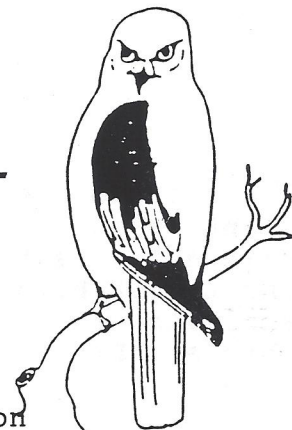


Kite Tales



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REDWOOD REGION ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY

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COMING ATTRACTIONS

January 10, Thursday - 7:30 p.m. General Meeting

Jon Winter will return to present Part II of his program on Owls. When Jon came in October, he had so much information and tapes that he did not have time for all the owls of our area. By popular request, he will discuss the Spotted, Barred, Great Gray, and Long-eared Owls. Jon has given workshops on owls at American Birding Association and Western Field Ornithologists Conventions. During his years of research on the Great Gray Owl, he not only has become an expert on that species, but also acquired much data on other species as well. Come join us and welcome Jon back to complete the presentations on Sonoma County owls.

Saturday, January 12 - Field Trip to Bolinas Lagoon

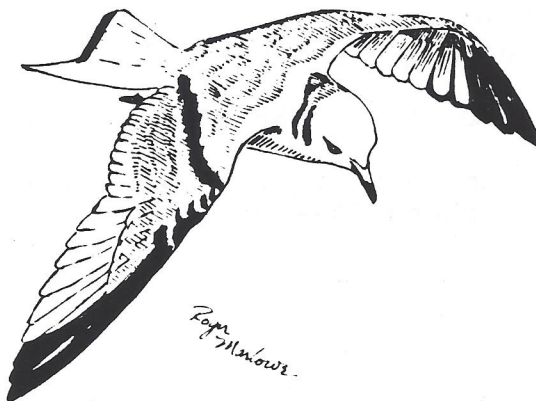
Time: 8:30 a.m. Once again, Dick Ashford will lead a trip to Bolinas Lagoon. This trip has been especially rewarding in the past, as it offers an opportunity to pick up a life bird or two. The elusive Sharp-tailed Sparrow is likely, and also the Black Rail and Swamp Sparrow, birds seen there on December 2nd. Vagrant warblers are often there, and always large numbers of waterbirds. Dick will be in that area on December 29th for the Southern Marin Christmas Bird Count. so we can depend on him to stake out whatever rarities are there.

We will be walking in the Pine Gulch Creek area where rubber boots are recommended. Bring lunch, binocs, scopes, and prepare for chilly weather.

TELEPHONE WHEEL

The Telephone Wheel will be ready by the January meeting. Copies will be given to those who attend, and mailed to all others immediately after.

DEADLINE: January 29th for February Kite Tales.



CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

There is no Field Trip Report this issue as the Santa Rosa Christmas Bird Count takes the place of the field trip for December. We hoped for no rain and were blessed with cool, but sunny weather. The Wood Stork was the target bird for the day, and we were successful in finding it. In addition, there were 3 other species that had never been on the list before. Final totals and a complete report will be in the February Kite Tales.

NATURALIST CLASS

John Klobas is offering 3 classes through Sonoma State University that are of interest to birders.

Owls!

2 meetings: Saturday, March 23 1-4 pm (class), 6-10 pm (field trip from Occidental); Saturday, April 13 9 am - 5 pm (field trip for Burrowing and Short-eared Owls)

Darwin Hall 221	\$82	ENSP e400B	24011-891	1 unit
	\$50	ENSP eNC	24012-891	noncredit

Western Birds

This course on wintering birds includes field trips to Bodega Bay, Grizzly Island Wildlife Area and Point Reyes National Seashore.

Thursday, February 21 & 28, 7-10 pm
Saturday, February 23 & March 2 & 9, 10 am - 4 pm

Room: to be assigned SSU \$82 1 unit ENSP e400A 24001-891

The Central California Coast Biosphere Preserve

One million acres from Bodega Head to Point Reyes, the Golden Gate to the Farallon Islands has been declared an International Biosphere Preserve. This course on the wildlife of this area includes field trips to Ano Nuevo State Reserve and Point Reyes National Seashore.

Thursday, April 25 7-10 pm
Saturday, April 27 10 am - 5 pm; May 4 11 am - 4 pm

Room to be assigned SSU \$82 ENSP e400C 24021-891 1 unit

For further information on these courses or registration,
SSU Extended Education: phone 664-2394.

OBSERVATIONS

Water and Shorebirds

Red-necked Grebe 12/22, McKerricher State Park (DT). **White Pelican** 12/9, Abbott's Lagoon (JRA,BDP). **Tundra Swan** 12/7, Delta (JRA) - 12/22, Princeton Harbor (DE,RR). **Ross' Goose** 12/22, Santa Cruz (DE,RR). **Brant** 12/8, (DW). **Canada Goose** 12/7, Delta (JRA). **Wood Duck** 12/2, Bolinas Lagoon (DA,AC,RR) - 12/25, Lake Solano (JP,BDP). **Eurasian Wigeon** 12/22, 2 at Bolinas Lagoon (DE,RR). **Redhead** 12/9, flock at Abbott's Lagoon (JRA,BDP). **Oldsquaw** 12/4, Bodega Head (TE). **Black Scoter** 12/27, McKerricher SP (DT). **Barrow's Goldeneye** 12/26, Bolinas Lagoon (JP,BDP). **Hooded Merganser** 11/26, Pudding Creek (DT) - 12/25, Lake Solano (JP,BDP). **Common Merganser** 12/25, many at Putah Creek (JP,BDP). **Red-breasted Merganser** 12/26, Five Brooks (JP,BDP). **Black Rail** 12/2, being eaten by a Great Egret at Bolinas Lagoon (DA,AC,RR). **Virginia Rail** 12/8, Rail Ponds (DW). **Sora** 12/7, Delta (JRA). **Common Moorhen** 12/9, Abbott's Lagoon (JRA,BDP) - 12/25, Lake Solano (JP,BDP). **Lesser Golden Plover** 12/15, McKerricher SP (DT). **Mountain Plover** 12/23, 16 at Sycamore Slough, Solano County (JP,BDP). **Long-billed Curlew** 12/16, (uncommon along Mendocino Coast) McKerricher SP (DT). **Rock Sandpiper** 12/22, Princeton Harbor (DE,RR). **Common Snipe** 12/20, 36 at Willow Creek Rd. (JM). **Ancient Murrelet** 12/4, Bodega Head (TE) - 12/16, 16 at McKerricher SP (DT). **Cassin's Auklet** and **Rhinoceros Auklet** 12/16, many at McKerricher SP (DT).

Raptors

Osprey 12/25, 1 at Monticello Dam - 1 at Lake Solano (JP,BDP). **Ferruginous Hawk** 12/20, Bridgehaven (JM) - 12/22, 3 at Gray Lodge (JP,BDP). **Rough-legged Hawk** 12/23, 3 at Gray Lodge (JP,BDP). **Golden Eagle** 12/20, 3 at once, Bridgehaven (JM) - 12/26, Tolay Creek (DA). **Merlin** 12/24, McKerricher SP (DT) - 12/26, Mare Island (DA). **Peregrine Falcon** 12/3, 12/8, McKerricher SP (DT). **Short-eared Owl** 12/23, Ramal Rd. (JP,BDP).

Passerines

Canyon Wren 12/25, Putah Creek (JP,BDP). **Hermit Thrush** 12/20, 25 along Willow Creek Rd. (JM). **Swamp Sparrow** 12/2, Bolinas Lagoon (DA,AC,RR) - 12/26, Shield's Marsh (JP,BDP). **White-throated Sparrow** 12/2, Volunteer Canyon (DA,AC,RR) - 12/26, 4 at Bolinas Gardens (JP,BDP) - frequent at feeders of many members. **Harris' Sparrow** 12/22, Bolinas (DE,RR). **Sharp-tailed Sparrow** 12/2, (DA,AC,RR). **Brambling** 12/22, Santa Cruz (DE,RR).

Observers

Jack R Arnold, Dick Ashford, Anthony Cermak, Ted Eliot, Doug Ellis, John McDonagh, John Parmeter, Mike Parmeter, Ruth Rudesill, Dorothy Tobkin, Dan Wilson.

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