

T H E

LOS ANGELES AUDUBON SOCIETY, INC.

PLUMMER PARK

7377 SANTA MONICA BLVD.

LOS ANGELES 46, CALIFORNIA

Western



Tanager

PUBLISHED MONTHLY, SEPTEMBER TO MAY  
BY THE LOS ANGELES AUDUBON SOCIETY INC.

THE LOS ANGELES BRANCH OF THE  
NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY

Volume 23

MARCH 1957

Number 7

## A HEALTHY INTEREST IN NATURAL HISTORY

Interest in nature is a healthy thing - and a necessary one, as our lives become steadily more urbanized and as the areas which can support a wild fauna and flora grow steadily more confined. We have always tended to set up economic criteria for determining whether or not any wild thing, be it plant or animal, is worth preserving.

This attitude, still widely prevalent, comes about because not enough of us have a really thorough understanding of the Community of Nature and the way in which it functions. One way to increase this understanding is to study the 'land concept' as it has been defined by the late Aldo Leopold and other ecologists. To them the land is not merely soil. It is the vast complex of earth, sun, air, water, plants and animals that build and keep circulating the flow of energy which supports all life on our planet. When we think of 'land' in this way, we can realize that nature has worked out her succession of native plants and animals to keep the energy circuit functioning at high efficiency. We can also realize how revolutionary are men's changes in the natural landscape through farming, forestry, mining and the building of highways, cities and towns; and of the many ways in which these changes may upset the orderly operation of this energy circuit.

Dr. Leopold, in "A SAND COUNTY ALMANAC," (in the Audubon House library) points out that there are some 22,000 higher plant and animal forms native to his state of Wisconsin; of which no more than 5% have any demonstrable value as food, livestock feed or for sale. Yet he is convinced that all these life forms play their part in the long-time stability of the land and that we displace and destroy them at considerable risk. Not only do they have a right to exist, the health of the biotic community and the ability of the land to produce energy may well depend on their continued existence. Think how different is this attitude from that of the ornithologist who defends the songbird solely for its insect-eating value, or the game management technician who tries to make a case for the predator, solely because it keeps game healthy by killing off the weaklings. There was even a time when foresters set out to eliminate all of the so-called "weed trees" in the forest. Fortunately they have learned that the forest is an interdependent community, relying for maximum health on its natural complement of tree species, ground flora and fauna.

It is fortunate that even those of us who live in the average suburban community can do a great deal to improve the biotic community for many of our native wild plants and animals which have an esthetic, rather than an economic value. There are wild life sanctuaries, parks and gardens, maintained by federal, state and county governments. While we can't hope to bring back the Carolina Parakeet, the Heath Hen or the Ivory-billed Woodpecker - or do very much for such vanishing species as the Condor, the Trumpeter Swan and the Whooping Crane - we can watch proposed legislation affecting these preserves and support the good measures. And we can do a great deal for the songbirds which have become tolerant of human habitation and in some cases, seem to actually prefer to live close to people.

(By permission of the columnist, Leonard Hall)

### THE WESTERN Tanager

Free to members....Others \$1.50 annually  
 Editor Emeritus.....George T. Hastings  
 Editor.....Mrs. Fern Shelford  
 3315 W. 41st St., L.A. 8.....AX 4-0410

### THE LOS ANGELES AUDUBON SOCIETY

Organized 1910      Incorporated 1951  
 "To promote the study and protection of  
 birds and other wildlife, plants, soil  
 and water."

### MEMBERSHIP

Joint with National Audubon Society in-  
 cludes subscription to Audubon Magazine.  
 Regular \$5; Sustaining \$10; Active \$25;  
 Supporting \$50; Student \$2.

### OFFICERS - 1956-1957

President Emeritus...Mrs. Mary B. Salmon  
 Jr. Past Pres....Mrs. Grace H. Phillips  
 President.....Mrs. J. L. McBride  
 1st Vice-President....Mr. Herbert Clarke  
 2nd Vice-President...Mrs. Paul D. Dodds  
 Exec. Sec'y....Miss Elizabeth Patterson  
 Record. Sec'y.....Miss Dorothy Goddard  
 Treasurer.....Miss Esther Johnson  
 Registrar.....Miss Marjorie J. Moody  
 Curator.....Mrs. Russell E. Wilson  
 Historian.....Mrs. Olive Alvey

### AUDUBON HOUSE

Wednesday.....2-4 p.m.  
 Thursday.....2-4 p.m.  
 Saturday.....2-4 p.m.  
 1st Tuesday.....7:30-8 p.m.  
 4th Thursday (Members only).....1-4 p.m.  
 Groups by appointment.....POplar 1-7635

### WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

Mrs. John W. Brentlinger,  
 5248 Buffalo Ave., Van Nuys, Calif.  
 Dr. M. G. Crane,  
 4549 Yellowstone St., Los Angeles 32  
 Mrs. L. A. Dunn,  
 8508 Cravell Ave., Rivera, Calif.  
 Mrs. Grace M. Farr,  
 2024-1/2 Ocean Park Blvd., Santa Monica  
 Mrs. Henry L. Guenther,  
 3659 Fairway Blvd., L.A. 43  
 Mr. & Mrs. Roscoe Schaffert,  
 12265 Orizaba Ave., Downey, Calif.

### THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The first part of January, the fourth annual meeting of Audubon Branches and affiliates was held. The southern group meeting in Santa Ana and the northern group at Mills College in Berkeley.

This is a one day gathering, with representatives meeting from nine-thirty a.m. until three-thirty p.m. The areas of discussion are those that relate to the operation and administration of our local societies. Therefore the subjects under discussion were:

- (1) Bulletins
- (2) Junior Clubs
- (3) Programs and Field Trips.
- (4) Conservation and Sanctuaries.
- (5) Constitution, By-laws and Membership.

Each representative attends just one of these discussion sessions, so that as many subjects as possible can be covered for the Society.

Ideas are exchanged and problems discussed. What may be a problem to one society may have been treated successfully by another. It was interesting to note that most of us have completely different ways of doing things. However, most Audubon Societies face the same problems, therefore meetings of this kind can certainly be of mutual help in promoting each branch and affiliate.

Charlotte McBride.

### THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

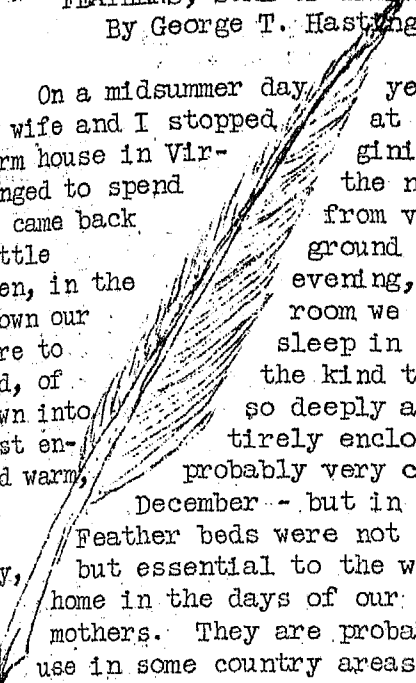
This committee of the local Audubon Society is appointed in January, submits its list of selected candidates for office in 1957-1958 at all regular meetings in April. Election takes place at the first regular meeting in May which, this year, will be on May 7th at the Tuesday Evening meeting in Long Hall at Plummer Park. Officers elected for the coming year will be installed at our regular meeting in June.

Members are urged to join in this selection of officers. Send in the names of your choice to the Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Mrs. Russell Wilson, 4548 Farmdale Ave., North Hollywood - POplar 1-7635, before April 1st.

Let us know if you will help in any capacity.

## FEATHERS, SOME OF THEIR USES

By George T. Hastings



On a midsummer day, years ago, my wife and I stopped at an old farm house in Virginia and arranged to spend the night, when we came back from visiting the battle ground of Bull Run. When, in the evening, we were shown our room we found we were to sleep in a feather bed, of the kind that one sank down into so deeply as to be almost entirely enclosed - soft and warm, probably very comfortable in December - but in July!

Feather beds were not only a luxury, but essential to the well ordered home in the days of our great-grandmothers. They are probably still in use in some country areas and in parts of Europe. For such beds the feathers of geese were preferred, and the best feathers were plucked from live birds, which grew a new covering to be plucked some months later. Rather hard on the geese! The feathers of many geese were required for one bed. Duck and chicken feathers, sometimes used, were much inferior as they were not as soft and tended to mat together. But if feather beds are out of style, feather pillows are in common use. These too are usually of goose feathers and soft and springy, they make the preferred pillows on which most of us sleep.

Feathers were also a century ago and down to times some of us remember in great demand for ladies' hats. Collectors hunted for brilliantly hued birds in far parts of the world. Hundreds of thousands of hummingbirds, birds of Paradise and others were killed annually for the feather markets. Least terns were nearly exterminated along our east coast, - a mounted tern on a hat was considered very elegant. The story of the egret which was almost wiped out in Florida and only saved by the efforts of the newly formed Audubon Society has been told so often that we are all familiar with it. The success of the Society in having laws passed to protect the birds, then, of greater importance, of laws to prevent the sale of plumes, is one of the great conservation victories of all time and the comeback of the egrets a real triumph.

I remember as a boy seeing a woman with a wide brimmed hat trimmed with blue bird wings, at least twenty wings around the crown of the hat, and of being filled with disgust and sorrow. Ostrich feathers plucked or cut from domesticated birds are still in demand for decorating head gear and feathers of domestic fowl are used to a slight extent.

Most writing from the mid sixth century until a century ago was done with quill pens. Feathers plucked from the wings of living geese were preferred, the first four primaries of the left wing being considered the best, from the left wing because the curve of the feather would be over the right hand. Turkey, swan and chicken feathers were also used. The feathers were heated and the quill scraped then cut - with a pen knife of course. We cannot tell how many imperishable literary works were written with goose quills. We can imagine the efforts of children learning to write, when too much pressure on the pen caused the points to bend back and splatter ink in all directions. Today when I want to make fine ink drawings I use a crow quill pen, though now pens called by that name are made of steel.

Feather dusters were also a common thing in the days of my childhood, usually made of the tail feathers of turkeys, they were rather ornamental and served well to brush the dust from furniture and let it spread through the room.

Another use of feathers that is still of some importance is in making fly hooks for fishermen. These bright colored feathers are prized, though it is doubtful if fish can distinguish colors. When the law was passed prohibiting the importation of wild bird feathers an exemption was made to permit feathers for artificial flies. Bird lovers tried to check this importation, unsuccessfully, but the amount of this trade is insignificant compared with the former feather trade.

-----

Whooping Cranes. Claude Eard, Manager of the Arkansas National Wildlife Refuge, reports that an aerial survey over the refuge counted only 23 Whoopers, including two young ones. The flock numbered 28 last year when they flew north to the nesting grounds in northern Canada. This decrease in numbers seems tragic.

## OBSERVATIONS

Caroline H. Daugherty

- A quick survey of the Waterbird and Duck population of the three L.A. City Park Lakes - Feb. 10:
- MCARTHUR PARK LAKE:** Pied-billed Grebe, Coots. (Domestic ducks including Mallards on all three lakes). Pintail, Scaup and a few Ruddy Ducks. Calif. and Ring-billed Gulls. The Lesser Scaup is a deep diving duck and will go to the bottom of the lake for grains.
- ECHO PARK LAKE:** Pied-billed Grebe and Coots. Pintail, Green-winged Teal, several Shovellers and Lesser Scaup. California and Ring-billed Gulls.
- LINCOLN PARK LAKE:** Disappointing. This lake used to have so many visiting wild ducks. Drained and dry for a period of time over a year ago and the wild ducks have not come back in numbers yet...only a few Lesser Scaup and Coots now.
- BAND-TAILED PIGEON:** Several in Sunland area January-February (D). Audubon Center reports John Tramon-tano's observations in Long Beach area-January-February.
- UPLAND PLOVER, -1-,** Hooded and Bullock's oriole -1 each. The Upland Plover is a rare rarity. John also reported:
- BLUE WINGED TEAL:** Pair on Legg Lake.
- RED-BREASTED SAPSUCKER - BULLOCKS' ORIOLE** near Chatsworth. (Fullmer)
- ROBINS-CEDAR WAXWINGS:** Mt. Washington area on Jan. 25th, Ruth McCune reports, at least 1,000 Cedar Waxwings and Robins perched on wires near her home. Many wild and domestic berry shrubs around laden with berries serve abundant food for them.
- PHAINOPEFLA:** Male, Audubon Center, Jan. 15.
- MOUNTAIN BLUEBIRD:** 2 observed across the San Gabriel River near Audubon Sanct. Feb. 5, (Alma Stultz).
- NESTING BIRDS:** Audubon Center notes the following species nesting in early February: Sparrow Hawk, Anna's Hummingbird, Bush-Tits. (A.S.) Bush-Tits also nesting in Sunland area (D).
- ENGLISH SPARROWS:** Nesting on traffic signal and street sign posts along busy Glenoaks Blvd., Sun Valley, Feb. 1(D).
- WATCH NOW FOR:** Returning Hummingbirds, Swallows and Purple Martin.

## CONSERVATION NOTES

Robert Blackstone

Some months ago, you may recall, this Society was asked to submit recommendations for a proposed revision of the State Fish and Game Code in its provisions regarding birds and mammals. A committee drafted a set of recommendations which was presented to the Committee on Legal Classification of Birds and Mammals. This Committee consisted of representatives of the California Dept. of Fish and Game, the California Audubon Societies, the State Dept. of Agriculture, University of Calif., the Calif. Wildlife Federation, the Sierra Club and others.

Although there was some disagreement in the beginning, the Committee's final draft for the proposed legislation, I am glad to say, follows our recommendations fairly closely. Birds classified as game birds (ducks, geese, doves, quail, partridges and pheasants), are subject to the regulatory powers of the Fish and Game Commission. The California Condor, the Bald Eagle, the White-tailed Kite and the Trumpeter Swan are classified as "fully protected"; even scientific collecting of these species will not be permitted. All other birds occurring naturally in California come under the heading of "protected, non-game birds, with the following exceptions: English sparrows, Crow, Black-billed Magpie, Calif. Jay, Stellar's Jay and Starlings; these species are "non-protected birds."

There is not space here to go into further details or to discuss the provisions for mammals. Anyone wishing more information on this, however, may get in touch with me.

Although certainly not perfect, I think you will agree with me that this legislation is a big step forward. Our Society has been asked to sponsor it, and I hope you will all actively support it. I will let you know when the bill comes up in the legislature.

In the interest of safety, as well as to preserve the beauty of some of our roadsides, it has long been felt that legislative restrictions should be imposed on the clutter of advertising that lines our highways. Now, in the State Senate is Senate Bill 666, introduced by Senator Fred S. Farr of Monterey County. This bill prohibits any advertising display within 500 feet of any freeway or of any highway which has

been designated by the county as "scenic." It would allow a reasonable amount of advertising of roadside business and of by-passed towns and resorts. No doubt there will be considerable opposition to this measure by commercial interests; your support of it is urgently needed. Write to senator Richard Richards, Offices of the senate, State Capitol, Sacramento, Calif. Anyone wishing to help financially, may send contributions to: California Roadside Council, Inc., 12 Garces Drive, San Francisco, Calif.

National Wildlife Week - 1957, will be observed March 17-23. The Conservation theme this year is "Homes for Wildlife," and the slogan is "Make a Place for Wildlife." It is hoped that this Society and its members will be able to help publicize National Wildlife Week and to focus attention on some of the wildlife habitat needs in our own area.

#### JOSHUA TREE NATIONAL MONUMENT

##### NEEDS OUR HELP

Mr. E. A. Shelton, of the Pomona Valley Audubon Society, has proposed that the Audubon Societies of California unite in raising a fund to purchase certain private lands within Joshua Tree National Monument. The Park Service has not been able to get appropriations for this purpose to date. The most urgent need is for the amount of \$4,500 for the purchase of the Embury property, on which the United States holds an option valid until April 29, 1957. This is a splendid opportunity for us to do a great public service. All members are urged to contribute as much as they can to this fund. Contributions should be sent in advance of the above date to our Treasurer, Miss Esther F. Johnson, 1250-1/2 Holt Ave., L.A. 35.

"It is now March...the Ayre is sharpe but the Sunne is comfortable, and the day beginnes to lengthen: the forward Gardens give the fine Sallets, and the Nosegay of Violets is a present for a lady; Now beginneth Nature to wake out of her sleepe... The Tree begins to bud, and the grasse to peep abroad, while the Thrush with the Blackbird make a charme in the young Spring: the Maid with her best beloved, talke away wearinesse to the Market, and kind words do no hurt..."

(From Almanac of Nicolas Breton, 1545-1626)

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COOPER ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY to be held in Los Angeles April 25th to 28th. Headquarters will be at Hotel Statler, 930 Wilshire Blvd., and paper sessions will be at the L.A. County Museum and the Univ. of Calif. at Los Angeles.

Thursday, April 25 -

2-4 p.m. Visit to the aviaries of Mr. Ray Thomas, 600 Sarbourn Rd., Bel Air, where many interesting and exotic birds will be on display.

8:00 p.m. The Cooper Ornithological Society is invited to a reception at the L. A. County Museum with preview of the exhibit "The Machris Brazilian Expedition" and special exhibits of bird paintings by Kathleen Deery de Phelps, John Henry Dick, Don R. Eckelberry and others. Motion pictures of the Machris Expedition. Refreshments.

Friday, April 26 -

9:00 a.m. Registration Room Lecture Hall on second floor, L.A. County Museum.

10:00 a.m. Official Business meeting. Morning and afternoon sessions for presentation of papers.

Board of Governors meeting in the evening at Hotel Statler.

8:00 p.m. Special program for members, their families and guests. Showing of Walt Disney's Natural History Film at L.A. County Museum.

Saturday, April 27 -

10:00 a.m. Morning and afternoon sessions for presentation of papers. Room 2147, Life Science Bldg., U.C.L.A.

9:00 p.m. Annual banquet and entertainment, Sierra Room, Hotel Statler.

Sunday, April 28 -

Field trip to California Condor country.

LOCAL COMMITTEE includes - Chairman, Thomas R. Howell, Jean Delacour, Mrs. Paul D. Dodds, C. V. Duff, Ed. N. Harrison, Mrs. Thos. Howell, Hildgarde Howard, Mrs. J. L. McBride, J. R. Pemberton, W. J. Sheffler and J. C. von Bloeker, Jr.

All calls and messages for the President may be left with Bessie Pope, WE 4-5946.

FIELD TRIP, Saturday, January 12th. at Fern Dell. This dark and rainy day, 18 brave birders saw 20 kinds of birds including the unusual of from 4 to 6 Thrashers at once. They were feeding and singing in the picnic area. Also seen were Spotted Towhees and Gambel Sparrows. Many birds were signing as though enjoying the rain.

FIELD TRIP, Thursday, January 17th. at Tapia Park, Malibu Lake and the ocean. 13 of us enjoyed being out in the open on this fine clear day. Many birds were in the fields before we reached the Park. There were Western Blue Birds, Lawrence and Green-backed Goldfinches, White-crowned and Song Sparrows. By lunch time the Juncos, Chickadees, Flickers and Calif. Woodpeckers took cover when a stiff wind came up, leaving only the Jays to share our lunch, which they did, as a Red-tailed Hawk circled overhead.

One group stopped at Malibu Lake where several Ruby-crowned Kinglets flitted and sang. Grebes and Ducks were in the water and Song Sparrows sang in the chaparral. Another group went home by the coast route where they were rewarded by seeing Surf Scoters, Gulls, Brown Pelicans, Snowy Egrets, Coots, Sandpipers and Avocets - the wind was so strong it made birding difficult.

THURSDAY STUDY CLASS at Plummer Park. 25 attended this meeting and were well rewarded by seeing Mr. Frederic's most interesting pictures. In introducing his friend, Mr. Stultz said, "Mr. Frederic is a fine watch-maker, mechanic and a wonderful photographer." The pictures prove this last to be true. He takes pictures because he loves doing it. He has a wide knowledge of birds as well as of geology, is interested in habits and living conditions of the Arizona Indians (in fact, he is sending one of these children to school), so all these things get into the pictures, which make them outstanding. He has a station wagon fitted up as a home on wheels - many fine close-ups are done through the window of the car when he parks by a watering place where he stays from 7:00 a.m. until almost noon. All the wildlife of the region come to drink, in all sorts of odd combinations, their natural enmity forgotten in their need for water.

These pictures were taken in many places - Grand Canyon, Glacier, Sequoia, Grand Tetons and Florida. There were pictures of more than 38 different birds, including the Sora Rail which is so difficult to photograph; a White-headed Woodpecker feeding its young through the door of its nest; a pair of Crossbills; Red-backed Juncos; Wild turkeys and an unusual picture of a male and female Hummingbird on a perch together.

After the bird pictures, Mr. Frederic showed some intricate and beautiful fences in Utah and Kentucky.

SATURDAY FIELD TRIP to Hansen Dam on February 9th. With Miss Ethel Craig as leader, 18 birders found 45 species of birds; there were large flocks of Lark Sparrows and Meadow Larks, a few Juncos and Horned Larks that sang as the members lunched under the olive trees.

In the water were ducks including Ruddys, Pintail, Mallard, Shovellers, Canvas-back, Gadwall, Lesser Scaup and the ever-present Coot. Also Dowitchers, Least Sandpipers, one American Egret and a lovely Green Heron.

Olive Alvey.

The Mourning Dove has the largest range of any game bird in the United States. It is the only bird that reproduces in all 48 states. In something over half the states there is an open season of a month or six weeks in September or October, but in a few states no hunting of doves is permitted.

Probably one of America's oldest native game birds, the Mourning Dove may have been contemporary with giant sloths and sabre-toothed tigers. Remains of the dove have been found in Arizona's Pleistocene cave deposits.

(From Outdoor California, Jan. 1957)

"Whoever stimulates a wider appreciation of nature, a wider understanding of nature, a wider love of nature for its own sake, accomplishes no small thing. For, from these is formed the enduring component of the conservation movement."

(Edwin Way Teale in "Autumn Across America.")

# 1957 BIRDERS' INDIVIDUAL QUESTIONNAIRE

Your cooperation in filling in as many of the following as possible will be deeply appreciated. Please return it when completed to your club Secretary.

## YOUR BEST ESTIMATES OF

### PLANT CIVIL DATA RELATIVE TO BIRD-WATCHING ACTIVITIES

<u>Travel Data:</u>	<u>No. taken</u>	<u>Total Hours</u>	<u>No. Miles Traveled by</u>			<u>Total Miles</u>
			<u>Foot</u>	<u>Car</u>	<u>Other (specify)</u>	
Field Trips	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Meetings	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Programs	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
All activities						
(*Such as screen tours, Audubon Camp, and others)						

<u>Expenditure Data:</u>	<u>Field Trip</u>	<u>Meetings</u>	<u>Programs</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Travel</u>				
Food and Refreshments	_____	_____	_____	_____
Lodging	_____	_____	_____	_____
Rent Auto (8¢ per mile)	_____	_____	_____	_____
Other fares, tolls, rents, etc.	_____	_____	_____	_____
Totals	_____	_____	_____	_____
(*Only amount above U.S. average food costs of \$0.50 per week per person)				

<u>Fees, admissions, tuition, etc.</u>			
<u>Equipment</u> (used but not necessarily brought in 1957)	<u>Item</u>	<u>Original Cost</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Special (binocs, books, hand equip, records, etc.)			
Clothing (field clothes, boots, etc.)			
Other (photog, boats, camping, etc.)			
Total			

<u>Other Items</u>	
Memberships and Subscriptions	_____
Miscellaneous	_____
Grand Totals	_____

Number of \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
 1957 If you desire

To Each of You:

We take for granted much of the wonderful hobby that we pursue in our leisure hours. Certainly the relaxation, recreation, and thrills we get from bird watching are great, as are many similar activities. Even though such things are intangible, some evidence of the tangible values of these pursuits can become available to all.

With your help in keeping accurate records for 1957, some worthwhile information about the economic value to California of our hobby can be developed and utilized for the best interests of all of us.

This is a survey of time and money you spend on this hobby. Please make your records as accurate as possible, and make certain they are applicable to bird watching and related activities of your Audubon Society and this hobby.

It is hoped that you will use the Questionnaire on the other side of this sheet to guide you in keeping monthly records of the items requested therein. At the end of the year, complete this Questionnaire by totalling your monthly records. Because these forms are late in reaching you, please make the best estimates that you can for the part of 1957 already gone by.

Please turn this in to your Club Secretary at the end of 1957. Your generous cooperation will be deeply appreciated.



LOS ANGELES AUDUBON SOCIETY  
OFFICERS....1956-1957

President.....	Mrs. J. L. McBride	25441 Crescent Lane, Los Altos, Calif.
1st Vice-President....	Mr. Herbert Clarke	Exec. Sec'y.....Miss Elizabeth Patterson
2nd Vice-President....	Mrs. Paul D. Dodds	Record. Sec'y.....Miss Dorothy Goddard
Treasurer.....	Miss Esther Johnson	Curator.....Mrs. Russell E. Wilson
	Historian.....	Mrs. Olive Alvey
Registrar of Members.....	Miss Marjorie J. Moody,	1380 Veteran Ave., Los Angeles 24

---

CALENDAR FOR MARCH 1957

March 5, TUESDAY EVENING MEETING, at 8:00 p.m. in Long Hall, Plummer Park, 7377 Santa Monica Blvd. Dr. Hildegarda Howard, Chief Curator, Division of Science, Los Angeles County Museum, will address the meeting on Prehistoric California Birds. Dr. Howard will have interesting pictures to show of fossil birds.  
Arnold Small, Chairman

March 5, SCREEN TOUR, "Hawaii, U.S.A." by Fran Wm. Hall. Virgil Junior High School, 152 No. Vermont - 7:45 p.m. Saturday, March 9, at John Burroughs Junior High School, 600 So. McCadden Place - 2:00 p.m.

March 9, SATURDAY FIELD TRIP to Griffith Park Zoo. Meet at the entrance to the zoo at 9:00 a.m. Bring lunch and binoculars.

Ethel Craig, Leader

March 14, EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING, Thursday, 7:30 p.m., 912 Victoria Ave.

March 21, THURSDAY FIELD TRIP to Cabrillo Beach, stopping at sloughs enroute. Take Vermont bus #6 to end of line - 116th Street. Cars will caravan from 116th Street, leaving at 8:30 a.m. Members driving, who are able to accommodate passengers, please communicate with Miss Edna Burt, 705-1/2 W. 113th Street, Los Angeles 44 - telephone PLYmouth 5-1044. Members desiring transportation arrange with Miss Burt.

Leader - Nurtha Dunn, WEBster 9-7403

March 24, SUNDAY FIELD TRIP to Angeles Crest Highway and Big Pines area. Group will meet at Charlton Flats at 9:00 a.m. If road is open, group will caravan through to Big Pines for mountain birding.

Leader - Jim Huffman, FRontier 2-7124

March 28, THURSDAY STUDY CLASS, 10:00 a.m. in Long Hall, Plummer Park, 7377 Santa Monica Blvd. For this meeting we will have two of our well-informed members on most interesting subjects. Speakers will be Mrs. Paul Dodds and Mrs. Neil Lewis. Last year Mrs. Dodds spent some time in Florida where she was able to study birds in the swamplands and marshes, so different from the ones we have become accustomed to here, so "Birding in Florida" should be most enjoyable. Mrs. Lewis' talk is planned to help us in our birding when we go on field trips. It will be "Birds in Flight" in which she will show us the characteristic flight of birds we are apt to see.

Chairman - Olive Alvey