THE EARLY BIRD NOT ONLY CATCHES THE WORM——
——HE ALSO BECOMES A CHARTER MEMBER!

Those who joined at our organizational meeting January 17, and those who join on Feb.
16, will be considered Charter Members of the Madrone Audubon Society. Checks payable to National Audubon Society should be given to Treasurer, Al Hunt. Basic classes of members are:

- Regular (individual) . . . . $8.50
- Family . . . . . . . . . . . 12.50

For information on other membership classifications please contact the Treasurer.

Charter Members of this Branch will also be anyone who is currently a member of National Audubon and wishes to affiliate with this branch when his National dues are next payable.

PLEASE notify any of the officers by Feb. 16 if you intend to become an affiliate member this year.

FEBRUARY 16, 1967 ———— MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!

Our next meeting will be February 16, 7:30 p.m. at the Coddington Natural History Museum, 557 Summerfield Rd., Santa Rosa. Constitution and By-Laws will be submitted to the membership for approval.

Slides of local birds and flowers will be presented by Mrs. Merrel Ackley of St. Helena. "Excellent" is the report from those already having enjoyed a presentation by Mrs. Ackley.

FEBRUARY 18, 1967 ———— SAVE THIS DATE!

A Field Trip to Howarth Park is planned for Feb. 18 under the leadership of the Chairmen —— Joel Horstein and Wayne Waters. Details will be announced at our meeting February 16.

OBSERVATIONS * * * * * * *

We would like to have an Observations column, so keep your eyes open and report the various birds you observe, the date observed, and the place observed to your Editor, Deyse Harper, 2310 Northwood Dr., Santa Rosa, 95404, or phone 546-8350.
GET ACQUAINTED WITH YOUR OFFICERS!

President... Evalyn Bowen... 546-7492
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Recording Secretary... Gene Personett... 545-3986
Corresponding Secretary... Deyea Harper... 546-8350
Treasurer... Al Hunt... 546-9307

GET ACQUAINTED WITH YOUR COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN!

Membership... Marylyn Rice... 542-2102
Program... Baron McLean... 545-0831
Field Trips... Joel Hornstein... 546-5515
and... Wayne Waters
Social... Mary Personett... 545-3986
Conservation... Tom Olds (Glen Ellen)... 996-1461
Publicity... Fern Hall (Sonoma)... 838-8239
Nominating... to be announced

Get in on the "ACTION"! Call and volunteer your talents to the Committee Chairmen now!

From "The Observer", A Publication of the Sacramento Audubon Society:

TO BELIEVE, COLLECT?

It has come to my attention that in the tallying session following Count Day some compilers refused to accept unusual species for their tallies—which is their privilege. However, the next morning the scoffers of the night before were seen headed back into the area (a National Park!) with collecting guns.

Collecting permits have served to provide science institutions with samples for study. Have we not progressed to the point of accepting observations without needing to collect the rare ones which have strayed from normal flight paths?

Honestly now, are they collecting rare species for scientific information or for their own satisfaction? So they shoot it and the label gives them credit; who is to say the label isn't faked? The same could be said of "recognizable" pictures but at least the creature lives and others have a chance to enjoy it, too.

Must you collect to believe? Will anyone join me in saying STOP IT!

Betty Kimball, protestor

The monthly deadline for submitting reports for Madrone Leaves will be the 5th of every month. Please take the initiative in calling your editor with reports, suggestions, criticism, etc.