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REDWOOD REGION ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY
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COMING ATTRACTIONS

April 9, Thursday, 7:30 PM: General Meeting

The program this evening will be a slide show about birds, beautiful and informative - and a surprise!

During the business meeting, officers for the coming year will be elected. The nominating committee (Kurt Campbell, Deyea Harper and Richard Merriss) have proposed the following slate: President - Ruth Rudesill; Vice-president - Mark Delwiche; Secretary - Olive Corey; and Treasurer - Wini Nelson. Committee heads who have agreed to serve are: Observations - Dick Ashford; Field Trips - Bob Rains; Social - June Persson; Kite Tales - Jean Smith; Christmas Count - Doug Ellis.

RROS members will be asked to approve Articles of Incorporation, reproduced on Page 2. These were drawn up for us and explained at the March meeting by our resident lawyer, Clyde Nelson. In order to pass, the Articles must be approved by 2/3 of the members present at tonight's meeting. Our warmest thanks go to Clyde for this great volunteer service and to Bertha Rains for offering to fill out the application forms for tax-exempt status for RROS.

April 25 - 26: Field Trip to Sacramento Valley Riparian Areas

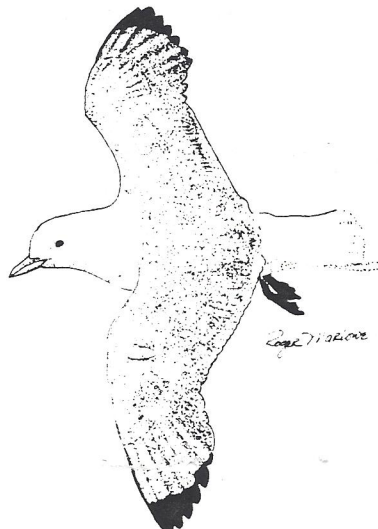
Joel Hornstein will lead this trip to sanctuaries, preserves, parks and other good birding spots in the vicinity. The exact itinerary will be based on local bird reports he receives up to the time of the trip. Target birds are Blue Grosbeak, Swainson's Hawk, Lesser Nighthawk, Wood Ducks and many migrants.

The trip will leave from Lyons Restaurant in Yuba City at 8 AM on Saturday and on Sunday. For late arrivals on Saturday, we will meet at Lyons again at 10 AM.

Motels in the area include Motel 6, 700 N. Polara (916) 674-1710 (note new telephone number). Joel Hornstein's number is (916) 674-8618. For this longer trip carpooling may be arranged individually.

Early Notice: May 30 - Field Trip to Gualala and Fish Rock

Richard Merriss will lead this trip to Sonoma County's north coast. Details will be in May Kite Tales.



ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
REDWOOD REGION ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY

1. The name of this corporation is Redwood Region Ornithological Society.

2. (a) This corporation is a nonprofit public benefit corporation and is not organized for the private gain of any person. It is organized under the Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law for charitable purposes.

(b) The specific purpose of this corporation is to encourage the study and conservation of birds, other wildlife and their natural habitat.

3. The name and address in the State of California of this corporation's initial agent for service of process is:

Bertha L. Raimos - 450 Las Casitas, Santa Rosa, CA 95401

4. (a) This corporation is organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(b) No substantial part of the activities of this corporation shall consist of carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate or intervene in any political campaign (including the publishing or distribution of statements) on behalf of any candidate for public office.

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5. The property of this corporation is irrevocably dedicated to charitable purposes and no part of the net income or assets of this corporation shall ever inure to the benefit of any director, officer or member thereof or to the benefit of any private person. Upon the dissolution or winding up of the corporation, its assets remaining after payment, or provision for payment, of all debts and liabilities of this corporation shall be distributed to a nonprofit fund, foundation or corporation which is organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes and which has established its tax exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

6. The name of the existing unincorporated association, now being incorporated by the filing of these articles, is Redwood Region Ornithological Society.

Dated: _____, 1987

Janet Bosshard, President Wm. Fred H. Nelson, Treasurer

Kurt Campbell, Vice President

Ruth A. Rudesell, Secretary

Incorporators

THESE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION for RROS were offered to the membership at the March 12 meeting. Clyde Nelson explained that individual members of an unincorporated organization have been held liable by the courts for accidents caused by a member acting (i.e. driving) on behalf of the organization. However, if an organization is incorporated, the club's assets could be forfeit and the individual causing the accident could be sued, but not the club's officers or other members.

These Articles, therefore, would limit liability and would establish tax-exempt status for RROS, whereby members may take income tax deductions for contributions, such as cash, gas mileage and phone calls.

The Articles of Incorporation will be voted upon for approval at the April 9 meeting of RROS.

We hereby declare that we are the persons who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, which execution is our act and deed.

Incorporators

DECLARATION

_____ and _____ declare under penalty of perjury that they are the president and secretary, respectively, of Redwood Region Ornithological Society, the unincorporated association referred to in the Articles of Incorporation to which this declaration is attached, and that said association has duly authorized its incorporation by means of said articles.

Executed at Petaluma, California on _____, 1987.

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OBSERVATIONS

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Give Dick a call about those good birds you spotted last week. He needs some input for this column, and we all like to know where the birds are.

Point Reyes Vicinity

- 3/1 - Nicasio: Yellow-bellied Sapsucker (DA).
- Five Brooks: Hooded Mergansers (1 M, 4 F); Sharp-shinned Hawk attacking covey of California Quail (DA).

Western Sonoma County

- 2/20 - Salmon Creek Rd: Courting pair of Golden Eagles (DE).
- 2/21 - Willow Creek Rd: Spotted Owl (pair) (DE).
- 2/22 - Bodega Town: Red-tailed Hawk, dark phase (all dark) (RR).
- 2/28 - Willow Creek Rd: White-throated Sparrow (DE).
- Hwy 1, north of Jenner: Imm. Bald Eagle (DE).
- 3/13 - Hwy 1, Tomales-Valley Ford: 250 Marbled Godwits (DE).

Petaluma-Rohnert Park

- Late Feb - Cader Lane: Blue-winged Teal (MD)
- Petaluma Sewer Pond: Blue-winged Teal (DC)
- 3/18 - Centennial Creek, Rohnert Park: Pair of Song Sparrows feeding fledgling (JP).
- 3/21 - Cader Lane: American Bittern (KC).

Other

- 2/20 - Willowside Rd (Santa Rosa Creek): Merlin, Prairie Falcon, Osprey, Tree Swallow, Common Merganser (DE).
- 3/1 - MacKerracher State Park: 18 Snowy Plovers (DT).
- 3/9 - Skaggs Island: 2 Canada Geese (DA).
- 3/10 - Sonoma: Mandarin Ducks (pair) (DA).
- 3/18 - Petrified Forest area: California Thrasher (B & BR).
- 3/22 - Fountain Grove Golf Course: Rufous-crowned Sparrows (2), Rough-winged Swallow, Western Bluebirds (pair), Common Merganser, Belted Kingfisher (DA, BB, MD).

Observers: Dick Ashford, Betty Burrige, Kurt Campbell, Olive Corey, Mark Delwiche, Doug Ellis, June Persson, Bertha & Bob Rains, Ruth Rudesill, Dorothy Tobkin

FIELD TRIP RESULTS

The brave souls who ventured down to Tennessee Valley March 21 were treated to an invigorating day of birding in between a few showers. Lunch was enjoyed on the beach at Tennessee Cove in full sight of Pelagic Cormorants already beginning to take up stations on previous nesting ledges in nearby cliffs.

Wilson's Warbler, Orange-crowned Warbler and Common Yellowthroat were present in marsh and willows. Iris, purple lupine, California poppies and some early paintbrush were blooming already.

And the star of the day, a striped skunk, waddled across a wet meadow in full view of everyone! . . . Betty Burrige



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CALLING ALL BIRDERS FOR AN ALASKAN EXPEDITION

The University of California Research Expeditions Program (UREP) is currently recruiting field team members from the general public to join a field expedition heading for Alaska's Pribilof Islands this July. Working with scientists from UC Irvine, the UREP team will conduct population and behavioral studies of several birds, including the Red-legged Kittiwake and Thick-billed Murre.

The Alaskan expedition is but one of several animal behavior expeditions sponsored by UREP which are open to public participation. No previous experience is necessary to join the expeditions, although the patient observation skills most birders have developed are a definite bonus. Participants help fund the research by making a tax-deductible contribution to join the team. This contribution also covers participant costs for food and accommodations during the trip. For further information and a catalog, write to University Research Expeditions Program, University of California, Desk D-10, Berkeley, CA 94720; (415) 642-6586.

REDWOOD REGION ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY was organized in 1962, to encourage the study and conservation of birds, other wildlife and their habitat. Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month, September through May, at 7:30 PM in Room 221 of Darwin Hall, Sonoma State University, Rohnert Park, CA 94928.

OFFICERS

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Vice-President - Kurt Campbell, PO Box 268, Cotati 94928	664-0104
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Treasurer - Wini Nelson, 400 Sunnyslope Ave, Petaluma 94952	762-6152
Field Trips - Bob Rains, 450-A Las Casitas, Santa Rosa 95401	528-6785
Observations - Dick Ashford, Jr, 731 Austin St, Sonoma 95476	996-7508
Social - Shirley Myers, 4815 Valley Quail Lane, Santa Rosa 95401	823-9512
Christmas Count - Doug Ellis, PO Box 155, Eldridge 95431	(work) 585-0226
KITE TALES - Jean Smith, 519 Sunnyvale Dr, Healdsburg 95448	433-2542

RROS dues are \$7 for Family, \$5.50 for Individual, \$3 for Student. Memberships cover the period from September 1986 to June 1987 and include a subscription to KITE TALES. Checks should be made out to RROS and sent to Treasurer Wini Nelson, 400 Sunnyslope Avenue, Petaluma, CA 94952.

Jean C. Smith
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