

# KITE TALES

REDWOOD REGION ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY  
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## WE'LL SPEND 'A YEAR ON THE HILL'

The February meeting of the Redwood Region Ornithological Society will be held on Thursday, the 8th, in Room 112 of the Charles Darwin Hall of Science at Sonoma State College. The meeting starts at 8 P.M.

A local member, Gordon Bolander, will talk about his observations on Timber Hill by the Laguna de Santa Rosa.

## TRUMPETER SWANS IN AREA

Five swans, which have been wintering in the Laguna area have been visually identified as Trumpeters. This species was thought to be at the point of extinction forty years ago but it has responded well to protection and transplanting so that its numbers have increased greatly. It would seem likely that the birds seen here are from the population which has been established at the Malheur Refuge in Oregon.

Two other Trumpeters, an adult and an immature, were reported to be present in Marin County this year also.

## FEBRUARY FIELD TRIP~ NORTH FROM JENNER

The regular monthly field trip will be held on Saturday, February 24. The meeting place has been designated as the junction of Highways 116 and 1 on the Russian River just above Jenner. The party will bird north along the coast toward Fort Bragg.

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## JANUARY MEETING

On the evening of January 11 the R.R.O.S. was given a delightful account of the islands in the Caribbean by Dr. Kenneth Burdon. His beautiful slides and enthusiastic descriptions whetted the appetites of those in the audience for a parallel trip through the area.

The usual coffee session followed the business meeting and was highlighted by refreshments provided by Dr. Parmeter. Thank you, "Mike".

## JANUARY FIELD TRIP

An interesting day weatherwise as well as from a birding standpoint rewarded the eleven participants in the outing to Tomales Bay on January 27. One concentrated downpour which left the bayside highway under a coating of snow(!) was the only percipitation met with but the balance of the day was on the cool side and sunny spots out of the

winds were welcome. Fortunately, they were available and, since the birds seemed to favor the same conditions, we met with some good opportunities to view them to advantage. A fine total of 102 species were noted. Among these, the Red Crossbill provided the latest [first] on the club's trip lists. It is the 248th species on the R.R.O.S. 'life list'.

Common Loon	Ring-necked Pheasant	Common Bushtit
Horned Grebe	Virginia Rail	Pygmy Nuthatch
Lared Grebe	American Coot	Brown Creeper
Western Grebe	Killdeer	Wrentit
Pied-billed Grebe	Black-bellied Plover	Winter Wren
Brown Pelican	Black Turnstone	Bewick Wren
Double-crested Cormorant	Common Snipe	Long-billed Marsh Wren
Brandt Cormorant	Willet	American Robin
Pelagic Cormorant	Greater Yellowlegs	Varied Thrush
Great Blue Heron	Least Sandpiper	Hermit Thrush
Common Egret	Dunlin	Western Bluebird
Snowy Egret	Marbled Godwit	Golden-crowned Kinglet
American Bittern	Sanderling	Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Black Brant	American Avocet	Water Pipit
Mallard	Glaucous-winged Gull	Cedar Waxwing
Pintail	Western Gull	Loggerhead Shrike
Green-winged Teal	Herring Gull	Starling
Cinnamon Teal	California Gull	Hutton Vireo
American Widgeon	Ring-billed Gull	Audubon Warbler
Canvasback	Belted Kingfisher	Yellowthroat
Greater Scaup	Yellow-shafted Flicker	House Sparrow
Lesser Scaup	Red-shafted Flicker	Western Meadowlark
Common Goldeneye	Acorn Woodpecker	Redwinged Blackbird
Bufflehead	Hairy Woodpecker	Brewer Blackbird
White-winged Scoter	Downy Woodpecker	Purple Finch
Surf Scoter	Black Phoebe	House Finch
Ruddy Duck	Say Phoebe	Pine Siskin
Red-breasted Merganser	Violet-green Swallow	Red Crossbill
Cooper Hawk	Steller Jay	Rufous-sided Towhee
Red-tailed Hawk	Scrub Jay	Brown Towhee
Marsh Hawk	Common Raven	Savannah Sparrow
Sparrow Hawk	Common Crow	Rufous-crowned Sparrow
California Quail	Chestnut-backed Chickadee	Oregon Junco
Red-throated Loon	Turkey Vulture	White-crowned Sparrow
		Golden-crowned Sparrow
		Fox Sparrow
		Song Sparrow

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