

Kite Tales

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COMING ATTRACTIONS

January 14, Thursday, 7:30 PM - General Meeting

Falconing will be the topic for this evening's meeting. Jim Bathke is a licensed falconer and will tell us about this ancient sport which he follows. Mr. Bathke is the raptor coordinator for Santa Rosa's Bird Rescue Center. He has a Harris' Hawk which he flies.

January 23, Saturday: Field Trip to the Sacramento River Delta

Dan Nelson will lead this trip in conjunction with Madrone Audubon Society. This Delta trip is always a highlight of the birding year. Sandhill Cranes, Canadas, Snows and White-fronted Geese, possibly some Tundra Swans, and who knows how many ducks, grebes and landbirds will present themselves! And raptors!!

Meet for carpooling at SRJC's Bailey Field parking lot at 7:30 AM; or at the Don Quick store along Hwy 12 in Rio Vista at 9 AM. The weather is often cold and murky this time of year, so dress warmly and bring your lunch. Guaranteed to see lots of good birds!

February 6, Saturday: Field Trip to Bolinas Lagoon

Dick Ashford will lead the way around the lagoon, along Pine Gulch Creek, up to the Bolinas Sewer Ponds, and on to Five Brooks and (time and energy permitting) to Whitehouse Pool at the end of Tomales Bay.

Meeting time is 8:30 AM at the turnout across from Audubon Canyon Ranch on Highway One. For those who have not made the trip before, the ride to Bolinas Lagoon from Santa Rosa takes from one to one-and-a-quarter hours. You take Hwy 101 to Petaluma, turning west at Washington Street Exit. At the Library, turn south one block to D Street and then turn right and continue west until you leave town, and D Street becomes the road to Point Reyes Station. There the road joins Hwy One; you turn left and head south on Hwy One until you reach Audubon Canyon Ranch on the east side of Bolinas Lagoon.

Bolinas Lagoon is a favorite wintering spot for ducks and shorebirds and certain falcons. Osprey can often be seen fishing in the lagoon...one of the best spots for winter birding.

Warm clothes are in order, and Dick suggests waterproof boots. The marshy edges of the lagoon can be slushy. Bring lunch and expect a full day of birding.

OBSERVATIONS

Dick Ashford, 996-7508; 731 Austin St, Sonoma 95476

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- 11/21 - Sonoma (Temelec): Ferruginous Hawk (adult, light morph) (GM, DA)
- 11/28 - Bodega Bay: 2 Red Knots (FB, MOB)
- 11/30 - Sears Point (Tolay Creek): Golden Eagle (DA)
- 12/1 - Sonoma (Stage Gulch Road): Rough-legged Hawk (GM)
- 12/5 - Bodega Bay: 18 Black Oystercatchers, 5 Red Knots (AR, RR)
- 12/10 - Skaggs Island: 2 Burrowing Owls, 1 Long-eared Owl (FB, MOB)
- 12/12 - Bodega Bay: 2 Redhead, 2 Tundra Swan, 2 Black Brant (RR)
- 12/13 - Cader Lane: Barrow's Goldeneye (M & F), 20 Cattle Egrets (MD)
- 12/18 - Hwy 37 (Sonoma Creek): Prairie Falcon (DA)

Lake County

- 10/31 - 11/21 - Kelseyville Sewer Ponds: Franklin's Gull (JW)
- 11/3 - Borax Lake: Eurasian Wigeon (JM)
- 11/7 - Cobb Mountain: Red Crossbills (JM)
- 11/14-15 - Cobb Mountain: Clark's Nutcrackers (KMc)
- 11/20 - Spring Valley Lake: Red-throated Loon (JW)

Other

- 1/29 - Lake Merritt: Blue-winged Teal, Cattle Egret, 20 Barrow's Goldeneyes (DA)
- 12/15 - Napa Valley (private pond): Oldsquaw (PB, et al)

Observers: Dick Ashford, Faye Beeman, Phil Burton, Mark Delwiche, Keller McDonald, Jim Matzinger, Gerry Mugele, Ann Rudesill, Ruth Rudesill, Jerry White

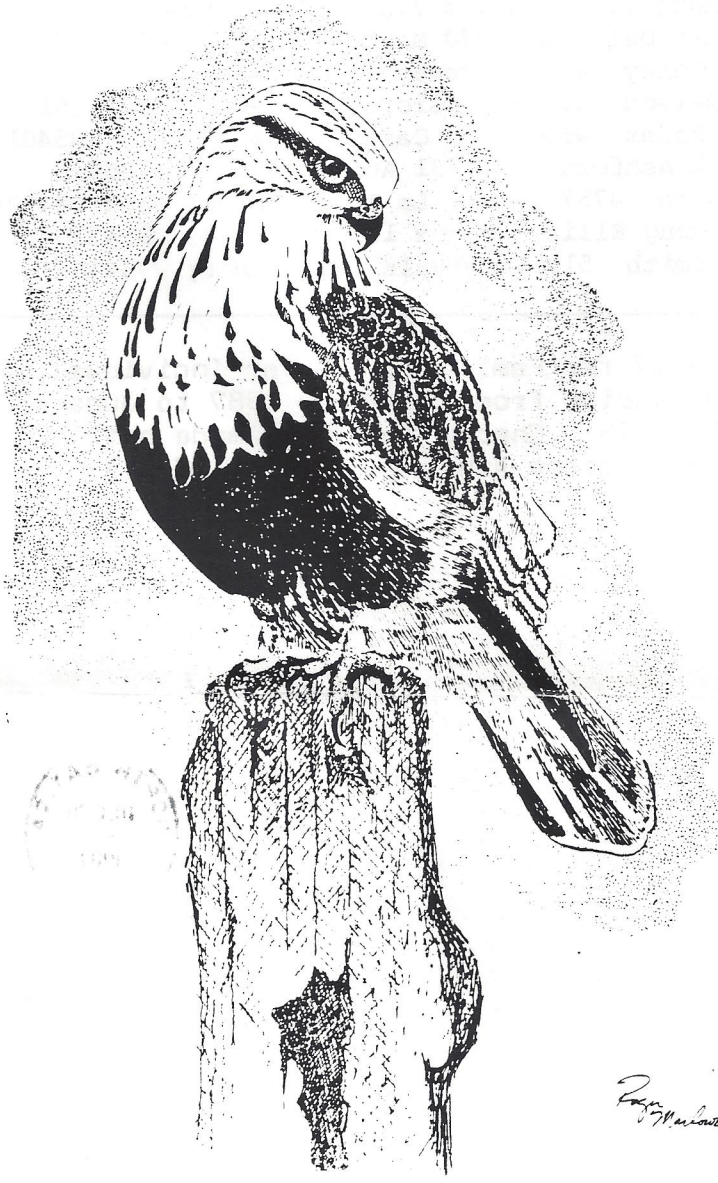
SANTA ROSA CHRISTMAS COUNT

This year's Count on December 20 totaled 133, including a Ross Goose and a Red-breasted Merganser. This is not absolutely official, according to Coordinator Doug Ellis, but is probably the way it is going to be...down a bit from last year's 136. Thirty-six participants did the spotting on a clear, cold day.

Among the most interesting birds were the three merganser species - Common, Hooded and Red-breasted - at Fountaingrove Pond. A Common Loon, surprisingly, was on the same pond.

The final tabulation will be in next month's KITE TALES.

Thanks are due once more to Bob and Bertha Rains for the smooth and comfortable way they handled the supper arrangements at Wikiup Clubhouse. Thanks, too, for all the good food our participants brought and happily consumed.



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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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