

KITE TALES

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APRIL MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the RROS will be held at 8 P.M. on Thursday, the tenth, in Room 112 of the Charles Darwin Hall of Science at Sonoma State College, Rohnert Park.

Our featured speaker will be John Smail of the Point Reyes Bird Observatory. Mr. Smail will relate to us the remarkable happenings on the Farallone Islands during the year 1968. It should be exceedingly interesting to hear a first hand account of what was probably the most concentrated set of unexpected records in the history of California birding.

APRIL FIELD TRIP

A return to the Laguna de Santa Rosa will be made on Sunday, April 20. Gordon Bolander will lead. Good birding is assured, although no indications are at hand to indicate the presence of anything out of the ordinary. The group will leave from the junction of Willowside and Hall Roads at 8:30 AM. (West on College Avenue to Fulton Road, south across the flood control ditch to Hall Road, thence west to Willowside) Earlier starters are welcome at the Bolanders' on Timber Hill off Guerneville Hiway. (1650 Timber Hill Rd.)

SPECIAL APRIL TRIP OFFSHORE

There are only eight spots left aboard the "SEA ANGLER" for the trip out of Bodega Bay on April 19. Don't be left behind. Prepaid reservations must be made through Dr. Parmeter, 360 School Street, Cotati, 94928. Phone 795-5735. The fee is \$10, but a full boat will result in a reduction to \$7.50. Participants can increase the chance of close-up viewing of some of the species by bringing along suet and fat scraps from the butcher shop. Cut into two or three inch cubes, the bait has made it possible on previous trips to actually haul Black-footed Albatross aboard in dip nets! The concentration of feeding birds serves to attract others which might otherwise pass unnoticed. Full details concerning the trip will be sent to all of the applicants.

FROM THE MARCH MEETING

Our thanks to Dr. Benj. 'Mike' Parmeter for his excellent presentation on the birds of the Oaxaca area in Mexico. It is nice for those of us who aren't privileged to make the actual trip to gain such a clear picture of the region as was made possible through the fine deliveries of 'Mike' and Dr. Arnold, who earlier entertained us with an account of the mammals in the same area.

MARCH FIELD TRIP

A good turn-out was on hand March 14 for the outing to Bodega Bay and nearby coastal areas. The birds turned out in good numbers, too, and the fine total of 94 species at the coast resulted. Several of the observers added enough species elsewhere to accumulate lists in excess of 110 for the day.

Common Loon	California Quail	Black Phoebe
Red-throated Loon	Virginia Rail	Say Phoebe
Horned Grebe	American Coot	Tree Swallow
Eared Grebe	Black Oystercatcher	Scrub Jay
Western Grebe	Semi-palmated Plover	Common Raven
Pied-billed Grebe	Snowy Plover	Common Bushtit
Double-crested Cormorant	Killdeer	Winter Wren
Brandt Cormorant	Black-bellied Plover	Bewick Wren
Pelagic Cormorant	Surfbird	Long-billed Marsh Wren
Great Blue Heron	Ruddy Turnstone	Robin
Snowy Egret	Black Turnstone	Hermit Thrush
Black-crowned Night Heron	Common Snipe	Western Bluebird
American Bittern	Wandering Tattler	Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Black Brant	Willet	Water Pipit
Mallard	Least Sandpiper	Loggerhead Shrike
Cinnamon Teal	Dunlin	Starling
American Wigeon	Western Sandpiper	Myrtle Warbler
Canvasback	Marbled Godwit	Audubon Warbler
Lesser Scaup	Sanderling	Townsend Warbler
Common Goldeneye	Glaucous-winged Gull	House Sparrow
Bufflehead	Western Gull	Western Meadowlark
White-winged Scoter	Herring Gull	Red-winged Blackbird
Burf Scoter	California Gull	Brewer Blackbird
Common Scoter	Ring-billed Gull	Brown-headed Cowbird
Ruddy Duck	Mew Gull	House Finch
Red-breasted Merganser	Common Murre	Brown Towhee
Turkey Vulture	Pigeon Guillemot	Savannah Sparrow
Red-tailed Hawk	Mourning Dove	Oregon Junco
Marginal Hawk	Anna Hummingbird	White-crowned Sparrow
Osprey	Allen Hummingbird	Fox Sparrow
Sparrow Hawk	Belted Kingfisher	Song Sparrow
	Red-shafted Flicker	

LIST I FORGET

Those delectable refreshments following the March meeting were provided by the McDuffees. We seem to be forever receiving the fruits of their fine hospitality! Thank you, Nell and Ray.

Due credit has not been given in several instances to those who have acted as the hosts to the refreshment sessions. Since your editor has not been able to attend regularly he has missed out on just who they were. I apologise and thank your anonymous generosity.

GLB