

KITE TALES

REDWOOD REGION ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY

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SANTA ROSA, CALIFORNIA

March 1970

MARCH MONTHLY MEETING

The regular meeting will be held on the second Thursday, March 12th, 1970. The special speaker will be Dr. Parmeter-speaking on "The People and Birds of Korea." In as much as Dr. Mike was in Korea for some time with our Military Forces he has a good background for such a subject, and it should be most interesting. Marianne Shepard has volunteered refreshments for a social hour following the meeting. Thanks, Marianne.

FEBRUARY FIELD TRIP.

The trip on February 21st to Thornton was a big success-both in the number of people attending (thanks to Dr. Arnold and his bus load of Sonoma State College students,) and in the number of birds seen. The weather was beautiful, and the State Ranger was waiting for us. A partial list of the birds includes:

Great Blue Heron	Canada Goose	White-fronted goose
Snow Goose	Mallard	Gadwall
American Widgeon	Green-winged Teal	Cinnamon Teal
Ruddy Duck	Shoveler	Bufflehead
Pintail	Turkey Vulture	White-tailed Kite
Red-tailed Hawk	California Quail	Sandhill Crane
Long-billed Curlew (a flock of 60+)	Greater Yellowlegs	American Avocet
Horned Lark	Gulls- 5 species	Burrowing Owl
Water Pipet	Tree Swallow	Long-billed Marsh Wren
Yellow Throat	Loggerhead Shrike	Audubon's Warbler
Savannah Sparrow	House Finch	Rufus-sided Towhee
Song Sparrow	Oregon Junco	White-Crowned Sparrow

MARCH FIELD TRIP

The Field Trip for March 21st will be "north from Jenner" - and you who have been up that way know what that means - plenty of birds. Meet at Jenner, in the curve at "Jenner-by-the-Sea," at 9:00 a.m., and we will go north from there, along the Coast, as long and as far as the weather and the participants agree. Lets Go!

APRIL AND MAY MEETINGS

We are still searching for program material for the April and May meetings! Volunteers or suggestions will be gratefully received.

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The regular meeting will be held on the second Thursday, April 9, 1970. Mr. Zumwalt of The Audubon Canyon Ranch, will speak on wild flowers of this area.

APRIL FIELD TRIP

NOW HEAR THIS! Off-shore trip to see Pelagic Birds

WHEN - April 19, 1970

WHERE - From Bodega Bay

HOW - Aboard George Sumner's "Finback" (Boat has been reserved.)

COST - \$10.00 For Adults - \$5.00 For Juniors

Reservations made through:

Mike Parmeter
360 School Street
Cotati 795-5735

Pay at time reservation is made; First come
First serve basis.
Letter of details to follow for all persons
making reservations.

Spring trips have usually seen Black-Footed Albatross, Sooty Shearwater, Ancient and Marbled Murrezet, Cassins and Rhinoceros Auklets, Jaegers, and many others!

TALK AT JUNIOR COLLEGE -

On April 3, 1970, Monty Kervin will speak at Santa Rosa J.C. on "Pesticides and Their Impact on Bird Reproduction". Mr. Kervin is a naturalist at the San Diego Museum of Natural History.

HEARING ON MARCH 31 CONCERNING DREDGING OF MOUTH OF RUSSIAN RIVER.

If you have not yet written to give your opinion on this planned development, do so soon.

Write to:

- (a) Sonoma County Board of Supervisors
- (b) Corp. of Engineers
100 McAllister Street
Santa Rosa, California

TEACH-IN AT SONOMA COUNTY FREE LIBRARY ON APRIL 22, 1970-

See attached program.

RECENT SIGHTINGS

Both Natalie Mestichin and Dr. Arnold had evening Grosbears
in their yards on 3/15/70

ATTACHED FIND REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

SANTA ROSA-SONOMA COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
presents a film program in the Forum Room

CRISIS OF THE ENVIRONMENT

April 22, 1970

9:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

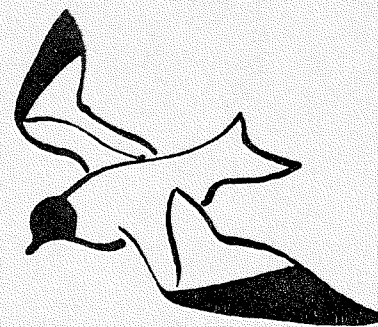
- 9:30 Water for the West
- 10:05 Upland Game Birds of California
- 10:23 Conquest of Giants
- 10:54 Water Bill, U.S.A.
- 11:16 Wealth of the Wasteland
- 11:48 Chaparral Elfin Forest
- 12:10 Spawning Streams
- 12:35 A Matter of Attitudes
- 1:10 Wild Wings
- 1:50 Mud
- 2:12 A Place to Live
- 2:31 Tree Bank
- 2:49 Islands of Green
- 3:20 Water - Let's use it wisely
- 3:38 Viewpoint
- 4:08 Our Magic Land
- 4:29 Patterns of the Wild
- 5:02 Beargrass Creek
- 5:27 Don't Leave it to the Experts
- 5:48 Wilderness River Trail
- 6:21 Greatest Good
- 6:36 The Run Around
- 6:52 Wasted Woods
- 7:12 Pollution
- 7:25 Conservation in Sonoma County
slide program by Sherman Finch
Soil Conservation Service
- 8:05 Natural Resources of California
- 8:40 The Squeeze

RRDS PLAN FOR THE YEAR (Proposed by President-nominee Baron McLean)

- I. BOARD (Officers and Committees from Santa Rosa, Cotati, Petaluma, Novato, and Richmond-board caucuses after meetings; members welcome)
 - Baron McLean: Pres., monthly mtgs., board caucuses, Community representative.
 - Clarence Tucker: V-Pres., Observations recorder, Membership com. chmn.
 - Perry Shean: Cor. Sec., Meetings Display Chmn.
 - Dorothy Radcliffe (Mrs.): Rec. Sec., Minutes, Historian.
 - Merton Roberts: Treas., Dues, Funds.
 - Gordon Bolander: "Kite Tales" Editor, Publicity Chmn.
 - Mike Parmeter (Dr. Benj. D.): Programs, Action, Off-shore-trips, Club Bird Record, Chairmanships.
 - Jack Arnold (Dr. John R.): House, Refreshments, "Kite Tales" Production, Christmas Counts archives, Professional liaison.
 - Erma Schallert (Mrs. John P.): Welcoming meetings fellowship com. Chmn.
 - Dacia Patchett (Miss): Wildlife Films Series, cooperation with SARC.
 - Jack Guggolz: Field Trips Chmn.
- II. MEETINGS: Programs begin promptly at 8 p.m. in Darwin Hall, Sonoma State College, 2nd floor lab; students and others who cannot stay do not have to remain for business and fellowship. Refreshments at 9 p.m. with fellowship, business and observations informally. Board caucuses as necessary after business, same place, members welcome.
Meetings on 2nd Thursdays at 8 p.m., namely May 14, Sept. 20, Oct. 8, Nov. 12, Dec. 10, (1972) Jan. 14, Feb. 11, Mar. 11, April 15 (changed from 8 because of Holy Week/Vacation week), May 13.
- III. MEMBERSHIP & DUES: Individual Dues to remain at \$3. Juniors remain at 50¢ for those not under Family Plan. NEW (This constitutes notice to legally vote on By-Laws Change) FAMILY MEMBERSHIP at \$4.50 with no limit as to how many in a household could be covered. AND STUDENT (for High School and College or Graduate School persons, not otherwise covered in a Family Membership) \$1. All member households get Kite Tales. All Christmas Count guests get Kite Tales until the next Count. Others may subscribe at \$2.
- IV. FIELD TRIPS: Scheduled well in advance. Calendar for the year ready in September, subject to change as necessary. Information provided to members on trips of other groups who might welcome us.
- V. PARTICIPATION POLICY: Annual affiliation with National Audubon Society; Annual support of Point Reyes Bird Observatory. Cooperation of RRDS with Bay Area Christmas Counts, exhibits, etc. Support of Environment and Conservation groups and action as recommended by board or adopted by RRDS. All members urged to participate in some action monthly such as writing letters, attending meetings, personal conversations, and by financial support as possible above the small resources of RRDS. RRDS represented in civic meetings and affairs which would further our interest.
- VI. CHRISTMAS COUNT: Secure the fullest coverage of our traditional area -welcoming guest observers as needed, with prompt reports to Audubon Field Notes, and cooperation with area count groups.
- VII. HONOR OUR PAST PRESIDENTS, in a series of month by month biographies and achievements of the year. Begin in May honoring the McDuffees who will be leaving before September. Ray was our 3rd President, 1964-65. Then Gordon Bolander, Eric Spalding (deceased), John R. Arnold, Benjamin D. Parmeter, Jack Guggolz, Robert Failing, Peter Leveque.

Announcing...

A New Journal



CALIFORNIA BIRDS, a new quarterly journal devoted to field ornithology in California and the West, is soon to be published by California Field Ornithologists.

The journal will focus on subjects related to all aspects of field investigation, results of field observation and study, and problems of field identification. It will fill a long-felt need for a medium of communication between field ornithologists, one devoted solely to their interests.

The long-awaited first issue, now in press, will contain a complete, up-to-date list of the birds of California, the first since Grinnell and Miller; an article on identification of Common and Arctic Terns; and a discussion of the status of the American Redstart in California.

Membership in California Field Ornithologists is open to all and includes a subscription to CALIFORNIA BIRDS.

Classes of membership are as follows:

Patron.....	\$1000	Supporting Member....	\$20
Life Member.....	150	Contributing Member...	10
Regular Member.....	\$5		

The first issue will be mailed to you upon receipt of your membership.

Make checks payable to CALIFORNIA BIRDS and send to:
C. R. LYONS, 6424 Mt. Adelbert Dr., San Diego, California 92111.

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I wish to join California Field Ornithologists and receive the journal CALIFORNIA BIRDS.

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Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Check class of membership desired:

<input type="checkbox"/> Patron	\$1000
<input type="checkbox"/> Life	150
<input type="checkbox"/> Supporting	20
<input type="checkbox"/> Contributing	10
<input type="checkbox"/> Regular	5