

# Kite Tales

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REDWOOD REGION ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY  
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## COMING ATTRACTIONS

### May 14, Thursday, 6 PM, Spring Potluck and General Meeting

The Potluck meeting will be held at Ruth Rudesill's home in Kenwood...9140 Los Guilicos Av...Take Highway 12 to Kenwood, turn on to Maple St, turn right at stop sign onto Los Guilicos. Ruth's house is at the end of the street. Bring your favorite potluck food and your own eating utensils. (833-6026)

After supper and a short business meeting, we will adjourn across the highway to Sugarloaf State Park for owling and poorwilling.

### May 23, Sat. , Field Trip to Gualala

We will bird at Gualala and the Northwestern part of Sonoma County. Meet at the north end of the bridge over the Gualala River at 8:30 a.m. Leader: Richard Merriss-525-8629.

## NEW OFFICERS

Officers were elected at the April meeting. They are: President-Ruth Rudesill; Vice-president-Mark Delwiche; Secretary-Olive Corey; Treasurer-Wini Nelson. Committee heads are:Dick Ashford-observations; Bob Rains-field trips; social-June Persson; Kite Tales-Jean Smith; Christmas Count-Doug Ellis. Thanks to outgoing officers Janet Bosshard, Kurt Campbell and Shirley Meyers. We certainly appreciate their efforts this past year.

## FIELD TRIP RESULTS

Joel Hornstein led us (Betty Burrridge, Bob & Bertha Rains, Olive Corey and Ruth Rudesill) on a wonderful two days. Most of the birding was at the new Bobelaine Audubon Sanctuary, a riparian area along the Feather River with many large oaks, sycamores, cottonwoods and sloughs. We also birded rice fields and riparian habitat along the Sacramento Riiver. We had a total of 83 species. Highlights included: Lesser Nighthawks near Sutter Buttes, Blue Grosbeaks and Lazuli Buntings in Yuba City, Swainson's Hawks soaring over fields, a pair of Blue-winged Teal and 1 Tundra Swan..... Ruth Rudesill



### DUES

RROS Dues for the coming year are payable now. Treasurer Wini Nelson will be happy to accept your checks at the May potluck-meeting. Dues cover the period June 1987-May 1988 and include subscription to Kite Tales. Dues are \$7 for family, \$5.50 for individual and \$3.00 for student.

### OBSERVATIONS

This is the last Kite Tales until September. Now you'll have all summer to save up a good list of observations to send to Dick Ashford 731 Austin Sonoma 95476 or call him at 996-7508 with all those great vacation birds!!

#### Hwy 37/Sears Point/Hwy 121

- 4/6 Sears Point: 100 Water Pipits (DA).
- 4/11 Sears Point: Merlin attacking Brewer's Blackbirds (DA).
- 4/12 Tubbs Island: Merlin attacking flock of 3000+ Long-billed Dowitchers, Black-bellied Plovers and Dunlins (in breeding plumage) (DA)
- 4/16 Schellville: Evening Grosbeak (DA)
- 4/22 Sears Point: Barn Owl, Great Horned Owl (DA)
- 4/25 Ramal Rd: Eurasian Widgeon (DA).

#### Sonoma

- 3/22 Near Plaza: Belted Kingfisher (PB)
- 3/28-4/23 Sonoma: Mandarin Ducks (pair) (DA, PB).
- 4/6 Sonoma : Cooper's Hawk (DA).
- 4/19 Plaza: Hooded Orioles (pair) (DA).
- 4/23 Sonoma State Hospital: Spotted Owl (GM).

#### Sonoma Coast

- 3/27 Bodega Bay: 40 Surfbirds (JA).
- 4/5 Bodega Bay (whale trip): 3 Red-necked Grebes, Pacific & Common Loons (all in breeding plumage) (RR).
- 4/12 Goat Rock : 20-25 Osprey feeding together (RR).

### OTHER

- 3/16 Pepperwood: Merlin (JA).
- 3/22 Spring Lake: Osprey (MN)

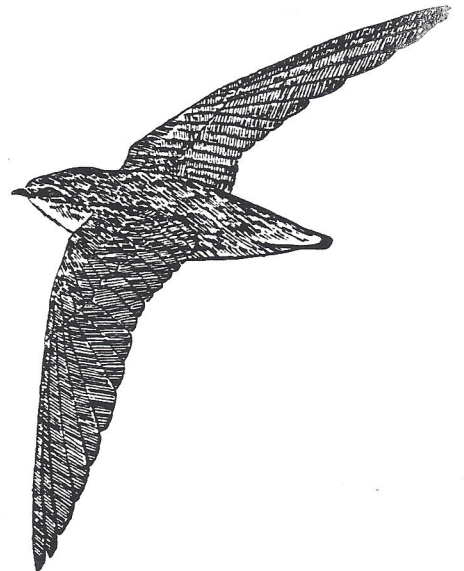
Observations (cont).

- 3/26 Pepperwood: Cliff Swallows, House Finches (both with eggs) (JA).  
3/28 Whitehouse Pool: Brown Shrike (molting) (DA).  
3/28 Marin Civic Center: Clapper Rail (RR).  
4/4 MacKerricher State Park: Black Scoters (large numbers) Red-necked Grebes (breeding plumage) (DT).  
4/5 Boonville area: Lewis' Woodpecker (5), Blue Grouse (DT)  
4/9 Mare Island: White-throated Swifts (pair), Yellow-rumped (Myrtle) Warbler (DA).  
4/18 Yosemite Region: Blue Grosbeak, Great Gray Owl (RR).  
4/25 Channel Dr, SR: Yellow-breasted Chat (KM,DH).

Observers: Dick Ashford, Jack Arnold, Phyliss Baekgaard, Deyea Harper, Gerry Mugele, Kathy Mugele, Mike Nofi, Ruth Rudesill, Dorothy Tobkin.

WILLOW FLYCATCHER SURVEY

The California Department of Fish and Game is conducting a statewide survey for breeding Willow Flycatchers (*Empidonax trailii*). This information will be used to support a petition to list this species as Threatened. If you have records for breeding (not migrating) Willow Flycatchers in California, please contact John Harris, Dept of Biology, Mills College 5000 MacArthur Blvd, Oakland, Ca 94613.





REDWOOD REGION ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY was organized in 1962, to encourage the study 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 Rm 221 of Darwin Hall, Sonoma State University, Rohnert Park, Ca 94928.

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