

Kite Tales

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COMING ATTRACTIONS

November 12, Thursday, 7:30 PM - General Meeting

Jack Arnold and Mike Parmeter will show their slides and tell us about their trip to Kenya last summer at this evening's meeting... "Birds and Mammals of Africa" is the topic, and the place is on nearly everybody's wish list.

Dr. Arnold suggests that we bring field glasses to tonight's show, the better to see the fine feathers and cryptic markings on the animals they photographed.

November 14, Saturday, Field Trip to Willow Creek

This is the trip for those who want to see owls and eagles and woodpeckers and any number of forest and riparian birds. But you have to get up early!

Doug Ellis will meet the dawn owl patrol at 4:30 AM at the parking lot in front of Negri's Restaurant in Occidental. This early, muffled-up group last year saw Spotted Owl and heard Saw-whet and Screech-Owl.

Those who prefer to limit their specialties to diurnal birds can meet Doug at the same place at 8 AM. On the mountain behind Occidental can be expected Pygmy-Owls, perhaps Pileated Woodpeckers among others, possibly Golden and Bald Eagles soaring over the canyons and the river.

This is a rewarding trip and nearly always produces birds that do not live in everybody's back yard.

WESTERN SONOMA COUNTY CHRISTMAS COUNT - Sunday, January 3

Betty Burrige and Deyea Harper will be co-coordinators of the Madrone Audubon Christmas Count again for this year. Please let them know if you will be participating.

The After-count Supper will be once more at the Occidental Community Hall with Olive Corey master-minding the arrangements.

RROS - SANTA ROSA CHRISTMAS COUNT - Sunday, December 20

Doug Ellis will be coordinator for our own Christmas Count this year. If you wish to join the fun, please let him know at the November or December meetings.

OBSERVATIONS: Point Reyes Area

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- 9/12 - Limantour - 3 Fulvous Tree Ducks!! (LH)
9/19 - Lighthouse - Clay-colored Sparrow (DA)
10/11 - Lighthouse - Magnolia and Blackpoll Warblers (BB, BMc, DN)
Abandoned Ranch - Short-eared Owl (" " ")
10/14 - Walker Creek (Tomales Bay) - Black Rail (JM)
10/15 - Mendoza Ranch - Summer Tanager, Pine Warbler Palm Warblers (DN)
Nunes Ranch - Cape May, Black-and-white Warbler (")
Lighthouse - Black-throated Blue Warbler, Red-eyed Vireo (")
Fish Docks - Clark's Nutcracker (")
10/17 - Mendoza Ranch - Pine Warbler (DA, TC, DN)
Nunes Ranch - Cape May and Palm Warblers, American Tree Sparrow,
Swamp Sparrow, Vesper Sparrow, White-throated Sparrows (DA, TC, DN)
Spaletta Plateau - Chestnut-collared Longspurs, Lapland Longspurs (DA)
10/19 - Nunes Ranch - Harris' Sparrow, Clay-colored Sparrow (DN)
Lighthouse - 1 Merlin, 17 Red Crossbills (DN)

North Coast

- 8/28 - Sea Ranch - American Redstart (flew into window) (RH)
10/10 - 10/12 - MacKerricher S.P. - Red-throated Pipit, Oldsquaw, Pectoral
Sandpipers, Snowy Plovers, Rock Wren (KC, DT)
Mendocino Headlands - Palm Warblers (KC, DT)
Manchester Beach S.P. - American Bittern (DT)

Pelagic Highlights

- 10/10 - Noyo Harbor - Xantu's Murrelets, Pink-footed and Buller's and Sooty
Shearwaters, Pomarine Jaeger, Cassin's and Rhinoceros Auklets,
Arctic Terns, Sabine's Gulls, Red and Red-necked Phalaropes (KC, DT)
10/11 - Monterey - Flesh-footed, Pink-footed, Black-vented, Buller's and Sooty
Shearwaters; Parasitic and Pomarine Jaegers; South Polar Skua;
Cassin's and Rhinoceros Auklets; Common Murre; Arctic Tern; Red
Phalaropes (DA)

Other

- 9/20 - Tubbs Island - Common Poorwill at 3 PM (observed during 8 - 10 flights
in a 5-minute period) (DA)
9/27 - Dillon Beach - Ferruginous Hawk (DA)
10/8 - At Marin County's Las Gallinas Sewer Ponds behind McInnis Regional
Park - 18 Canada Geese (JB)
10/21 - Kennedy Park in Napa - Ferruginous Hawk (TB)

Observers: Dick Ashford, Terry Babineaux, Janet Bosshard, Betty Burrige,
Kurt Campbell, Terry Colborn, Les Hood, Rae Hudspeth, Bob McLean, Joe Muel-
ler, Dan Nelson, Dorothy Tobkin

COOKIE CUTTERS ALERT! June Persson, RROS' Social Chairperson, asks that any-
one who cannot make his/her cookie day for an RROS meeting, please to let June
know as soon as possible (585-3615) so that replacement can be arranged. June
tries to make reminder phone calls to the volunteers for each month.

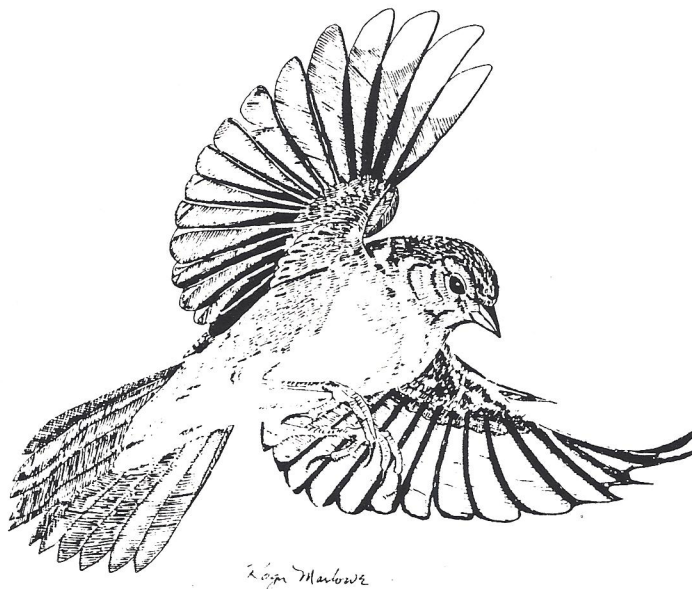
FIELD TRIP REPORT

The Point Reyes excursion on October 3 was the day everyone wished he had made the switch to full winter wrapup. Terry Babineaux led a chilly group of 18 through the fog and wind to observe a total of 79 birds. At the Fish-docks was the resident Great Horned Owl and a visiting Barn Owl flying back and forth behind the cypress.

The New Willows yielded a Willow Flycatcher. Tricolored Blackbirds were flocking with the Brewer's at Nunes Ranch, and several Pectoral Sandpipers were at the Spaletta Ranch farm pond. Warblers were very sparse: Tennessee and a Yellow-rumped. The complete list follows:

Common Loon, Eared Grebe, Western Grebe, Pied-billed Grebe, Clark's Grebe, Brown Pelican, Double-crested Cormorant, Pelagic Cormorant, Great Blue Heron, Snowy Egret, Mallard, Pintail, Cinnamon Teal, American Wigeon, Northern Shoveler, Surf Scoter, Ruddy Duck, Turkey Vulture, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Cooper's Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, Northern Harrier, American Kestrel, American Coot, Killdeer, Lesser Golden Plover, Black Turnstone, Whimbrel, Willet, Pectoral Sandpiper, Least Sandpiper, Short-billed Dowitcher, Western Sandpiper, Sanderling, Marbled Godwit, Northern Phalarope, Glaucous-winged Gull, Western Gull, California Gull, Ring-billed Gull, Bonaparte's Gull, Heermann's Gull, Rock Dove, Barn Owl, Great Horned Owl, Anna's Hummingbird, Belted Kingfisher, Common Flicker, Downy Woodpecker, Black Phoebe, Say's Phoebe, Willow Flycatcher, Horned Lark, Common Raven, Winter's Wren, Bewick's Wren, Marsh Wren, Western Bluebird, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Water Pipit, Starling, Hutton's Vireo, Tennessee Warbler, Yellow-rumped Warbler, House Sparrow, Western Meadowlark, Red-winged Blackbird, Tricolored Blackbird, Brewer's Blackbird, House Finch, Pine Siskin, American Goldfinch, Lesser Goldfinch, Rufous-sided Towhee, Savannah Sparrow, White-crowned Sparrow, Golden-crowned Sparrow, Lincoln's Sparrow, Song Sparrow.

EXOTIC CHECK LISTS ON DEMAND! Ruth Rudesill is collecting checklists for different places and plans to enlarge her file. So if you have a checklist from an interesting area and would like to give it to her, Ruth will make the file available as a reference to others who might be contemplating such a trip.



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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RROS dues are \$7 for Family, \$5.50 for Individual, \$3 for Student. Memberships cover the period from September 1987 to June 1988 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.

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