

KITE TALES

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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 geese 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. In as-much 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.

OCTOBER OFF-SHORE TRIP.....

Seven very enjoyable hours asea were logged by fifteen RRCS 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 Zealanders 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 off-shore trips. Strangely, no guillemots were noted. Sightings of Rhinoceros Auklets and Tufted Puffins more than compensated that fact, though.

Species noted from the boat:

Common Loon	Snow Goose (1 imm.)	Red Phalarope
Arctic Loon	Pintail	Northern Phalarope
Red-throated Loon	American Widgeon	Pomarine Jaeger
Red-necked Grebe	Lesser Scaup	Glaucous-winged Gull
Horned Grebe	White-winged Scoter	Western Gull
Western Grebe	Ruddy Duck	Herring Gull
Pied-billed Grebe	Marsh Hawk	California Gull
Fulmar	Sparrow Hawk	Ring-billed Gull
Pink-footed Shearwater	American Coot	Bonaparte Gull (1)
New Zealand Shearwater	Black Oystercatcher	Heermann Gull
Sooty Shearwater	Killdeer	Forster Tern
Black Petrel	Black-bellied Plover	Common Murre
Brown Pelican	Black Turnstone	Cassin Auklet
Double-crested Cormorant	Spotted Sandpiper	Rhinoceros Auklet
Brandt Cormorant	Willet	Tufted Puffin
Pelagic Cormorant	Dunlin	Belted Kingfisher
Great Blue Heron	Short-billed Dowitcher	Downy Woodpecker
Snowy Egret	Western Sandpiper	Black Phoebe
Black-crowned Night Heron	Marbled Godwit	Red-winged Blackbird
Black Brant	Sanderling	Savannah Sparrow
additional species from the lagoon area:		
Turkey Vulture	Lesser Yellowlegs	House Finch
White-tailed Kite	Least Sandpiper	Pine Siskin
Semi-palmated Plover	Elegant Tern	American Goldfinch
Ruddy Turnstone	Starling	White-crowned Sparrow
Wandering Tattler	House Sparrow	Song Sparrow
Greater Yellowlegs	Western Meadowlark	

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

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Supervisors Chambers
County Administration Center
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