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SUMMER AROUND PEORIA, WITH CODA ON ST. LOUIS

By Clara Weedmark (Continued)

Some birds I had expected to see in numbers were scarce. There were only a few Eastern Bluebirds and many people asked me, "What has become of the Bluebirds?" I saw only one Rose-breasted Grosbeak, but he was perhaps my greatest thrill, as he perched in the center of the lavender umbels of the large showy milkweed, eating either insects or blossoms. On the other extreme, I was very much gratified to find Robins numerous especially in the dooryards of Chillicothe on the Illinois River. And everywhere I went I saw a Ruby-throat.

The large front lawn of the farmhouse is a haven for birds. Eastern Flickers came there for ants, robins ran-and-stopped there, Brown Thrashers displayed their bright cinnamon backs as they scurried across and into the gully. A dozen or more young Blue Jays screamed to be fed as they scrambled into the lower branches of the Linden Tree and the Poplar. Here in this yard we sat in the evening. Perhaps the Yellow-billed Cuckoo would slink through the trees giving his "rain crow" call. Perhaps old Redhead would come to a low pole and search out insects on the ground. Once in twenty minutes he swooped down from that pole top to the ground ten times.

"Down the road a-piece" was a country lane with deep ruts and mud holes. This lane was bordered by masses of sumac, wild roses, wild blackberries, choke cherry and poison ivy. The birds loved it. Here Bell's Vireo came on outer twigs and questioned the intruder over and over, answering himself. The Eastern Towhees sang their "Drink your tea" songs, brilliant Eastern Meadowlarks whistled their high pitched tunes from the power wires above, and Catbirds appeared here and there. A gorgeous chat peered from a protecting bower and Field Sparrows were everywhere. It is sad to think this spot will not remain much longer; just beyond lies a new subdivision where houses are already occupied.

Can you imagine my delight when Mrs. Joel Massie of St. Louis invited me to be their guest for several days. The Massies have never forgotten the wonderful bird trips they took in Southern California. They were with us in Stekel Park when we saw the Condors above the ridges to the southeast. In St. Louis they live out in a beautiful open estate area where every yard is a bird sanctuary. Just around these homes one can make a satisfying list of birds. Mrs. Massie took me to see the famous Shaw's Gardens or Missouri Botanical Gardens. Adjoining it is an open tree and pond area for hiking and birding. In the greenhouse at that time was a fabulous display of hydrangas of various colors, and near is the regal home of Henry Shaw, the pioneer, which reminds one of the Lincoln home in Springfield, Illinois.

The Garden Clubs of America have bought  $6\frac{1}{2}$  acres of the grounds of Shaw's Gardens and a beautiful modern structure for National Offices has been built. We were conducted through this building by Connie Hath, National Executive Sec'y of Garden

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Clubs, a most gracious hostess. In the  
 entrance hall we saw the lovely turquoise  
 colored sofa given by Calif. Garden Clu

On another day Mrs. Massie took me to  
 Gray's Summit, which is an extensive ar-  
 boretum. Here there are lovely groves of  
 Bald Cypress and it was in one of these  
 trees I saw a new bird to add to my life  
 list, the Kentucky Warbler. Birding was  
 exceedingly good here at Gray's Summit,  
 but seeing the serpentine fence was a  
 must also. We hiked some distance but  
 our efforts were repaid. This enormous  
 serpentine fence is of red brick. It is  
 fascinating, but I could not find out  
 anything about its history. Does any  
 reader know about serpentine fences?

On Sunday we went to a charming town  
 called Antonia, which sits in a hilly  
 region. Here a Botanical Society group  
 went hiking over parklike but natural  
 hillsides. We discussed about 60 flowers  
 and ferns. Among those that were in flow-  
 er and very lovely were the lavender  
 Slender Mountain Mint, the purple Iron-  
 weed and the Red Catchfly. Two remark-  
 able kinds of ferns were seen, the Walk-  
 ing Fern and the Resurrection Fern; there  
 were other ferns more common. Some  
 birders in the group helped me to add to  
 my life list the Yellow-throated Vireo  
 and the Summer Tanager.

In Mr. Peterson's Eastern Field Guide  
 I had seen the picture of the European  
 Tree Sparrow and read that it is a resi-  
 dent in the St. Louis area. One day  
 while sitting by a lake in the St. Louis  
 Zoo, House Sparrows were all about us,  
 but suddenly our attention was called to  
 a lone sparrow. Yes, it had black cheek  
 spots and was trimmer than a House Spar-  
 row. It was a European Tree Sparrow.

The Massies were preparing to vacation  
 with the Sierra Club hiking on high ground  
 in Eastern Oregon. We hope to have a  
 story from them soon for a future issue.  
 On the trip back home to L.A. along the  
 Upper Colorado River, I saw a Dipper  
 on a rock and numerous Mt. Asters so  
 glorious words cannot describe them - a  
 this from train windows.

## FUN WITH THE FOLKS DAY

A record throng of 12,470 youngsters and adults converged on Griffith Park Zoo Saturday, Sept. 17, to participate in the municipal facility's first annual "Fun with the Folks" fete. Members of the Los Angeles Junior Zoological Society, of which the Los Angeles Audubon Society is the sponsor, were the official hosts for the affair. The Recreation and Parks Dept. and Television Station KTLA, Channel 5 joined in sponsoring the festive event. Members of the L. A. Audubon Society were on hand to assist with the contests, man the information booth, and stand by at the large aviary. Audubon-member John Peebles, adviser to the Junior Zoological Society, was very much in evidence as he coordinated the efforts of all concerned.

Frank Little

### UPPER NEWPORT BAY

On October 23, under the able leadership of Arnold Small, a good-sized group of members in 14 cars caravaned to Upper Newport Bay. Although the sky was overcast most of the day, a large number of birds and many species were seen. The first stop was made on the road which leads back of Bolsa Chica, in the hope of seeing Burrowing Owls. Though none were visible, a White-tailed Kite was in the air. At Bolsa Chica were seen some Elegant Terns, a Pelagic Cormorant, Heerman's Gulls, and several Greater Yellow-legs, among many other more common water birds. The next stop was at Laguna Beach, in the hope of seeing a Wandering Tattler. None was seen, however.

The rest of the day was spent at Upper Newport Bay. There was an enormous concentration of wintering ducks, the greater number among them being Pintails and Widgeons. Many Red-backed Sandpipers were feeding along with the Western and the Lesser. Some of the party saw a Knot. There were many Northern Phalaropes, some Black-necked Stilts, and a Ruddy Turnstone. In all, it was a very interesting day.

Mae Wilson

In spite of threatening skies nearly 30 people turned up at Castaic Junction on Nov. 12 for the Saturday Field Trip to the condor refuge. The party proceeded to Fillmore to meet Jack Gaines, the condor patrolman. It started to rain, however, soon after we arrived there and, since the Squaw Flat road is extremely treacherous in wet weather, it was decided not to attempt it. As an alternative most of the party headed out for the coast to bird in the vicinity of Point Mugu. However, it soon began to rain in earnest, and we finally had to call off the trip entirely. Twelve of us in five cars, decided to drive up to Santa Barbara. There we had a picnic lunch in a shelter at the beach, after which we all went to visit the Santa Barbara Natural History Museum for the afternoon. Some of us eventually did get to do a little birding on the way home.

Bob Blackstone

### MAXTON BROWN FIELD TRIP

On Sunday, November 27, 4 carloads of eager birders met Jim Huffman, leader at the Long Beach traffic circle, in spite of the early hour - 7 a.m. - and the cold weather. The first stop was made at Bolsa Chica Lagoon, where various species of wading and water birds were seen, including many Red-backed Sandpipers. A Snowy Egret in the lagoon puzzled some members because its legs, instead of being black with yellow feet, were a yellowish green. Jim Huffman identified it as an immature bird. Back of the lagoon were many marsh hawks, swooping low.

The next stop was at the Santa Margarita River bed, just north of Oceanside. Here a White-faced Glossy Ibis was spotted. When the party reached the Maxton Brown Sanctuary at Oceanside, we were joined by several more cars. Among them were Rus and Marion Wilson with their trailer. They had been on a long week-end trip. Green-winged Teal, Shovellers, and other ducks, including Scaups, Pin-tails, and Widgeons, were here. Hiding in the rushes at water's edge were several Night Herons, some of them being immature. Across the road, from the tules came the scolding voice of a Marsh Wren. Several people who strolled up the hill among

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the eucalyptus trees were startled when a Red-tailed Hawk erupted suddenly from a tree close by, squaking angrily at being disturbed.

This Sanctuary is one of the few lagoon habitats remaining to us in the southland, since others have either been taken over by the government or have been converted into marinas. In the late spring, a trip here would be worth while, to see the young of the nesting birds, such as ruddy ducks and coots.

Mae Wilson

#### CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

The very nicest thing about the bazaar was the interest and cooperation of so many members. For many days before the event there were calls by telephone, offers of help and of donations, all gratefully received. So, tho it was the first time at this sort of project for some of us, the concensus seems to be that it was a success, both financially and as a good job done by a lot of nice people. Plans are under way to do better next year. Requests have come in for more handicraft workshops. Those interested send in their names.

Olive Alyey  
Program Chairman

Our speaker for the Tuesday Evening Meeting of January 10 is one who certainly needs no introduction to most of us. Herb Clarke has favored us with his slide shows on several previous occasions. This time he will tell us of the experiences of himself and his charming wife, Olga, on a summer vacation trip through the Southwest to the Bayou Country in southern Louisiana - illustrated, of course, by Herb's beautiful color slides. It's not clear whether the trip was an excuse for visiting Olga's parents, or vice versa. Be that as it may, he has brought back many lovely color slides on the scenery and some of the birds they saw. So don't miss our evening program this month when Herb Clarke will present his, "Birding from L.A. to La."

Of hummingbirds that sip from your feeder is the preponderance male or female and in what proportion? Dorothy Lilly, 517 So. Wilton Pl., L.A. 5, DU 5-6866 would appreciate this information.

Mrs. Mary Hood, curator of the Nature Museum at Audubon House, will be speaker for the Thursday Morning Meeting for January, February, March and April. A fine series of talks with slides, "Life Zones." As past president of the Los Angeles Audubon Society, this lecturer needs no introduction; she is also past president of the Zoological Society. She founded the Nature Leaders' Youth Workshops, now sponsored by the L. A. Dept. of Recreation and Parks.

Since 1935 Mrs. Hood has collaborated with the National Park Service in Yosemite Museum doing research in natural science. Photography, once a hobby of the Hoods, is the means used to keep records of this work. Because the records are so accurate scientifically, and of such a high standard, UCLA has accepted a sizeable collection of these very fine slides.

#### BIENNIAL CONVENTION AT ASILOMAR, CALIF. March 25-28, 1961

Program Announcements and Registration forms are available at Audubon House. Persons who have taken advantage of the priority request forms have received this announcement and many have made their reservations. Because of indicated interest in attending this biennial event, those wishing to be at Asilomar, March 25-28, should not delay their decision too long, and risk the chance of disappointment. The program is outstanding--TUNDRA TO TROPICS-Alaska to Hawaii. "Two Frontiers" Dr. Olaus J. Murie, author, artist, naturalist, Director of Wilderness Society; "Alaska, the Planning and Protection of Its Natural Resources," Robert F. Scott, Unit Leader, Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit, University of Alaska; "Hawaii, the Planning and Protection of its Natural Resources," Dr. Robert W. Hiatt, Dean of Graduate School and Director of Research, University of Hawaii; "Wild America-Alaska Journey," motion pictures, Roger Tory Peterson, author, artist, lecturer, photographer, are just a few of the fine things one will enjoy during this great convention. Don't delay, send for complete program. Call HO 7-9495 or PO 1-7635.

THE TULE ELK  
By Elna Bakker (Continued)

Due to this timely action and a total of over 400 letters received by the Dept. of Fish and Game they reversed their recommendation and the Commission meeting in San Diego then passed the decision: no hunt!

In the meantime, a committee was formed to continue action in behalf of the Tule Elk, THE COMMITTEE FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE TULE ELK. They organized the letter "barrage" and acted as a clearing house for suggestions about any possible solutions to the elk problem. For it was recognized that this one victory still did not solve the basic problem of stockmen vs. elk, nor would it prevent future threats to their existence.

The committee was busy increasing its membership (now nationwide), defining its responsibilities and duties, acquiring an Advisory Board, making plans to consider undertaking a scientific study, studying plans for a refuge when it was alerted to another threat. Word came of petitions being circulated in the Owens Valley by stockmen and their representatives. These were presented to an official of the Dept. of Water and Power for consideration. The petitions asked for removal of most of the herd or the lowering of lease fees as the land could not be as productive as it is capable of being potentially with the elk constantly creating damage.

For the first time, the Department of Water and Power abandoned its officially neutral position and supported the cattlemen's request. They made much of the fact that the original number amounted to 54 head. The request was then turned over to the Los Angeles headquarters of the Department of Water and Power and then presented in turn to the Fish and Game Department.

When the request from the Department of Water and Power came to the at-

ention of the Department of Fish and Game, the COMMITTEE FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE TULE ELK was notified. It then called upon its membership and other interested people for quick action. Because of the support it was able to muster many letters were sent to the Dept. of Water and Power, Mayor Poulson's office, Pat McGee, Councilman and Chairman of the Council's Water and Power Committee, and to Mr. Smith, Commission of Fish and Game.

At a meeting of Water and Power personnel with members of the Fish and Game Department, a compromise appears to have been suggested. The Fish and Game Department seems willing to recognize the problems of the stockmen in Owens Valley and is apparently going to set up herd limits somewhere between 200 and 300. When the herd grows larger than this maximum number a hunt will be called. This will be in the nature of scientific culling and not a public hunt. Wardens are to accompany the hunters and indicate which animals are to be taken. Thus the poorer animals will be eliminated, runts, barren cows and senile bulls, etc. The Department of Fish and Game also spoke in terms of insuring the welfare of the herd in so far as molestation is concerned. The COMMITTEE FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE TULE ELK sincerely hopes that this is so.

The Committee met to discuss the suggested compromise and while commending the report agreed to watch with interest and concern. They are hoping for even more guarantee of protection for the Tule Elk and are continuing to press plans for a permanent breeding home for this magnificent species.

The Department of Water and Power is publicly announcing its plans of turning the problem over to the Fish and Game Department and apparently is hoping that it can step out of the picture. It now remains to be seen what action the Commission of Fish and Game will take upon the recommended compromise solution.

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If it is favorable to the Tule Elk in terms of numbers allowed to range in the Owens Valley and promises freedom from public slaughter, the COMMITTEE FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE TULE ELK will accept it, probably somewhat conditionally. But we must remain vigilant to be sure that nothing is "put over" on us or the Elk.

To this end, we are urging everyone who is interested in preserving this rare and wonderful animal to become members of the COMMITTEE. It is simple to join: just send \$2.00 and name and address to the COMMITTEE, 450 West Ave. 43, Los Angeles 65, or to 5502 Markland Drive, Los Angeles 22. STAND FOR SURVIVAL, NOT DESTRUCTION.

#### ALLEN HUMMINGBIRDS

By Dorothy Lilly (Cont'd from last month)

An early warm spring in 1957 brought an Allen female to my yard on February 16. I had been on the lookout and woke at 7:15 A. M. to the hum and "sput-sput" I knew so well. I was up and trying to see out every window at once. I saw her exploring the site of the location of the last nest of the year before. She sat on a twig in front of the old site and appeared to be wondering what happened to the old nest. I was sorry I had taken it down for I would like to know what she would have done with it.

She looked around the tree a little more and then cut across in front of the house straight to the Toyon shrub and examined the site of the first (and second) nest of 1956. I saw her frequently all day but not until the next morning did I observe her constructing a nest. She chose the south exposure of one of our twin Cypress trees, ten feet above ground.

Two young were hatched and successfully raised to the state of self-sufficiency although it was a question whether or not the hot sun would bake them in the nest. This was the first time a nest had been placed so disadvantageously. On many warm afternoons, after brooding ceased, the mother found it necessary to spread her-

self out above the nest in order to provide shade. If she had begun her nest building on a sunny day surely she would have noticed the need for an overhead canopy of leaves. One might suppose this was her first experience at nesting.

One day when the nestlings were about two weeks old a male came around and several times he and the female went off together for long periods. I could hear no sounds from the nestlings but suspect they made them. Once a White-crowned Sparrow came and peered down onto the nest. Such neglect might have been disastrous if it had lasted more than one day. But she did succeed in raising them.

On March 30, I saw her gathering dry Cryptomeria twiglets and cobwebs and working them onto a new site above a north east window on a trailing branch of Boston ivy vine. It looked insecure. Lucky for her a strong wind showed her her mistake while there was yet time for another start. In the first-used (1955) Cypress, six feet above ground and well shaded this time. Her eggs were laid April 10 and 11 but only one ever hatched. As before, incubation and feeding of the previous pair of young went on simultaneously for over a week.

With the subsequent feeding of the single nestling the female had time to spare. Her third nest (in the Cryptomeria) was completed and two eggs laid ahead of schedule. Incubation commenced four days before the baby in the nest had sufficiently matured and practised whirring its wings on the edge of its little lounge long enough to be able to solo.

I wondered if such an alteration in her cycle might not upset her hormone system. Perhaps it did. The third pair hatched all right. I saw her removing some bits of shell but could never catch her giving them food although she could usually be seen or heard in the vicinity of the nest. I had to get a ladder and look. There were the two nestlings looking like tiny balls of black thread, both dead. (To be continued)

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CALENDAR FOR JANUARY 1961

- January 5 Thursday, 7:30 P.M., EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING, Audubon House
- January 7 Saturday, 1:00 P.M., JUNIOR ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY, at Planetarium in Griffith Park. After the meeting, those wishing to attend the Planetarium show may do so at the regular prices. Leader: John Peebles HO 7-1661
- January 10 Tuesday, 8:00 P.M., EVENING MEETING, Great Hall, Plummer Park. "Birding from L.A. to La.", experiences on a summer vacation from Los Angeles to Lake Charles, Louisiana by Herb Clarke, illustrated by colored slides.  
Chairman: Bob Blackstone CR 6-3879
- January 14 Saturday, FIELD TRIP to Santa Barbara and Goleta Slough. Group will meet at 8:30 A.M. on north shore of BIRD REFUGE, located on East Cabrillo on the left of Highway 101 as you enter Santa Barbara. After going through underpass, turn right into parking area. Watch for Field Trip sign. For further information call HO 7-9495 or  
Leader: Dave Robison, PO 1-0217
- January 19 Thursday, FIELD TRIP to Fern Dell in Griffith Park. Meet at Fern Dell parking lot at 9:30 A.M. Those going by bus, take Western Ave. bus to end of line at Russell Ave. Watch for members in cars for a lift. At 1:00 P.M. in Fern Dell Museum, Mr. Peebles will show bird films. Bring food for birds and wild flower seeds to plant. No reservations--no charge.  
Leader: Miss Edna Burt PL 5-1054
- January 22 Sunday, FIELD TRIP to Chatsworth Reservoir in San Fernando Valley to see wintering ducks, geese and land birds. Possibilities: Whistling Swans, Snow Geese, Canada Geese, Mergansers, Lewis's Woodpecker, Peregrin Falcon. A total of 71 species were identified last year. Group will meet at the corner of Reseda and Roscoe Blyds. at 8:00 A.M. Bring lunch.  
Leader: Reg Julian CR 4-3685
- January 26 Thursday, 10:00 A.M., MORNING STUDY CLASS, Long Hall, Plummer Park, "LIFE ZONE CONCEPT, its Values and Limitations," given in four parts. Part I: "Lower Sonoran--our Deserts." This series will be given by Mrs. Mary V. Hood, using her own slides on habitat, plants, animals and birds. Bring lunch and spend the afternoon in Audubon House where mounted specimens and library books are available for further study.  
Chairman: Olive Alvey NO 1-8036

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Persons interested in conservation, birding, the out-of-doors and meeting with people of like interest, are cordially invited to attend the above activities. For further information call HO 7-9495 between 10:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, or PO 1-7635 on Tuesdays, Fridays and evenings.

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December

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The Los Angeles Audubon Society Executive Board has given full, joint membership to Supervisor Ernest E. Debs; Mr. William Frederickson, Superintendent of Recreation in the Los Angeles City Department of Recreation and Parks; Mr. Daniel R. Furman, Superintendent of Recreation in Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation, and Dr. Herbert F. Poponce, Director of the Administrative Services Branch of the Los Angeles City Schools; These memberships were given in appreciation of their services to the youth of the Los Angeles area and their interest and support of the educational work of the National and the Los Angeles Audubon Societies.

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The husband-and-wife membership of Mr. & Mrs. Mel Carlson was given by Mrs. Neil Lewis who asked that the Board choose the young couple to receive it. Mr. Carlson was chosen because of his work with the young people of Los Angeles. He is Director of the Griffith Park Camp and was one of the recipients of a half scholarship to Audubon Camp of California awarded by the Los Angeles Audubon Society and matched by the Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks. His letter of appreciation, telling of the stimulating experience and the opportunity to study nature and conservation in such a wonderful setting makes the awarding of these scholarships doubly rewarding to the Society. It is hoped that through the fine attendance at the first two Screen Tours and the expected success of the next three that the Society will be able to award even more scholarships to worthy young people working with children in this area.

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New members are vitally needed to keep any organization growing and active. There are many people in the Los Angeles area who might be interested in giving their support to the Audubon Society if invited and encouraged by a friend. If any member knows of such a person, please send name, address and telephone to the Registrar, Mrs. Robert Sandmeyer, 355 W. Elm Ave., Burbank, California.