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MARCH MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the RROS will be held on Thursday, the 13th, in Room 112 of the Charles Darwin Hall of Science at Sonoma State College. The meeting will convene at 8:00 PM.

Our speaker will be Dr. Benj. Parmeter, who will present a companion talk to that of Dr. Arnold. 'Mike' will tell us of the birds in the state of Oaxaca where Dr. Arnold did his collecting of the mammals we heard about in January.

MARCH FIELD TRIP

Because of a conflict in schedules, the field trip which was originally slated for Tubb's Island has been shifted to good old Bodega Bay and its environs. The group will assemble at 9:00 AM near the motel at the entrance to Doran Park. This will be on next Saturday, March 14. Jack Guggolz will lead.

NATTKEMPER'S PICTURES A HIT

The RROS thoroughly enjoyed a very unique presentation of some wonderful photography as Clark Nattkemper displayed his fine work from a trip in Europe. We are fortunate to share the results of some hard work by this gifted man.

A CHANCE TO GO OFF-SHORE

'Mike' Parmeter has arranged for an off-shore birding trip by boat from Bodega Bay to be held on Saturday, April 19. Participants will be viewing at close hand the thousands of northward bound migrants (many in breeding dress) which pass by our coast each year but beyond our usual scope of observation. Those in their spring finery will prove to be quite different in appearance from the drab individuals we find from time to time at in-shore locations throughout the winter.

Space aboard is limited and reservations will go to the earliest applicants. The fee will be \$10.00 with a refund in proportion to receipts over the minimal guarantee. Contact Dr. Parmeter at 360 School St., Cotati, 94928. Telephone 795-5735

FEBRUARY FIELD TRIP

The attendance was light but the birding was good despite cloudy skies and some showers. The sighting of a Pigeon Hawk as it made an unsuccessful raid on a group of juncos resulted in the addition of still another species to the RROS trip records. We have now seen 258 species. 68 species were tallied on this trip. Wood Duck, Lewis Woodpecker, and White-throated Sparrow were other highlights.

BOHEMIAN WAXWINGS IN SANTA ROSA

This winter has provided several unusual opportunities for local birders. Not the least of these has been the presence of a group of Bohemian Waxwings. The small flock has remained in the area east of Santa Rosa through the season and many local observers have had their very first sightings of this handsome bird. They are intermingled with the smaller Cedar Waxwings and seem to fit in quite smoothly with that species. Their larger size, grayer coloration, and rusty under-tail coverts make them easy to pick out when the birds are at rest. They are first noticed because of the different quality of their call notes, however. At the time of this issue the flock is still present and might be located in the general area of lower Rincon Valley as long as the food supply holds up.

TRUMPETER SWANS RETURN TO THE LAGOON

Four of these great birds have been in the flooded area just north of Guerneville Road at the Laguna de Santa Rosa since March 4. Those which were here last year had left by that date so these, while they are still here (March 10), may depart at any time.

BANDING CLINICS AT PRBO

Point Reyes Bird Observatory is pleased to announce two series of banding clinics beginning March 15 and April 5 for those interested in participating in the PRBO program.

PRBO's primary purpose is to study birds; their ecology, population dynamics, and the impact of man's activities on their natural environment. The underlying aim of PRBO is, of course, to supply information to aid and support general conservation efforts.

Volunteer help has been invaluable as an aid to the entire Observatory program. Capturing and banding birds and the associated record keeping is the heart of the Observatory activity and has been accomplished largely by volunteer help. No previous knowledge of bird identification or banding is necessary. The opportunity to learn more about birds while contributing to our knowledge, and thus advance conservation efforts, generally, is open to all interested people.

The first banding clinic will be on Saturdays March 15-22-29. The second series will be held on April 5-12-19.

These sessions will concentrate on general netting and banding techniques in the general vicinity of the Observatory, and are a must for those interested in participating in the Observatory program. The sessions will be conducted by Dr. L.R. Mewaldt, Mr. John Ralph, and Mr. Robert Stewart. Each clinic will begin at 9A.M. and continue until about 3:30 P.M.

If you are interested in participating in the Observatory program in this manner, write for further information to:

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