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The birds of Oceano Lagoon at Pismo State Beach will be identified by Sierra Club outing leader Ralph Baker of Shell Beach during an easy afternoon walk on Sunday, March 13, to which the public is invited. The leisurely excursion will be about three miles round trip.

Mr. Baker was formerly instructor in natural sciences at Marysville College, California; birds have been a particular interest of his for many years.

Guest pilot of the walk will be State Park Ranger Al Ulm, who will point out the dunes' stabilization program of the Pismo State Beach staff, under supervision of Park Supervisor Ray Westberg. Investment of public funds in campgrounds close to the beach along the California coast requires judicious planting for the control of the natural movement of certain sand dune areas. Similar stabilization planting is carried out at other beach parks.

The Sunday afternoon excursion is suitable for families; children are welcome. This walk is part of the Sierra Club outing series, Sundays-in-the-Sand-Dunes, started last year, and continued in response to popular demand, following publication of Sunset Magazine's February article on the attractions of Pismo Beach. Purpose of the series is to invite acquaintance with the many types of recreation and outdoor values ^{scenic + scientific or natural science} in the Oceano Dunes.

Meeting time is 2:00 p.m. at the entrance of Oceano Campground of Pismo State Beach, approximately three miles south of Pismo Beach.

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Guest pilot of the walk will be State Park Ranger Al Ulm, who will point out to the group the dunes stabilization program of Pismo State Beach staff, under supervision of Park Supervisor Ray Westberg. The considerable investment of public funds in campground facilities equipment requires a program of blowing sand control. Such programs are carried out at Oceano Campground, Carpinteria Beach Campground in Santa Barbara county and at other points along the coast. Popularity of campgrounds close to the beach thus creates a problem, which is being handled by judicious planting of ground covers and the encouragement of native shrubbery to deter or control the natural movement of certain sand dune areas.

In the lagoon area of Oceano Campground the natural thickets of native willow and Wax Myrtle trees foster a habitat for abundant birdlife. Outing leader Ralph Baker was formerly instructor in natural sciences at Marysville College, California; birds have been a particular interest of his for many years.

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