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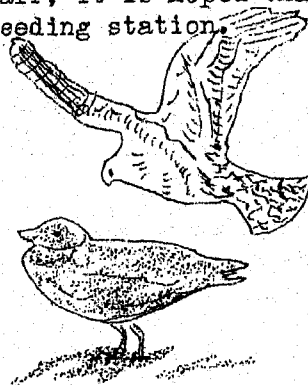
TWO RARE BIRDS

Mrs. O. M. Stultz, President of the Los Angeles Audubon Society, has a remarkable ability for finding unusual birds. If one should wish to find a Wood Ibis, she can take you to a certain spot and there will be the bird ready for observation. Or perhaps a Mountain Plover, a Least Bittern, a Blue Grosbeak, or most any other bird known to be found in Southern California -- Mrs. Stultz never fails to have the bird located at the exact spot. One trip to the Condor country is enough to see these magnificent birds.

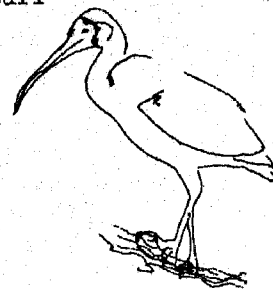
It is therefore a real experience when one has the pleasure of showing our President two new species. One, a Brown Thrasher (*Toxostoma rufum*) which I trapped and banded in the Hollywood hills on January 13th, 1939, with band No. 37-24172. According to Mr. George Willetts, of the Los Angeles Museum, the Brown Thrasher has only been reported seen once before in California, when it was observed in Pasadena from January, 1932, to March, 1933.

The Brown Thrasher is a large reddish brown bird with a long sweeping tail. It is reddish above, creamy white below, sharply streaked breast and along flanks. With its red-brown back and streaked breast, it has the general appearance of a Thrush, but its large size, ruddiness of brown, straw-colored eyes and long tail, are distinctive. The bill is straight and is used in typical Thrasher manner. This beautiful bird would be a fine addition to our bird life, if it should take up permanent residence here. It has been observed daily since it was banded, and is apparently here alone.

Our next experience was the observation of two White-tailed Kites (*Elanus leucurus*). These birds were hunting in the late afternoon over an alfalfa field, adjoining the thicket in which they found concealment. They would hover with rapid wing-beats and outspread tails for a few seconds over one spot, and not seeing any small game, would move farther out into the opening. They appeared to be about fifty feet above the ground, and being very near to us, we had a fine opportunity to observe them closely. If they are a pair, it is hoped that they will nest in this section, as it seems to be an ideal breeding station.



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The Los Angeles Audubon Society holds two regular meetings each month - the first Thursday being Field Day, the third Thursday, a program meeting held in the State Building at Exposition Park, at 2 p.m. The annual dues are \$1.25; Life Membership, \$10.00, and Patron, \$100.00.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS

FIELD MEETING - Thursday, February 2nd, 1939, at Chatsworth Lake! One of the finest birding spots in Southern California. In this sanctuary may be found Sapsuckers, Lewis Woodpeckers, Rock Wrens, not to mention the many other species seen on last year's trip. Having arranged for a fine Tanner bus with our genial driver, Mrs. Daugherty, Field Leader, has again solved the transportation problems. Many have found it so delightful, restful and economical that we are reminding you to make reservations early. Call Mrs. George L. Veatch not later than Wednesday, February 1st. Guests are always welcome. The bus leaves from 544 South Hill Street, Los Angeles, at 8 a. m., and at Hollywood Boulevard and Cahuenga at 8:30 a.m. Fare is 80¢ round trip.

BOARD MEETING - Thursday, February 9th, 1939, at 10 a.m., at the home of Mrs. Jessie L. Morain, 1041 South Gramercy Drive, Los Angeles. We are to be her guests at luncheon. Telephone your acceptance to Parkway 0339.

PROGRAM MEETING - February 16th, 1939, Thursday, at 2 p.m., State Building, Exposition Park. We are to have the privilege of viewing the motion pictures and Kadochrome slides of Tropical and Island birds of Peru, taken by the Captain Allan Hancock expedition. Mr. John S. Garth will lecture. Those fortunate enough to have seen other films of Captain Hancock's need not be reminded to round up your friends and be on time for a choice of seats.

STUDY CLASS - Friday, February 24th, 1939, 10 to 12 a.m., Plummer Park, 7377 Santa Monica Boulevard. Mr. C. V. Duff will conduct. The class will have a chance to study any birds which might be banded. Bring a lunch if you wish. Friends always welcome.

Mrs. J. H. Comby has invited us to a nature study conference on February 16th, 10 to 12 a.m., at the headquarters, 2103 S. Hobart Blvd. Mrs. ^{May} V. Hood, who has contributed much to the study of wild flowers of California with her original drawings will speak on this subject. Views of Lassen Park, wild flowers and shrubs will be shown. Everyone welcome.

And now we wish to extend a very warm welcome to our following new members:

Mr. and Mrs. Josiah Keely
 Mrs. Christine Bickel
 Miss Ruby Curry
 Mr. E. C. Bacon
 Mr. George Girmus
 Dr. Thomas S. Hopkins

NOTES

Mrs. E. E. Cobb, Publicity Representative, was guest speaker at the Allied Arts Group in December, and the Soroptimist Club, of Hollywood, in January, both organizations expressing their deep appreciation for her stimulating talk and assuring her of their cooperation in the feeding and protection of our birds.

CALENDAR						
FEBRUARY						
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REPORT - JANUARY MEETINGS
(The Laugh Was On Us!)

Braving the rain, eight members, properly bedecked, gaily arrived at Fern Dell on January Field Day, visiting in the cars and hoping for an interlude of precious sunshine.

All the trees and ferns stood about silently in the steady rainfall, now and then shaking themselves and letting fall to earth another sparkle of raindrops. Audubon's first day of the year and not a bird in sight! A distant call of a flicker was our only bird of the day.

INDOOR MEETING -- At the January program meeting, an appreciative audience enjoyed a talk by Miss Miriam Faddis on Shore Birds, a subject she handles so capably. By grouping them and describing in detail their distinctive markings, Miss Faddis aroused the interest toward further study and the urge to become better acquainted with these beautiful birds.

Mrs. Ralph Hoffman spoke briefly on the life of her husband, the late Dr. Ralph Hoffman, who was recognized as an authority on the fauna and flora while still in his 'teens. During his active life he wrote several books, was a professor of Latin, and lectured on astronomy. Mrs. Hoffman injected both reverence and humor in reciting some of the incidents during their very interesting life together. We hope that she will be with us again soon.

Mr. John H. Baker, Executive Secretary of the National Association of Audubon Societies, paid a brief visit to Southern California and met with the representatives of the Audubon and Study groups at the home of Mrs. Harriet Meyers. There was an interesting discussion on a definite plan for the protection of the Condors. Mr. Baker showed beautiful colored motion pictures in slow motion of Egrets Roseate Spoonbill, Ganets, Puffins and many other Shore Birds. We shall look forward to the chance of knowing Mr. Baker better and learning more of the interesting work of the National Audubon Society.

ANNOUNCEMENT EXTRAORDINARY

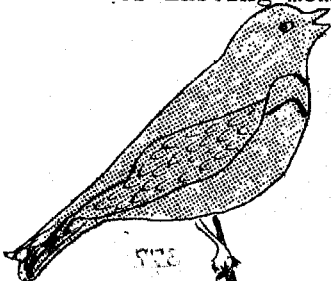
On Friday, January 27th, 1939, following the morning study class and luncheon, there is to be a dedication of the bird bath, Mickey Bishop's gift to the bird sanctuary at Plummer Park, 7377 Santa Monica Boulevard. All are cordially invited.

MICKEY BISHOP

A dear little bundle of feathers and song, Plummer Park has trees and flowers
As you flutter and warble the whole day long, and wings
You fill us with courage and joy and cheer, Here now is a bird bath your sponsor
You challenge us all with your call so clear! brings

~~The love birds echo the love in part~~
Mickey Bishop, we know you would like to share That the woman who loves you holds
Your blessings with other birds of the air, in her heart.

So, Mickey, we gather to honor you May the future years find us as we
With this lasting memorial, tried and true. live



So willing to sing, so willing to give.
May our friends find courage and joy and cheer
As we practice the lesson you teach us here!

Nellie Hodgson Olds

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NOTICES OF THE CALIFORNIA AUDUBON SOCIETY, INC.



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February 9th, 1939, at 7:30 p.m., in the Los Angeles Central Library, 5th and Grand Streets, Los Angeles, there will be an illustrated lecture by C. A. Harwell, Nature Guide of the Yosemite National Park, on "Recording Bird Songs in Yosemite National Park" -- 150 to 200 new Kodachrome slides will be shown and Mr. Harwell will whistle bird calls in his masterful way. On February 4th, 1939, at 10:45 a.m., Mr. Harwell will be on our program over KEHE.

Field study of wild birds -- Fern Dell -- Griffith Park -- the "4th Saturday" February 25th, 1939, -- 8:30 a.m., to 10 a.m.

Junior Audubon Bird Club of the Air -- Saturdays, 10:45 a.m. over radio station KEHE. Audubon Whistlers under the direction of Mrs. Bertha Caroline Stockwell -- Listen in!

OUR FISH EATING BIRDS

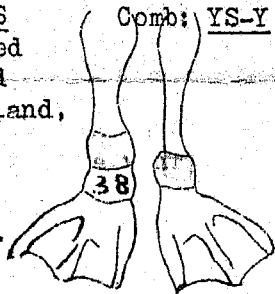
The Audubon Societies have long regretted that the White Pelican is not protected in California because it is supposed to eat fish, which men want to catch. Yes, these fishermen like to eat these fish and they are not willing to let the Pelicans have any of them. But do these large birds eat the fish the men like? That question will be answered by the State Audubon in a leaflet they are expecting to soon issue, hoping that by its wide distribution, by talks over the radio, and in other ways, we may educate the public as to the beauty and value of our Pelicans, and other fish-eating birds, to the end that better protection may be given them.

We understand that the Fish and Game Commission have refused to restock Lake Elsinore so long as there are White Pelicans on its waters. We also understand that these waters are alive with Carp, a fish unfit for food, and a fish that would destroy game fish, if put there. Does it not seem reasonable that the Pelicans are eating these Carp, and thereby helping rid the Lake of these pests? There are said to be about 1000 of these great birds that visit this Lake. Have not the people who enjoy seeing them some rights, as well as fishermen? Let us all work for an educational campaign to the end that the food-habits of the White Pelican may be better known, and these interesting birds given protection.

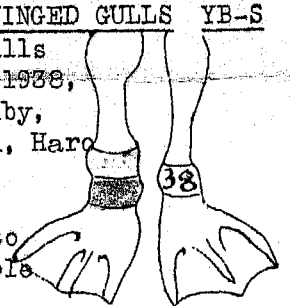
Harriet Williams Myers

"LET US BAND TOGETHER"

GLAUCOUS-WINGED GULLS
85 young gulls banded
Aug. 15, 1938, by Theed
Pearse, Mittenatch Island,
Gulf of Georgia, B.C.
report
observations to G. D.
Sprot, Cobble Hill, B.C.



GLAUCOUS-WINGED GULLS Comb: YB-S
149 young gulls
banded Aug. 2, 1938,
by Dennis Ashby,
Yellow Island, Haro
Straits, B.C.
report
Observations to
G.D.Sprot, Cobble
Hill, B.C.



Notes:

1. During 1938 and 1939 all these young gulls will have mottled-gray plumage.
2. It is not necessary to capture the gulls or to identify the species. Merely observe carefully the color combination.
3. The numeral 38 indicates the numbered aluminum Survey band. If a bird is found dead, send this band to the Biol. Survey, Washington, D. C.

GLAUCOUS-WINGED GULLS Comb: YS-B
'75 young gulls banded Aug.
'3, 1938, by Kenneth Alexander
'East Bay, Gambier, Island,
'B.C.
report
'observations to G. D. Sprot
'Cobble Hill, B. C.

