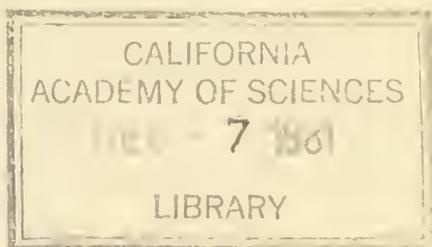
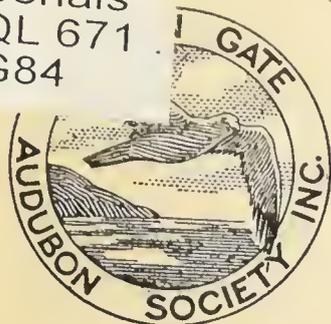


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Annual Christmas Count December 20

On Sunday, December 20, GGAS will hold its annual Christmas bird census. I certainly hope you all plan to participate. Please don't think you're too inexperienced with bird identification to be of help; you're not. Call me and make arrangements to come out with us and then get together with everyone else that evening for a delightful potluck supper.

If you participated last year but have not yet been contacted by your group leader, call me. Due to an unforgivable error, many of you who regularly census your feeders were not contacted last year. Anyone who can do a feeder count should also call me; I will confirm that your feeder is within the count boundary and get a census report to you.

Evenings are the best time to reach me, but try 885-1480 or 441-3804 any time between 10 a.m. and 10 p.m. My address is 1601 Green St., #2, San Francisco, CA 94123.

—DOUG GOMKE, *Christmas Count Compiler*

Potluck to Follow Count

The apres-count celebration this year will be a potluck, with hot drinks provided by GGAS. It will be held at the Trinity Methodist Church (same place as last year) at the corner of Bancroft Way and Dana St. in Berkeley. The church entrance is at 2362 Bancroft Way. Dinner should begin about 6:30 p.m. If you plan to bring a dish that will need heating, someone will be at the church from 3 p.m. on. Everyone attending should bring a contribution.

Persons with names beginning A - E should bring hors d'oeuvres; F -

L folks, salad; M - R, a main dish and S - Z, dessert unless you have a special dish you'd prefer to bring. If you have any questions about food please contact Hazel Houston during the evening at 635-7347.

If the day is muddy, please bring a clean pair of shoes to wear in the the church hall. Help before and after the event is always appreciated.

—HAZEL HOUSTON, *Hospitality Chair*

Field Trips Calendar

See the November *Gull* for details on the following trips:

Sunday, December 6—Limantour Natural Area.

Saturday/Sunday, December 12-13—Sacramento and Gray Lodge Wildlife Refuges.

Wednesday, December 9—Mini trip to San Francisco Bay Wildlife Refuge. From the East Bay take Hwy. 17 and exit on Jarvis. Go to the end of Jarvis and make a right turn onto Hwy. 84. Where Thornton Ave. intersects Hwy. 84, make a left turn into the parking lot. From the West Bay take Bayshore over Dumbarton Bridge. This is an excellent opportunity to go out on the salt marsh with a professional ornithologist. Rain three days prior to trip date cancels trip due to inaccessibility of outer dike. Bring scope and lunch. Trip limited to first 26 people who call. Leader: Ruth Voss (525-8032).

Beginners' Trip Sunday, December 13—Lake Merritt. Meet at 8 a.m. at Grand Avenue and El Embarcadero by the Greek Colonnade. Lunch is optional. Bring binoculars, field guides and scopes if you have them. This is an excellent opportunity to observe wintering ducks and grebes at close range and to study their field identification. This trip is wheelchair accessible. Leader: Joan Zawaski (771-5335 day, 465-3587 eve.).

Sunday, December 20—GGAS Christmas Count. See page 153.

Tuesday, December 22—Lake Merced. Meet at 9 a.m. at the Lake Merced Circle at the south end of Sunset Blvd. in San Francisco. This trip will end at lunch. We expect to see wintering land and water birds. Leader: Dan Murphy (564-0074).

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Saturday, January 9—Palo Alto Baylands. Take Hwy. 101 south to Palo Alto, exit at Embarcadero and drive east toward the yacht harbor and the Baylands Refuge until you reach the duck pond on the left just beyond the Palo Alto Airport. Meet at 9 a.m. Bring lunch and scopes and wear clothes appropriate for rain and mud. We should see waterfowl, rails and shorebirds. Leader: Dan Murphy (564-0074). (✓)

Carpooling: Carpooling arrangements can be made for trips marked (✓). Call Kate Partridge at 529-9817.

Problems: If for any reason you have difficulty in getting in touch with a field trip leader or need information regarding a trip, call Shirley Kelly (387-8290) or the GGAS office (843-2222).

—FIELD TRIPS COMMITTEE

GGAS to Sponsor Snake River Trip

In an effort to expand the scope of the extended field trips program, GGAS will sponsor a non-whitewater rafting trip May 9-13, 1982, into the Snake River Birds of Prey Natural Area in southwestern Idaho. This area hosts the highest density of nesting raptors in the world, including up to 200 pairs of Prairie Falcons in a 35-mile stretch of the river. It is also a keystone in what has come to be known as the Sagebrush Rebellion. Some 160+ species of birds have been observed in the area, with as many as 85 species in a single day on a similar trip last May. Raptor nesting is at its peak in May and spring migration is in full swing. Cost of the trip is \$450 per person which includes all expenses except transportation to and from Boise and lodging in Boise pre- and post-trip. The trip is limited to 20 participants. For further details, contact the GGAS office. GGAS president Jon Zablackis will lead the trip.

Late September and October Observations — through October 27

The arrival of the winter storm track during the third week of September was the earliest on record. In my last column I wondered whether the early winter weather would persist all fall. It did; as passing storm edges intensified into solid storm fronts they alternated with clear weather or fog. There were no periods of sustained overcast favorable to precipitating vagrant landbirds at our coastal or island vagrant traps. Therefore these vagrants were not numerous and were very scattered, appearing singly or in small brief waves. The frequent clear nights and days favored vagrants' departure or relocation inland and many visits were accordingly brief. Even in an October with unfavorable vagrant

weather, however, these scattered individuals mount up and October consistently provides the most varied collection of rarities. On the other hand, the complete lack of exciting shorebirds was itself a rarity.

Despite the above handicaps no month passes without our birders setting a new North American Big Day record. September 26 (Birdathon Day) the Monterey County loop produced 173 species (DR, JML, EH, JL, SLM). Cold month Big Day records have recently belonged to the Sonoma County to Gray Lodge route. October 24 the team (BDP, JP, RS, LCB) found 178 species.

As always, all Farallon Island reports are from Point Reyes Bird Observatory.

PELAGICS

Pelagic birding has also been strange this fall. Shearwaters, especially New Zealand, have been very scarce, in numbers expected of November. Perhaps befitting this wintry pattern, several Short-tailed Shearwaters and a few dozen Northern Fulmars appeared Oct. 10-11 (RS, JM, *et al.*). An unidentified *Pterodroma* petrel off Moss Landing Oct. 10 may have been a Mottled (Scaled) Petrel (RS). A Flesh-footed Shearwater in Monterey Bay was seen Oct. 4, 11 and 18 (mob). Another Flesh-foot was at Cordell Banks Oct. 17 (BDP, *et al.*).

The **Least Storm-Petrels** in Monterey Bay departed on their Southern California schedule. On Sept. 27 50-100 were estimated (JM, JL, *et al.*) in the petrel flocks, about 50 on Oct. 3 (GMcC, AS, *et al.*) and 20-40 the next day (AB, HC, *et al.*). Later boats found two or three **Leasts** on Oct. 11, 12, 17 and 18 (mob). Single Wilson's Storm-Petrels were in these flocks Sept. 27 (JM, JL, *et al.*), Oct. 3 (GMcC, AS, *et al.*), Oct. 17 (JD, SFB, *et al.*) and Oct. 18 (AB, *et al.*). Two were found there Oct. 4 (AB, HC, *et al.*) and three on Oct. 12 (JD, *et al.*). The latter day followed a hard offshore blow, which probably brought the Fork-tailed Storm-Petrel in the flock Oct. 12 (JD, *et al.*).

South Polar Skuas were also scarce in Monterey Bay. One other was at Cordell Banks Oct. 17 (BDP, *et al.*). Our only Black-legged Kittiwakes to date were reported from the same place and time (BDP, *et al.*). The usual scattering of Sabine's Gulls passed offshore, but individuals inside Moss Landing Sept. 28 (SH) and on Año Nuevo pond Oct. 9 (RS) were deviant. A Black Tern in the middle of Monterey Bay Oct. 3 (KH, *et al.*) strayed in the opposite direction. A real prize was the **Thick-billed Murre** five miles WNW of Pt. Pinos Oct. 4 (AB, *et al.*). For a decade

from one to three of this species appeared to be regular at Monterey, mainly in fall, but this ended abruptly after 1975. Perhaps the wintry atmospheric and oceanic conditions steered this northern pelagic our way, but then why did the southern, warm-water Least Storm-Petrels invade and linger? Three Tufted Puffins at Cordell Banks Oct. 17 (BDP, *et al.*) were the only ones reported.

OTHER WATERBIRDS

The **Yellow-crowned Night Heron** was rediscovered at the Año Nuevo pond Sept. 26 (SCBC, BLaB). Although this heron was usually difficult to see in the willows, many observers succeeded through Oct. 17 (BB, *fide* DSe). An early female Tufted Duck returned to Abbotts Lagoon by Oct. 7 (DS, RS) and a male was on Horseshoe Pond northeast of Drakes Beach Oct. 26 (GFe). Two male Harlequin Ducks remain at Año Nuevo (mob). A Black Rail was described from the Bay Bridge Toll Plaza Oct. 24 (DB). Fifty Mountain Plovers two miles east of Arbuckle Oct. 24 (RS, LCB, JP, BDP) was a good concentration of a declining species. A Surfbird at the Bay Bridge Toll Plaza on the Birdathon (Sept. 26 - SFB) was followed by finding six there on closer inspection Oct. 10 (SFB, *et al.*). Perhaps Surfbird is regular here in fall as well as in spring. Also far inland was an Elegant Tern in Vallejo Oct. 24 (RS, BDP, LCB, JP).

IRRUPTIVE MONTANE AND NORTHERN LANDBIRDS

A broad spectrum of species shows indications that this winter should bring us many more montane and northern landbirds than usual. Some common species are notably more abundant and widespread this fall, such as Red-breasted Nuthatch and especially Golden-crowned Kinglet (mob). Other regular winter residents have arrived in good numbers early, such as Ferruginous Hawk, Short-eared Owl and Cedar Waxwing. Thirteen Ferruginous Hawks were censused around Oct. 20 near Byron (DSc, *et al.*). Up to five Short-eared Owls have been on SE Farallon Island every day during late September and October. Many Cedar Waxwings have been in the Inverness area (RS), where they are often scarce even by Christmas Count time. Evening Grosbeaks have also been around Inverness (RS). This is an irregular montane visitor. Not montane but highly irregular in its movements is the Lewis' Woodpecker. Interesting was a concentration of 25 in Kellogg Valley north of Livermore Oct. 26 (DSc).

Vagrant traps are useful in monitoring the movements of all sorts of landbirds seldom seen in our area. Two Saw-whet Owls were found on

SE Farallon Oct. 20, the day the Island report was sent. A Mountain Bluebird visited the Island Oct. 17. Single Townsend's Solitaires were at Alpine Lake the same day (PB, *fide* TB) and at Fish Docks the next day (DSc, PG, BY, mob). An immature Northern Shrike at Drakes Beach Oct. 18 (JM, *et al.*) was hopefully just the vanguard. The most exciting irruptive bird was a very early **Bohemian Waxwing** at Fish Docks Sept. 24-25 (NBa, MP, WO, *et al.*), the first here in a long time. Perhaps this will be the year Bohemians invade the Bay Area.

EASTERN WARBLERS

As mentioned above, the early winter weather produced a choppy vagrant season, but the following table nevertheless includes 152 individuals of 19 species. Naturally Palm Warblers predominated. The **Prothonotary Warbler** was Northern California's tenth.

Black-and-white Warbler (total 9; 25 for fall)

1	Laguna Santa Rosa	Oct. 10	DEI
3	Pt. Reyes	Sept. 27, 28, 30	mob
1	North Lake, G.G. Park	Oct. 16-20	JMS
3	Carmel River Mouth	Oct. 6-10(2); 18	BLaB, CC, mob; RSe
1	Arroyo Seco, Monterey Co.	Oct. 12	RH, SHi

Prothonotary Warbler (total 1; 2 for fall)

1	Davenport, S. Cruz Co.	Oct. 14-17	RE, CB, RB
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Worm-eating Warbler (total 1)

1	Pt. Pinos	Oct. 12	DR
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Tennessee Warbler (total 9+; 20+ for fall)

?	SE Farallon	1-2 daily Sept. 21-Oct. 20	PRBO
2	Fish Docks	Sept. 30; Oct. 11	BY; BDP, JP
1	Mill Valley	Oct. 11	DT
1	Lincoln Park, S.F.	Oct. 3	AH, <i>et al.</i>
2	Golden Gate Park	Sept. 24; 24-25	NB; DM, <i>et al.</i>
1	Seaside	Oct. 10	DSe, RSe

Virginia's Warbler (total 1; 2 for fall)

1	SE Farallon	Oct. 1-20	PRBO
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Northern Parula (total 2; 3 for fall)

1	Coyote Hills	Sept. 29	TG
1	Carmel River Mouth	Oct. 6-11	BLaB, CC, <i>et al.</i>

Magnolia Warbler (total 7; 15 for fall)

3	SE Farallon	Oct. 1, 2, 17-20	PRBO
2	Fish Docks	Sept. 30; Oct. 21-24	BY; JE, DS, <i>et al.</i>
1	Battery Wallace	Oct. 24-25	JL, DSi
1	S of Half Moon Bay	Oct. 2	JML

Cape May Warbler (total 1; 4 for fall)			
1	Nunes	Oct. 3	RS
Black-throated Blue Warbler (total 3; 4 for fall)			
male	SE Farallon	Oct. 20	PRBO
male	Nunes	Oct. 25	MW, <i>et al.</i>
male	W of Battery Wallace	Oct. 24	JL
Black-throated Green Warbler (total 2; 3 for fall)			
1	Pt. Pinos	Oct. 13	DR
1	Carmel River Mouth	Oct. 24	BLaB, SCBC
Blackburnian Warbler (total 8; 11 for fall)			
2	SE Farallon	Oct. 2, 5	PRBO
2	Fish Docks	Oct. 1-3; 16-17	RS, GF; RS
1	Nunes	Oct. 16-18	RS, <i>et al.</i>
1	Inverness	Oct. 22	RS
1	Rodeo Lagoon	Oct. 3	<i>vide</i> JL
1	Pt. Pinos	Oct. 18	SH
Chestnut-sided Warbler (total 6; 14 for fall)			
2	SE Farallon	Oct. 2	PRBO
1	Yountville	Sept. 26	MB
1	Drakes Beach	Oct. 4	CCa, BDP, mob
1	Pt. Pinos	Oct. 5	DR
1	Carmel River Mouth	Oct. 6-11	BLaB, mob
Bay-breasted Warbler (total 2; 4 for fall)			
2	Nunes	Oct. 3; 3-4	RS, mob
Blackpoll Warbler (total 21; 79 for fall)			
5	SE Farallon	Oct. 1, 3, 4, 10, 11	PRBO
7	Pt. Reyes	Sept. 24-27, 30, Oct. 4-5, 16	mob
2	Inverness	Oct. 5, 19	RS
5	Pt. Pinos	Oct. 7(2), 14, 18, 23	mob
1	Esplanade Park, P.G.	Oct. 10	DSe, RSe
1	Andrew Molera State Park	Sept. 24-26	RB, DR, <i>et al.</i>
Prairie Warbler (total 2)			
1	Bodega Bay	Oct. 10	NC
1	Carmel River Mouth	Oct. 4-6	CC, <i>et al.</i>
Palm Warbler (total 66++ ; 71++ for fall)			
?	SE Farallon up to 3 daily	Sept. 21-Oct. 20	PRBO
1	Cordell Banks	Oct. 17	BDP, <i>et al.</i>
34	Pt. Reyes	Sept. 23-24, 26-30, Oct. 3-5, 10-13, 16-18, 21-15	mob
1	Palomarin	Oct. 14	BY
1	W of Pt. Diablo	Oct. 2	BA, KY
1	Lincoln Park, S.F.	Sept. 27	BJ

4	Año Nuevo ponds	Oct. 1 (2 to 2nd)	JML
10	Pt. Pinos	Sept. 28, Oct. 5-6, 13-14, 18, 23	mob
1	Laguna Grande, Monterey	Oct. 9	RSe
1	Cypress Point	Oct. 23	<i>fide</i> DSe
2	Carmel River Mouth	Oct. 6; 11	SH; CC, <i>et al.</i>
4	Andrew Molera State Park	Sept. 26(2); Oct. 4(2)	RB, <i>et al.</i> ; DSe
3	Pt. Sur	Sept. 24	RB
Ovenbird (total 1; 8 for fall)			
1	SE Farallon	Oct. 2	PRBO
Northern Waterthrush (total 4; 9 for fall)			
1	Bodega Bay	Oct. 19	DN, <i>fide</i> BDP
1	South Lake, G.G. Park	Oct. 19	AH
(1)+1	Carmel River Mouth	(Sept. 10)-29; Oct. 23	SH; VL
American Redstart (total 6; 54 for fall)			
1	Bodega Bay	Sept. 30	NC
1	Pt. Reyes Lighthouse	Sept. 26-28	mob
1	Nunes	Oct. 24-25	CC
2	Battery Wallace	Sept. 24; Oct. 24	MG, HG, <i>et al.</i> , JL
1	Berkeley	Sept. 25	MG, HG

OTHER EASTERN VAGRANTS

Broad-winged Hawk may not belong here any more than Chestnut-collared Longspurs, which I have classified in the next section. Eleven more Broad-wings were reported passing Pt. Diablo, six on Sept. 29 (DW, *et al.*), one on Oct. 2 (BA, KY) and four on Oct. 3 (JL, *et al.*). Another was at Pt. Reyes Lighthouse Oct. 4 (BY). A **Great Crested Flycatcher** described at Owl Canyon, Bodega Head, Oct. 17 (HJ), was typically never seen again. The month's only Least Flycatcher, at Carmel River Mouth Oct. 10 (JD, *et al.*), was apparently not seen after a Cooper's Hawk stooped at it (*fide* RH). Our two Philadelphia Vireos came a day apart, Oct. 3 at Andrew Molera State Park (DR) and Oct. 4 at Willows, Pt. Reyes (BY, *et al.*).

One more Bobolink stopped on SE Farallon Sept. 24-25 and an Orchard Oriole visited there Oct. 14-16. A Northern Oriole at Fish Docks Oct. 20 was clearly an intergrade between the Baltimore and Bullock's types (RS). The fall's first Rusty Blackbird skulked the Pt. Reyes Willows all the way up the draw to Nunes Ranch Oct. 16-23 (IT, mob). The second was at Pine Gulch Creek, Bolinas Lagoon, Oct. 24 (DS, *et al.*). The Oct. 26 Birdathon caused the discovery of two Rose-breasted Grosbeaks along the San Andreas Fault, at Inverness Inn (MC, *et al.*) and

Pt. Reyes National Seashore headquarters (mob). Clay-colored Sparrows on SE Farallon Sept. 21, Oct. 13 and 14 again surpassed two on the mainland, Pt. Reyes Lighthouse Oct. 4 (NB, CCa, *et al.*) and Andrew Molera State Park Oct. 3-10 (DR, JML, *et al.*).

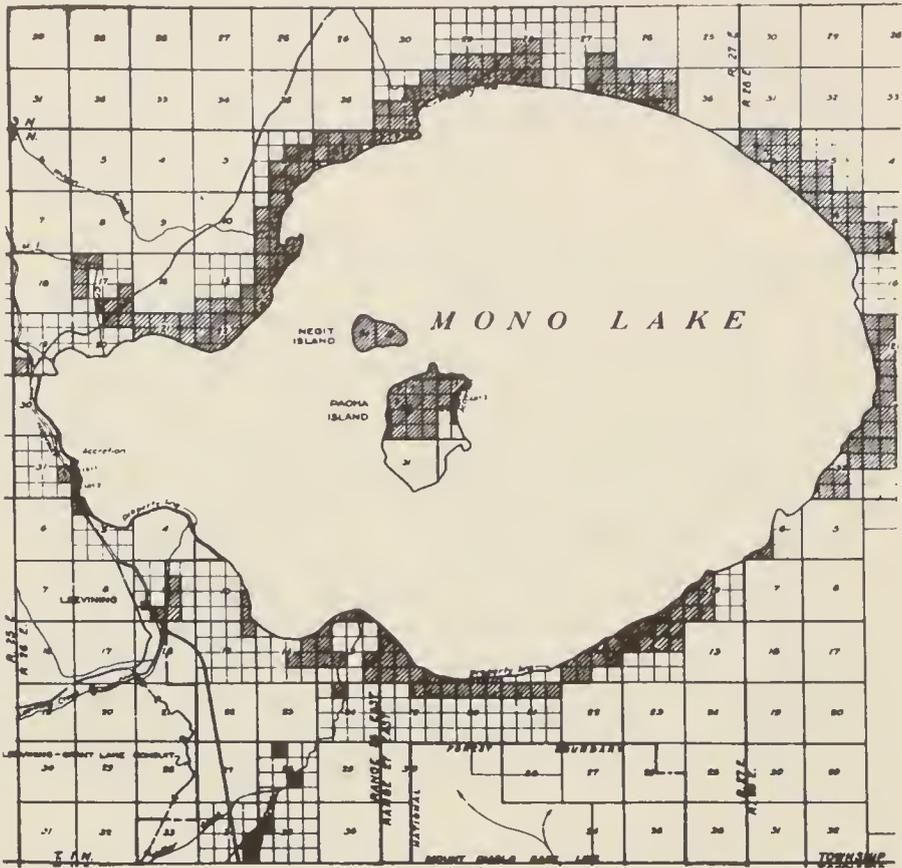
MISCELLANEOUS WESTERN LANDBIRDS

An immature Bald Eagle at Willows and Mendoza on Pt. Reyes Oct. 4 (BY, JM, *et al.*) was a real surprise. Few Merlins have reached SE Farallon, but the one there Oct. 14 was right on schedule. There was a single White-winged Dove sighting, at Mendoza Schoolhouse Sept. 28 (FN, LN). Twenty Black Swifts passing Pt. Diablo Oct. 3 (JL, *et al.*) seem rather late for so many. Thousands of Vaux' Swifts annually funnel into this lookout, but concentrations of this magnitude are rarely observed elsewhere. At dusk on Oct. 3 between 500 and 2000 were circling over the San Francisco Civic Center (BiB), presumably selecting their roost. An estimated 3000 passed over Palomarin Oct. 14 (DDeS). The male Costa's Hummingbird reported earlier in Redwood City was still there as of Oct. 12 (WRo). A Red-naped Sapsucker along Cherry Glen Rd., Solano County, Oct. 24 (LCB, JP, BDP, RS) was west of its species' normal migration path.

A good flight of Tropical Kingbirds brought eight or nine to observers before the cutoff date. They were well scattered along the coast: Andrew Molera State Park Sept. (21)-26 (DR, *et al.*) and another (?) there Oct. 10 (BLaB, CF), Carmel Beach Oct. 9 (CH), Crespi Pond Oct. 7-10 (VLy, mob), Año Nuevo Oct. 9-10 (RS, ASa), Rockaway Beach, Pacifica, Sept. 27 (DL), Fort Funston Sept. 26 (DM), Mendoza Oct. 3 (RS, GF), Pt. Reyes Willows Oct. 17 (RS, DE, WR). More surprising was an apparent Cassin's Kingbird at Nicasio Reservoir Oct. 25 (JZ). A Western Wood Pewee at Middle Lake, Golden Gate Park, Oct. 17 was one of the latest California records (JM, *et al.*). A female Purple Martin was with hundreds of swallows at Pt. Reyes Lighthouse Sept. 30 (BY). A Bewick's Wren on SE Farallon Oct. 14 came 54 weeks after the Island's first.

Four Sage Thrashers were found along the coast, Andrew Molera State Park, Sept. 26 (JML, *et al.*), Pt. Diablo Oct. 17 (GH, MW), Año Nuevo Oct. 18 (JZ), Cypress Pt. Oct. 18 (SH) and one was inland near Byron Oct. 23 (DSc). A **Red-throated Pipit** stopped at Mendoza Pond Sept. 24 (RS, *et al.*) and another was heard overhead in the fog at Nunes

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Dark area shows federal (mostly BLM) land that DWP wants to purchase for \$1.25 an acre.

DWP-Backed Bill Could Seal Mono's Fate

Orange County Congressman Jerry Patterson is carrying a Los Angeles Department of Water and Power-backed bill that could be Mono Lake's death warrant. HR 4403 confirms DWP's rights to divert water from the Mono Basin regardless of the impact on federal land or Mono Lake. The bill would also grant Los Angeles rights-of-way for aqueduct facilities constructed across federal land. The bill is co-sponsored by nine LA congressmen.

What you can do: contact your congressman (House Office Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20515). Urge him to support HR 4057 (Mono Lake National Monument) and HR 4056 (repeal of the 1936 "land grab" act). Be sure he opposes HR 4403 which could devastate Mono Lake.

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July 30, 1981

The Board Of Directors
Golden Gate Audubon Society, Inc.

We have examined the balance sheet of Golden Gate Audubon Society, Inc., a California Non-Profit Corporation, as of May 31, 1981, and the related Statement Of Revenues, Expenses And Changes In Fund Balances and Changes In Financial Position for the year then ended. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and, accordingly, included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly the financial position of Golden Gate Audubon Society, Inc., as of May 31, 1981 and the results of its operations and the changes in its financial position for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceeding year.

The financial statements for the year ended May 31, 1980 were not audited by us and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion on them.

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CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

GOLDEN GATE AUDUBON SOCIETY, INC.
(A CALIFORNIA NON-PROFIT CORPORATION)
BALANCE SHEET
FOR THE YEARS ENDED MAY 31, 1981 AND 1980

	<u>ASSETS</u>	
	1981	(Unaudited) 1980
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>		
CASH	\$ 28,424	\$ 20,756
Accounts Receivable- Due From National Audubon Society	1,972	3,200
Inventory	2,383	2,383
Due From Restricted Funds	2,297	2,087
Prepaid Expenses	877	760
	<u>35,953</u>	<u>29,186</u>
<u>FIXED ASSETS - AT COST (Note 1)</u>		
Office Equipment	2,707	2,266
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	1,337	994
	<u>1,370</u>	<u>1,272</u>
<u>RESTRICTED FUNDS</u>		
Cash In Savings Accounts	51,442	33,020
Due From General Fund - Net	1,230	-0-
	<u>52,672</u>	<u>33,020</u>
	<u>\$ 89,995</u>	<u>\$ 63,478</u>
	<u>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</u>	
<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>		
Donation Payable - Mono Lake	\$ 9,291	\$ -0-
Accounts Payable - Other	-0-	1,486
Funds Held For Other Organizations	241	241
Due To Restricted Funds	3,527	751
Accrued Liabilities:		
Payroll Taxes	506	512
Sales Taxes	330	44
	<u>13,895</u>	<u>3,034</u>
<u>RESTRICTED FUNDS</u>		
Due To General Fund - Net	-0-	1,336
<u>FUND BALANCES</u>		
General Fund	23,428	27,424
Restricted Funds	52,672	31,684
	<u>76,100</u>	<u>59,108</u>
	<u>\$ 89,995</u>	<u>\$ 63,478</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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GOLDEN GATE AUDUBON SOCIETY, INC.

(A CALIFORNIA NON-PROFIT CORPORATION)

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
FOR THE YEARS ENDED MAY 31, 1981 AND 1980

GENERAL FUND	<u>1981</u>	(Unaudited) <u>1980</u>
<u>Revenues</u>		
Members' Dues	\$ 31,656	\$ 27,194
Gifts And Donations	6,754	14,004
Interest And Other Income	4,195	8,062
	<u>42,605</u>	<u>49,260</u>
 <u>Expenditures</u>		
Gull Printing	13,056	12,262
Salaries - Office Staff	11,398	9,341
Mono Lake Expense	5,000	-0-
Office Rent And Utilities	3,921	2,961
Gull Mailings	3,688	2,572
Telephone And Postage	1,296	1,582
Gifts And Donations	1,260	15
Payroll And Other Taxes	982	1,304
Program Costs - Other	874	658
Office Supplies And Expense	838	808
Meetings	735	525
Accounting	625	-0-
Scholarships	475	800
Insurance	445	600
Other Expenses	422	790
Employee Welfare	384	136
Depreciation	343	240
Christmas Bird Count	268	398
Special Studies	170	568
Dues And Memberships	162	225
Field Trips	153	1,018
Salaries - Work Studies	77	1,157
Audubon Adventures	29	2,131
	<u>46,601</u>	<u>40,091</u>
<u>Excess Of Revenues Over Expenses</u>	<u>(3,996)</u>	<u>9,169</u>
<u>Fund Balance - Beginning Of</u>		
<u>Year</u>	<u>27,424</u>	<u>18,255</u>
<u>Fund Balance - End Of</u>		
<u>Year</u>	<u>23,428</u>	<u>27,424</u>
 <u>RESTRICTED FUNDS (Note 2)</u>		
<u>Fund Balances - Beginning Of</u>		
<u>Year</u>	31,684	28,704
<u>Excess Of Receipts Over</u>		
<u>Expenses</u>	<u>20,988</u>	<u>2,980</u>
<u>Fund Balances - End Of</u>		
<u>Year</u>	<u>52,672</u>	<u>31,684</u>
	<u>\$ 76,100</u>	<u>\$ 59,108</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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EXHIBIT C

GOLDEN GATE AUDUBON SOCIETY, INC.
(A CALIFORNIA NON-PROFIT CORPORATION)
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FINANCIAL POSITION
FOR THE YEARS ENDED MAY 31, 1981 AND 1980

	<u>1981</u>	(Unaudited) <u>1980</u>
<u>WORKING CAPITAL PROVIDED BY OPERATIONS</u>		
Excess (Deficit) Of Revenue Over Expenses	\$ (3,996)	\$ 9,169
Add (Deduct) Charges Not Affecting Working Capital:		
Depreciation	343	240
	<u>(3,653)</u>	<u>9,409</u>
<u>WORKING CAPITAL USED FOR OPERATIONS</u>		
Purchase Of Office Equipment	(441)	(341)
	<u>\$ (4,094)</u>	<u>\$ 9,068</u>
<u>INCREASE (DECREASE) IN WORKING CAPITAL</u>		
<u>INCREASE (DECREASE) IN WORKING CAPITAL CONSISTED OF:</u>		
Cash	\$ 7,668	\$ 10,268
Accounts Receivable	(1,228)	(2,166)
Inventory	-0-	1,355
Due From Restricted Funds	210	-0-
Prepaid Expenses	117	501
Donations Payable	(9,291)	-0-
Accounts Payable	1,486	(728)
Due To Restricted Funds	(2,776)	-0-
Accrued Liabilities	(280)	(162)
	<u>\$ (4,094)</u>	<u>\$ 9,068</u>

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GOLDEN GATE AUDUBON SOCIETY, INC.
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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
MAY 31, 1981 AND 1980

NOTE 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Inventories are stated at cost. Cost is determined on the "First-In, First-Out" basis.

Depreciation has been computed by the straight-line method based on the estimated useful life of the asset. The estimated useful lives used for office equipment varied from three to ten years.

NOTE 2 - RESTRICTED FUND BALANCES

	ENDOWMENT FUND	SANCTUARIES FUND	BAYSHORE FUND	LIFE- MEMBERSHIP FUND	TOTAL
<u>Balance - Beginning of Year</u>	\$ 24,867	\$	\$ 4,167	\$ 2,650	\$31,684
Additions:					
Donations		17,500			17,500
Interest Income	3,042	245	463	110	3,860
Deductions:					
Expenses			(372)		(372)
<u>Balance - End Of Year</u>	<u>\$ 27,909</u>	<u>\$ 17,745</u>	<u>\$ 4,258</u>	<u>\$ 2,760</u>	<u>\$52,672</u>

The above Restricted Funds are currently maintained in high yield interest bearing accounts. By resolution of the Board Of Directors, the first eight percent (8%) simple interest on an annual basis is retained in the fund with the balance of the interest income transferred to the General Fund.

In addition to the above funds, the Endowment Fund has five (5) shares of ODESSA TRADING COMPANY, Class B, Common stock which are not readily marketable.

During the year ended May 31, 1981, the Sanctuaries Fund received a partial distribution from an Estate in the amount of \$17,500. A final distribution from this Estate, the amount of which is not yet determinable, is anticipated in the coming year.

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Ranch Oct. 18 (WR, DDeS); neither could be refound. A Yellow-breasted Chat found dead on SE Farallon Oct. 20 was very late if fresh.

Lawrence's Goldfinches continued to stray to the coast. One was at Año Nuevo Oct. 4 (SFB, SVDS), two were at Crespi Pond Oct. 13 (DR) and a female stayed on SE Farallon Oct. 14-20. The assortment of sparrows on SE Farallon included a Green-tailed Towhee Oct. 7, a Vesper Sparrow Oct. 3, a Sage Sparrow Oct. 1 and Brewer's Sparrows Sept. 21 and Oct. 2. Mainland Brewer's Sparrows were at Andrew Molera State Park Sept. 24 (RB), Coyote Hills Sept. 29 (TG) and Pt. Pinos Oct. 12 (DR). The first report of White-throated Sparrow came from Nunes Ranch Oct. 13 (AG, WG), after which they settled in at feeders as usual. The first Lapland Longspur was found at Hall Ranch Sept. 26 (JZ, DJ). It was not until Oct. 21, when there were four, that there was another sighting (JE, DS) and only two or three were seen up to this writing. Lapland Longspur counts on SE Farallon were six Oct. 3, five Oct. 5 and three Oct. 6-7. A Chestnut-collared Longspur was there Oct. 13. Hall Ranch had two to four Chestnut-collards on Oct. 21 (JE, DS). The wave days for western migrants on SE Farallon were Sept. 30-Oct. 3, Oct. 14-15, Oct. 16 and especially granivores on Oct. 20.

Observers: Bev Anderson, Stephen F. Bailey, Nora Bain, Alan Baldridge, Bruce Barrett (BB), Bill Bausman (BiB), Murray Bierner, Laurence C. Binford, Clark Blake, Neil Blank, Ron Branson, Patty Briggs, Tony Briggs, Dennis Bromley, Chris Carpenter (CCa), Maggie Clark, Santa Cruz Bird Club, Howard Cogswell (HC), Clay Coler (CC), Nancy Conzett, Dave DeSante, Jon Dunn, Doug Ellis (DEL), Dick Erickson (DE), Roberta Evendon, Jules Evens, Gary Fellers (GF_e), Carolyn Frederickson, Gary Friedrichsen (GF), Tim Gates, Al Ghiorso, Wilma Ghiorso, Phil Gordon, Helen Green, Michael Green, Jeff Greenhouse, Ed Harper, Sid Harrison (SH), Christopher Hartsell, Ray Hasey, Susan Hilinski (SHi), Kevin Hintsa, Alan Hopkins, George Hugenberg, Hans Johansen, Dick Johnson, Bill Jones, Bruce LaBar, David Laliberte, Jeri M. Langham, Virginia Lapham (VL), Rick LeBaudour, John Luther, Virginia Lyon (VLy), many observers (mob), Guy McCaskie, Richard Merriss, Susan Luther Methvin, Joe Morlan, Dan Murphy, Dan Nelson, Fran Nelson, Leroy Nelson, Winnifred Orcutt, Point Reyes Bird Observatory (Farallon reports), Benjamin D. Parmeter, John Parmeter, Lucia Perillo, Marjorie Plant, Don Roberson (DR), Wilma Rockman (WRo), Will Russell (WR), Andy Sanders (ASa), Don Schmoldt (DSc), Dennis Serdehely (DSe; thanks to Dennis for Monterey area report), Rebecca Serdehely (RSe), Dave Shuford (DS), Dianne Sierra (DSi), Arnold

Small (AS), Jean Marie Spoelman, Rich Stallcup (RS), Dorothy Tobkin, Irene Tomasi, Sandy Upson, Shirley Van Der Sluis, Derek Watson (DWa), Mike Wihler, Dianne Williams (DW), Steve Wilson, Keiko Yamane, Bob Yutzy, Carol Yutzy, Jon Zablackis.

—STEPHEN F. BAILEY, *Observations Editor*

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Los Banos Christmas Count

The 14th annual Los Banos Christmas Count will be done on Tuesday, December 29, 1981. It is centered just west of the city of Los Banos in Merced County and includes several waterfowl refuges and private duck clubs, farmlands and grassy foothills.

This count depends heavily on help from outside the Los Banos area — last year there were parties from GGAS, Santa Clara Audubon, Fresno Audubon, San Jose and Modesto, for example — and again we are calling for help from everywhere. It is an exciting, steadily-improving count: last year we held national high count for American Bittern, Tricolored Blackbird and Long-billed Marsh Wren and we could be strong contenders for other species as well. Last year's Ruff adds to the growing list of rarities this area has produced.

The compilation is held at one of Central California's finest (and most affordable) Basque restaurants, so join us for good birding, good eating and an all-around good time.

For details contact compiler Kurt Campbell by mail at 932 Colusa Ave., Berkeley, CA 94707, or by phone at 526-8328 (before 8:30 p.m.).

Great Buys Offered in Tiburon

National Audubon Society's Western Education Center in Tiburon has received five tons of merchandise from National's close-out of their catalogue sales. All items are being sold at discounts of 30 to 60 percent until December 24. This is a good opportunity to pick up Christmas gifts at very special prices.

The Center is located at 376 Greenwood Beach Rd., Tiburon (415-388-2524; the hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Friday.

Conservation Notes

CONDOR NEWS

There is at least one new member of the California Condor population this fall. A chick has successfully fledged from a nest site in Ventura County which the Condor Research Team has been observing. Another nesting attempt by condors failed earlier this summer in Santa Barbara County. Researchers believe that a chick possibly hatched at this site but did not survive.

The Los Padres National Forest is now completing an Environmental Assessment on the leasing of sites within the forest for oil exploration and development. Both of the two known nesting attempts by California Condors this year were within the Los Padres National Forest and several of the proposed lease sites are within the Sespe Condor Sanctuary. Some provisions have been made to avoid direct disturbance of the condors, should a site be developed. However, the GGAS Conservation Committee has also urged, in a letter, that an Environmental Impact Statement be prepared at every stage of exploration and development for each lease site so as to ensure that California Condors are not in any way adversely affected.

At the California Fish and Game Commission hearing last July, where the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's permit request for trapping and handling condors was under consideration, Jerry Emory, GGAS's former Executive Director, presented our board's concerns over the proposed trapping of 9 condors for captive breeding and an additional 11 for release and tracking utilizing radiotelemetry. The Fish and Game Commission's own condor advisory committee, made up of biologists from west coast universities, had similar concerns. The result was that the advisory committee, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Department of Fish and Game worked out a compromise agreement which the commission accepted in August. The agreement calls for the initial trapping of a maximum of nine California Condors in the first year to obtain three of the correct age and sex for captive breeding and two more for field studies using radiotelemetry. A maximum of five birds can be captured for captive breeding over the next three years.

Meanwhile, the Condor Research Team has been attempting to capture Turkey Vultures and fit them with radiotelemetry devices as part of their efforts to refine their techniques before attempting to capture condors. Late in the summer they met with a near catastrophe when their cannon net used for trapping started a small brush fire after having trapped several Turkey Vultures. The vultures were released without harm, but the fire had to be brought under control by the California

Department of Forestry. The C.D.F. has now given the Condor Research Team training in fire prevention and suppression.

More encouraging has been the Condor Research Center's latest efforts at censusing the condor population by identifying individuals through their feather moult pattern. It appears that we will soon have a much more accurate estimate of the total population than we have had in the past.

A sign warning the public about the presence of California Condors and their protected status has been completed. It was sponsored by GGAS and other conservation organizations. Copies of the sign, along with a cover letter from the Department of Fish and Game asking that it be posted, will be sent to sporting goods stores and schools in the condors' range. If anyone has any suggestions for other useful locations, please call the GGAS office. It is hoped that the sign will increase the public's awareness about the condor and reduce the number accidentally shot by hunters.

—DAVID FOOTE, *Condor Subcommittee*

PERIPHERAL CANAL CONCERNS

For those who have seen the cranes dance and the shower of wings as geese, ducks and other waterfowl land upon the waters of the Delta, the preservation of this delicately balanced ecosystem is a matter of deep concern. The Peripheral Canal is a proposed 43-mile-long, 400-foot-wide ditch with the capacity of diverting up to three-fourths of the fresh water of the Sacramento River to Southern California, primarily to make large amounts of water available cheaply to agricultural landowners. The Peripheral Canal thus poses the potential of devastating changes in the ecology of the Delta and the Bay by vastly reducing the wet habitat and eliminating the fresh water balance essential to the ecosystem. The Conservation Committee will be examining the Peripheral Canal issue and formulating a policy to recommend to our Board. GGAS members wishing to participate should call the GGAS office (843-2222) or Robin Pulich (848-3594) for further information or, better yet, show up at the next Conservation Committee meeting and join in the discussions. Call the GGAS office (843-2222) for the date.

—ROBIN PULICH

TV Special on Watt

An hour-long special not to be missed will be aired on KQED (Channel 9) Wednesday, December 9 at 9 p.m. The title is "James Watt's Environment: Promised Land." The show will examine the Secretary of Interior's policies on strip mining, logging and wilderness protection. It will include interviews with industrialists, residents of the affected areas, environmental leaders and Watt himself.

Birding Classes at Albany

Dr. Stephen F. Bailey will teach two classes at Albany Adult School during January and February. *Winter Sparrows and Finches* will introduce the winter ecology of seed-eating birds and will emphasize finding and identifying about 40 Northern California species at this season. Two Saturday field trips will include one to the coast and one to the interior. *Owls* will cover many facets of all twelve Northern California owls. Natural history information will include foraging ecology and behavior, status and habitat distribution. Both lectures and field trips will emphasize finding and identifying these owls by sight and sound, day and night. There will be one day field trip and one evening trip. Each class has four evening meetings (7-9 p.m.) on alternate Wednesdays. *Winter Sparrows and Finches* starts January 6 and *Owls* begins January 13.

To register call the school at 526-6811. For more information call Steve at 548-9507.

Research Opportunities at Mono Lake

Research assistants are needed for the ongoing study of the breeding ecology of the California Gull at Mono Lake. The work, which entails a demanding schedule, is conducted under cramped and sometimes uncomfortable conditions, but the rewards are very high.

Room and board are provided but workers must be prepared to participate on a volunteer basis. This opportunity is ideal for anyone thinking about a career in professional avian ecology and applicants of all ages will be seriously considered. Inquiries should be directed to David Winkler, Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, University of California, Berkeley, CA 94720 (642-2893).

December Cooper Society Meeting

Sixty miles east of Reno, the glittering blue expanse of Pyramid Lake breaks the arid reaches of the Great Basin desert. For centuries, Paiute Indians have made their living on the lake's shores, subsisting on the lake's productive fish populations. White Pelicans have thrived at the lake, nesting on Anaho Island, not far from the eastern shore and the pyramid that gives the lake its name.

On Monday, December 7, John Anderson from the Department of Biological Sciences at San Francisco State University will present a talk entitled "Pelicans in Wonderland: the nesting ecology of the White Pelican at Pyramid Lake." John has been studying pelicans for the past several years and this is a rare opportunity to learn of an area of immense wildlife importance and a bird with many fascinating ecological adaptations.

Due to room scheduling conflicts the meeting this month only will begin one hour later than usual. The presentation will be preceded by a business meeting of the Northern Chapter of the Cooper Ornithological Society at 8:30 p.m. and the slide presentation will begin at 9 p.m. The meeting will be held in room 2000, Life Sciences Building, UC Berkeley. Anyone interested in birds is urged to attend.

News from The Ranch

The annual meeting of the Board of Directors of Audubon Canyon Ranch was held on October 31, 1981. Officers elected for the coming year are Bruce Howard of GGAS, President; Tom Price of Marin Audubon, First Vice Chairman; Flora Maclise of Madrone Audubon, Second Vice Chairman; Ed McElhany of Sequoia Audubon, Treasurer, and Jean Starkweather of Marin Audubon, Secretary.

It is with great sadness that we note the death on November 1 of William Stanton Picher. He was instrumental in the creation of ARC and through the many years of his service was a guiding hand in the maintenance and development of the Ranch. As noted in the November, 1981, *Gull*, the canyon in which the heron rookery is located was recently named in his honor.

The Buck Foundation grant, for which matching funds are a requirement, has made it possible for the first stage of building rehabilitation to begin. The decrepit workshop-garage has been demolished, a new foundation laid, framework erected and pre-winter completion is in sight.

Autumn weekend classes at Volunteer Canyon have been a great success. *Migrant and Wintering Birds*, December 4-6, is not quite filled. Reservations are required. Call Ane Rovetta or John Kipping, 868-0611, for full information.

—BETTY BOYD

GGAS Offers Scholarships to Ecology Camp

GGAS will offer a scholarship to the 1982 Audubon Ecology Camp in the West to be held this summer at Trail Lake Ranch near Dubois, Wyoming. The purpose of the camp is to increase campers' knowledge and understanding of the natural world, thereby developing an appreciation and affection for nature and its processes as well as a sense of individual responsibility for the care and wise use of our natural resources.

The recipient of the GGAS scholarship will be expected to use the information and knowledge gained during the two-week course to help GGAS in its conservation efforts.

If you are interested in applying for a scholarship, contact the GGAS office soon.

Nominations Sought for New GGAS Officers

In accordance with the Bylaws and Statutes of GGAS, the membership is hereby notified that a Nominating Committee consisting of Robin Pulich, Joan Zawaski and Dan Murphy has been appointed. All members of the Society in good standing have the right to nominate candidates by petition to succeed those officers and directors whose terms expire in June, 1982. These positions are: President-elect, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer and two Directors — one West Bay and one East Bay. Nominations must include written agreement of the candidate to serve and be supported by the signatures of at least ten members of the Society in good standing. All such nominations must be received in the GGAS office no later than January 20, 1982.

Will a New *Gull* Editor Please Step Forward?

I've been editing *The Gull* for more than four years and now it's time to lie back, paint and bird Bodega Bay. I came to the publication with no previous editing experience, less than a year's birding beneath my binos and a lot of inaccurate thoughts about things avian in my head. My spelling is sometimes considered "creative." Some people have said that I've managed to do a decent job despite these handicaps.

YOU, too, can edit *The Gull*! Please.

The job requires about 15 hours a month, some phone calling and a means of getting copy to and from the printer's in Berkeley. Professional

Press has been doing *The Gull* for many years and has been unfailingly patient and helpful to me.

Over my tenure I've evolved quite a workable method to produce the issues each month and the guidelines I've given contributors have made their copy more easy for both of us to handle.

You should have some interest in the English language and a willingness to accept the fact that *The Gull* is more than a chatty monthly newsletter. I would be happy to guide your hand whenever needed for as long as needed.

The job also carries with it a position on the GGAS Board of Directors.
 —NANCY CONZETT

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The Golden Gate Audubon Society, Inc. was established January 25, 1917, and became a chapter of National Audubon in 1948.

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