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WELCOME, MR. HARWELL !

Charles Albert Harwell, who has served as park naturalist at Yosemite National Park for the past eleven years, has been appointed California representative of the National Audubon Society. His new work is to begin November 1. It has been made possible by a bequest of \$150,000 to the National Society from Mrs. Regula Albertus, of San Rafael, Marin County, California.

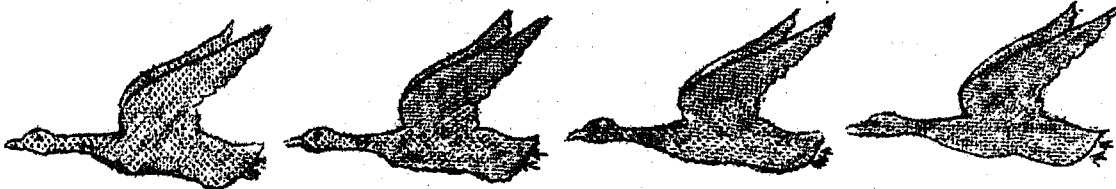
Mr. Harwell's new duties will include the organizing of Audubon societies in cities and towns in the state where none now exist; coordinating the work of existing Audubon units; promoting the organization of Junior Audubon Clubs; lecturing and radio programs, and furthering the conservation and protection of wild birds and animals in accordance with policies of the National Society. He will also organize and conduct Audubon Wildlife Tours similar to those which the National Society has promoted elsewhere, and Mr. John H. Baker, executive director of the National Society, says it is their hope that land and buildings may be made available in California for an Audubon Nature Camp, modeled after one which the society has operated for the past five years in Muscongus Bay, Maine, "We hope to establish such a camp," says Mr. Baker, "not later than the summer of 1942."

Other work of the California program will include cooperation with state officials in the enactment of legislation and the drafting of regulations favorable to the preservation of wild life, Mr. Baker says.

Mr. Harwell, a native Californian, was educated in the schools of the state and was graduated from the University of California in 1914, later receiving his master's degree there after graduate study at Columbia and Leland Stanford Universities. He served as principal in the Berkeley schools until 1929, when his outstanding work in nature education brought him to the attention of the National Park Service which offered him the position of park naturalist at Yosemite.

As park naturalist, Mr. Harwell directed the museum and the Yosemite School of Field Natural History, which each summer trains twenty college graduates for naturalist positions with the National Park Service. He also inaugurated a junior nature school at Yosemite which has served as a pattern for similar schools in other large national parks.

The Los Angeles Audubon Society welcomes Mr. Harwell as a friend and co-worker and assures him of its cooperation in his new undertaking.



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Membership Dues

Annual, \$1.25; payable in October, de-
linquent in December. Life, \$10.00
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SUNDAY MORNING BIRD WALK. Nov. 10,
9 a.m. Leader, Mr. Arthur L. Berry,
540 Ferris St., Los Angeles. Vicinity
of Anaheim Landing. Those going by
bus from Los Angeles will leave bus at
edge of city limits of Seal Beach. Meet
at south end of fish market. Subject,
Shore Birds.

DUES. If your dues for 1940-41 are not
paid, will you not save the Treasurer
the time and expense of notifying you
they are due now? Your cooperation
will be appreciated.

TEXT BOOK ON BIRDS. The Society has
obtained a Sales Permit, enabling it to
sell Hoffman's "Birds of the Pacific
States" to its members at a reduced
price. See Miss Greely or Mrs. Wait.

NOVEMBER MEETINGS

Nov. 7, Field Day. Whittier Woodland Park and adjacent territory, dedicated by the
California Audubon and affiliated societies Nov. 2, 1939, as the San Gabriel River
Bird Sanctuary. A bird paradise. Tanner Motor Bus leaves 544 South
Hill Street, Los Angeles, 8 a.m., returning at approximately 4 p.m.
Fare, 65¢ round trip. Make bus reservation promptly with Mrs. Jesse L.
Morain, 1041 S. Granercy Dr., Los Angeles, Parkway 0339. Take own
lunch. Those driving, turn east on Syphon Road, off Durfee. Our bus
driver, Mr. E. D. Richards, 2714 W. Avenue 34, will display some forty
Dalecraft articles, suitable for gifts. He is giving the society a
generous percentage of his receipts.



Nov. 14, Board Meeting. State Building, Exposition Park, 10 a.m.

Nov. 14, Program Meeting. State Building, Exposition Park, 2 p.m. Miss Ruby
Curry will show colored motion pictures of the mountains and ocean, with some of
their birds and wildflowers. Mr. W. A. Kent will speak on "Where Some of Our
Winter Birds Nest." Guests welcome. Let every member bring a friend.

Nov. 29, Study Classes. Plummer Park, 7377 Santa Monica Blvd. or 1156 N. Vista.

9:30 a.m. Botany. Leader, Miss Isabell Ames. Subject: "A study of wild
shrubs and their fruits; also, Christmas trees and berries."
10:40 a.m. Birds. Leader, Miss Ruby Curry. Subject: "Relationship of birds
to their environment." Bring your text book!

JUST AHEAD!

Cooperation with Mr. Harwell's California program...Every possible assistance to
the California Audubon Society in the development of Bird Sanctuaries...The il-
lustrated lecture course to be given by Mrs. Hood (See enclosure)...Hostesses at
the Los Angeles Museum Bird Exhibit (Ask Mrs. Shearer)...Every member the owner
of our text book, "Birds of the Pacific States," - Hoffman.....

A DELIGHTFUL FIELD DAY. This year's first field day was an outstanding success. With the gracious permission of Mrs. M. H. Adamson, 83 of us spent a delightful day roaming through her beautiful Malibu Beach estate, filled with rare shrubs and flowers. We listed 72 species of birds, the highest number listed for one day's birding. Among the less common species were Red-backed Sandpipers, Caspian Terns, Anthony's Green Herons, Heermann's Gulls and Northern Phalaropes. Mrs. Adamson, through her love of birds, has made her spacious acres a real sanctuary in which, because of its location, nearly every species of our land and water birds find a natural habitat for at least part of each year, - many of them all year. How fortunate, these birds, to have such a fine friend.

-----Mrs. Caroline H. Daugherty

THE INDOOR MEETING. At the indoor meeting October 17, the announced speaker, Mr. Gordon Philp, was unable to be present, but he sent a number of exceptionally interesting bird slides, to which Mrs. Mary V. Hood added some of her own to show bird habitats from valley to mountain top. Then, with Mrs. Hood at the projector, Mrs. Stultz commenting on the pictures, and Lorenz Perez whistling bird calls and songs with remarkable accuracy and exquisite beauty, it was truly an enjoyable afternoon. As a prologue, Mrs. W. L. Humphreys told of "bird pursuits" seen along the way to Crater Lake, - an Anthony's Green Heron being pursued by a blackbird, a Sparrow Hawk by Barn Swallows, two Blue Herons by one lone Redwing, a Duck Hawk by a number of Anna's Hummingbirds. The "thrill" of her trip was a flock of Bobolinks in full summer plumage in Oregon. -- Mrs. George L. Beach told a charming story of bird observation by her five-year-old grandson.

BIRDING IN YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK. Bird thrills while visiting Yellowstone in July. My first time to see a Bald Eagle. He was sitting on the top limb of a dead tree on the bank of Snake River, probably on watch for a fish dinner. Rarely seen through Yellowstone country. An Osprey carrying a fish, its grip adjusted, one foot in front of the other, so that the fish carried end on, to minimize air resistance. Again, Osprey on nests on both sides of the Canyon. Barrow's Golden-eye Ducks on all lakes and rivers. The beautiful rose-red and gray Rocky Mountain Pine Grosbeak feeding on pine cones, keeping up a cheery twittering all the while. Five Western Evening Grosbeak within a few feet of me. The Rocky Mountain, or Canada Jay ("Whiskey Jack"), as quiet as our Jay is noisy. The beautiful Eastern Kingbird, the Catbird with its mowing call, a Black-billed Magpie and a Bobolink.

Now the really big thrills: Five Canada Geese with nine goslings; two Trumpeter Swan and their gray cygnet; seven Sandhill Crane and four half-grown young, and again, two adults and two young. My complete bird list within the Park numbered 96 species; for the entire trip, 124 species.

Our "theme-bird" was that little wanderer of the wastelands, the Rock Wren. There were several pairs with half-grown young on huge boulders on a hot slope near Mammoth in the Park. In Zion Canyon, in a dry stream bed where a thin trickle of water was showing among the hot rocks, a wee bird flew down, sang a few notes, grabbed a caterpillar from a dried willow and was gone. At Boulder Dam, in the heat of noonday, I looked down on those hot rock walls and suddenly up bounced a Rock Wren, bobbed a time or two and was gone. What brave little fellows, and how cheery they are about this business of living out yonder among their rocks.

-----Mrs. Caroline H. Daugherty.



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NOVEMBER MEETINGS

Thursday, Nov. 14, 7:30 P.M., in the auditorium at Plummer Park, 7377 Santa Monica Blvd., Hollywood. Mr. Bert Harwell, state representative of the National Audubon Society and former Park Naturalist of Yosemite, will speak on "The Program of the National Audubon Society in California." Mrs. Harriet Williams Myers will recount experiences as a delegate to the National Audubon Society annual meeting. Motion pictures will be shown.

Saturday, Nov. 23, 8:00 to 10:30 A.M. Field Day at Fern Dell, Western Ave. entrance to Griffith Park. Everybody is welcome to join the leader on these walks.

BIRD'S EYE VIEW OF SANCTUARIES

Several months ago Mrs. Mary V. Hood suggested posting city parks as Bird Sanctuaries. With the help and cooperation of the Park Department, seven parks were dedicated Sept. 17, 1940, by the California Audubon and affiliated societies. Those officiating were: Mrs. Harriet Williams Myers, president, California Audubon Society; Miss Laura Greely, president, Los Angeles Audubon Society; Mrs. Alma W. Mason, president, Southwest Bird Study Club; Miss Effie Gaylor, president, Pasadena Audubon Society; Mrs. Mary V. Hood, Mrs. Maud Murphy, Mr. W. A. Kent and Mrs. O.M. Stultz.

The superintendents of the various parks had everything in readiness and greeted the committee and members. Swans at Hollenbeck Park attested their interest as Mrs. Hood placed the first sign with appropriate remarks. When Mrs. Murphy dedicated Lincoln Park, the Swans hugging the shore there for a closeup of the ceremonies were joined by a Baldpate. An Anna's Hummingbird flashed color among the flowers as Mrs. Myers recounted early bird history at Sycamore Grove. At Elysian Park a California Towhee stopped scratching among the leaves long enough to hear Miss Gaylor's colorful story of the park in "Tally-ho days." Piedbilled Grebes, Coots and Mallards inspected the sign rising above the waterlilies in Echo Park as Mrs. Mason voiced the desire we all have for the protection of our birds. At Westlake the entire bird population seemed to gather near the boathouse to give approval to Mr. Kent's dedication. In the late afternoon the birds at Exposition Park seemed to be watching for our arrival. A number of Brewer's Blackbirds advanced across the lawn with evident curiosity, coming closer and closer, and a Killdeer called from the Rose Garden as Miss Greely completed the ceremonies. We may safely assume that the birds approve our action.

At Exposition Park Mr. R. E. Bullard, Supervisor of Park Maintenance, gave an address outlining some of the plans of the Park Department to promote bird life by planting food trees and shrubs. Rustic shelters will contain lists of birds found in each park.

An account of the dedications in Ed Ainsworth's column (Los Angeles Times, Sept. 17, 1940) attracted the attention of "Mickey Bishop," a canary bird living at the Ambassador Hotel, and he made a generous offer to install fountains in the parks. Mickey, a handsome blond gentleman with dark wings, is quite a personage. He belongs to the Red Cross, the Willkie Club and the National, California and Los Angeles Audubon Societies. He has his own check-book, stationery and scrap book, and he provides a bed at the Union Rescue Mission. Mickey wears his Audubon buttons on a ribbon tied to his cage. His beautiful song reveals a happy heart.

Mrs. O. M. Stultz, Chairman, Sanctuary
Committee California Audubon Society.

THE LOS ANGELES AUDUBON SOCIETY

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The lectures are designed to assist Leaders of Scout, Campfire and similar organizations in their Nature work.

The lectures will be wide in scope, non-technical and we hope above all entertaining in themselves.

Accompanying each lecture will be an exhibit of specimens common to the region under discussion.

- NO. I. HIGHLIGHTS OF 1940 HIGH SIERRA TRIP.....NOVEMBER 19th, 7:30 P.M.
Mt. Dana, Devil's Post Pile and Mount Whitney with pictures of flowers, birds and trees apt to be seen during a summer vacation.
- NO. II. BOULDER DAM..... DECEMBER 3rd, at 7:30 P.M.
Flora of the Southwest Deserts - Borago - Valley of Fire - Boulder Dam - and a trip up the Grand Canyon of the Colorado by boat.
- NO. III. DEATH VALLEY..... DECEMBER 17th, at 7:30 P.M.
From the Cajon Pass to Death Valley including Titus Canyon and a trip to the summit of Telescope Peak with pictures of the exceptional flower display of last spring.
- NO. IV. SIERRA NEVADA SLOPE..... JANUARY 7:30 P.M.
From Bakersfield to Owens Lake and up to Whitney's (el. 14,050 ft.) summit - Particular attention to the three and five needle Pines and as usual flowers and birds of the region.
- NO. V. YOSEMITE..... JANUARY 7:30 P.M.
The outstanding points of interest of this well known valley will be used as background for a talk on shrubs, flowers and conifers not mentioned in NO. IV.
- NO. VI. SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WILDFLOWER FAVORITES..... FEBRUARY 7:30 P.M.
With particular mention of the many plants used by the Indians and early Californians.

TICKETS may be obtained at the door or from Miss Ruby Curry, 336 West 46th Street, Los Angeles, ADAMS 8774, also available at all Audubon Meetings.
Single Tickets 20 cents, or six for \$1.00

PROCEEDS of the lectures will be used by our Speakers Bureau for necessary equipment.

For further details phone Mrs. Hood, Hempstead 0974.

THE LOS ANGELES AUDUBON WILL BE HAPPY TO ARRANGE FOR AN EXTENSION OF THESE LECTURES IF THE RESPONSE WARRANTS THEM. THEREFORE WE URGE YOU TO JOIN IN MAKING THIS NEW VENTURE THE SUCCESS IT DESERVES TO BE.

Miss Laura Greeley - President

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