



THE HOOT OWL

STOCKTON AUDUBON SOCIETY

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Calendar



July-Aug 1988

BIRD CENSUS; Sat. July 9. Our continuing census of the Cosumnes River Preserve. 8 to 12 am as it is relatively cool. Call John Schick if you can help with this project. 464-7083. This will again be held on August 13, Sept. 10, Oct. 8 Nov. 12 and Dec. 10.

CASWELL STATE PARK FIELD TRIP; Sunday, July 17. This is one of the finest riparian woodland areas in the San Joaquin Valley. The dense foliage keeps the area cool on hot summer days and provides cover for many breeding species of birds. We can expect Cooper's & Swenson's Hawks, California Thrasher, West. Wood-peewe, Blue Grosbeak and many others. The last breeding record of Yellow-billed Cuckoo was here...so who Knows? Meet our enthusiastic leaders, Joshua Horner & Kim Platti, at the entrance to the Park at 8:00am. The Park is at the end of Austin Rd. off Hwy 99. Bring water & lunch for this half-day outing. 465-6188 or 478-7860.

CARSON PASS- LAKE WINEMUCCA FIELD TRIP; Saturday, Aug. 6. Get away from the hot valley in August and get up in the world! Spend a day in the sub-alpine area of the Sierra appreciating the natural history of this most scenic area. This is Clark's Nutcracker country but we will check out the wildflowers, trees and butterflies as well as the birds. Bring your lunch and a cool drink in a day pack for this moderate four mile round trip. Meet at Burn's Tower, U.O.P. to car pool. Or call leader Steve Stocking at 465-2729. (percist)

STOCKTON AUDUBON BOARD MEETING. Tuesday Aug. 16. Call President Vic Wykoff at 4770376. (All members are welcome if you wish to see a board in action.)

MONTEREY WEEKEND FIELD TRIP. Sat-Sun. August 20-21. End your summer at about the finest wildlife spot in California. Seven different kinds of habitats in the immediate area provide for a diversity of animal life not easily equalled elsewhere. On Saturday we'll bird by land starting at Moss Landing at 9am. Gulls, terns & shorebirds should be numerous. Then to the Salinas sewage ponds and the Carmel River to see other shorebirds and migrating landbirds. Sunday will be our traditional pelagic boat trip onto Monterey Bay. Seabirds and marine mammals will abound. The boat leaves at 7:30 from Fisherman's Wharf and will return about 3:30. Cost for the boat trip is \$32.00. The boat fills fast so send in your deposit quickly if interested. Make out your check and send it to David Yee at 2930 Driftwood Place #39, Stockton, 95207. Campsites for Fri-Sat. night will be provided. For more information call 466-3337 or 951-1526.

STOCKTON AUDUBON MEMBERSHIP MEETING.

On Tuesday evening, September 13th our first meeting of the Fall season will have Mr Jack Wilburn of Georgetown Ca. presenting a special program on Nature Photography. This widely respected photographer will his slides AND some of the special photography equipment which he has developed. This program will begin at 7:30 BUT before that at 6:00 we will have our traditional POTLUCK. Bring a dish to share with others and your table service (avoid disposables). No alcoholic beverages please as the potluck and program will be held in the Fireside Room of the Central United Methodist Church across from U.O.P. in Stockton at the corner of Pacific and Fulton. Ample free parking, bring a friend. Call George Welch or Victor Wykoff for further information.

OUT IN THE SUN WATCHING BIRDS?

Use sunscreen, hats and long sleeved shirts while birding. The old ozone layer isn't what it used to be, and even then it wasn't perfect. Don't become the one of seven who gets skin cancer.

As your new Stockton Audubon Society President let me tell you that I personally receive more satisfaction out of participation with you in our evening programs, Board meetings and field trips than any of the many "free time" activities I do and have done over the years. Most members of the National Audubon Society join to get the near perfect four color magazine. Of our local society's 500 members, about 35 are very active and another 50 are somewhat active. The 400 inactive members might find real, low pressure enjoyment in our earthy, realistic, unhurried evening programs, which usually include some wonderful slides and are over by 9 or 9:30 p.m., and our Saturday birding walks, which are often only one-half day.

Plan now to participate all day (8 to 5) in our Audubon Christmas Counts on two Saturdays at the end of the year. I guarantee that you will find no more restful event during that hectic time of year where you can harmonize with 2 or 3 other people who enjoy what you do on foot or from a car or both, looking for, watching and counting central valley birds--you will probably see 40 to 50 species yourself.

The Nature Conservancy reports that California may have as many people in 60 years as Japan does today, i.e. about 120,000,000 vs. about 25,000,000 in California today. How many conservationists do you know? Are you one? Are you a good one? Do you want your grandchildren and their children to enjoy even the solitude, quietness, remoteness, stillness and natural freshness of native California that you enjoy?

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THE DOLPHIN MASSACRE OFF OUR COAST & WHAT YOU CAN DO TO STOP IT

The slaughter of dolphins along the Pacific coast continues full force. The documentary evidence shows that between 75,000 and 150,000 dolphins are being massacred each year by U. S. and foreign tuna fleets off the Pacific coast.

What can you do to stop the slaughter of the dolphins which continues even while studies are being done to learn more about their intelligence? Easy. First, stop buying all canned tuna. The dolphins die in the hunt for yellowfin, the most commonkind on the shelves. Boycotting all kinds of tuna will send the big companies a message they can't ignore. It doesn't have to be done this way.

BIRDS

All sightings are by David Yee unless another observer is mentioned. LL is Lodi Lake, LSP is Lodi Sewage Ponds & SSP is Stockton Sewage Ponds. OGP is Oak Grove Park. Please send in your Observation to the editor of the "Hoot Owl".

4-26, 3 Willet and 17 Wh. Pelican at SSP. 4-27, 1 Costa's Hummer and 3 Calliope Hummer at Corral Hollow. 4-28 an Olive-s. Flycatcher at LL. 4-29 a Blk-Turn and a Bank Swallow at LSP. 3 Vaux's Swift and a Gray Flycatcher at OGP. 4-30 a Pair of Kestrel nesting in lamp pole in Payless Parking lot in Stockton as observed by Lee Warden. 5-2 a Hammond's Flycatcher at OGP. 5-3 Dave Wagner observed 23 Wh-Pelican flying over Parrots Ferry on on 5-5 he observed 2 Western Tanager in his Stockton backyard. Also 5-3 2 Yellow Warblers, 12 Townsend's Warbler, 1 West. Tanager, 1 MacGillivray's Warbler, 1 Pine Siskin at Lodi Lake. 5-4, 2 Blue Grosbeak at LSP. and 5-6 4 Blk. Rails at Bacon Island. 5-8 a Swainson's Thrush at OGP. 5-12 2 Am. Bittern and 17 Wh-faced Isis on Mariposa Rd. and 1 Ruddy Turnstone at SSP. 5-13, 2 Gr. Horned Owl at Swenson Park Golf Course by J. Schick. 5-13, a Varied Thrush at Louis Park. 5-14 a Lesser Nighthawk at Camanche Res. 5-19 a Snowy Plover at LSP. and a Sanderling at SSP. 5-21 the participants in the field trip to Calaveras Big Trees State Park observed B. H. Grosbeak, W. H. Nuthatch, House Wren, Bullfrog etc in San Andreas, W. H. Woodpecker nesting, Hairy Woodpecker, Br. Creeper, W. Tanager nesting, R. B. Nuthatch, Evening Grosbeak and swifts at Big Trees State Park. 5-22, 2 Nuttals Woodpeckers at Stocking residence, Stockton. 5-24 2 Willow Flycatchers at LL. also 5-24 12 W. Kingbirds at Camanche Parkway by Jerry Murphy. 5-25 a Red-necked Phalarope at SSP 5-30 a pair of Blue-w. Teal at LSP. 6-2 a Gr-Yellowlegs at LSP. 6-3 a Whimbrel in Stockton. 6-8 a Bufflehead at LSP. 6-14 31 Wilson's Phalarope at LSP. 6-14 at South Grove of Big Trees State Park, W. H. Woodpecker, Pileated Woodpecker, W. Fly Catcher, W. W. Peewee, & Olive-sd. Flycatcher. 6-15 Wh-br Nuthatch and W. Bluebirds at Frank Raines Park in DelPuerto Canyon by N. Greenwood. 6-16. While on the Xerces/Stockton Audubon Butterfly Count the following non-butterflies were observed. 2 Gr-Horned Owl, 4 Bl-sh Kites, & 2 Swainson's Hawks at OGP. Wh-br Nuthatch, W. Bluebirds, Am. Goldfinch and a deer at Brovelli Woods. (24 species of butterfly were also observed.) 6-18 David Yee led an enthusiastic group of 20 to Electra on the Mokelumne. Outstanding was the Pygmy Owl seen by all. Nesting Bl. Phoebe, Golden Eagle, Cooper's Hawk, many Yellow Warblers, nesting House Wren, West. Tanager, Tree & Barn Swallow and others too numerous to list. The following at Trinidad Bay Ca by John DeBow, Pelagic, Brandt's and Db-Cr. Cormorants. Br. Pelican, Pigeon Guillemot, Glaucous-winged Gull, Cm Murre, Bl. Oystercatcher and W. Gull with 3 day old young. At Orick he observed Osprey, Band-tailed Pigeon, Ca. Quail, Raven, Vaux's Swift and West. Tanager. 6-19 2 Red-shouldered hawks were being harassed by a Kestrel over the home of the Lamms in Morada.

PUBLICATIONS:

California Field Checklists are available from Stockton Audubon. This newest updated edition of all the birds that have been recorded in our fine state is attractive and useful. Ten different columns allow one to use the checklist for state, county, yard lists etc. Cost is \$1.50 from David Yee, 2930 Driftwood Pl #39, Stkn, 95207. They will also be available at all meetings and many of the fieldtrips.

The outstanding NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC FIELD GUIDE, 2ND EDITION will be available at Fall meetings of Stockton Audubon. The price will be a special steal at \$15.00. Contact George Welch if you are interced... or come to a meeting!

CALIFORNIA INCOME TAX CHECKOFF FOR WILDLIFE



Each year California taxpayers contribute nearly a million dollars to programs to preserve rare and endangered species of wildlife and native plants. They do so through voluntary contributions made through their tax forms.

Legislation introduced earlier this year would have simplified California taxes in many ways, but would have obliterated this successful checkoff system. Defenders of Wildlife and the Planning and Conservation League worked hard to preserve the checkoff.

The checkoffs were preserved, but only for five years. This means that in 1993 the legislature will again have to be convinced to continue the tax checkoff.

OVERHEARD LOCALLY

"Heard you got caught with some birds that you shot."

"Yea, I have to go before Judge Kim, what do I say?"

"Just say that you didn't understand the rules, that should get you off."

STOCKTON SENIOR AWARENESS DAY

Senior Awareness Day, Micke's Grove on 19 May 1988 included a Stockton Audubon Society informational booth. Audubon, National Wildlife, and Nature Conservancy Magazines were distributed. Auduboners in the booth talked to visitors, answered questions on birds and the area, and passed out copies of the "Hoot Owl" and Audubon Society membership applications.

A big "thank you" to a few friends who took two hours out of a busy day to help out at the booth...Helen Holey, Heather Ryan, Joshua Horner and Lois Davis. Thanks also to Steve Stocking, Vic Wycoff and Ann Mullin for the donation of magazines.

Forrest Landeen, Chairperson



CORDELL BANK PELAGIC TRIP

We'll leave early Sunday morning--6:30 on October 23, 1988, from the Tide's wharf in Bodega Bay. October is a great time for pelagic seabirds. We could see Blackfooted Albatross, numerous species of Shearwaters, Alcids, maybe some Jaegers and with luck, Storm Petrel

We'll keep a sharp lookout for marine mammals. Humpback and Bluewhale have been fairly regular as well as White Sided Dolphins Dalls and Harbor Porpoise and several species of pinnipeds.

Bring extra warm clothes, your lunch, binoculars, and rain gear or pancho. For reservations call (707) 829-0705 early mornings or evenings. Or send \$40 to Roger Marlowe 401 Vine Avenue, Sebastopol, Ca. 95472.



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RECYCLE JUNK MAIL ENVELOPES

I had been led to believe that when the stamp rates went up in April the rates for bulk mailing would increase even more than the rates for first class. Unfortunately, this does not appear to be the case and I, for one, still receive great quantities of "special offers" including self addressed, postage paid envelopes. It always seemed such a waste to throw away all this paper, proving some poor tree died in vain.

Now we can save those return addressed envelopes, cover the postage paid box with a stamp, and cover the printed address with a mailing label from Friends of the Earth. At least that part of the forest (return envelope) can be recycled. For \$3, you can get 100 mailing labels (postage/handling costs included). Send to Friends of the Earth, 530 7th Street SE, Washington D.C 20003. The envelopes look really tacky, but they work; I've received some great letters in mailing labeled envelopes, generously coated with black ink to mark out printing; with a 25 cent stamp the Post Office still delivers them!

Kathy Schick

(Editorial note: recycle a 36in high stack of news print and save another tree!)