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We have a treat in prospect for our November 13th meeting. Fred Sibley will tell us about the California Condor and the efforts that are being made to save them from extinction, and will show a film that will give us a picture of their habitat. Mr. Sibley is now the Director-Biologist at the Point Reyes Bird Observatory. Until his appointment here, he was with the Endangered Wildlife Research Program of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Our Secretary, Dorothy Ratcliff, has volunteered to supply some light refreshments to follow the meeting.

Better plan to come out. It should be most interesting. We'll meet at the usual place, Darwin Hall 112 at Sonoma State College.

If you missed our October meeting you missed a very interesting talk by Dr. "Mike" Parmeter on his involvement in a bird census at the Big Bend National Park this fall. (And we were grateful to Dr. Arnold for the refreshments he was able to supply on an emergency basis!)

The Annual RROS fall OFF-SHORE trip aboard George Summer's "Finback" was held on Sat. Oct. 11th. The day started with threatening high winds which gradually subsided, leaving sunshine and smooth water by noon. None of our ten birders got sea sick! Despite the good conditions birding was below hopes with several regular birds not being seen (Black-footed Albatross, Fulmar, New Zealand Shearwater). The species seen included: Artic Loon, Red-Necked Grebe, Pink-Footed Shearwater, Sooty Shearwater, Ashy Petrel(1), both Pelicans, all three cormorants, several species of ducks, Common Murre, Pigeon Guillemot, Cassin's Auklet, Rhinoceros Auklet, Red Phalarope, and a few Jaegers (probably Pomarine).

Mike Parmeter

Some recent sightings have set some sort of a record.

Gordon Bolander has had both Red Crossbills and Evening Grosbeaks about his home at Timber Hill recently.

A Sharp-Tailed Sandpiper, at least one, and possibly two birds, have been at the SE Corner of Bodega Lagoon by several observers during the past three weeks.

Tropical Kingbird: a single bird was seen in the town of Bodega Bay on Oct. 24th, and on a couple of occasions subsequently. This is a rare Mexican species which occasionally wanders north along the California Coast in the fall.

Baron McLean and Mike Parmeter traveled to Monterey for an Off-Shore trip on Oct. 25th. The high point of the trip was a flock of an estimated 8,000-12,000 Petrels. It included Ashy, Black, Fork-Tailed, Leach's, and Wilson's Petrels. This is thought to be one of the largest concentrations of Petrels seen on the West Coast.

FOR OUR TENTH YEAR!!! For Sunday December 21st! The Santa Rosa Christmas Bird Count! Twenty teams and 49 birders are getting ready to top our last year's best-record-to-date! If it is here, we expect it will be seen! We wind up at Mike Parmeter's social and refreshment hour in time to get the reports in from every team at 8 p.m.

See, write, or telephone Compiler Baron McLean with any suggestions or questions. Let's make 1969 our BEST YEAR YET!

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We still need a Program Chairman! Won't someone PLEASE volunteer? If you aren't able to take the rest of this season, won't you take the program for one month? Step right up--the line forms at the left of President Leveque. (And his phone is 542-8946).

If you have been reading the newspapers you must know that the Point Reyes National Seashore is about set to be sent down the drain. Less than half of the authorized acreage has been acquired--and private developers almost have their hands on the balance! Write a personal letter to your Congressman, Senator, or Someone! telling them we need their help to raise the \$38,000,000 necessary to acquire this land.

Write to:

1. President Nixon, the White House, Washington, D. C. 20510
2. Senator Alan Bible, Chairman Senate Interior National Parks Subcommittee, Senate Office Bldg., Washington, D. C.
3. Senator George Murphy, Senate Office Bldg., Washington, D. C.
4. Governor Ronald Reagan, Executive Office, Sacramento, Calif. 95814
5. Congressman Wayne Aspinwall, Chairman, House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, House Office Bldg., Washington, D. C. 20515
(Our thanks to Ernestine Smith for the addresses)

Yes, there will probably be a Field Trip in November--maybe to Greylodge Wildlife Refuge, in the Sacramento Valley, near Gridley--if enough enthusiasm is generated, and if reservations can be obtained. Come to the meeting November 13 if you are interested and want more information.

P.R.S.

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