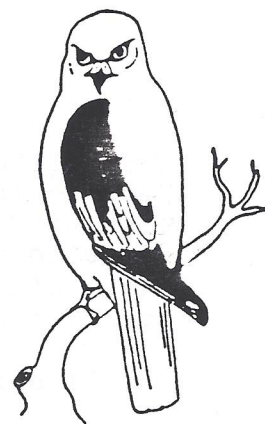


# Kite Tales



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REDWOOD REGION ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY  
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## COMING ATTRACTIONS

### May 10 Thursday - 6:00 p.m., General Meeting

Meeting Place: Sugarloaf State Park For this last meeting of the year, we will have our traditional potluck dinner, a short business meeting, and then go on an evening walk.

Time: Potluck Dinner: 6:00 p.m.  
Meeting: 7:00 p.m.  
Owl Walk 7:30 p.m.

In past years we have heard, and sometimes seen, owls. We will also listen for Poorwills. This will be a time to express our appreciation to the outgoing officers, and to welcome the newly elected ones for the coming year. Bring your own service, a main dish, salad or dessert. Friends and guests are welcome. There is a \$3 parking fee, so we suggest carpooling.

Directions: Take Hwy. 12 from Santa Rosa or Sonoma areas and follow the signs to Kenwood. About  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile north of Kenwood, turn onto Adobe Canyon Rd. Follow this road to the Park. Proceed straight ahead to the group picnic area which is beyond some service buildings.

### May 12, Saturday - Field Trip to Ida Clayton Road

Time: 7:30 a.m. Ida Clayton Road goes from mixed deciduous forest, oak woodland and chaparral on the north west side of Mt. St. Helena. With this varied habitat, we may expect to see a large number of species. Mike Parmeter, leader, lists the rarities that are seen some years on page 86 of Birds of Sonoma

County. As there are limited parking areas along the road, please plan to carpool. Reminder: do bring lunch as there are no restaurants .

## MEMBERSHIP DUES

Membership dues for the 1990-1991 year may be paid at the May meeting or by mail to Clarence Wolcott, 4455 Dry Creek Road, Healdsburg CA 95448. Dues are \$3 for Student, \$7.50 for Individual, and \$18 for Family. You may make your check to RROS. Early payment will assure you continued subscription to the Kite Tales.

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This is the last Kite Tales until September. Happy Birding for the summer and bring your vacation super sightings to us when we meet in the fall.

FIELD TRIP REPORT

King Ridge Road

Doug Ellis, leader, called out Pygmy Owls at 2 locations, and 2 others were heard. The American Dipper posed on the edge of Austin Creek, and another wish bird of the day, the Pileated Woodpecker, was almost abundant and ubiquitous. At least 4 were seen, and 5 others heard, a total of 9 for the day. Six Blue Grouse were heard, and one was clearly seen. The weather was overcast and cool early; later the group enjoyed an ideal spring day.

The 71 species seen were:

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| Great Blue Heron        | Brown Creeper           |
| Wood Duck               | House Wren              |
| Mallard                 | Winter Wren             |
| Common Merganser        | American Dipper         |
| Turkey Vulture          | Golden-crowned Kinglet  |
| Osprey                  | Ruby-crowned Kinglet    |
| Red-tailed Hawk         | Western Bluebird        |
| Golden Eagle            | American Robin          |
| American Kestrel        | Wrentit                 |
| Blue Grouse             | European Starling       |
| California Quail        | Solitary Vireo          |
| Mountain Quail          | Hutton's Vireo          |
| Band-tailed Pigeon      | Warbling Vireo          |
| Northern Pygmy Owl      | Orange-crowned Warbler  |
| Vaux's Swift            | Yellow Warbler          |
| Anna's Hummingbird      | Yellow-rumped Warbler   |
| Allen's Hummingbird     | Black-thr. Gray Warbler |
| Belted Kingfisher       | Townsend's Warbler      |
| Acorn Woodpecker        | Wilson's Warbler        |
| Nuttall's Woodpecker    | Western Tanager         |
| Downy Woodpecker        | Black-headed Grosbeak   |
| Northern Flicker        | Lazuli Bunting          |
| Pileated Woodpecker     | Rufous-sided Towhee     |
| Pac. Slope Flycatcher   | California Towhee       |
| Tree Swallow            | Chipping Sparrow        |
| Violet-green Swallow    | Lark Sparrow            |
| N. Rough-winged Swallow | Song Sparrow            |
| Cliff Swallow           | Dark-eyed Junco         |
| Barn Swallow            | Brewer's Blackbird      |
| Steller's Jay           | Brown-headed Cowbird    |
| Scrub Jay               | Northern Oriole         |
| Common Raven            | Purple Finch            |
| Chestnut-b. Chickadee   | House Finch             |
| Plain Titmouse          | Lesser Goldfinch        |
| White-breasted Nuthatch |                         |



Participants: Avis Anderson, Jack Arnold, Terry Babineaux, Jack and Betty Groce, Wini Nelson, Bob and Bertha Rains.



## OBSERVATIONS

Markedly fewer Anna's Hummingbirds than normally seen at feeders at this time of year have been reported by five observers in Santa Rosa, Petaluma, and Wikiup. Wayne Tillay in Angwin and Clarence Wolcott on Dry Creek Road have seen the usual numbers of Anna's at their homes.

### Water and Shorebirds

**Clark's Grebe** 4/6, Moss Landing (JM). **Short-tailed Shearwater** 4/9, Monterey Bay (JM). **Egyptian Goose** 4/11, 2 at Sonoma State U. Campus (JA). **Snow Goose** 4/12, Old Adobe Rd. (DW). **Canada Goose** 4/4, Casey Park (CN,WN) - 4/17, plus 1 Cackling Goose, Kenwood (RR) - 4/12, Sonoma Mt. Rd. (DW) - 4/25, Hillview Rd., Windsor (B&BR). **Garganey** Past month to at least 4/23, Bolinas Sewer Pond (DN,JM,KH,B&BR,WT,mob). **Harlequin Duck** 4/12, Bolinas Lagoon (JM). **Oldsquaw** 3/31 to 4/21, Bodega Bay (NC) - 4/6, Moss Landing (JM). **Avocet** 4/14, Corte Madera Marsh (DE). **Lesser Yellowlegs** 4/11, Stage Gulch Rd. (RR). **Pomarine Jaeger** 4/9, Monterey Bay (JM). **Caspian Tern** 3/31, Bodega Bay (NC) - 4/12, Bolinas Lagoon (JM). **Thick-billed Murre** 4/9, Monterey Bay (JM). **Pigeon Guillemot** 3/31, Bodega Bay (NC). **Marbled Murrelet** 3/31, Bodega Bay (NC). **Rhinoceros Auklet** 3/31, Bodega Bay (NC).

### Raptors

**Osprey** 4/12, 6 at Bolinas Lagoon (JM). **Sharp-shinned Hawk** 3/31, Bodega Bay (NC). **Cooper's Hawk** 3/31, Bodega Bay (NC). **Harris' Hawk** past year, escaped bird, Hwy 80 near Dixon turnoff, Winters (JK). **Peregrine Falcon** 3/31, Bodega Bay (NC) - 4/14, Corte Madera Marsh (DE). **Western Screech Owl** 4/14, in yard, Angwin (WT).

### Other Non-Passerines

**Band-tailed Pigeon** 3/31, 25 at Bodega Bay (NC). **Pileated Woodpecker** 4/12, in yard, Angwin (WT).

### Passerines

**Pacific Slope Flycatcher** 4/7, Kenwood (RR). **Ash-throated Flycatcher** 4/10, Kenwood (BG). **Western Kingbird** 4/2, early, Brooks Rd., Windsor (B&BR) - 4/8, Sonoma Mt. Rd. (JA). **California Thrasher** 4/13, Franz Valley School Rd. (B&BR). **Solitary Vireo** 3/30, Mt. St. Helena (DE). **Warblers** 4/6, 6 species at Annadel Marsh, **Orange-crowned, Yellow-rumped, Black-throated Gray, Townsends, Hermit, and Common Yellowthroat** (BG). **Yellow Warbler** 4/7, Kenwood (RR). **Palm Warbler** 4/21, Russian Gulch (DH). **Black-headed Grosbeak** 4/4, at feeder, Petaluma (WN) - 4/6, Channel Drive (BG). **White-throated Sparrow** 4/15, wintering bird last seen, Wikiup (B&BR) - 4/22, still present in Penngrove (HB) - 4/24, Bodega Bay (NC). **Golden-crowned Sparrow** 4/26, 1 left of large wintering flocks, Wikiup (B&BR). **Harris' Sparrow** 4/22, still present and in breeding plumage, Penngrove (HB). **Hooded Oriole** 4/12, 3 in palm trees near Oak Lake Ave. and Silver Lake Dr., Rincon Valley (CT). **Northern Oriole** 4/6, Channel Dr. (BG) - 4/12, at feeder, Petaluma (WN).

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