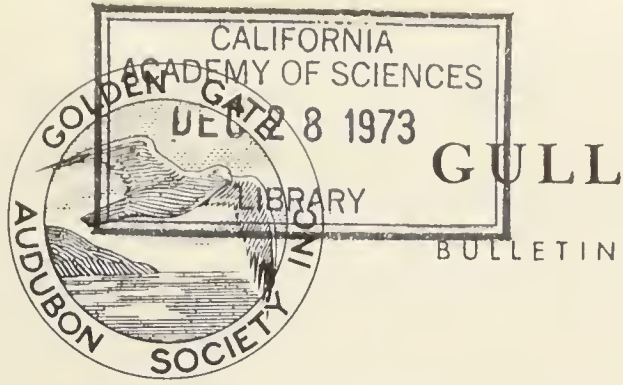


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AUDUBON WILDLIFE FILM

“What Have You Done with My Country?” an outstanding documentary about Australia, will be shown on **Monday, January 21**, at 8:00 P.M., in the Oakland Auditorium Theatre. This provocative and controversial film has received awards in Australia and was that country’s entry at the International Environment Conference in Stockholm. The film reconstructs the arrival of Captain James Cook and then ranges from a frenzied sequence photographed at the Sydney Stock Exchange to the immense spaces of the outback. The young photographer, Frank Heimans, will narrate his film.

—FRANCES ELLEN FALGATTER, *Wildlife Chairman*

GOLDEN GATE HOTLINE

New members are invited to join the Golden Gate Hotline. Volunteers will be informed in monthly newsletters about selected, key environmental issues which require comment in the form of a post card, brief letter, or public opinion message. Background information is provided on the issues together with the points to be covered, and the persons to whom your comments should be sent. When an issue comes up too late for inclusion in the newsletter, members will be contacted by telephone. If you would like to participate and become personally involved in the struggle to maintain habitat for wildlife and a less polluted environment for us all, fill out the form below and return to Golden Gate Hotline, P. O. Box 5022, Berkeley, CA 94705.

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GENERAL MEETING

The First GGAS membership meeting of the new year will be held **Thursday, January 10, 7:30 P.M.** at the Hall of Flowers, 9th Ave. and Lincoln Way, San Francisco.

Our guest will be Ms. June Taylor Mahall of the Environmental Protection Agency. Her talk, "How to Attend Meetings Effectively", will be addressed to those interested in letting their voices be heard.

Since coming to EPA in 1970, Ms. Mahall has worked in Congressional and intergovernmental affairs and as a planner in the Solid Waste Management Office. She is currently the Region's representative for non-governmental organizations.

—DOLORES WHITE, *Membership Chairperson*

Covel's Conservation Corner

The recent Mid-East affair and the resultant oil shortage may introduce to Audubon field-trippers a conservation practice we have often recommended but which had failed to arouse a response: ride-sharing. This practice should now become patriotic, economical and, in fact, almost obligatory if our weekend field trips are to continue to be popular. I feel, if it is impractical to create a Ride Pool Chairman then each field trip leader should try to find rides for members who request them. Perhaps pickup points should be established for trips according to the direction they are heading. Acceptance of a ride should obligate members to be prompt, congenial and they should expect to share costs of transportation. (The Sierra Club suggests 2 to 2½¢ per mile.) Of course, more chartered bus trips should be planned if bus companies are allowed gas for transporting bird-watchers, hikers etc.

Shortages will make it necessary for us to change our habits . . . how about your recycling efforts? There is no impending shortage of garbage, only of places to dump it! Your donations of newspapers, bottles and cans reduce the future drain on our natural resources. Recycling centers employ college students, unskilled minority workers and sometimes ex-convicts. In the East Bay, Berkeley Ecology Center (548-2220) or your chairman can give you the address of your nearest recycling center. If Japan can afford to import chips from our frozen Eucalyptus for wood pulp that's a sign that we are still wasting, wasting.

The present Richmond dump, operated by the Richmond Sanitary Service, has become such an environmental menace that the Army Corps of Engineers has brought suit against it. The Save San Francisco Bay Association will object to issuance of a permit requested by the dump operators from the Corps. An environmental consultant reports to your chairman that they even have an open oil sump out there, and he has seen trapped waterfowl in it.

We have two unrelated reports about the future of Alcatraz. First, Dr. Lucille W. Green, chairman of the World Ecology Committee, has recommended to GGAS and to Dr. Elvis Stahr of NAS that it be made a "World Park", based on the theme: The World is the Home of All Mankind. We will withhold comment until we have made a scheduled visit with a naturalist group and talk to the National Park people. Meanwhile,

the Alameda Naval Air Station plans to dump partly polluted dredge spoils around and under The Rock. Although the Regional Water Quality Control Board has issued a permit for the dumping, the State Department of Fish and Game has appealed it. It seems the standards under the EPA are more liberal than those of Fish and Game.

Bill Principe and your Conservation Chairman met with Lands Officer William Hartman of the EBMUD on November 19 to survey the "new look" for public recreation on San Pablo Reservoir as it affects the wintering Canada Geese and other water birds. Only a few score geese had arrived, but it was agreed that the log boom could be moved out to protect more water acreage at the east end of the lake. When the full population of geese arrive we will take another look and perhaps make further recommendations to Mr. Hartman.

—PAUL COVEL, *Conservation Chairman*

PELAGIC BOAT TRIP

GGAS will sponsor a boat trip on **Saturday, February 2**, departing from **Moss Landing at 7:30 A.M.** This trip will provide members with the opportunity to view pelagic birds usually seen only in winter months. The boat has spacious deck space and the skipper is warmly disposed toward birdwatchers.

There is the possibility of rough seas; therefore those who are not good sailors may wish to wait for pelagic trips offered during the milder months. Reservations should be made by sending \$10.00 per person to GGAS (boat trip), Box 5022, Berkeley, California 94705. Make checks payable to the Golden Gate Audubon Society. Space for the trip is limited and will be filled on a first-come first-served basis. Please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope. Further information will be mailed out with confirmation notices.

Bay Area Birds

Pacific Seabird Group

The Pacific Seabird Group had its conception at the December, 1972, meeting of the Western Society of Naturalists, and an organizational meeting was held last month at the Point Reyes Bird Observatory. PSG was formed out of concern for the welfare of our marine birds, especially because of such human intrusions on their environment as oil pollution and destruction of breeding habitat. It was also seen that there was a need for a "seabird lobby" in the government, and for a clearinghouse for research activities centering on seabirds.

The British and Australian Seabird Group were used as models for the new organization. In both these groups, there has been success in coordinating the activities of professionals and enthusiastic amateurs.

There's a lot the amateur will be able to do with PSG, such as censusing breeding colonies, conducting beached bird and pelagic bird surveys, administrative work, and editing the proposed bulletin.

The group needs our wholehearted support to be a success, and a success we hope it is. We can no longer consider the ocean a vast entity that man is incapable of despoiling. Many seabirds are already under threat of extinction, or indeed extinct.

Information about PSG is available from the group's secretary, George Divoky, U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service, 1412 Airport Way, Fairbanks, Alaska 99701, or from the group's local representatives, David Ainley of PRBO and Miklos D. F. Udvardy of Sacramento State College.

Arctic Raptor Invasion

So far this winter, we have seen invasions of two interesting raptors from the Arctic. Rough-legged Hawks are being seen in abnormal numbers; up to 40 a day at Point Reyes. They have been reported from all over the area, including Monterey Bay Area, Livermore Valley, and the San Pablo Bay.

Snowy Owls have been seen in the hundreds in Washington State, and there is a report of one from Del Norte County, California! The bird is of very rare and irregular occurrence in California, but it has been reported as far south as Los Angeles, in the 19th century. It is possible that a cold snap may drive these birds to the Bay Area later in winter.

The invasions of these two species are probably not unrelated, since population fluctuations in both are known to depend on cycles of Arctic rodents, their primary prey. Perhaps a local outbreak of voles somewhere in the Arctic has created this very happy situation for Bay Area birders.

Field Observations

Yellow-billed Loon, Monterey Bay, Nov. 10—LCB.

Fork-tailed Petrels, Monterey Bay, weekend of Nov. 24-25—reported by many.

Blue-winged Teal, Palo Alto Yacht Harbor, all month—reported by many.

European Wigeon, Palo Alto Yacht Harbor, all month—reported by many; Golden Gate Park, Nov. 27—AB.

Oldsquaw, 2, Point Reyes, Nov. 3—KG, VR, et al.

King Eider, imm. male, Monterey Bay, from Thanksgiving through end of month—BA, DB.

American Golden Plover, "50+," Point Reyes, Nov. 24—AM, WMP.

Glaucous Gull, Alameda Dump, Nov. 14—ER.

Brown Thrasher, third successive winter in San Rafael backyard, through Nov.—MW.

Lapland Longspur, 15, Point Reyes, Nov. 3—KG, VR, et al.

Chestnut-collared Longspur, 3, Point Reyes, Nov. 3—KG, VR, et al.

Observers: Bill Anderson, Laurence C. Binford, Dave Bockman, Aubrey

Burns, Kim Garrett, Ailee Merieourt, Wm. M. Purcell, Van Remsen, Elsie Roemer, Morton Wilson.

—BULL PRINCIPE, *Bay Area Birds* editor (254-1071).

JANUARY FIELD TRIPS

Saturday, January 5: A Rare Bird Trip. Meet at the parking lot on the San Francisco side of the Golden Gate Bridge at **8:30 A.M.**, and then we will drive to wherever the rare bird is. If anyone knows the location of a good rare bird, notify leader Peter Allen (781-0148). Bring lunch and scopes.

Wednesday, January 9: From the Eastshore Freeway (I-80), take the University Ave. exit, turn right at the bottom of the ramp, and follow the signs to **Berkeley Aquatic Park**. We will also visit the **Berkeley Marina**. Meet at the south end of the lake at **9 A.M.** Leader: Bertha Underhill (848-0131).

Sunday, January 13: We have been given permission by the East Bay Municipal Utility District to bird at **San Pablo Reservoir**. Take Hwy 24 through the Caldecott tunnel to the Orinda exit. Turn left at the signal onto Camino Pablo. After 2.3 miles come to Bear Valley Road, where we will meet at **8:44 A.M.** We will then caravan to the Reservoir: parking fee, 75¢. We will see ducks and geese, and there will be 2 to 3 miles of walking. Leader: Bob Johnson (254-3919).

Saturday, January 19: To **Dillon Beach**. Meet at **8:45 A.M.** at the Bank of America Bldg. in the town of Tomales on Hwy 1, about 1½ hours driving time. We will caravan 7 miles to Lawson's Landing. Entrance fee is \$1.00. We should see loons, Red-necked Grebes, Black Brants. Leader: Mary Louise Rosegay (561-2889).

Sunday, January 27: Meet at **8:30 A.M.** along Hwy 1 at the north end of the bridge at **Pescadero Marsh**, (Pescadero State Beach), about 15 miles south of Half Moon Bay on Hwy 1. Leader: Bill Principe (254-1071).

Sunday, February 3: Meet at **9 A.M.** for a three-hour trip to **Heerdt Marsh**. We should see ducks, White-tailed Kites, and Short-eared Owls. Drive north on 101 just past Corte Madera, and exit on Lueky Drive. Turn right immediately and park near the Golden Gate Trailer Court. We will walk about 2 miles into the marsh on dirt roads, which could be muddy. Leader: Bruce Schatzman (386-1876).

The **Los Banos** trip will be held on **February 9-10**. Make reservations now at La Casa Motel, 528 Pacheco Blvd., Los Banos (209 826-0682), or at the Canal Farm Inn (209 826-5121). Further details will be in the February *Gull*.

The trip to **Honey Lake** for the Sage Grouse will be on **February 23-24**. Make reservations at Knight's Inn Motel, 1705 Main St., Susanville (916 257-2168), or Monte Vista, 2785 Main St., (916 257-4123). Further details

PAT TRIGGS, *Field Trips* Chairman (644-8502)

From Your President's Stockpile

A SALUTE TO ALBERT BOLES, M.D.: On November 20, Dr. Boles went to his office where he carried on his practice as an ENT specialist, met his Boy Scout troop in the evening, and at 9:30 p.m. called me about some reserves built up in the Sanctuary and Memorial Fund, of which he is chairman, and also mentioned his desire to cut back on his activities and to be relieved of the chairmanship. Some six hours later Dr. Boles suffered a stroke affecting his speech and involving some motor loss. He has been recovering at Peralta Hospital. Cards and letters should help cheer him up during his recovery period; his home address is 854 Longridge Rd. Oakland 94610.

Looking at only a few of Dr. Boles' many involvements show him to be a man of enormous vitality and wide interests. During his football days at the University of Minnesota he was known as Minnesota's greatest center. When World War I came (with a fresh M.D. in hand) he was sent to Annapolis as football coach. For ten years, during his early days as a medical practitioner in Oakland, he also served as line coach at U. C. Berkeley under **Andy Smith**.

World War II saw him called back to active duty; he was one of the few flight surgeons available along the Pacific Coast and was retired as a Navy Captain. In those war days Boy Scout troops were folding for lack of leaders and Dr. Boles took over his present troop, seeing all four of his sons through to the Eagle Scout rank.

In 1952 when GGAS was incorporated, Dr. Boles was acting president and became president in 1953. Since then he has always served in some Board capacity and for the last decade has been chairman of the Sanctuary and Memorial Fund. Anyone sending a gift to this Fund has always received a gracious handwritten reply from Dr. Boles. And most important, as Mrs. Boles has said, "He's fun." We shall miss him on the Board and we all send warm wishes for his speedy recovery.

Until a decision is made regarding Dr. Boles' replacement, Sanctuary and Memorial Fund contributions should be sent to Lenore Johnsen, Corresponding Secretary. The gifts will be placed in a Sanctuary and Memorial sub-account by our treasurer, Bob Johnsen.

Dr. T. Eric Reynolds, former GGAS president and past Sanctuary and Memorial chairman, represented Dr. Boles at the December 4 GGAS board meeting when we voted to send a check for \$300.00 to Audubon Canyon Ranch. This will be matched by NAS with funds from the Whittell Estate making a welcome \$600.00 Christmas gift for ACR.

COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT: Serving to "kick off" the activities of a Committee on the Environment will be June Mahall of the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency, guest speaker at the January 10

General Membership meeting in San Francisco. The current Hot Line contains details on car pooling for this meeting and has been mailed to all those GGAS members who sent in slips indicating a special interest in attending hearings, studying environmental impact reports and other conservation-oriented activities. These matters will be further explored in later meetings conducted by Tom Williams, chairman of the Committee on the Environment.

Tom is a Zoologist with URS Research Company of San Mateo, a consulting firm involved in the preparation of environmental impact reports. He has his M.S. in Mammology and is a Ph.D. candidate at U. C. Berkeley in Palaeontology.

HOT LINE: For the past nine months, under the guidance of Dotty Pistorius, our office has been issuing a printed Hot Line alerting interested GGAS members about current bills before State and Federal committees of particular concern to conservationists and needing their urgent support. In addition, a telephone Hot Line has been maintained for issues when "time was of the essence." Julie Colley worked with Dotty from last March until September when Julie left for Malaysia. Our thanks to her and welcome to Ann Greenfelder who will now help get the Hot Line to the members. Should you wish to be on the mailing list, drop a line to Dotty Pistorius Box 5022.

—G. R. MACHLIS, *President*

HAPPENINGS

The **Fungus Fair** comes to San Francisco to the **California Academy of Sciences** in Golden Gate Park. The date is **Sunday, January 6**. You are invited to come and look at the stunning exhibit of mushrooms and toadstools and to bring your own specimens for identification.

The grand event for January will be the **Comet Kohoutec** which can be seen in the southwestern sky after sunset. Every clear Friday and Saturday evening an astronomers club will set up their telescope on the **Lawrence Hall of Sciences** plaza. LHS, Berkeley, is located on top of one of the most beautiful hills in the Bay Area. This unusual viewing opportunity is open to the public. Also at LHS John Smail will lecture **Thursday, January 10**, on "The Farallons: Man or Wildlife".

MEMORIAL GIFTS

Three memorial gifts were made to Audubon Canyon Ranch in memory of *Martin Fallgatter* by *Dr. & Mrs. Albert Boles, Thomas & Agnes Oczkewecz*, and an *anonymous contributor*. Please send your gift to Mrs. Robert C. Johnsen, Corresponding Secretary, 4 Del Valle, Orinda, 94563.



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The *Gull* deadline is the first of the month for the following month.