

KITE TALES

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WE WELCOME WANDERING WOMEN WARBLER WATCHERS

The January meeting of the Redwood Region Ornithological Society will be held on Thursday, January 14 in Room 221 of the Charles Darwin Hall of Sciences at Sonoma State College. The program, at 8 P.M., will be TWO WOMEN BIRDERS LOOK AT WILDLIFE REFUGES ACROSS THE U.S.A. The two women are our members Dorothy Radcliff and Jean Bishop who will tell us of their summer trip and share the slides which are a valuable part of their records of the excursion.

EX PRESIDENT TO BE HONORED

The January meeting will be dedicated to the honoring of our sixth president, Jack Guggolz. Jack, who served the RROS as president in 1967-68, was born in Lodi and at that moment achieved the distinction of a third-generation Native Son of the Golden State. His proclivity toward an interest in birds was well demonstrated at an early age (coincident with his ability to climb!) when he became a youthful oologist. That practice was not then so tightly restricted to scientific organizations as it is today. His main interest has now switched to the study of living birds in their natural habitats and he is very justly recognized as a cautious, accurate, and competent observer.

Among his outstanding contributions in the field of serious ornithology are his role as a member of the Board for the Point Reyes Bird Observatory, and that of Librarian for the same organization. Under his guidance the library has been developed into a valuable research tool for the students of birds. Jack helped start the Drake's Bay Christmas Count and compiled throughout its existence. Now it has merged with the Tomales Bay Count and it has been rechristened the Point Reyes Christmas Count. Jack is still in there, though, serving now as a co-compiler along with Jon Winters of the PRBO staff.

The RROS owes a great debt of gratitude to Jack Guggolz for his unflagging and inspiring interest and contributions throughout the club's existence.

LOOKING AHEAD

1971-72 OFFICERS will be elected in April and assume duties, which include preparations for the May meeting when they will be installed. Members of the Nominating Committee will be all the resident past-presidents with Gordon Rolander, first past-president, as chairman. If you have any ideas, see one of the past-presidents. We will need committee chairmen as well as candidates for the offices of President, Vice president, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, and Treasurer. The responsibilities should be spread around.

Baron A. McLean, President

CRYSTAL SPRINGS FIELD TRIP THIS SATURDAY, January 9th.

Dr. Neil Dickinson, compiler for the Crystal Springs Reservoir Count of the Sequoia Audubon Society will lead. Most of the day will be spent in the reservoir area. The start will be at 9:30 AM from the Fulgas Water Temple on Canada Drive. Turn off from Highway 101 at Belmont onto Ralston Ave. Travel west about 4½ miles to La Canada Road and travel south (left) on it to the Temple (about 2 miles). OR continue on to Redwood City via 101 and take Highway 84 west about 5 miles to Woodside. There turn north(right) to the Temple on La Canada Road (about 5 miles). Approximately two hours time from Santa Rosa. Novato to S.F. is slow even on Saturdays.

Their counts have listed about thirty species which have not been seen on either of the Sonoma County counts so the area offers opportunities to see some birds not generally met with here.

Come and bring a guest as well as warm clothing, lunch, optical equipment, field guides, and your best eyes and ears!!!

SAVE SATURDAY, FEB. 19, FOR THE DELTA TRIP. Jack Guggolz will lead.

CHRISTMAS COUNT HELPERS, WE THANK YOU.....

The RROS thanks the guest observers who assisted in the Santa Rosa Count.

From Howell Mountain Ornithological Society came Merrel and Alice Ackley, and two youths who are sharpening up but did not care to be listed yet; Dr. E. Wayne Tillay (compiler of the Angwin Count) now an RROS member, and Glen Clifton.

From Madrone Audubon Society, those who are not also members of RROS included Les and Evalyn Bowen, Jim and Marilyn Ducher, Charlotte Graves, Esther Martin, James V. Smith. Youth included were Bob Evert, Scott Steever, and Greg Zatman. Mrs. Bowen coordinated the feeder and yard reports of many Santa Rosa residents as was done last year by Docia Patchett. Several radio units and the TV station along with the Press-Democrat helped in this connection.

Out-of-town guests also included Dick Erickson, Scott Terrill, Mrs. Lucille Kelly and daughters, Mary Ann and Kathy, guests of Miss Ann Brockman from Ill. Dick and Scott were out owling before 4 AM with Fay Beeman. A good owling report this year is due to this team and Lynn Stafford. The high "count period" total of ten is due to the careful before and after count-day work of Gordon Bolander and Lynn Stafford. Especially interesting count period reports included the Prairie Falcon and Poorwill by Stafford.

The Cecil Cox and Robert Evans families were also new to the count family.

The list prepared and going out with the KITE TALES to all participants tells the story of what birds and how many were seen this year. The sighting of a Cassin's Kingbird (notes are submitted for the National Editor to ponder) was the field observation of Dr. Leland W. Galapp. He is not a new birder, and this is his second year with this count and territory. Dick Erickson and Scott Terrill submitted what seems to be a satisfactory support for a Grasshopper Sparrow, new to this count. Sanderlings were also new to the count.

Many of the accidentals seen before were missed, but some old friends did not show up to get counted, either.

The count period for next year will include THREE weekends, it runs from Saturday, Dec. 18, through Sunday, Jan. 2, three extra days because Christmas falls on a Saturday, so scheduling area counts will not be so tight as at was this year.

I am sure the RROS will approve Gordon Bolander as next year's compiler. I asked and he said he would do it. So let us help him make plans, date ahead, territories covered, and make 1971 the best year yet, just as the past two have been.

Baron A. McLean

DECEMBER FIELD TRIP.....

A good turnout of birders was on hand December 12 to be led by Lynn Stafford on a most enjoyable day of birding. Outstanding among the many species seen in the delightful area around the Salmon Creek Road was a fine FILEATED WOODPECKER which obligingly called attention to his presence on a high stub where fine views could be obtained of this great bird. As the list will attest, many more birds were found as we made our way to and around the Bodega Lagoon. It also includes some species noted 'en route' to and from Santa Rosa.

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| Common Loon | Semipalmated Plover | Steller Jay |
| Red-throated Loon | Snowy Plover | Scrub Jay |
| Red-necked Grebe | Killdeer | Common Raven |
| Horned Grebe | Black-bellied Plover | Common Crow |
| Eared Grebe | Surfbird | Chestnut-backed Chickadee |
| Western Grebe | Ruddy Turnstone | Common Bushtit |
| Pied-billed Grebe | Black Turnstone | Wrentit |
| Brown Pelican | Common Snipe | Winter Wren |
| Double-crested Cormorant | Whimbrel | Bewick Wren |
| Brandt Cormorant | Willet | Long-billed Marsh Wren |
| Pelagic Cormorant | Least Sandpiper | Mockingbird |
| Great Blue Heron | Dunlin | American Robin |
| Snowy Egret | Short-billed Dowitcher | Varied Thrush |
| Black-crowned Night Heron | Western Sandpiper | Hermit Thrush |
| Black Brant | Marbled Godwit | Golden-crowned Kinglet |
| Mallard | Sanderling | Ruby-cr owned Kinglet |
| Pintail | American Avocet | Water Pipit |
| American Widgeon | Glaucous-winged Gull | Loggerhead Shrike |
| Shoveler | Western Gull | Starling |
| Greater Scaup | Herring Gull | Hutton Vireo |
| Lesser Scaup | California Gull | Audubon Warbler |
| Common Goldeneye | Ring-billed Gull | House Sparrow |
| Bufflehead | Mew Gull | Western Meadowlark |
| White-winged Scoter | Donaparte Gull | Red-winged Blackbird |
| Surf Scoter | Heermann Gull | Brewer Blackbird |
| Common Scoter | Common Murre | House Finch |
| Ruddy Duck | Band-tailed Pigeon | Pine Siskin |
| Red-breasted Merganser | Mourning Dove | Rufous-sided Towhee |
| Turkey Vulture | Great Horned Owl | Brown Towhee |
| White-tailed Kite | Burrowing Owl | Savannah Sparrow |
| Red-tailed Hawk | Belted Kingfisher | Oregon Junco |
| Red-shouldered Hawk | Red-shafted Flicker | White-crowned Sparrow |
| Marsh Hawk | Pileated Woodpecker | Golden-crowned Sparrow |
| Sparrow Hawk | Acorn Woodpecker | Fox Sparrow |
| California Quail | Yellow-bellied Sapsucker | Lincoln Sparrow |
| Virginia Rail | Hairy Woodpecker | Song Sparrow |
| American Coot | Black Phoebe | |
| Black Oystercatcher | Horned Lark | |

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