th, Rodeo Lagoon, American Egret.

Mr. Bert Harwell, Park Naturalist, Yosemite National Park, gave a very interesting talk on the "Winter Birds of Yosemite Valley," and whistled many of their call notes and songs. The talk was illustrated with slides.

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