REDWOOD REGION ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY VOL. 7~ Nº3 SANTA ROSA, CALIFORNIA NOVEMBER 1972

NOVEMBER MEETING

The regular meeting of the RROS will be held on Thursday, November 9, in Room 221 of the Charles Darwin Hall of Science, California State College-Sonoma in Rohnert Park. The program will start at 8 PM.

The speaker of the evening will be Nathan Cohen, who will relate some of his experiences with reptiles and amphibians. His talk will be illustrated by his own outstanding slides. Bring a friend along to enjoy an exceptionally fine program.

UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS

On Saturday next, October 28, the RROS will revisit the Point Reyes area. Our start will be from the town of Pt. Reyes at 8AM. If you're a bit late, look for us at the nearby Olema marsh. Following that we'll bird along the west side of Tomales Bay and then head out toward the point itself.

On our last trip there we listed 113 species and that was two less than the year before! It's a GOOD area!

Our "November" trip has been scheduled for Saturday, December 2, and will be to the Graylodge Refuge in Sutter County. This is sure to be a fine trip as it is held amid one of the greatest concentrations of ducks and goese in the entire nation. As in the past we'll start into the refuge from the checkpoint on Pennington Road at 10 AM.

It is suggested that you keep in mind this quoted passage from the

write-up of last year's trip.

"Birders are somewhat resented by the hunters and even by a small segment of the management personnel who feel that they are freeloaders enjoying the fruits of a program supported largely by the hunters themselves. I nasemuch as this is basically so, it is incumbent upon the birders to be as cooperative and as unobtrusive as they are able. Car-pooling is certainly one means by which this can be promoted. Another means would be to park only in the designated parking areas and not to stop along the roadways themselves. I suspect this latter point will become a requirement soon if we birders don't demonstrate our willingness to practice this courtesy toward our hosts through our own volition."

CHRISTMAS COUNTS ARE COMING

Our own Santa Rosa count will be held on Saturday, December 23. The Point Reyes count will be on the 16th and the Western Sonoma count will be on the 30th.

Plan to participate in those that you can.

Seven very enjoyable hours asea were logged by fifteen RROS members on the annual fall off-shore trip from Bodega. No albatross were sighted but five other tube-nosed species were. We also recorded four Alcids and the group felt it to be quite a rewarding outing.

Pink-footed Shearwaters outnumbered the Sootys and quite a few New Zealands were at hand. Fulmars in various plumages put in appearances now and then. The most exciting species was the Black Petrel. 10 or 12 individuals

were sighted, thereby adding another species to the Sonoma County list.

Cassin Auklets were in greater numbers than on any of our previous offshore trips. Strangely, no guillemots were noted. -Sightings of Rhinoceros Auklets and Tufted Puffins more than compensted that fact, though.

Species noted from the boat:

Common Loon Arctic Loon Red-throated Loon Red-necked Grebe Horned Grebe Western Grebe Pied-billed Grebe Fulmar

Pink-footed Shearwater New Zealand Shearwater Sooty Shearwater

Black Petrel Brown Pelican

Double-crested Cormogant

Brandt Cormorant Pelagic Cormorant Great Blue Heron Snowy Egret

Black-crowned Night Herob

Turkey Vulture White-tailed Kite Semi-palmated Plover Ruddy Turnstone Wandering Tattler Greater Yellowlegs

Snow Goose (1 imm.)

Pintail

American Widgeon

Lesser Scaup

White-winged Scoter

Ruddy Duck Marsh Hawk Sparrow Hawk American Coot

Black Cystercatcher

Killdeer

Black-bellied Plover Black Turnstone

Spotted Sandpiper

Willet Dunlin

Short- billed Dowitcher

Western Sandpiper Marbled Godwit

Sanderling

additional species from the lagoon area; Lesser Yellowless Least Sandpiper Elegant Tern Starling

House Sparrow Western Meadowlark

Red Phalarope Northern Phalarope Pomarine Jaeger Glaucous-winged Gull

Western Gull Herring Gull California Gull Ring-billed Gull Bonaparte Gull (1)

Heermann Gull Forster Tern Common Murre Cassin Auklet Rhinoceros Auklet Bufted Puffin

Belted Kingfisher Downy Woodpecker

Black Phoebe

Red-winged Blackbird

Savannah Sparrow

House Finch Pine Siskin

American Goldfinch White-crowned Sparrow

Song Sparrow

OCEAN COASTLINE PUBLIC HEARING

The Association of Bay Area Governments announces a public hearing to present the findings of its Study of the Ocean Coastline and to receive the public's suggestions and comments to the series of proposals that ABAG is considering as part of its Ocean Coastline Planning Program.

NOVEMBER 9, 1972 7:30 P.M.

Moderator Supervisor Bob Thieller SONOMA COUNTY Supervisors Chambers County Administration Center 2555 Mendocino Avenue Santa Rosa, California

I haven't been provided any details but there seems to be a veritable "Haw: Mountain" in southern Marin County. Dr. Laurence Binford has called attention to a concentration of hawks on the hills just north of the Golden Gate: It seems that there have been fairly frequent sightings of Broadwinged Hawks. Have these been overlooked in the past or is this a recent development?

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The Society meets on the second Thursday of the month from September to May, inclusive, Meetings are held in Room 221, Charles Darwin Hall of Science California State College-Sonoma, Rhonert Park. Convene at 8 PM.
MEMBERSHIP DUES; FAMILY, \$4.50; INDIVIDUAL, \$3.00; STUDENT, \$1.00
KITE TALES mailing list, \$2.00

Flease tear off the parking permit and display it clearly in the driver's compartment of your vehicle.

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