

Kite Tales

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COMING ATTRACTIONS

March 10, Thursday 7:30 p.m. General Meeting

Dr. Walter E. Howard, Professor Emeritus in Wildlife Biology and Vertebrate Ecology, UC Davis, will speak on "Nature and Animal Welfare: A New Look at the Philosophy of Human Interactions with Animals". Dr. Howard has traveled in many countries and will discuss his topic from personal observations and experiences.

March 12, Saturday 8:00 a.m. Field Trip to Tubbs Island

We will all enter the Reserve together through the locked gate, and drive to the parking area to avoid the long walk to the ponds. So please be prompt. Take Highway 37 to just east of the Sears Point turnoff on the right side of the highway. This saltwater marsh has a variety of shorebirds, and a chance to see Brant or a raptor or two. Bring lunch, binoculars, scope, walking shoes - it could be muddy - and a warm jacket. As we may walk quite a way, a day pack with lunch or snack might be welcome. Questions or further information, call Bob Rains, trip leader, 528-6785.

March 13, Sunday 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon Breeding Bird Atlas Seminar 9:00 a.m. for Newcomers

Dave Shuford will be the speaker at this first seminar to be held at the Kenwood Fire Department, corner of Hwy 12 and Randolph. The second seminar will be on March 26th at the Wikiup Clubhouse. Directions or other information, call Betty Burrige, 527-0225, or Ruth Rudesill.

SPECIAL APPRECIATION

Our thanks to Ed Harper of Sacramento who filled in at the February meeting for Kurt Campbell to present "Birding Through A Camera". His very sharp slides permitted him to call attention to fine details that aid in differentiating similar species.

More thanks to Clyde Nelson and his son-in-law, Warren Thom Knudson, who prepared and filed the incorporation papers and tax-exempt forms for the Society.

Field Trip Report Bolinas Lagoon February 6

On a bright, sunny day in the Bolinas area, 18 birders, led by Dick Ashford, had a nice time observing 113 species. The most surprising bird of the day was the Black-legged Kittiwake which gave us a close fly-by during lunch. Other "special" birds were Harlequin Duck, Barrow's Goldeneye, Prairie Warbler, and Sharp-tailed Sparrow. Unfortunately the sparrow was seen by only 2 people. As practice for Jack Arnold's SSU class and for the Breeding Bird Atlas, Winnie Nelson spotted an Anna's Hummingbird nest.

Species seen: Red-throated Loon, Common Loon, Pied-billed Grebe, Horned Grebe, Eared Grebe, Western and Clark's Grebes, Brown Pelican, Double-crested Cormorant, Pelagic Cormorant, American Bittern, Great Blue Heron, Great and Snowy Egrets, Green-winged Teal, Mallard, Northern Pintail, Cinnamon Teal, Northern Shoveler, Gadwall, American Wigeon, Canvasback, Greater and Lesser Scaup, Harlequin Duck, Surf and White-winged Scoters, Common and Barrow's Goldeneye, Bufflehead, Common and Red-breasted Merganser, Ruddy Duck, Turkey Vulture, Osprey, Red-shouldered Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, American Kestrel, California Quail, Virginia Rail, American Coot, Black-bellied Plover, Killdeer, American Avocet, Greater Yellowlegs, Willet, Whimbrel, Long-billed Curlew, Marbled Godwit, Black Turnstone, Sanderling, Western Sandpiper, Dunlin, Long-billed Dowitcher, Common Snipe, Mew Gull, Ring-billed Gull, California Gull, Herring Gull, Thayer's Gull, Western Gull, Glaucous-winged Gull, Black-legged Kittiwake, Forster's Tern, Band-tailed Pigeon, Mourning Dove, Anna's Hummingbird, Hummingbird - *Selasphorus* sp., Belted Kingfisher, Red-naped Sapsucker, Red-breasted Sapsucker, Downy Woodpecker, Hairy Woodpecker, Northern Flicker, Black Phoebe, Tree Swallow, Steller's Jay, Scrub Jay, American Crow, Common Raven, Chestnut-backed Chickadee, Bushtit, Pygmy Nuthatch, Bewick's Wren, Winter Wren, Marsh Wren, Golden-crowned Kinglet, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Western Bluebird, Hermit Thrush, American Robin, Varied Thrush, European Starling, Hutton's Vireo, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Townsend's Warbler, Common Yellowthroat, Prairie Warbler, Rufous-sided Towhee, Brown Towhee, Savannah Sparrow, Fox Sparrow, Song Sparrow, Golden-crowned Sparrow, White-crowned Sparrow, Dark-eyed Junco, Sharp-tailed Sparrow, Red-winged Blackbird, Western Meadowlark, Brewer's Blackbird, House Finch, Red Crossbill, Pine Siskin.

Correction

Dorothy Tobkin kindly sent us the following correction to the North Coast Observations in the February Kite Tales: the species listed as having been seen at McKerricher State Park were seen at Manchester State Park, not at McKerricher.

OBSERVATIONS

Sonoma County: 1/14 - Ramal Rd.: Short-eared Owl; Hudemann Slough: Clapper Rail (J&BDP). Seen regularly- Schellville: Burrowing Owl (RM). 2/8 - King Ridge Rd.: Dipper (nest building); Santa Rosa - Allen's Hummingbird (DN). Petaluma - White-throated Sparrow (still coming to feeder) (C,W&DN). 1/28 - Tilton Rd.: Black and White Warbler (CJ). 2/12 - Goat Rock Beach: Prairie Falcon, Valley Ford-Freestone Rd.: Wood Duck (4) (DE). 2/15 - Sugarloaf SP: Yellow-rumped Warbler (2 in breeding plumage) (RR). 1/29 - Wikiup: White-throated Sparrow, Lincoln's Sparrow (still coming to yard) Allen's Hummingbird (B&BR).

Marin County: 2/12 - Cheese Factory: Yellow-bellied Sapsucker (imm.) (B&BR).

Humboldt County: 2/20- Garcia River: Tundra Swans (900), White-fronted Geese (16), Canada Geese (6), Snow Geese (2); Elk Creek: Redhead (2), Ring-neck Duck (30) (DE).

Solano County: 1/23 - Grizzly Island Rd.: Short-eared Owl (3) (C,W&DN).

On a rare-bird-chasing trip to Southern California, Dick Ashford found a life bird or two.

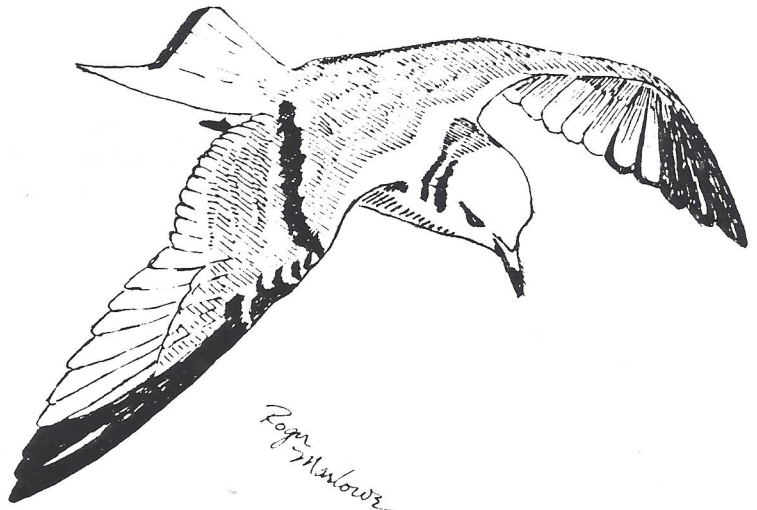
Ventura County: 2/19 - Ventura: Xantus's Hummingbird (female on nest with 2 eggs), Broad-billed Hummingbird (DA).

Imperial County: 2/16 - Salton Sea: Ground Dove, Abert's Towhee, Black Skimmer (1 early arrival), Mountain Plover (200) (DA).

San Diego County: 2/18 - San Diego: Little Blue Heron (in adult plumage) (DA).

Observers:

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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 Room 221, Darwin Hall, Sonoma State University, Rohnert Park CA 94928.

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