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A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

## FELLOW MEMBERS:

Greetings! I trust you have had a happy and restful summer and are now turning to the work ahead with new interest and enthusiasm. This will be the thirty-second year of the Society's history. Let's make it a banner year.

With this issue of THE WESTERN TANAGER, Mrs. William T. Shelford makes her bow as our new editor. I bespeak for her the fine consideration and co-operation which made my editorship last year a happy experience.

Sincerely,

LAUREA GREENLY

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NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY ACTIVITIES IN CALIFORNIA

By C. A. Harwell, California Representative

This summer your California representative was given the opportunity of visiting and studying Audubon activities outside the state. The trip was planned so that I drove through Arizona and Texas where I spoke before Audubon and other natural history groups at Tucson, El Paso, Houston and Dallas. I participated in the Wildlife Tours conducted by Bob Allen of Audubon staff at Rockport, Texas and visited a number of the Audubon Sanctuaries off the Texas coast. The car was left at Dallas and train taken to New York and Maine where I attended a two-week session of the Audubon Nature Camp for the training of adult leaders.

Returning to New York I consulted with Mr. John H. Baker, our Executive Director, and others of the headquarters staff. Members of the Los Angeles Audubon Society will be interested in the following plans agreed upon for this year in California:

The establishment of an Audubon Nature Camp here is uppermost in our mind. A number of desirable sites have been investigated and if plans now well under way are consummated we will be able to announce this fall the opening of the camp in California in June 1942.

Wildlife Tour localities will be the same as last season. Marysville will be the headquarters for the nine Sacramento Valley Tours to be conducted during the month of November. This month was chosen to guarantee the greatest concentration of ducks and geese and at the same time the best weather conditions. Some of you will remember how we were rained out last February! To make it possible for more teachers and office workers to participate, we will run the tours each Saturday-Sunday, with a second tour each week on Monday-Tuesday. Circulars describing these tours will be in your hands soon. Indio will again be the starting point for the fourteen Palm Springs-Salton Sea Tours which will start Saturday, March 7, 1942 and close Tuesday, April 21.

The second annual convention of the National Audubon Society and its California affiliated societies will be held at Santa Barbara, January 23-25, 1942. So start saving money and these dates. You won't want to miss this pleasant meeting.

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT -- If you contemplate buying a copy of our official text-book, Hoffman's "Birds of the Pacific States," or of Peterson's "Field Guide to Western Birds", or of subscribing or renewing your subscription to "Nature Magazine", remember you can get a very special rate thru our Society. The Executive Board has made arrangements to this effect with the publishers, and has also obtained the Sales Permit required by California law. Talk with Miss Greely about the books, or with Mrs. Shearer about the magazine.

OUR THANKS to the interested members who have sent in the following gifts and exhibits:

Skeleton of a whistling swan - from Ruth Spangler with letter from Dr. Grinell identifying same.  
 Nests of robin and junco.  
 Eggs from abandoned nest, Solitaire "Book of Birds" by Mary Priestley presented by Mary V. Hood.

MEETINGS, October to June:  
 First Thursday, Field trip.  
 Third Thursday, Program meeting, 2 P.M.  
 State Bldg. Exposition Park.  
 Fourth Thursday, Study Classes, 9:30 to noon at Flummer Park.

OCTOBER MEETINGS

FIELD TRIP: Thursday, October 2, 1941 - Destination: Roosevelt Highway and Malibu Creek. Private grounds will again be opened for our group's Field Meet. Ducks, shore and land birds may be observed. Our regular Tanner Motor Bus will leave 544 South Hill St., Los Angeles at 8 a.m. - leaving the grounds at 2:30 p.m.  
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for return trip. Bus will also pick up passengers at Cahuenga and Hollywood Blvds. at about 8:20. Round trip fare \$.90. Take lunch and warm coat. PLEASE, make reservations if possible, by September 30, with Mrs. Jesse L. Morain, 1041 South Gramercy Drive, L.A. Phone PARKway 0339. To those people driving own cars - please park on Roosevelt Highway near bridge. Because of limited accommodations this trip will be for members only.

BOARD MEETING, Thursday, October 16, 10 A.M. State Building, Exposition Park.

PROGRAM MEETING, Thursday, October 16, 2 p.m. State Building, Exposition Park.

Vacation experiences featuring Mr. W. D. Quattlebaum on "Blossoms and Birds in Carolina." Mrs. Mary V. Hood's vacation in the High Sierras, illustrated with Kodachrome slides. Also three minute accounts of summer experiences by members. Please get in touch with Program Chairman if you have a thrill to relate. Address Mrs. O. M. Stultz, 2223 Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles.

STUDY CLASSES, Thursday, October 23, Plummer Park, 7377 Santa Monica Blvd., Los Angeles. Wildflower study group 9:30 A.M. led by Mr. George Hastings who will use his unique charts to discuss flower families. Mrs. Mary V. Hood will furnish Kodachrome slides to further illustrate this fascinating topic. New dark window blinds have been placed at the library windows and the rooms can now be darkened for the pictures.

BIRD STUDY CLASS, 10:30 A.M. - Lecturer - Mr. W. Scott Lewis, on Mono Craters, illustrated with Kodachrome slides. Bring textbook and notebooks.

#### SUMMER ACTIVITIES

The Los Angeles Audubon Society did not take its usual summer vacation this year. Instead, in response to numerous requests, three outdoor programs were arranged and held, one each in July, August and September. The average attendance of 55 proved their popularity.

First came a breakfast in beautiful Fern Dell July 3. After breakfast an hour's bird walk was led by Mrs. Stultz. Then our new member, Mrs. W. F. Willis and Mr. Willis arrived, each carrying a large cage. "Donald" was in one, "Woody" and "Peck" in the other, - three California woodpecker orphan babies whose lives Mrs. Willis had saved by weeks of devoted care. On this day Donald was still too young to leave his foster-mother, but Woody and Peck, after their introduction to a delighted audience, were turned over to Griffith Park, to be cared for in the Zoo until the proper time to be released on their own. It is quite a story, but this is not the place to tell it. You will hear more of it later.

Next was a breakfast in Griffith Park, Aug. 7, attended by 65 members and friends. After breakfast many interesting vacation experiences were related. Then we accompanied Mrs. Willis to the Zoo where Woody and Peck showed their delight at seeing their foster-mother.

The last of the three programs, a field day at Santa Monica, September 4, was delightful in every way. Seventy members and friends met in Palisades Park, and were led on a tree walk by Mr. George T. Hastings, beginning in the grounds of the Miramar Hotel. Many interesting things were seen there. The walk was continued along a street lined with rare palms of several varieties and other semi-tropical growths, to the Palisades again and on to Inspiration Point, where the Santa Monica members of the society had decorated the picnic tables most beautifully with autumn foliage and fruits. After lunch Mr. Hastings gave a resume of the morning's walk and Mrs. Hastings distributed a pretty folder entitled "Santa Monica Trees", which will be a treasured souvenir of the meeting. Another treat was a talk by Miss Miriam Faddis on "Shore Birds", illustrated with mounted specimens from the Museum. It was truly a happy day.

OPEN HOUSE - The Los Angeles Audubon Society held open house for the members of the Sierra Club, August 2, 1941. About 25 guests visited our rooms and many enjoyed our exhibits, books, etc., and questions were asked about our work. This group of nature lovers found much of interest here. The garden was beautiful that day and many expressed delight with the surroundings. As the lecture on the "Condor" was omitted, our headquarters served as a gathering place for the visitors.

ON AUGUST 17TH the Society held open house and received eighty guests at our headquarters in Flummer Park; the occasion being the annual festival of activities. We had a committee of ten members, who showed the callers our collection of birds, nests, books, pictures, etc. and thereby enlisted interest in our work. The presentation of the Certificate of Merit, wording of which is shown below, was made by Mrs. Florence Scott. She said that our work there had always been an inspiration to her. We were the first organization to come to the park, and she felt we were first in her affections.

---Mrs. Mary Barnes Salmon

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

Presented by the  
Department of Recreation  
County of Los Angeles, California

to

Los Angeles Audubon Society  
this 17th day of August, 1941  
for Community Service  
and their generous and public  
spirited participation in a  
public recreational activity.

Signed:

James K. Reid - Superintendent  
Florence Lewis Scott - Director,

IN MEMORIAM

Miss Isabel Ames - a beloved member of our society for a number of years, passed away September 17, from injuries received in a traffic accident.

THE CALIFORNIA AUDUBON SOCIETY, INC. Mrs. Harriet Williams Meyers, President.

Field Day, Saturday, October 25, 8:30 A.M. Fern Dell, Western Avenue entrance to Griffith Park. Leader, Miss Blanche Vignos. Visitors welcome.

Opening of Audubon House at the Dorothy May Tucker Sanctuary in Modjeska Canyon is scheduled for the latter part of October or early in November. The committee will welcome any donations of furniture or house furnishings. More about the opening in the November TANAGER.

Southwest Bird Study Club, Mrs. Alma Mason, President, meets Mondays, Sept. to June.

Pasadena Audubon Society, Miss Effie Gaylor, President, 709 Maple Street, Pasadena.

Cooper Ornithological Club, meets at Los Angeles Museum, 8 P.M. last Tues. each month.

Nature Club, meets every Tuesday at Boos Bros. Cafeteria, 530 S. Hill St.

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We are happy to report that Mrs. Fred J. Lee has recently become a Life Member of our Society.