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IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The Sierra Club weekly Sunday afternoon walk in the Hipomo Sand Dunes moved to a new time schedule on Sunday August 2nd. During August and September the walks will meet at 3:00 p.m. at the accustomed place, corner of Highway One and Oso Flaco Lake Road, which is 13 miles south of Pismo Beach.

Last Sunday two new natural science discoveries were made during the walk. The slide-hop indentation of a kangaroo rat's tracks were followed into a brushy covert; and a Willow Woodpecker was heard for the first time. The sand dune flower population is always changing. Most of the evening primroses and Bright Blue Phlox have passed their prime, but the vivid red-orange of sedum, often called Hen-and-Chickens, is now coming out in full bloom. Many tracks of gray fox were seen last Sunday, also. The distinctive purple mint, which grows nowhere else in the world is still in profuse flower.

Guests on Sundays walk came from Santa Barbara, Santa Maria and San Luis Obispo.

Sierra Club

Next ~~Sunday~~ walk in this series called "Sunday in the Sand Dunes" will be Sunday August 8, 3:00 p.m. Corner Highway One and Oso Flaco Lake Road. ~~Leaser~~ Sierra Club leaders will be Mrs. Lydia Hammond, 246 19th St., Paso Robles, 238-3099, assisted by naturalist Ralph Baker of Shell Beach who will particularly identify birds of the sand dunes.

Mr. Baker accompanied the group on August 2nd and called their attention to an unusual and spectacular migration of shore birds, the Sooty Shearwater: MILLIONS spread in a long line the entire length of the beach as far as the eye could see in both direc-