



THE HOOT OWL

STOCKTON AUDUBON SOCIETY

Calendar



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Sept-Oct '87

- MEMBERSHIP MEETING: Sept. 8. Potluck 6:30, Program 7:30. Ray Acker will present his program and slides of his month observing Birds and other Kenyan Wildlife. Bring your favorite dish to share and your utensils and plates (no alcohol or smoking). Room 6, Central Church at Fulton and Pacific in Stockton.
- FIELD TRIP: Saturday Sept 12. To Oak Grove Regional Park to witness the Fall landbird migration in this majestic stand of valley oaks. Many species of warblers, vireos & and flycatchers may be observed. Join Victor Wykoff at the entrance to the park at 8:00. Call him for information at 477-0376.
- Stockton Audubon Service Project: Some of us will stay after the birdwalk from about 10 to noon to water the valley oak seedlings and other plantings which we have made. Call Karl Kothe at 464-1004. (no experience necessary)
- FIELD TRIP: Saturday Sept 26. We have been especially invited by Alberta Lewallen and her neighbors to visit their ranches near Linden. We have seen this area from the roads as it is in the area of Our Bellota count, but this is our first opportunity to leave the road and visit this area. The Ranch is slated to become a cooling tower site if the SuperCollider is built here. Kathy Schick (464-7083) will meet you at Burn's Tower U.O.P. at 7:30am.
- FIELD TRIP: Saturday Oct 3. Brovelli Woods has been a traditional favorite for our group and is receiving notice as it is slated for purchase should the Wildlife Habitat and Parkland Initiative-CAL/PAW- pass. Late fall migrants and wintering birds should be present. Meet our leader David Yee at the Bruener's Parking lot at Pacific and Hammer to carpool. 7:30 am 951-1526 for information.
- Board Meeting: Stockton Audubon Board will meet at the residence of Ann Mullip 5648 N. Eldorado. 957-3366. 7:30pm
- SPECIAL STOCKTON AUDUBON MEMBERSHIP MEETING. Tuesday, October 13. Arnold Small, author of "Birds of California" will present his excellent slide program "BIRDING PLANET EARTH". We have reserved the Fireside Room at Central United Methodist Church for this special program so bring a friend to this 7:30pm meeting.
- FIELD TRIP: Saturday Oct 17. Terry Ronneberg (835-7847) yearly obtains special permission to go out on this private piece of property just north of Tracy so that we may observe some of the many species of birds which have been recorded there...raptors, land and water birds. Meet Terry at the intersection of Tracy Blvd. and Finck Road, just north of Tracy at 8:00am.
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SUPPORT THE CAL PAW Initiative.....TO HELP CALL VIC WYCOFF 477-0376

FIELD TRIPS CONT:

WEEKEND of Oct 23-25. Reservations will be necessary for this facility, but as our group has not been able to find an agent who will write liability coverage for our group we may not be able to have these overnight trips. If you can help with the insurance, or wish to see the status of the trip call Ann Mullin at 957-3366.

FIELD TRIP: Woodbridge Road: Sunday November 1st, Arvil and Ellen Parker will lead us to one of their favorite areas to observe sandhill cranes, burrowing owls, and rough-legged Hawks. Shorebirds and waterfowl should abound at the Woodbridge Ecological Reserve which is gaining a reputation for attracting rarities such a ruff. Meet the Parkers at 8:00am at the Mobil Station parking lot in Thornton just off of I-5. Their number is 916 775-1029.

BOOKS (Good Christmas Gifts)

These will be available at our fall meetings.
 Field Guide to the Birds of North America. The new edition of this National Geographic classic...\$19.95 value will be available at our meetings for \$15.00. LOWEST PRICE.....NOWHERE ELSE AVAILABLE !!!!
 Birding Northern California. A guidebook to the good birding areas of the northstate. Only \$6.00 each (special rate) Buy some for your birding friends for Christmas.

THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS:

For providing Audubon information at our booth at Senior Awareness Day.....Forest Landeen, Kathy Schick and Helen Holley.
 For agreeing to be our Chapter Historian and to attempt to make some sense of all that paper.....Staci Lavergne.

WANTED: Sightings of color-banded Osprey from the Deschutes National Forest in Oregon. Note the colors of the bands and please report
 to: Jim Anderson Osprey Study
 Central Ore. Audubon Society Oregon Dept. Fish & Wildlife
 (503) 388-1659 61374 Parrell Rd. Bend Ore. 97702

POISON PATROL KICKOFF

There is no question that the annual application of 2 billion pounds of pesticides to farmlands and lawns has serious impacts on wildlife. What isn't known is the extent of the harm pesticides cause. Increasing reports of eagles, songbirds and migratory waterfowl killed by pesticides must surely represent only the tip of the iceberg.

If you would like to receive a pamphlet which will tell about how you can help..including a toll-free EPA number to report your observations,
Write: Defenders of Wildlife 1244 19th St.NW, Washington DC 20036.

AUDUBON ADVENTURES IN SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

Since National Audubon came out with the Audubon Adventures program three years ago, Stockton Audubon has enrolled between 7 and 13 classrooms in the program each school year. Most of the classes we enroll are 5th grade, but the program is designed for 4th-6th grades. It comes in 6 bimonthly newspaper format issues and covers conservation and nature, focusing, of course, on birds. We had really great response from some of the classrooms, and the letters of thanks for our including them in the program can be viewed at our September meeting. Six of the 13 teachers who had the program last year have responded to our questionnaire and requested their classrooms be continued in the program for next year. So far we have three classrooms in Stockton and three classrooms in Lodi. If you know a 5th grade teacher who would like to be involved in this program, have the teacher call Kathy Schick (464-7083 evenings) to enroll.

IRDS

Except as noted, sightings are by David Yee.

SSP= Stockton Sewage Ponds, LL= Lodi Lake,
LSP= Lodi Sewage Ponds.

A Ringed Turtle Dove has taken up residence in Lodi. Jun-July, reported by Steve Potratz. 6-24 an Allen's Hummer at LL. 6-25 a single Solitary Vireo, a Warbling Vireo at Caswell and 50 Tricolored Blackbirds at Durham Ferry. 6-29 2 Bank Swallow at LSP. 7-2 a Willet at SSP. 7-4 one Lesser and 4 Greater Yellowlegs, 10 West Sandpipers, 4 Least Sandpipers and 4 L.B. Dowitcher at LSP. 7-8 a Lazuli Bunting at LL. 7-13 a very early (or late) adult Oregon (Dark-eyed) Junco in Stockton Yard, by L. Stocking...seen again 7-23. 7-14 a W. Flycatcher and 3 W. Tanager at LL. 7-16 a Baird's Sandpiper at Durham Ferry. 7-17 10 Wilson's Phalaropes and 3 Red-necked Phalaropes at LSP. 7-18 S. Stocking & R. Lawson observed G.C. Kinglets and Mt. Blue Birds in vic. Horsethief Springs and a Spotted Sandpiper with young near Beebe Lake. 7-21 a Semipalmated Plover and a Short-billed Dowitcher visited the LSP's. 7-22 there were 2 Blue-winged Teal and 2 Whimbrel at SSP. 7-23 found 3 Blue Grosbeak at Thornton Rd. 7-26 a group of our members spend a windy few hours near Lake Winemucca where they were lucky to see even a Rufous Hummer, some Clark's Nutcrackers, Mt. Blue Birds and a few W. Gulls. 7-27 the following were reported from LL, a Blk-th Gray Warbler, 2 Hermit Warbler, 10 Wilson's Warbler and a Chipping Sparrow. On the same day a Semipalmated Sandpiper was at LSP. 7-28 found a Blue-gray Gnatcatcher and a Hooded Oriole at LL. 7-30 a Mew Gull at SSP. The following were observed by R. Boubelik and S. Stocking: 8-2 a Goshawk near Piute Creek and Dusky Flycatcher, W.B. Nuthatch and 4 PILEATED Woodpeckers along Evolution Creek in northern Kings Canyon National Park. 8-3 a Water Ouzel and Williamson Sapsucker at Evolution Lake. 8-4 a Yosemite Toad, many Water Pipets and B. Blackbirds in vicinity Wanda Lake & Muir Pass at 11,000-12,000 feet. 8-5 a Perigrine Falcon above Wanda Lake. 8-7 Mt. Quail, T. Solitaire and Common Nighthawks along the upper South Fork of the San Joaquin River. Back to David who saw 2 Black-bellied Plover on 8-3 at LSP. 8-17 one imm. Red-footed Booby at Pacifica. On 8-18 2 Nashville Warbler, 2 Yellow Warbler, and a male "Baltimore" Oriole at LL and 20 Swainson's Hawks near Wimpy's...the hawks observed by Dan Gifford of Lodi. 8-19 a Willow Flycatcher at LL. 8-20 a Cooper's Hawk in her Stockton yard by N. Greenwood. 8-20 Sally Waters: Olive-sided Flycatcher at LL on 8-20. 8-20 S Stocking observed a W. Tanager in his Stockton yard. 8-21 Kathy Schick observed 2 V. Quail at the Oak Grove Park. 8-22 2 Mac Gillivray's Warbler at LL and a Marbled Godwit at LSP. 8-23 Sally Waters observed Least and Western Sandpipers, L. B. Dowitcher and Stilts at LSP. 8-25 Vic Wycoff observed hundreds of Shovelers and 14 W. Phalaropes at SSP. And to finish up this anything but dull summer (birdwise) on 8-26 David observed a Yellow-breasted Chat at Lodi Lake (LL.). (The Shick family added many birds to their lists while on summer vacation to the southwest. These included Peregrine and Prairie Falcon, Golden Eagles, Gray and Warbling Vireo. Broad-tailed Hummingbird at Grand Canyon, Y.H. Blackbird flock in Utah and much more.)

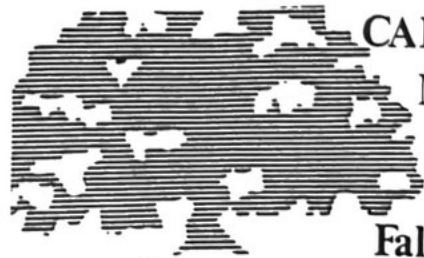
BUTTERFLY COUNT FIELD TRIP

The June 30th field trip, a Xerces Society butterfly count, was a great success this year. Seven of us started out at the Oak Grove Regional Park at 8:30. We found 20 species this year including several types of orange & black fritillaries which we had not found last year, and lots and lots of blues. Thank you to all who helped us.



Kathy Schick-

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CALIFORNIA
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Fall Semester

Biology 10 Delta College

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3 Units 2 Field Trips