REDWOOD REGION ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY VOL. 7~ Nº4 SANTA ROSA, CALIFORNIA DECEMBER 1972

DECEMBER MEETING....

The regular monthly meeting of the RROS will be held on Thursday, Dec. 14, in Room 221 of the Charles Darwin Hall of Science, California State

College-Sonoma, in Rohnert Park.

The program, which starts at 8PM, will feature three of our local members. McLeam, Tillay, and Bolander, who will relate some of their birding experiences in southern Arizona earlier in the year. Each was there in a different month and some indications of the effects upon the birding should be forthcoming. (Acomparative listing of the species they observed was presented in our September issue.)

DECEMBER FIELD EVENTS....

Most important of these is the annual Christmas bird count which the club holds in the Santa Rosa area. This year it is to be held on Saturday, December 23. Please do sign on with Compiler Baron McLean so that we can have full coverage of our area. Let's strive to keep it what it has long been, one of the best non-coastal counts in the nation!

Baron would also like your help with the Western Sonoma count on the 30th. Jack Guggolz is also looking for good observers to help with the Pt. Reyes count on Dec. 16, and Wayne Tillay would like some to start 1973 off

right on his count at Angwin on January 1. "All aboard!"

Our trip to Graylodge will be held on Saturday, December 2. We are planning a divided approach this time. Take your choice of which you prefer but DO come. It's sure to be a stand-out birding experience. Lunches, glasses, cameras, and, of course, friends are in order.

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"A" group. These will assemble at the Graylodge check-in station on Pennington Road at 10 AM. Please pool cars at that point (Don't forget those lunches!) The group will then proceed through the refuge area under

the leadership of Baron McLean.

B' group. These will leave Santa Rosa at 6:30 AM from the parking lot by the Black Forest Inn. (Calistoga Road at Sonoma Hiway.) Gordon Bolander will lead. They will proceed to Calistoga and follow Hiway 29 to Lower Lake, cross over to Hiway 20 on State route 53, and follow 20 east to Meridian where they will swing north around the west side of Sutter Buttes to Graylodge. Stops will be made along the way to enjoy the fine birding that this route offers. Such items as Canyon Wren, Lewis Woodpecker, Vesper Sparrow, and Golden Eagle are good possibilities. The group should arrive at Graylodge in time to eat lunch with the "A" group.

Our October field trip to the Point Reyes area was well attended and provided our group with a fine list of 109 species. Considering the heavy morning fog, that was quite respectable. We were unable to come up with anything spectacular but some exceptional close-up views of a wonderfully obliging male Red Crossbill were certainly received with enthusiasm. was something that we couldn't se which also evoked favorable comments. The houses are gone from the sandspit at Limantour. Great! Finally. Some progress of the right sort.

Common Loon Arctic Loon Red-necked Grebe Western Grebe Pied-billed Grebe White Pelican Brown Pelican Double-crested Cormorant Brandt Cormorant Great Blue Heron Common Egret

Snowy Egret Black-crowned Night Heron Glaucous-winged Gull American Bittern

Gadwall Pintail Green-winged Teal

Cinnamon Teal American Widgeon

oveler Forster Tern
Ring-necked Duck Band-tailed Pigeon
Lesser Scaup Mourning Dove
Bufflehead Belted Kingfisher Surf Scoter Common Scoter Ruddy Duck Turkey Vulture White-tailed Kite

Sharp-shinned Hawk Cooper Hawk

Red-tailed Hawk Red-shouldered Hawk

Marsh Hawk Sparrow Hawk California Quail Virginia Rail Sora

American Coot

Semi-palmated Plover

Killdeer

Black-bellied Plover

Common Snipe

Willet

Least Sandpiper

Dunlin

Short-billed Dowltcher

Western Sandpiper Marbled Godwit

Sanderling

Western Gull Herring Gull California Gull Ring-billed Gull Bonaparte Gull Heermann Gull Bonaparte Gull

Red-shafted Flicker Acorn Woodpecker Hairy Woodpecker Downy Woodpecker

Black Phoebe Steller Jay Scrub Jav Common Raven Common Crow

Chestnut-backed Chickadee Fox Sparrow

Common Bushtit

White-breasted Nuthatch

Pygmy Nuthatch

Wrentit

-Winter Wren Bewick Wren

Long-billed Marsh Wren

American Robin Varied Thrush Hermit Thrush Western Bluebird Ruby-crowned Kinglet

Water Pipit Cedar Waxwing Loggerhead Shrike

Starling Hutton Vireo

Orange-crowned Warbler

Audubon Warbler Townsend Warbler House Sparrow Western Meadowlark

Red-winged Blackbird Tri-colored Blackbird

Brewer Blackbird Purple Finch House Finch Pine Siskin Lesser Goldfinch Red Crossbill

Rufous-sided Towhee

Brown Towhee Savannah Sparrow Oregon Junco

White-crowned Sparrow Golden-crowned Sparrow

Lincoln Sparrow Song Sparrow

"Faye" Beeman reports an urban-minded Green Heron in flight over the Santa Rosa City Hall on October 13. He also had a White-throated Sparrow at his home feeder on Chanate Road on November 7. It would thus seem that you can bird IN as well as AROUND our fair city. This is further supported by the list of 102 species which have been observed from the grounds of the Proctor Terrace School of 4th and Bryden Lane. Evening Grosbeaks continue to appear regularly about the county and the Burrowing Owls are back at their old stamping grounds on Guerneville Road. Several hundred Violet-green Swallows appear over the Laguna lowlands after each rainy session. Anyone know where they are during the nice weather?

How about you local-lites putting some pressure on the Board of Supervisors to get 'Chuck' Hinkle onto the Sonoma County Coastal Zone Conservation mmittee? He's the one we most need there. We certainly don't want a dicated realtor even though he says there is no conflict of interest. He still thinks 'development' in spite of himself. Nor should we have to put up with another Supervisor whose district lies entirely away from the coast! What is the environment worth to you? A single letter from you(and you..and you) might do a lot more than you think. Get one in.

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hen attending the meeting, please tear off this parking permit and display t clearly in the driver's compartment of your vehicle. Thank you.

Additional Stackbird Stack

Gull

Lower Term

Sand-tailed Rigeon

Mourning Doye

Helted Kingfisher

Acorn Woodpecker

Many Woodpecker

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Common Raven

Common Crow

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Common Sughtit

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Valte-tailed Kite
Sharp-shinned Hawk
Red-tailed Hawk
Red-shouldered Hawk
Parrow Hawk
Celifornia Quail
Virginia Rail

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