

KITE TALES

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The regular meeting of the RROS will be held on Thursday, April 12 in Room 221 of the Charles Darwin Hall of Science, California State College-Sonoma in Rohnert Park. Program starts at 8 PM.

Our speaker will be Larry Londagin of the Pacific Union College who will share with us his experiences in recording on film THE NESTING BIRDS OF HOWELL MOUNTAIN.

Do bring a friend with you to enjoy his fine recording of those nesting activities "from laying to leaving."

APRIL FIELD TRIP.....

The April field trip will be held on Saturday, the 28th, to the new Annadel State Park area. Come along and help in compiling a list of the species to be found within the park boundaries. Such lists are popular items with visitors and they should be as accurate and as complete as is possible. The park personnel appreciate the efforts by groups contributing data for their listings.

The outing will be under the leadership of Lynn Stafford who suggests that you come prepared for some leisurely walking to a spot where good birds are to be found but where there is not as yet a water supply. Consumable liquids will have to be carried in along with your lunch. The group is to assemble at the end of Channel Drive at 8 AM. Channel Drive is reached by driving east on Montgomery Drive to the spillway at the east end of the dam containing Spring Creek Lake.

March Field Trip.....

Our March outing to the Laguna de Santa Rosa, with only eleven in attendance, sees to prove that birding spots, like prophets, are without honor at home. The list of 85 species observed with a minimum of effort demonstrates that our "backyard" birding merits a higher degree of enthusiasm than it appears to generate among our local membership.

The heronry, which was established just last year by three pairs of Great Blue Herons, has doubled in size with six occupied nests in evidence. Let us hope that it continues to withstand the vulnerability of its location with respect to random gunners in the area.

Among the numerous ducks, a dozen species, enjoying the spoils of the unusually wet season were five female Hooded Mergansers. They and the others were stirred to flight a few times as an Osprey cruised back and forth overhead.

Four species of swallows were noted. The usually reliable Rough-wings were missed for some unaccountable reason. More diligent efforts would no doubt have uncovered them and other "regulars" which went unlisted.

Species observed..... Laguna de Santa Rosa, March 17, 1973.

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| Pied-billed Grebe | Greater Yellowlegs | American Robin |
| Double-crested Cormorant | Dunlin | Varied Thrush |
| Great Blue Heron | Herring Gull | Hermit Thrush |
| Green Heron | California Gull | Golden-crowned Kinglet |
| Snowy Egret | Mourning Dove | Ruby-crowned Kinglet |
| Mallard | Anna Hummingbird | Water Pipit |
| Pintail | Allen Hummingbird | Starling |
| Green-winged Teal | Belted Kingfisher | Hutton Vireo |
| Cinnamon Teal | Red-shafted Flicker | Orange-crowned Warbler |
| American Widgeon | Acorn Woodpecker | Audubon Warbler |
| Shoveler | Downy Woodpecker | Townsend Warbler |
| Wood Duck | Nuttall Woodpecker | House Sparrow |
| Ring-necked Duck | Black Phoebe | Western Meadowlark |
| Canvasback | Violet-green Swallow | Red-winged Blackbird |
| Scaup sp? | Tree Swallow | Brewer Blackbird |
| Ruddy Duck | Barn Swallow | Purple Finch |
| Hooded Merganser | Cliff Swallow | House Finch |
| Turkey Vulture | Scrub Jay | Pine Siskin |
| White-tailed Kite | Common Crow | Lesser Goldfinch |
| Cooper Hawk | Chestnut-backed Chickadee | Rufous-sided Towhee |
| Red-tailed Hawk | Plain Titmouse | Brown Towhee |
| Red-shouldered Hawk | Common Bushtit | Savannah Sparrow |
| Osprey | White-breasted Nuthatch | Oregon Junco |
| Sparrow Hawk | Brown Creeper | White-crowned Sparrow |
| California Quail | Wrentit | Golden-crowned Sparrow |
| Ring-necked Pheasant | Winter Wren | Fox Sparrow |
| American Coot | Bewick Wren | Song Sparrow |
| Killdeer | Mockingbird | |
| Common Snipe | California Thrasher | |

I regret the "skeletal" quality of this issue but I have been too busy to put more together and have received no other input. GLB

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