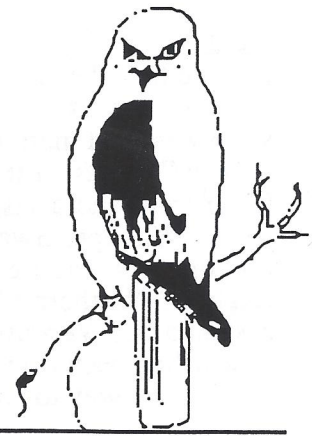


# Kite Tales

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## COMING ATTRACTIONS

**General Meeting:** Thurs, March 12, 1992

**Place:** Darwin Hall, Sonoma State University

**Time:** 7:30 PM

**Program:** Once every year the program is dependent upon the photography of its members. Please bring your favorite slides (limit 15) of birds (and birders) to the meeting. We are dependent upon you. The editor enjoys one that is difficult to identify, especially if it is slightly out of focus. Bring your binoculars.

**Field Trip: On March 7 & 8, Saturday and Sunday,** we will journey to the Susanville-Honey Lake areas looking for a Sage Grouse lek. Joel Hornstein and Deyea Harper will lead, and the birding will start very early on Saturday. Be prepared to be at the lek site 30 minutes before dawn. Accommodations are available in Susanville. Call Deyea Harper at 542-1542 (locally), or Joel Hornstein at (916) 741-7225 for more information and directions.

**Field Trip: On Saturday, March 28,** we will go to Clear Lake to see the Grebes performing their mating dances. Meet at 8:00 AM at Lower Lake Post Office on Morgan Valley Road (East at the stoplight where Hwy 29 goes West). We may also bird Boggs Lake. Bring a boat as well as your lunch! Leader is Les Hood.

## FIELD TRIP REPORTS

Field trip of Feb. 8, 1992. Six birders enjoyed a very nice, cloudy day with only a few drops of rain. 75 species of birds were seen, but the number of ducks on the lake was down from that observed on the Angwin CBC

on Jan. 1, according to Mike Parmeter. All of the Canada Geese normally present on the lake in winter appeared to have already left. Highlights of the trip included 2 adult Bald Eagles, 4 male and 6 female Hooded Mergansers, 3 Wood Ducks (in flight), close looks at a Northern Pygmy Owl, 4 Tree Swallows flying low over the lake, and an adult Barrow's Goldeneye. Participants: Avis Anderson, Barb Gumtow, Alberta Oliver, Mike Parmeter, Alan Wight (leader), and Cindy Young. Trip list:

Pied-billed Grebe, Western Grebe, Clark's Grebe, Double-crested Cormorant, Great Blue Heron, Wood Duck, Green-winged Teal, Mallard, Gadwall, American Wigeon, Ring-necked Duck, Greater Scaup, Lesser Scaup, Common Goldeneye, Barrow's Goldeneye, Bufflehead, Hooded Merganser, Common Merganser, Ruddy Duck, Turkey Vulture, Osprey, Bald Eagle, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Cooper's Hawk, Red-shouldered Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, American Kestrel, Merlin, California Quail, American Coot, Killdeer, Mew Gull, Ring-billed Gull, California Gull, Northern Pygmy-Owl, Anna's Hummingbird, Belted Kingfisher, Acorn Woodpecker, Red-breasted Sapsucker, Nuttall's Woodpecker, Hairy Woodpecker, Northern Flicker, Pileated Woodpecker, Black Phoebe, Say's Phoebe, Tree Swallow, Steller's Jay, Scrub Jay, American Crow, Plain Titmouse, Bushtit, White-breasted Nuthatch, Bewick's Wren, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Western Bluebird, Hermit Thrush, American Robin, Varied Thrush, Wrentit, European Starling, Hutton's Vireo, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Rufous-sided Towhee, California Towhee, Rufous-crowned Sparrow, Savannah Sparrow, Song Sparrow, Lincoln's Sparrow, Golden-crowned Sparrow, White-crowned Sparrow, Dark-eyed Junco, Red-winged Blackbird, Purple Finch, House Finch, Lesser Goldfinch.

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Field trip of Feb. 15-17, 1992. Six participants braved reports of stormy weather that turned out great to bird the Klamath Basin over the President's Day weekend. A total of 98 species of birds were seen plus a number of mammals including: Mule deer, Pronghorn antelope, coyote, yellow-bellied marmot and mink. Included in the President's Day weekend were the Bald Eagle "Flyout", visits to the Lower Klamath and Tulelake NWRs, Lava Beds, Petroglyphs, the Link River trail, and a visit to the Gray Lodge State Refuge on the way back. Highlights of the trip were: Whooper Swan, several pairs of Barrow's Goldeneye (thanks to Jon Winter), Brant, 40+ Pinyon Jays, Prairie Falcon, 166 Balk Eagles at the "Flyout" and many in fields, 3 Golden Eagles, 3 Northern Shrikes, Townsend's Solitaire, Lewis' Woodpecker, 200 Sandhill Cranes, and a staked-out Vermilion Flycatcher at the entrance to Gray Lodge Refuge. The trip list that follow has been divided into two sections: (1) Birds seen in the Klamath Basin; and (2) Birds seen on the way to and from the Klamath Basin.

### Birds of Klamath Basin (72 Species)

Pied-billed Grebe	American Coot
Western Grebe	Killdeer
Double-crested Cormorant	Ring-billed Gull
Great Blue Heron	California Gull
Great Egret	Rock Dove
Black-crowned Night Heron	Mourning Dove
Tundra Swan	Great Horned Owl
Whooper Swan	Belted Kingfisher
Greater White-fronted Goose	Northern Flicker
Snow Goose	Horned Lark
Ross's Goose	Scrub Jay
Brant	Pinyon Jay
Canada Goose	Black-billed Magpie
Mallard	Common Raven
Northern Pintail	Black-capped Chickadee
Cinnamon Teal	Plain Titmouse
Northern Shoveler	Rock Wren
Gadwall	Bewick's Wren
American Wigeon	Winter Wren
Canvasback	Marsh Wren
Ring-necked Duck	Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Lesser Scaup	Townsend's Solitaire
Common Goldeneye	American Robin
Barrow's Goldeneye	Northern Shrike
Common Merganser	Loggerhead Shrike
Ruddy Duck	European Starling
Turkey Vulture	Rufous-sided Towhee
Bald Eagle	Song Sparrow
Northern Harrier	Golden-crowned Sparrow
Red-tailed Hawk	White-crowned Sparrow
Rough-legged Hawk	Dark-eyed Junco
Golden Eagle	Red-winged Blackbird
American Kestrel	Western Meadowlark
Prairie Falcon	House Finch
Ring-necked Pheasant	Lesser Goldfinch
California Quail	House Sparrow

### Birds Seen Elsewhere

Green-winged Teal
Cinnamon Teal
Black-shouldered Kite
Sharp-shinned Hawk
Red-shouldered Hawk
Ferruginous Hawk
Sandhill Crane
Lewis's Woodpecker
Nuttall's Woodpecker
Black Phoebe
Say's Phoebe
Vermilion Flycatcher
Tree Swallow
Steller's Jay
Yellow-billed Magpie
American Crow
Northern Mockingbird
Yellow-rumped Warbler
California Towhee
Lark Sparrow
Savannah Sparrow
Lincoln's Sparrow
Brewer's Blackbird
Brown-headed Cowbird
Red Crossbill
American Goldfinch

Participant list, each of whom had at least one life lister: Avis Anderson, Barbara Gumtow, Mike Parmeter, Linda Petruilius, Alan Wight and Cindy Young.

## OBSERVATIONS 1/25 - 2/24

SPECIES NAME	DATE	LOCATION, COUNTY	DETAILS	OBSERVERS
Red-necked Grebe	2/10	Bodega Harbor, Sonoma	One bird	BG
	2/10	MacKerricher SP, Mendocino	One bird; also 1 on 2/23	DT
American White Pelican	1/31	Clear Lake SP; Lower Lake, Lake	Many, sleeping; 10 soaring 2/6	BGr BGu AA;WT
Brown Pelican	2/17	MacKerricher SP, Mendocino	One bird, late date	DT
✓ Cattle Egret	2/09	Sebastopol Com. Ctr, Sonoma	2-3 some alternate plumaged; 2/22	DH
White-faced Ibis	2/12	Colusa Refuge, Colusa Co.	200 birds	J & VM
✓ Gr. White-fronted Goose	2/15	Doran Park, Sonoma	4 birds	DH
	2/17	MacKerricher SP, Mendocino	One bird	DT
Snow Goose	2/01	MacKerricher SP, Mendocino	One bird, all month	DT
✓ Brant	2/15	Bodega Bay, Sonoma	100 birds	DH
Wood Duck	2/20	Five Brooks, Marin	One female	JM, et. al.
Wigeon, Hybrid	2/22	Bolinas Lagoon, Marin	Single American/Eurasian cross	DH
Tufted Duck	2/17	Novata area, Marin	Single female	WT
	2/23	Stow Lake, GGP, San Francisco	Single male	J & VM
✓ Steller's Eider	2/23	Bodega Bay, Sonoma	Still there	DH, AA
Harlequin Duck	2/23	Chimney Rock, Pt. Reyes, Marin	Three birds	BDP
Oldsquaw	2/23	Fish Docks, Pt. Reyes, Marin	Single bird	BDP
	2/20	Bolinas Lagoon, Marin	One female	JM, et. al.
Black Scoter	2/17	Fish Docks, Pt. Reyes, Marin	12± birds; also 2/23	WT, RS; BDP
	2/10	MacKerricher SP, Mendocino	5 birds; 2 on 2/17 & 2/23	DT
Barrow's Goldeneye	2/20	Bolinas Lagoon, Marin	One male	JM, et. al.
Hooded Merganser	1/31	Detert Res., Butts Cyn Rd, Lake	1 male, 1 female; also 2/6	BGr BGu AA;WT
	2/02	Caspar Pond, Mendocino	Two birds	DT
Bald Eagle	2/02	Grizzley Island, Solano	Single bird	JT
	2/06	L. Hennessey, Napa	Two birds; (see also Field Trip)	JM, et. al.
✓	2/25	Occidental near High School, Son.	One bird	JA
Ferruginous Hawk	1/31	No. of Middletown, Lake	One bird	BGr, BGu, AA
Merlin	2/01	Salmon Cr. Rd., Sonoma	One bird	BGu, EH
	2/06	Lake Hennessey, Napa	One bird	JM, et. al.
Black Rail	2/23	Doran Park, Sonoma	Details on phone wheel (heard)	DH
Lesser Golden-Plover	2/17	Spaletta Plateau, Pt Reyes, Marin	Seven birds	WT, RS
✓ Red Phalarope	2/23	Off Bodega Head, Sonoma	Several birds	DH
Black-legged Kittiwake	2/23	MacKerricher SP, Mendocino	One bird	DT
Marbled Murrelet	2/23	MacKerricher SP, Mendocino	2 birds in alternate plumage	DT
Rhinoceros Auklet	2/23	MacKerricher SP, Mendocino	at least 12 birds	DT
Western Screech-Owl	2/20	Angwin, Napa	Yard bird	WT
Burrowing Owl	2/23	Spaletta Plateau, Marin	Single bird	BDP
	2/16	N. of Ft. Bragg, Mendocino	One bird	DT
Long-eared Owl	2/09	Tenn. Valley, GG NRA, Marin	One bird	AA
✓ Rufous Hummingbird	2/01	Santa Rosa, Sonoma	One feeder bird	BM
✓ Allen's Hummingbird	2/03	Santa Rosa, Sonoma	One feeder bird	B & BR
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	2/23	Arboretum, GG Park, SF	One bird	J & VM
Red-breasted Sapsucker	2/05	Oakmont, Sonoma	One yard bird	B Gr
Eastern Phoebe	2/22	Mi. post 9.47 Novato Blvd, Marin	Single bird	DH
Yellow-billed Magpie	2/23	Fish Dock Trees, Pt Reyes, Marin	Single bird	BDP
California Towhee	2/22	Five Brooks, Marin	One bald headed bird	DH
Lapland Longspur	2/23	Spaletta Plateau, Pt. Reyes, Marin	Single bird	BDP
Red Crossbill	2/02	Pygmy Forest, Mendocino	Two birds	DT

Avis Anderson, Jack Arnold, Betty Groce, Barbara Gumtow, Ebba Hillard, Dave Hofmann, John & Virginia McDonagh, Barbara Murray, Benjamin D. Parmeter, Bob & Bertha Rains, Ralph Sherman, Wayne Tillay, Dorothy Tobkin, Jack Troutfetter

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