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RE: Guadalupe Dunes: avifauna

Dear Dr. Roest:

In a way I was surprised that Morro Coast Audubon forwarded the enclosed to me. Avifauna is not my field in any sense of the word. On the other hand, I believe it must have been felt that due to my fifteen years of efforts toward protection and preservation of the sand dune areas here on the south coast, perhaps I had contacts that might help Linda Hamel of UCSB.

One of my good contacts is Dr. Aryan Roest! --because you were so helpful with your knowledge of the dune wildlife when Cal Poly student Ed Chamberlin and his team called The Cal Poly Group were doing their study some years back. When Ed left the county to take a job in Colorado he gave me his whole trunkful of fact-papers ... and I have used a number of times the map you helped him fix up accurately with graded zones of wildlife significance.

You may have students who have more recently been in the Guadalupe Dunes and made sightings.

I have already referred Linda Hamel to the report done by Kent Smith, entitled "The Natural Resources of the Nipomo Dunes and Wetlands," published in 1976. I note with pleasure that each of the bird species Lina asks about is listed as having been sighted in the Guadalupe Dunes ... well, I mean "in the Nipomo Dunes and wetlands," which includes the area from Pismo State Beach to Mussel Rock, or beyond to Pt. Sal.

"The Coastal Wetlands of Northern Santa Barbara County," published in May 1976, does not extend its study area any further north than Pt. Sal, so this publication is not of much use to Linda Hamel's study.

I have told Linda I am seeking your help for her work. She is certainly to be commended on working up to a recommendation to the State Department of Parks and Recreation that the Guadalupe Dunes south of the Santa Maria River be included in the Park System as a nature preserve. Down there at Mussel Rock are the highest dunes in California, as you know, 500' elevation, and the recreation vehicles are tearing off, bit by bit, all the vegetation in a wider and wider area. They just love the challenge of those steep slopes for their infernal machines.

Maybe your secretary could send me a carbon copy of your reply to Linda Hamel, so I will be brought up to date on any sightings of which you may be aware.

