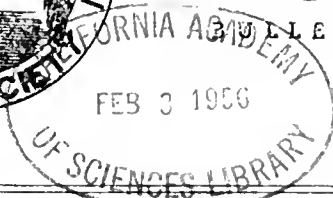


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SAN FRANCISCO CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

Dec. 26, 1955. Areas covered: Marina, Lincoln Park, Twin Peaks, Sutro Forest, Land's End, Presidio, Golden Gate Park, Stern Grove, Treasure Island, Yerba Buena Island, San Francisco Bayshore, Pacific Ocean Beach, Seal Rocks, Lake Merced, Fleishhacker Area, Marin Shoreline, McLaren Park, and 22 smaller City parks and boulevards.

21 (Pac.) Arctic Loon	1 Peregrine Falcon	15 Horned Lark
32 Red-throated Loon	15 Sparrow Hawk	6 (Calif.) Scrub Jay
17 Loon, unidentified	100 California Quail	9 Common Raven
1 (Holboell's) Red-necked Grebe	1015 Am. Coot.	1 Am. Crow
35 Horned Grebe	7 Snowy Plover	45 Chestnut-b. Chickadee
114 Eared Grebe	43 Killdeer	38 Common Bush-tit
631 Western Grebe	3 Black-bellied Plover	7 Red-br. Nuthatch
42 Pied-billed Grebe	1 Long-billed Curlew	2 Brown Creeper
117 Brown Pelican	30 Black Turnstone	3 Wren-tit
369 Double-cr. Cormorant	2 Spotted Sandpiper	4 Winter Wren
421 Brandt's Cormorant	6 Wandering Tattler	2 Bewick's Wren
38 (Baird's) Pelagic Cormorant	16 Willet	1 Marsh Wren
172 Cormorant, unident.	4 Red-backed Sandpiper	234 Am. Robin
3 Great Blue Heron	577 Sanderling	24 Varied Thrush
1 American Egret	2 Am. Avocet	32 Hermit Thrush
2 Green Heron	1 Northern Phalarope	2 Golden-cr. Kinglet
5 Bl.-cr. Night Heron	(no details, Ed.)	36 Ruby-cr. Kinglet
693 Mallard	793 Glauc.-winged Gull	70 (Am.) Water Pipit
2 Gadwall	2385 Western Gull	4 (Calif.) Loggerhead Shrike
24 Shoveller	124 Herring Gull	4 Hutton's Vireo
629 Am. Widgeon	2680 California Gull	67 Audubon's Warbler
31 Ring-necked Duck	2216 Ring-billed Gull	5 Yellow-throat
125 Canvas-back	648 Short-billed Gull	446 House Sparrow
35 Greater Scaup	212 Bonaparte's Gull	79 Western Meadowlark
174 Lesser Scaup	3 Heermann's Gull	494 Brewer's Blackbird
3 Am. Golden-eye	1725 Gulls, unidentified	785 House Finch
1 Buffle-head	48 Forster's Tern	70 Pine Siskin
1 Old-squaw	2 Common Murre	2 Am. Goldfinch
34 White-winged Scoter	11 Mourning Dove	6 Spotted Towhee
349 Surf Scoter	1 Horned Owl	1 Lark Sparrow
237 Ruddy Duck	15 Anna's Humminbird	238 Oregon Junco
20 Red-br. Merganser	3 Belted Kingfisher	1040 White-cr. Sparrow
20 Ducks, unident.	55 Red-shafted Flicker	430 Golden-cr. Sparrow
1 Cooper's Hawk	1 (Red-breasted) Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	66 Fox Sparrow
3 Red-tailed Hawk	3 Downy Woodpecker	151 Song Sparrow
	41 Black Phoebe	

Total: 101 species, 21,611 individuals.

Observers (*indicates group leader): L. W. Bartow*, T. C. Bartow, A. J. Bennett*, Dr. A. Boles*, S. Bozant, G. Braunstein, M. Browne, C. L. Carson*, R. R. Chase*, D. Crane, S. Crane, Dr. A. L. Curl*, J. R. Fobres, J. T. Hedgpeth*, T. Hermsen, E. Hevel, C. Hines, Jr., J. Kilfoil, T. Kilfoil, E. Kilham, G. T. Kilman, J. Lawry, L. R. Leinbach*, M. B. Leinbach, E. S. Lennon*, W. S. Lennon, A. H. Myer, M. Noe, A. Parkinson, H. G. Peterson*, S. Pulver, H. A. Reese, Dr. T. E. Reynolds*, A. M. Smith, L. P. Smith*, Mrs. L. P. Smith, R. Stallcup, T. Trautman, P. A. Veitch*, F. Zografos, Jr.* Total, 40 observers.

—ARTHUR H. MYER, *Compiler.*

OAKLAND CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

Jan. 2, 1956. Areas covered (Parts of a 15-mile diameter circle centered at Moraga Ave. and Estates Dr.): Bay Farm Id., San Leandro Bay, Alameda, Lake Merritt and Lakeside Park, E. shore of San Francisco Bay from Bridge approach to Pt. Isabel, Sunset View Cemetery, Berkeley City parks, Univ. of California campus, Strawberry Canyon, Claremont Hotel area, Lake Temescal, Mountain View Cemetery, Dimond Park, Joaquin Miller Park area, Mills College and Leona Heights to Devil's Punchbowl area, hills and canyon N. of Oakland Naval Hospital, St. Mary's College to Moraga to Redwood Canyon, Tilden Regional Park, Orinda and Bear Creek area and most of San Pablo Reservoir.

1 Common Loon	10 Sharp-shinned Hawk	155 Band-tailed Pigeon
12 (Pac.) Arctic Loon	9 Cooper's Hawk	232 Mourning Dove
20 Red-throated Loon	47 Red-tailed Hawk	5 Barn Owl
1 (Holboell's) Red-necked Grebe	1 Marsh Hawk	1 Screech Owl
115 Horned Grebe	44 Sparrow Hawk	10 Horned Owl
96 Eared Grebe	346 California Quail	3 Short-eared Owl
260 Western Grebe	2 Clapper Rail	14 White-throated Swift
24 Pied-billed Grebe	1664 Am. Coot	79 Anna's Humminbird
29 Brown Pelican	1 Snowy Plover	3 Belted Kingfisher
329 Double-cr. Cormorant	63 (Semipalmated) Ringed Plover	202 Red-shafted Flicker
28 Brandt's Cormorant	185 Killdeer	21 Acorn Woodpecker
1 Pelagic Cormorant	289 Black-bel. Plover	8 (Red-br.) Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
39 Great Blue Heron	5 Black Turnstone	2 Hairy Woodpecker
121 American Egret	1 Wilson's Snipe	17 Downy Woodpecker
18 Snowy Egret	49 Long-billed Curlew	4 Nuttall's Woodpecker
25 Bl.-cr. Night Heron	8 Hudsonian Curlew	28 Black Phoebe
289 Canada Goose	4 Spotted Sandpiper	1 Say's Phoebe
635 Mallard	2455 Willet	69 Horned Lark
1 Gadwall	1 Greater Yellow-legs	119 Steller's Jay
66 Pintail	172 Least Sandpiper	222 (Calif.) Scrub Jay
12 Shoveller	1250 Red-b. Sandpiper	15 Am. Crow
94 Am. Widgeon	6 Dowitcher	272 Ch.-backed Chickadee
2 Wood Duck	7264 Western Sandpiper	131 Plain Titmouse
16 Ring-necked Duck	1311 Marbled Godwit	557 Common Bush-tit
22005 Canvas-back	695 Sandering	11 White-br. Nuthatch
307 Lesser Scaup	2317 Am. Avocet	35 Red-br. Nuthatch
25 Scaup, unident.	991 Glauc.-winged Gull	2 Brown Creeper
145 Am. Golden-eye	392 Western Gull	117 Wren-tit
52 Buffle-head	51 Herring Gull	3 Winter Wren
1 Old-squaw	558 California Gull	11 Bewick's Wren
53 White-winged Scoter	250 Ring-billed Gull	16 Mockingbird
212 Surf Scoter	392 Short-billed Gull	4 California Thrasher
2479 Ruddy Duck	326 Bonaparte's Gull	15524 American Robin
11 Am. Merganser	276 Gulls, unidentified	194 Varied Thrush
46 Red-br. Merganser	70 Forster's Tern	78 Hermit Thrush
2381 Ducks, unident.	2 Caspian Tern	89 Western Bluebird
1 Turkey Vulture		3 Golden-cr. Kinglet

154 Ruby-cr. Kinglet	1164 Brewer's Blackbird	12 Lark Sparrow
181 (Am.) Water Pipit	9 Brown-hd'd. Cowbird	3 Rufous-cr. Sparrow
165 Cedar Waxwing	36 Purple Finch	1 Slate-col. Junco (S.T.)
20 Loggerhead Shrike	843 House Finch	1115 Oregon Junco
10 Hutton's Vireo	1250 Pine Siskin	1 Harris's Sparrow (I.T.)
1 Orange-cr. Warbler	70 Am. Goldfinch	1156 White-cr. Sparrow
3 Myrtle Warbler	68 (Green-backed)	369 Golden-cr. Sparrow
206 Audubon's Warbler	Lesser Goldfinch	1 White-throated
4 Townsend's Warbler	106 Spotted Towhee	Sparrow (I.T.)
875 House Sparrow	511 Brown Towhee	101 Fox Sparrow
363 Western Meadowlark	58 Savannah Sparrow	1 Lincoln's Sparrow
180 Red-winged Blackbird		239 Song Sparrow.

Total: 140 species, 78,992 individuals.

Observers (*indicates group leader): Betty Adamson, Harry Adamson*, Warren Armstrong, Richard Bailey, Leslie W. Bartow, Tyra C. Bartow, Philip H. Baukol, Albert Boles*, Sadie Bozant, Myra Browne*, Mike Carboni, Bessie Cogswell, Howard Cogswell*, Herold Connon, Paul Covel*, Alan Craig*, David Crane, Stephen Crane, A. Laurence Curl*, C. D. Fisher, John Ripley Forbes, Alice Gray, Tom Grimes, Jack Guggolz, Lillian Henningsen, Charles Hines, Jr.*, Bill Jensen, Leroy Jensen, Junea W. Kelly*, L. R. Leinbach*, Mary Leinbach, Elizabeth Lennon, Walter Lennon, Phyllis Lindley, Roberta Long, Gardner Marshall, Arthur Morley, Arthur Myer*, Ethel L. Myer, Tim Newcomb, Paul Opler, Harold Peterson*, W. M. Pursell, Mrs. W. M. Pursell, Jean Pyle, Amy Rinehart, Elsie Roemer, Gene Schwiezer, Frank A. Scott, Jean Stallcup, Kenneth Stallcup, Lee Stallcup, Richard Stallcup, Sally Steller, John Thomas, Mrs. John Thomas, Sylvia Thomssen, Betty Trousdale, Inez Troxell, Marjorie Van Scyoc, Peter Veitch, Henry Wagner, Thomas Wharton, Bev Wilder, Herb Wong*, Pete Wright, Minnie H. Young.

— LEE STALLCUP, *Compiler*

NEW OFFICERS

The new officers elected at the January 12 meeting are listed in the box at the bottom of page eight. The nominating committee consisted of Mrs. Dorothy Dean Scott, Miss Alice Leet, and Mrs. Laurel Reynolds.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members to our society: from Berkeley, Mrs. John B. Cuno and Mrs. Ralph R. Glass; from Oakland, Miss Louise Capelle, Mrs. Vida Coen, Miss Alice Gramm, Mrs. Alice G. Gray, and Mr. Warren W. Kirk; from San Francisco, Miss Barbara Cox, Mrs. Edith M. Rutledge and Mr. Gene Schweizer.

OBSERVATIONS

White Pelican, 7 on bay near Pt. Isabel, Jan 15 (A.L.Curl); Golden Eagle, pair at Conn Lake, Jan. 8 (ALC); Mockingbird, 1 at Berkeley Aquatic Park, Dec. 27 (A.S. Campbell); Robin, a total of nearly 36,000 counted on Jan. 8 approaching the Joaquin Miller Park roost, by nine parties observing simultaneously along as many radii within a mile of the roost (H. L. Cogswell); Golden-crowned Kinglet, 30 to 40 in oak forest at St. Mary's College, Jan 9, associating with White-breasted Nuthatch and Creeper (ASC); **Evening Grosbeak**, flock of about 15 flew southward from the Joaquin Miller Park area at dawn on Jan. 9 (HLC), and a female observed near Mills College, Jan. 16 (Kenneth Stallcup); Slate-colored Junco, 2 on Buenaventura St., Oakland, Jan. 16 (Lee Stallcup); White-throated Sparrow, adult at a feeding station in N. Berkeley repeatedly since Nov. 9 (Inez Troxell); **Harris's Sparrow**, immature at this same location since Dec. 20 (I.T.) and an adult in S.E. Berkeley in January (Mrs. E. Fritz, per I.T.).

NOTICE TO CHRISTMAS BIRD-COUNTERS

The members present at the January meeting of the society voted to authorize payment from the treasury of the 50c observer's fee charged by Audubon Field Notes magazine, in which the counts are published. Those who paid this fee personally may receive a refund of it upon request from the treasurer or his representative at any meeting of the Society during the next four months.

EDITOR'S CORNER

In this space will frequently appear brief announcements of recent literature of interest, suggestions for study projects or places to visit, etc., as well as requests for information. The common names used for birds in "The Gull" are the official U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service names, as published in Audubon Field Notes, vol. 4 (1950): pp. 37-39, 260.

FEBRUARY MEETING

The 461st regular meeting of the Golden Gate Audubon Society will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 9, in the Assembly Room (3rd floor) of the Main Library in San Francisco (Larkin and McAllister Sts., no. 5 bus). Miss Lee Crouch of the U.S. Forest Service will speak and show a film, "Chaparral, the Elfin Forest." Scoop: Richfield's brand new film, "The Conservation Story," will be shown at the end of the program. Guests are welcome.

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

FIELD TRIPS FOR FEBRUARY

On Sunday, February 12, to RITCHIE RANCH AND OTHER AREAS WEST OF LODI, San Joaquin County, where for the past two years excellent views of Sandhill Cranes, many geese, ducks, gallinules, White-tailed Kites, etc., were had. The area is one of moist valley farmland with marshy ditches and tree-bordered sloughs near the Mokelumne River. Although partly flooded this winter, the paved roads are expected to be passable. Exact areas visited will depend on water conditions. Meet at 9:30 a.m. at the intersection of State Route 12 (Iselton to Lodi road) and Thornton Road, which is marked by the Rodeo Inn and a service station on the s.w. corner. This point is 81 miles from Oakland via U. S. Route 40 to Fairfield, thence via State Route 12 to 6 miles beyond Terminus. Leader, Lee Stallcup. Bring binoculars, telescope, lunch, warm clothing, and interested friends. Those needing transportation who can meet drivers enroute in the city and those able to take such passengers (sharing of expenses suggested) will be put in contact if both will call the field trips chairman, LO 9-3185.

On Saturday, February 25, to SAN FRANCISCO ZOO GROUNDS, ADJACENT BEACH, AND LAKE MERCED. Meet at 9 a.m. at the north entrance to the Fleishhacker playground, Sloat Boulevard near Great Highway (L car from downtown San Francisco). If interest warrants, a special session in identification of gulls in various plumages will be offered by H. L. Cogswell. Those participating in this can expect to spend a couple of hours at it, and should do their "homework" in advance by studying diligently the differences in the various species and ages to be found here, as described in Hoffmann's "Birds of the Pacific States," Peterson's "Field Guide to Western Birds", or other books. Others present may make a circuit of Lake Merced to see a variety of waterbirds, Marsh Wren, and probably Townsend's Warbler and Allen's Hummingbird, which are common here at this season. Bring binocular, telescope, books for identification, interested friends, and lunch. Meet at S. entrance to the zoo at 12:00 noon for discussion.

—LEE STALLCUP, *Field Trips Chairman.*

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