

KITE TALES

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APRIL MEETING.....

The regular meeting of the RROS will be held on Thursday, April 13, in Room 221 of the Charles Darwin Hall of Science, Sonoma State College, Rohnert Park. The program will start at 8 P.M. and will feature the highlights of a week in Texas by a group of our members; Dr. Jack Arnold, Dr. Mike Parmeter, Dr. Herb McGrew, Gordon Bolander, and John Parmeter. Their talk will be illustrated by slides taken in the area.

APRIL FIELD TRIP.....

The April field trip will be held on Saturday, April 22, in Sugarloaf Ridge State Park. The park is at the upper end of Adobe Canyon Road which joins Highway 12 just north of Kenwood. Wear your walking shoes, bring a lunch and a friend, and join your leader, Mike Parmeter, at the check-in station of the park. The group will leave from that point at 9 A.M.

MARCH FIELD TRIP REPORT.....

On the eighteenth of March sixteen members took part in a bird observation walk along a section of the Laguna de Santa Rosa. The weather was very pleasant and the birding quite good, as it usually is in the area. The total of eighty-six species was highlighted by the presence of three occupied nests of the Great Blue Heron. This species has not nested here within the past fifteen years and it is hoped that they will be successful in their efforts.

The water supply was much below the normal level and that undoubtedly held our list total down a bit. The trip list will bear witness that most of the birds seen were the "regulars." John Schallert led us to a Lewis Woodpecker which has wintered near his home. Unfortunately, his resident Screech Owl was not at home that day. We did see a Horned Owl on its nest at Timber Hill and the Burrowing Owls were noted at their usual spot on Guerneville Road. A few of the group visited a farm pond on Oakwild Avenue and were rewarded by the sighting of four Hooded Mergansers. One was a male in beautiful plumage.

We appreciate the courtesy of Mr. Manuel Nunes who gave us the privilege of birding along his Laguna property.

MARCH FIELD TRIP LIST.....

Pied-billed Grebe	Dunlin	Long-billed Marsh Wren
Great Blue Heron	Western (?) Sandpiper	Mockingbird
Common Egret	Mourning Dove	California Thrasher
Snowy Egret	Great Horned Owl	American Robin
Black-crowned Night Heron	Burrowing Owl	Hermit Thrush
American Bittern	Anna Hummingbird	Western Bluebird
Mallard	Allen Hummingbird	Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Pintail	Red-shafted Flicker	Water Pipit
Green-winged Teal	Acorn Woodpecker	Starling
Cinnamon Teal	Lewis Woodpecker	Orange-crowned Warbler
American Widgeon	Downy Woodpecker	Myrtle Warbler
Shoveler	Nuttall Woodpecker	Audubon Warbler
Wood Duck	Black Phoebe	Townsend Warbler
Ring-necked Duck	Western Flycatcher	Western Meadowlark
Ruddy Duck	Violet-green Swallow	Red-winged Blackbird
Hooded Merganser	Tree Swallow	Brewer Blackbird
Turkey Vulture	Rough-winged Swallow	Brown-headed Cowbird
White-tailed Kite	Barn Swallow	House Finch
Red-tailed Hawk	Cliff Swallow	American Goldfinch
Red-shouldered Hawk	Scrub Jay	Lesser Goldfinch
Crow	Common Raven	Rufous-sided Towhee
Sparrow Hawk	Common Crow	Brown Towhee
California Quail	Chestnut-backed Chickadee	Savannah Sparrow
Ring-necked Pheasant	Plain Titmouse	Oregon Junco
American Coot	Common Bushtit	White-crowned Sparrow
Killdeer	White-breasted Nuthatch	Golden-crowned Sparrow
Black-bellied Plover	Brown Creeper	Fox Sparrow
Common Snipe	Wrentit	Song Sparrow
Greater Yellowlegs	Bewick Wren	

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 Your editor apologizes for this brief effort. My week in Texas surely
 played havoc with my production.

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