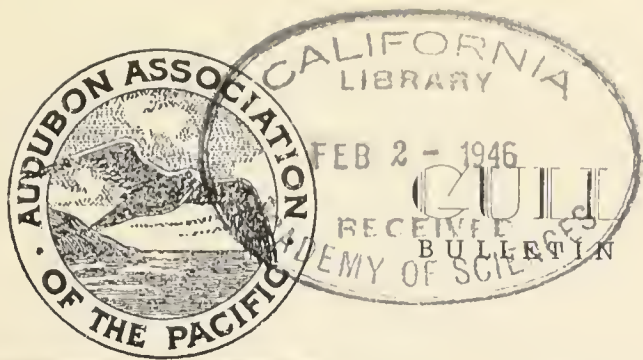


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The President's Report for 1945

The past year has been a progressive one for The Audubon Association of the Pacific. All commitments have been held, fourteen scheduled field trips have taken place on the appointed days, and twelve meetings held with speakers, pictures, and specimens.

Your President has been present on fifty out of the fifty-one occasions during his two terms of office. The members have supported both the indoor as well as the outdoor sessions.

Our speakers have done a good job. They have presented their subjects attractively, and had all their material ready. Since our committees have functioned well, the results were shown by the interest of our members and visitors in both the field trips and meetings.

The thanks of the Association are tendered: to the Editor of *The Gull*, Miss Clelia A. Paroni, for keeping our publication up to high standards and on time; to Miss Ivander MacIver for many years of service as Treasurer and chairman of the Finance and Membership committees; to Miss Frances Blake for her work as chairman of the field trips' committee; to our First Vice-President, Walter W. Bradley, State Mineralogist, for his work in obtaining speakers; to Herman V. Leffler for directing our Christmas census for the past two years; and to our three Past Presidents—Mrs. G. Earle Kelly for her efforts in directing the water fowl census at Lake Merritt and also for her talk and field-trip leadership on shore birds; Mr. Charles A. Bryant for leading several field trips; and to Mr. Joseph J. Webb for his work on correspondence and legislation.

Our membership has grown a little but we have been unable to continue our program for the student members due to the lack of experienced and interested leaders.

During the year we accepted the invitation of the Napa Audubon Club and spent an enjoyable day visiting the Circle H Game Farm on Mt. Veeder. Twice during the year we joined forces with the Nature Section of the Sierra Club and had much interesting birding.

We have collected all our old records and back issues of *The Gull* and have placed them in the safekeeping of our Treasurer. In June our bi-ennial membership list was issued in *The Gull*. The bibliography of the ornithological writings of Amelia Sanborn Allen appeared in the November issue of *The Gull*.

In ending my second year as your President, I thank both the members and officers of the Association for their support and good-will.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR H. MYER, *President*.

Condensed Treasurer's Report for 1945

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

Balance on hand January 1, 1945	\$ 83.16	
Receipts in 1945	295.50	\$378.66
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Expenditures	309.50	
Balance in commercial account January 1, 1946..	\$ 69.16	\$378.66
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TOTAL ASSETS:

Commercial account.....	\$ 69.16	
Savings account	454.88	
U. S. Treasury Bond	370.00	\$894.04
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MEMBERSHIP:

Membership in force December 31, 1944	140
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Signed: IVANDER MACIVER
Treasurer

January 8, 1946.

December Meeting

The 339th meeting of the Association was held December 13, 1945. The president, Mr. Arthur H. Myer presided. One new member, Mr. Ed. Mayer, was announced.

Mr. Myer proposed the following schedule for next year's field trips: January, Berkeley; February, San Mateo; March, San Francisco or Mills College; April, Shore trip; May, Livermore; June, Marin County; July, San Francisco; August, Oakland; September, Shore trip; October, Marin County; November, San Francisco; December, Water birds.

Field observations were given by Mr. Myer, Mr. Bryant, and Mrs. Kelly.

The vice president, Mr. Walter W. Bradley, introduced the speaker of the evening Lieutenant Charles G. Sibley, who spoke on "Birds of the Manila Area," illustrated by means of slides and bird skins.

—Monica Goen, *Recording Secretary*.

January Meeting

The 340th meeting of the Association was held January 10, 1946, with Arthur Myer presiding. One new member, Mr. Ralph Griswold, was announced.

Mr. Myer read the president's report for 1945, Miss MacIver, the treasurer's report and Miss Blake reported on the year's field trips.

Mrs. A. S. Kibbe of the nominating committee presented the names for the new officers for 1946, and these were unanimously elected as follows: President, Miss Jean Bradford Fay; First Vice-President, Mr. Walter W. Bradley; Second Vice-President, Miss Mary L. Roscoe; recording secretary, Monica Goen; corresponding secretary, Mr. Joseph J. Webb; treasurer, Miss I. MacIver; directors, Mr. H. Leffler, Mr. R. S. Griswold, Mr. A. Myer.

Then Miss Jean B. Fay, newly elected president, announced the following committees:

Editor of the "Gull"—Clelia A. Paroin	Field Trips:—Frances J. Blake, <i>chairman</i>
Publicity:—Clelia A. Paroin, <i>chairman</i>	Herman Leffler
Minnie Young	Mrs. D. C. Curtis
Marie Sterne	Florence Stanton
Program:—Walter Bradley, <i>chairman</i>	Research and Records:—
Mrs. J. Grinnell	Mrs. G. E. Kelly, <i>chairman</i>
Mrs. A. S. Kibbe	Mrs. H. C. Austin
Finance:—Miss I. MacIver	Mr. R. Griswold
Information and Initiative:—	Legislation:—
Mrs. A. S. Kibbe, <i>chairman</i>	Joseph J. Webb, <i>chairman</i>
Monica Goen	Walter Bradley
Margaret Milwain	Charles A. Harwell

The speaker of the evening was Mr. Walter W. Bradley whose subject was "Random Bird Notes of a Mining Engineer" illustrated with pictures taken in Mexico, Idaho and California.

MONICA GOEN, *Recording Secretary.*

January Field Trip

The January field trip was taken to the Campus of the University of California and up through Strawberry Canyon to the Botanical Gardens. The day was ideal for the observation of birds, the morning was clear and cool and the forenoon and afternoon clear and warm.

Our party of thirty-eight members and visitors was divided into three groups, Mr. Leffler leading one group on the Campus grounds, Donald Brock leading a group up Strawberry Canyon to the Botanical Gardens and Miss Ivander MacIver leading the other group on the Campus grounds.

Several interesting observations were made during the day. The Mockingbird observed on the Campus grounds seemed to be guarding a small section of lawn and bushes. Two Robins, that landed on the lawn, and several Sparrows, that went to his bush, were driven off. Each time the Mockingbird chased a bird he would return to his section. In the Botanical Gardens two Wren-Tits were observed eating over-ripe cactus fruit, that had fallen to the ground.

For many years Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Myer have graciously entertained our group after our field trips on the Campus grounds and this year was no exception. Their warm hospitality, fine coffee and cakes were truly appreciated by all.

The following thirty-three species of birds were noted for the total area covered:—

Red-tailed Hawk	Bush-tit	English Sparrow
Sparrow Hawk	Red-breasted Nuthatch	California Purple Finch
California Quail	Wren-tit	House Finch
Mourning Dove	Bewick Wren	Pine Siskin
Anna Hummingbird	Mockingbird	Spotted Towhee
Red-shafted Flicker	California Thrasher	Brown Towhee
Downy Woodpecker	Robin	Oregon Junco
Black Phoebe	Varied Thrush	Gambel Sparrow
Steller Jay	Hermit Thrush	Golden-crowned Sparrow
California Jay	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	Fox Sparrow
Plain Titmouse	Audubon Warbler	Song Sparrow
Attending the trip: 28 Members—	The Misses Frances Blake, Joan Davidson,	

Jean Fay, Monica Goen, Phila Helt, Ivander MacIver, Barbara Myer, Tillie Papina, Camilla Paroni, Amy Rinehart, Florence Stanton, Marie Sterne, Minnie Young; the Mrs. Rose Anabel, Sadie Bozant, Mary Courtright, Hilda Grinnell, E. C. Stowell; Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Kilham, Herman Leffler, Arthur Myer; Messrs. Philip Baukol, Donald Brock, Jack Heyneman, Albert Kwasky.

11 visitors were present, four of them from Stockton.

— DONALD BROCK, *Leader and Historian.*

Observations

Edited by JUNE W. KELLY

Two Brown Towhees, Three California Jays, Dec. 1, Laurel Hill Cemetery, San Francisco, Arthur H. Myer. The observation of Brown Towhees is of special interest in view of the fact that this species has not been reported from San Francisco for many years. On Dec. 13, the editor visited the cemetery and saw the towhees.

Two Mountain Bluebirds (one male, one female), Dec. 9, Larkspur, Mrs. Otis H. Smith.

Eleven White-tailed Kites, Islands of the Delta Region near Stockton, Dec. 11; One White-tailed Kite, Dec. 17, near Moss Landing; Cooper Hawk, Laurel Hill Cemetery, Dec. 13; Eighteen Buffle Heads, San Leandro Bay, foot of Liberty Street, Alameda, Dec. 16, June W. Kelly.

February Meeting

The 34th meeting of the Audubon Association of the Pacific occurs Thursday, February 14, at 7:30 P. M., in the Assembly Room of the San Francisco Library at Larkin and McAllister Streets. Mr. R. W. Storer, assistant in Vertebrate Zoology at the University of California, is to speak on "Some Observations on Diving Birds" emphasizing the Bay area birds.

Correction — In Jan., 1946, Gull, Page 2 — Substitute 1 for 7 Spotted Sandpipers.

February Field Trip

Will occur on Sunday, February 17. The destination is Burlingame. Members and guests meet there at El Camino Real and Easton Drive around 9:30 A. M. Take car No. 40 at 5th and Mission in San Francisco at 8:40 A. M.

The walk will lead up into the hills back of Burlingame. Bring lunch and binoculars.

In Memoriam — We announce the death of the nationally known scientist and painter, Major Allan Brooks.

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Membership dues, payable January 1st, \$3.00 per year

Student memberships, \$1.50 per year

Life memberships, \$50.00

Members are responsible for dues until written notice of resignation is received by Treasurer