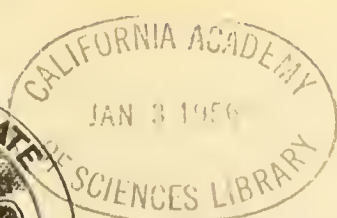


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NOVEMBER TRIP TO ORINDA AND SAN PABLO RESERVOIR

Approximately 35 members and guests participated in the trip to Orinda, San Pablo Reservoir and Bear Creek Road on Saturday, November 26, under the leadership of Peter Veitch.

The weather, clear and mild, was as fine as you could ask for, and alone, was worth the trip. We started at Cascade (Orinda) Lake where the the American, (11) and Hooded, (10) Mergansers were seen, then around the Lake where we came upon a good variety of land birds. After a good bird walk, we drove to the San Pablo Reservoir, stopping frequently to look at the various species of ducks. At the water-tower we ate our lunch, and saw a flock of about 50 White Pelicans flying around the hills east of us. Later a few of the group went to Bear Creek Road where another good variety of land birds was seen.

The following 74 species were recorded:

Western Grebe 2; White Pelican 20; Double-crested Cormorant; Great Blue Heron 3; American Egret 1; Canada Goose 200; Mallard; Gadwall 2; Baldpate; Pintail 2; Green-winged Teal 1; Ring-necked Duck; Hooded Merganser 10; American Merganser 11; Sharp-shinned Hawk 1; Cooper Hawk 1; Red-tailed Hawk; Marsh Hawk 1; Sparrow Hawk; California Quail; Coot; Killdeer; Spotted Sandpiper; Red-backed Sandpiper?; Glaucous-winged Gull; Herring Gull; Californian Gull; Ring-billed Gull; Horned Owl, Belted Kingfisher; Red-shafted Flicker; Acorn Woodpecker; Yellow-bellied (red-breasted) Sapsucker; Hairy Woodpecker; Downy Woodpecker; Nuttall Woodpecker; Black Phoebe; Say Phoebe; Steller Jay; Scrub Jay; Crow; Plain Titmouse; Bush-tit; Slender-billed Nuthatch; Wren-tit; Winter Wren; Bewick Wren; Robin; Varied Thrush; Hermit Thrush; Western Bluebird; Golden-crowned Kinglet; Ruby-crowned Kinglet; American Pipit; Cedar Waxwing; Loggerhead Shrike; Hutton Vireo; Audubon Warbler; House Sparrow; Western Meadowlark; Red-winged Blackbird; Brewer Blackbird; California Purple Finch; House Finch; Pine Siskin; Goldfinch; Lesser (Green-backed) Goldfinch; Spotted Towhee; Brown Towhee; Oregon Junco; Nuttall White-crowned Sparrow; Golden-crowned Sparrow; Fox Sparrow; Song Sparrow.

— CHARLES HINES, *Historian*.

NOVEMBER TRIP TO BOLINAS AND POINT REYES

Driving rain accompanied by a stiff wind on November 13, though very discouraging, failed to obscure completely the wealth of birdlife of the Point Reyes area, as a group of about 29 observers met in Bolinas and tallied a list of 97 species. From Bolinas, the group drove along Bolinas Lagoon and then up along Tomales Bay, stopping several times to look from the cars. Shortly after leaving Inverness, most of the group returned home. Those who went on to Pt. Reyes and those who remained to bird around Tomales Bay and Bolinas, however, were treated by a gradual let-up of the rain and even a period of clearing in the afternoon. In the following list of observations, those marked with an asterisk were seen off Pt. Reyes by Howard Cogswell and party, who spent 2½ hours at the Point counting migrating loons. In addition to the following, 3 longspurs were almost certainly seen in the same area (pastures along the road to the Coast Guard Lifeboat Station) where 3 longspurs, 2 of which were Chestnut-collared, were definitely identified a month earlier.

Common Loon, *27, Arctic Loon, 4, *380, Red-throated Loon, 3, *46, Loon sp., *84, Horned Grebe, 7, Eared Grebe, 4, Western Grebe, 5, Pied-billed Grebe, Sooty Shearwater, *2, Shearwater sp., *2, Fulmar, *2, White Pelican, Brown Pelican, Brandt Cormorant, many, Great Blue Heron, 5, Amer. Egret, 9, Snowy Egret, Black Brant, *119, Amer. Widgeon, Pintail, 100, *9, Shoveller, Canvasback, Greater Scaup, Amer. Goldeneye, Bufflehead, 25, White-winged Scoter, 5, *55, Surf Scoter, 50, *180, Ruddy Duck, 25, Red-breasted Merganser, 3, Turkey Vulture, 7, White-tailed Kite, 5 (all in sight at once — S. of Inverness), Cooper Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, 5, Marsh Hawk, Peregrine Falcon, *1, Sparrow Hawk, 20, California Quail, Coot, 300, Black Oyster-catcher, *1, Snowy Plover, Ringed Plover, Killdeer, Willet, 20, Least Sandpiper, Red-backed Sandpiper, Western Sandpiper, Sanderling, 40, Glaucous-winged Gull, Western Gull, Herring Gull, California Gull, Ring-billed Gull, Heerman Gull, *15, Bonaparte Gull, Common Murre, *50, Cassin Auklet, *1, alcid sp., *2, Burrowing Owl, 2, Anna Hummingbird, Belted Kingfisher, 10, Red-shafted Flicker, Hairy Woodpecker, Downy Woodpecker, Black Phoebe, 10, Say Phoebe, Horned Lark, Steller Jay, Scrub Jay, Amer. Raven, Crow, Chestnut-backed Chickadee, Pygmy Nuthatch, 10, Brown Creeper, Wren-tit, Winter Wren, Rock Wren, 4, Robin, Hermit Thrush, Western Bluebird, 20, Golden-crowned Kinglet, Water Pipit, 200, Loggerhead Shrike, Common Starling, 250 (at last ranch on road to Pt. Reyes), Audubon Warbler, English Sparrow, Western Meadowlark, 50, Red-winged, Tri-colored, and Brewer Blackbirds (hundreds of each), Cowbird, 5, House Finch, Pine Siskin, Spotted Towhee, Brown Towhee, Savannah Sparrow, Lark Sparrow, Oregon Junco, White-crowned Sparrow, Golden-crowned Sparrow, Song Sparrow (inc. 1 albino).

— ALAN M. CRAIG, *Leader and Historian.*

SACRAMENTO VALLEY GAME REFUGES

The overnight field trip December 10 - 11 to the State and Federal Game Refuges near Gridley and Willows was quite successful as far as weather and numbers of birds but the number of persons who turned out was very small, approximately twenty.

The highlight of the trip was probably being able to see at least 60,000 Snow Geese; always a spectacular sight. Ross Geese were observed in small numbers, some had been dyed orange by the Fish & Wildlife Service which enabled us to pick them out of huge flocks of Lesser Snow Geese. One Blue Goose was seen among the Snow Geese, a rare sight in California.

Several Whistling Swans, and a million or so ducks, were also worth seeing.

Not listed below but seen near Winters enroute to Willows, were a Pigeon Hawk and Mountain Bluebirds. At least a thousand or more Starlings were seen, they are increasing rapidly in the area.

The following 83 species were observed:

Eared Grebe, Pied-billed Grebe, White Pelican, Double-crested Cormorant, Gt. Blue Heron, Amer. Egret, Snowy Egret, Black-crowned Night Heron, Amer. Bittern, Whistling Swan, Canada Goose, White-fronted Goose, Blue Goose, 1, Snow Goose, 60,000, Ross Goose, Mallard, Gadwell, Baldpate, Pintail, Green-wg. Teal, Cinnamon Teal, Shoveller, Wood Duck, Ring-necked Duck, Canvas-back, Amer. Golden-eye, Ruddy Duck, Amer. Merganser, Turkey Vulture, Red-tailed Hawk, Red-bellied Hawk, Marsh Hawk, Sparrow Hawk, Ring-necked Pheasant, Sandhill Crane, Virginia Rail, Florida Gallinule, Coot, Killdeer, Wilson Snipe, Greater Yellow-legs, Red-backed Sandpiper, Long-billed Curlew, Avocet, Calif. Gull, Ring-billed Gull, Mourning Dove, Burrowing Owl, Short-eared Owl, Belted Kingfisher, Red-shafted Flicker, Acorn Woodpecker, Lewis Woodpecker, Black Phoebe, Say Phoebe, Horned Lark, Yellow-billed Magpie, Crow, Mockingbird, Western Bluebird, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Amer. Pipit, Calif. Shrike, Starling, Audubon Warbler, House Sparrow, Western Meadowlark, Yellow-headed Blackbird, Red-wing, Tricolored Blackbird, Brewer Blackbird, House Finch, Goldfinch, Lesser Goldfinch, Spotted Towhee, Savannah Sparrow, Lark Sparrow, Oregon Junco, Nuttall Sparrow, Golden-crowned Sparrow, Fox Sparrow, Lincoln Sparrow, Song Sparrow.

— HARRY C. ADAMSON, *Leader and Historian.*

OBSERVATIONS

HOLBOELL (RED-NECKED) GREBE, San Francisco Yacht Harbor, Nov. 26, (W. J. Fitzpatrick); AMERICAN MERGANSER, 7, St. Mary's College Lake, Nov. 19 - 21, (A. S. Campbell); MOCKINGBIRD, near Felton, Aug. 15; Healsburg, Oct. 20 & Nov. 1, (Mrs. Clifton S. Deuprey); MOCKINGBIRD, Claremont Dist., Berkeley, from Nov. 18 — Apparently taken residence in a palm tree, (M. H. Young); TOWNSEND WARBLER, Claremont Dist., Berkeley, Nov. 26, (M.H.Y.); LINCOLN SPARROW, El Cerrito, Dec. 3. (A. Laurence Curl).

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members to the society: from Alameda, Mr. and Mrs. Ken L. Reid; from Berkeley, Dr. J. M. Boulware, Mrs. William A. Perkins and C. John Ralph; from Oakland, Miss Elsie M. Anderson, Mr. Herbert Carl, Mr. Edward Hicks and Mr. A. William Jensen; from San Francisco, Mr. J. Lane Dam.

— MRS. FRANK A. SCOTT, *Membership Chairman.*

ANNUAL MEETING

The 460th regular meeting of the Golden Gate Audubon Society will be held at 7:30 on Thursday, January 12 in the West Auditorium of the Oakland Public Library, 14th and Oak Sts. This will be the Annual Meeting, at which officers and directors will be elected for the coming year. The speaker of the evening will be Dr. Richard Mewaldt, Instructor of Zoology at San Jose State College. The subject: "How do animals find their way over long distances?" Dr. Mewaldt is Vice-president of the Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society. He is an excellent speaker and an authority on bird psychology and behavior. Come and bring a friend.

—MRS. BUDD J. SMITH, *Program Chairman.*

FIELD TRIPS FOR JANUARY

On SATURDAY, January 14, to St. Mary's College and vicinity. Meet at 9 a.m. at the front entrance (drive in) to the College, 1 mile N.E. of Moraga. The pond may have Hooded Mergansers, Ring-necked Ducks, and other waterfowl, and the oak-laurel-madrone woods border on open grass and sparse oaks; habitat for a great variety of land birds. Leader, Dr. Arthur S. Campbell, of the St. Mary's faculty. From S.F. take 7:51 E train to Claremont; autos having available seats meet there at 8:30.

On SUNDAY, January 22, to Tomales Bay and vicinity, on which trip a new "plan of attack" will be tried, if those attending are willing to participate. This is a more thorough coverage of the area by having a number of small groups visit various parts of it with differing habitats during the forenoon, then meeting for discussion at the lunch period. Other societies have found this method far more successful in locating many different kinds of birds, and in enabling each person to become more intimately acquainted with a portion of the birds present in the area each time afield. An effort will be made to send real (not fancied) beginners with those of greater experience. Meet on State route 1 at Point Reyes Station, near the hotel, at 9:15 a.m., when suggested areas can be shown and sub-groups formed. Bring lunch, warm clothing, binoculars, telescope, and interested friends. The noon rendezvous will be at Inverness. Moderator, H. L. Cogswell, TR 3-6419. Leaders, numerous — come one, come all.

—HOWARD L. COGSWELL, *Field Trips Chairman.*

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