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LARRY CURL WILL TAKE US 'DOWN UNDER'

The next meeting of the Redwood Region Ornithological Society will be held on Thursday, March 14, in Room 112 of the Charles Darwin Hall of Science at Sonoma State College. President Jack Guggolz will call the meeting to order at 8 P.M.

The speaker of the evening will be Larry Curl, who will give us an illustrated account of the birds of Australia and New Zealand.

MARCH FIELD TRIP -

The regular monthly field trip will be a return to the Laguna de Santa Rosa under the leadership of Gordon Bolander and will take place on Saturday, March 23. The meeting place will be at the junction of Hall and Willowside Roads at 8 A.M. Four previous March outings in the area have yielded an average of 77 species per trip. Almost twice that number have been recorded in the same vicinity during the month of March, so ample birding seems assured.



Two familiar faces will not be in evidence at our March meeting. Dr. John Arnold is on a sabbatical leave from his post at Sonoma State College and is pursuing a study of the mammalian fauna in the Oaxaca region of southern Mexico for the California Academy of Sciences. Dr. Benjamin "Mike" Parmeter will be visiting there at the time of our meeting. We shall expect a program in the future as one outcome, you may be sure.



If sufficient interest is expressed, another off-shore trip aboard the FINBACK will be arranged for the 20th of April. The usual fee of \$7.50 will prevail if we have a full sign-up. Notify Gordon Bolander of your desire to participate.



Our warm thanks to the Olmsteads for the refreshments following the February meeting.

February Field Trip.....

A dense shoreline fog proved a somewhat difficult but bearable hazard to birding as eleven observers ventured along the coast north of Jenner on February 24. The species count of ninety was highlighted by the addition of still another to the club's "official" list of observed species. Four Rock Sandpipers at the U.C. Bodega Marine Laboratory were seen by several of the group as they fed at very close range alongside Surfbirds and Black Turnstones. This brings the RRCS list to 250 (last month's Red Crossbill actually should have been 249).

Individuals of all three species of cormorants were seen in seemingly fall breeding plumage. The presence of a mixed flock of Green-winged and Cinnamon Teal on the ocean at Fort Ross seemed oddly out of place. Among the gulls at Jenner were several Black-legged Kittiwakes. A distant Golden Eagle and an audible (but non-visible) Pileated Woodpecker provided added bits of excitement.

Common Loon	Killdeer	Brown Creeper
Red-throated Loon	Surfbird	Wrentit
Horned Grebe	Black Turnstone	Bewick Wren
Eared Grebe	Common Snipe	Long-billed Marsh Wren
Western Grebe	Willet	Robin
Double-crested Cormorant	Rock Sandpiper	Varied Thrush
Brandt Cormorant	Glaucous-winged Gull	Hermit Thrush
Pelagic Cormorant	Western Gull	Western Bluebird
Great Blue Heron	Herring Gull	Golden-crowned Kinglet
Green-winged Teal	California Gull	Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Cinnamon Teal	Ring-billed Gull	Water Pipit
Canvasback	Mew Gull	Cedar Waxwing
Greater Scaup	Black-legged Kittiwake	Loggerhead Shrike
Lesser Scaup	Mourning Dove	Starling
Common Goldeneye	Allen Hummingbird	Myrtle Warbler
Bufflehead	Belted Kingfisher	Audubon Warbler
White-winged Scoter	Red-shafted Flicker	Townsend Warbler
Surf Scoter	Pileated Woodpecker	House Sparrow
Ruddy Duck	Acorn Woodpecker	Western Meadowlark
Common Merganser	Hairy Woodpecker	Red-winged Blackbird
Red-breasted Merganser	Black Phoebe	Brewer Blackbird
Turkey Vulture	Say Phoebe	House Finch
Sharp-shinned Hawk	Violet-green Swallow	Pine Siskin
Cooper Hawk	Tree Swallow	American Goldfinch
Red-tailed Hawk	Steller Jay	Brown Towhee
Golden Eagle	Scrub Jay	Savannah Sparrow
Sparrow Hawk	Common Raven	Oregon Junco
California Quail	Chestnut-backed Chickadee	White-crowned Sparrow
American Coot	Common Bushtit	Golden-crowned Sparrow
Black Oystercatcher	White-breasted Nuthatch	Song Sparrow

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