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COMING ATTRACTIONS

April 13, Thursday, 7:30 p.m. RROS General Meeting

Alan Fish will present a slide presentation entitled The Golden Gate Raptor Observatory: The First Five Years. Mr. Fish is a graduate of U C Davis with a BS in Biology. His experience includes service with the Bureau of Land Management. He is presently the Director of the Golden Gate Raptor Observatory.

March 16, Sunday - Field Trip to Tennessee Valley

Time: 8:00 a.m. Bailey Field
9:00 a.m. Tennessee
Valley
Parking Area

For those who prefer to go directly to Tennessee Valley, go south on Hwy 101 toward San Francisco, take the North Exit of Hwy 1, turn left at Tennessee Valley Rd. which is about $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile from the exit.

Meeting Place: Bailey Field
for car pooling or
Tennessee Valley
Parking Area

Betty Burridge, leader, is familiar with the area, having led trips there before for RROS. There is varied

habitat - open fields, a marsh, a creek, woodland, and the coast. Spring wildflowers should be out by April. Birds seen on previous trips are warblers, owls, ducks, and White-throated Swift.

The trails may be muddy, especially if we have some more rains. Bring lunch and a day pack, as we will eat at the beach or other rest stop.

May 13, Saturday - Monterey Bay Pelagic Trip

Although this is not a scheduled RROS field trip, we include the announcement for the benefit of those members who might choose to go. Monterey is justifiably famous for its seabirding. The Monterey canyon waters are often alive with seabirds and marine mammals. Our emphasis in May will be on viewing and interpreting birds, though of course as is always the best policy, we will enjoy whatever nature has in store!

Leaders will be Roger Marlowe, Stephen Bailey and Kurt Campbell. Reservations are only with full payment, refunds only with 30-day notice or if another is found to take your place. Price \$35 per person. Meet at Sam's Sportfishing at the end of Fisherman's Wharf at 7:30 a.m.: the trip will run 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. For information, contact Roger Marlowe: 401 Vine Ave., Sebastopol, CA 95472; phone (707)829-0705.

DEADLINE FOR MAY KITE TALES: April 24

FIELD TRIP REPORT
Skaggs Island, March 18

On a rainy morning, 7 people were accompanied by 2 Navy personnel of the Skaggs Island Naval Facility. Owls were the target birds for the day. The Long-eared Owl was not at the spot where it had been seen previously, even so, there were 2 Great Horned Owls, a Barn Owl, and 4 Burrowing Owls.

The 30 species seen were:

Pied-billed Grebe	Barn Owl
Eared Grebe	Great Horned Owl
Mallard	Burrowing Owl
Cinnamon Teal	Northern Flicker
Canvasback	Violet-green Swallow
Greater Scaup	Cliff Swallow
Common Goldeneye	Barn Swallow
Bufflehead	Marsh Wren
Ruddy Duck	Loggerhead Shrike
Black-shouldered Kite	Yellow-rumped Warbler
Northern Harrier	Savannah Sparrow
Sharp-shinned Hawk	Song Sparrow
American Coot	White-crowned Sparrow
Killdeer	Red-winged Blackbird
Black-necked Stilt	Western Meadowlark

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Nominating Committee presented the slate of officers for the coming year at the March meeting. Election will be held at the April meeting, at which time nominations may be made from the floor.

Officers:

President:	Wini Nelson
Vice-President:	Les Hood
Secretary:	Olive Corey
Treasurer:	Sherryl Royce

Chairmen:

Observations:	Bob Rains
Christmas Count:	Doug Ellis
Kite Tales:	Bertha Rains
Field Trips:	
Social:	

After the report was given, Jean Smith kindly offered to continue as Social Chairman, and Dan Nelson to act as Field Trip Chairman.

Submitted by:

Ardell Arnold
John Arnold
Bertha Rains

OBSERVATIONS

Early arrivals of some migrants and summer visitors are a welcome sign of spring.

Water and Shorebirds

Pacific Loon 2/25, Bodega Head (RR). **Red-necked Grebe** 3/19, 6 individuals N. of Fort Bragg (DT). **Tundra Swan** 3/13, 3 near Spring Hill and Chileno Valley Rds. (DN). **Oldsquaw** 3/5, 2 off McKerricher State Park (DT). **Black Scoter** 3/1 to 3/21, 6 to 3 off McKerricher SP (DT) - 3/11, Bodega Harbor (RR). **Lesser Golden Plover (fulva)** 3/9, McKerricher SP (DT).

RAPTORS

Merlin 3/4, Pudding Creek, Fort Bragg (DT). **Peregrine Falcon** 3/11, Doran Park (DN). **Golden Eagle** 3/21, Maacama Creek N. of Hwy. 128 (B&BR).

Other Non-Passerines

Rufous Hummingbird 2/28, home feeder, Petaluma (DN) - 2/23 to 3/14, Wikiup (B&BR) - 3/5, Guerneville (BDP). **Lewis' Woodpecker** 3/14, 3 on Chileno Valley Rd. (DN). **Yellow-shafted Flicker** 3/19, Fort Bragg (DT) - 3/21, Sonoma Mt. Rd. (DN). **Pileated Woodpecker** 3/19, yard, Rincon Valley (JRA).

Passerines

Western Flycatcher 3/19, yard, Rincon Valley (JRA) - 3/21, Chalk Hill Rd. (B&BR) - 3/26, Sonoma State Hospital (DN). **Cliff Swallow** 3/16, Napa Airport (BDP). **Barn Swallow** 3/26, Bridgehaven (BDP). **House Wren** 3/21, Sonoma Mt. Rd. (DN). **California Thrasher** 3/24 - 3/28, yard, Wikiup (B&BR). **Northern Shrike** 3/12, Manchester State Park (DT). **Warbling Vireo** 3/27, Cavedale Rd. (DN). **Orange-crowned Warbler** 3/21, Maacama Creek (B&BR). **Wilson's Warbler** 3/28, Henno Rd. (DN). **Black-headed Grosbeak** 3/28, Napa (BDP). **Evening Grosbeak** 3/12, 3/18, 40 to 50 ind., Guerneville (BDP).

Highlights of Some Other Trips

Ruth Rudesill reported that on the 3/11 Whaling Trip from Bodega Bay, she and Dan Nelson saw 9 **Red-necked Grebes**, a **Northern Fulmar**, 1 **Oldsquaw**, 2 **Pomarine Jaegers**, 30 **Black-legged Kittiwakes**, 2 **Marbled Murrelets**, and many **Cassin's** and **Rhinoceros Auklets**.

Dick Ashford, on a missile watching trip off Cape Canaveral, saw **Northern Gannets**, a **Masked Booby**, and **Black-legged Kittiwakes**.

Betty Burrige reports that highlights of her trip to Costa Rica with Deyea Harper and Roger Marlowe included **Aracari**, **Toucons**, and **Monkeys**.

Observers

Jack Arnold, Dick Ashford, Betty Burrige, Deyea Harper, Roger Marlowe, Dan Nelson, Benjamin Parmeter, Bob and Bertha Rains, Ruth Rudesill, and Dorothy Tobkin.

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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MEMBERSHIP DUES RROS dues are \$10 for Family, \$7.50 for individual, \$3 for Student. Memberships cover the period from September 1988 to June 1989 and include a subscription to Kite Tales. Checks should be made out to RROS and sent to Sherryl Royce, Treasurer, at 2340 Silk Rd., Windsor, CA 95942.

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