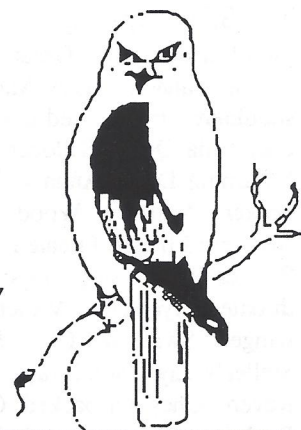


Kite Tales



REDWOOD REGION ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY
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COMING ATTRACTIONS

Potluck and General Meeting: Sept. 10 -- Thursday, 6:00 PM

Place: Sugarloaf State Park

There will be a short business meeting after the Potluck dinner. Bring your own service, drinks and a main dish, salad or dessert. Comfortable shoes, a warm coat and a flashlight are recommended if you wish to do some birding. We will do some owling and looking for Poorwills after the meeting. It should be recalled that there is a \$5.00 entrance fee (\$4 if one passenger is a senior). Carpooling is suggested.

Field Trip: Saturday, **September 12**, to Pt. Reyes. Meet at Drakes Beach at 8:00 AM for a day of birding for migrants and fall shorebirds. Ruth Rudesill will lead. A lunch will be a necessity

Field Trip: Sunday, **October 25**, to Cordell Bank (Pelagic Trip), a joint venture of RROS and Napa-Solano AS. Cost of the trip is \$42.50, payable to Roger Marlowe, 6400 Rutgers Dr., Sebastopol, CA 95472. The trip will be lead by Roger and Dr. Benjamin D. (Mike) Parmeter. Departure time is 7:00AM from Porto Bodega Marina on the "Jaws", a 55 ft vessel with enclosed cabin. Call (707) 829-9125 for information.

Field Trip: Sunday, **October 18**, the Mendocino Coast Audubon Society is hosting a pelagic trip from Noyo Harbor in Fort Bragg. The boat, Trek II, departs from Sportman Dock (the westernmost dock in the harbor) at 7:15 AM and should return between 1:00 and 1:30 PM. Send \$35.00, payable to Mendocino Coast AS, to same at 130 Dana Street, Fort Bragg CA 95437. Call (707) 964-6333.

FIELD TRIP REPORTS

Report of field trip to Pine Flat Road, May 16, 1992 Thirteen birders, led by Dan Nelson, enjoyed beautiful weather and 63 species of birds along (and up) Pine Flat Road. Best birds for the day were a pair of Black-chinned Sparrows and two Pygmy Owls. The trip list: Turkey Vulture, Red-tailed Hawk, American Kestrel, California Quail, Mountain Quail, Killdeer, Band-tailed Pigeon, Mourning Dove, Northern Pygmy-Owl, Anna's Hummingbird, Acorn Woodpecker, Downy Woodpecker, Hairy Woodpecker, Northern Flicker, Pileated Woodpecker, Olive-sided Flycatcher, Western Wood Pewee, Pacific-slope Flycatcher, Black Phoebe, Ash-throated Flycatcher, Western Kingbird, Purple Martin, Violet-green Swallow, Barn Swallow, Steller's Jay, Scrub Jay, American Crow, Common Raven, Chestnut-backed Chickadee, Plain Titmouse, Red-breasted Nuthatch, White-breasted Nuthatch, Brown Creeper, Bewick's Wren, House Wren, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Western Bluebird, American Robin, Wrentit, California Thrasher, Cedar Waxwing, European Starling, Solitary Vireo, Hutton's Vireo, Warbling Vireo, Orange-crowned Warbler, Wilson's Warbler, Western Tanager, Black-headed Grosbeak, Lazuli Bunting, Rufous-sided Towhee, California Towhee, Chipping Sparrow, Black-chinned Sparrow, Lark Sparrow, Dark-eyed Junco, Red-winged Blackbird, Western Meadowlark, Brewer's Blackbird, Northern Oriole, Purple Finch, House Finch, Lesser Goldfinch.

Participants: Dan Nelson (leader), Joan Conner, Ted Eliot, David Hofmann, Alison Kerr, John & Virginia McDonagh, Clyde & Wini Nelson, Linda Petruvias, Wayne Tillay, Elizabeth Walker, Cindy Young.

Report of field trip to the Sonoma Developmental Center, Sunday June 7. Six birders: found 64 species of birds on what began with morning overcast followed by late AM clearing. The SDC trip list is on the following page.

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The SDC trip-list:

Pied-billed Grebe, Great Blue Heron, Green-backed Heron, Canada Goose, Mallard, Turkey Vulture, Red-shouldered Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, American Kestrel, California Quail, Killdeer, Caspian Tern, Rock Dove, Mourning Dove, Anna's Hummingbird, Acorn Woodpecker, Nuttall's Woodpecker, Hairy Woodpecker, Northern Flicker, Pileated Woodpecker, Western Wood Pewee, Pacific-slope Flycatcher, Black Phoebe, Ash-throated Flycatcher, Violet-green Swallow, N. Rough-winged Swallow, Cliff Swallow, Barn Swallow, Steller's Jay, Scrub Jay, American Crow, Common Raven, Chestnut-backed Chickadee, Plain Titmouse, Bushtit, White-breasted Nuthatch, Brown Creeper, Bewick's Wren, House Wren, Western Bluebird, American Robin, Wrentit, Northern Mockingbird, European Starling, Solitary Vireo, Hutton's Vireo, Warbling Vireo, Orange-crowned Warbler, Wilson's Warbler, Western Tanager, Black-headed Grosbeak, Rufous-sided Towhee, California Towhee, Song Sparrow, Dark-eyed Junco, Red-winged Blackbird, Brewer's Blackbird, Northern Oriole, Purple Finch, House Finch, Lesser Goldfinch, American Goldfinch, House Sparrow.

Participants: Janet Bosshard, Doug Ellis, Rich Gibson, Betty Groce, Linda Petrulias, Cindy Young.

Report of field trip to Kern River area, July 10-12, 1992. Eight birders: Cindy Young, Doug Ellis, Linda Petrulias, Betty Groce, Bertha and Bob Raines, John and Virginia McDonagh; (joined on Saturday by Wayne and Mary Tillay) recorded a total of 121 species for the weekend according to Betty Groce. 63 species were seen or heard en route, 51 were found on or near the Kern River Preserve of the Nature Conservancy, and 7 in the desert area above the preserve. The preserve manager, Reed Tollefson, led the birders through the preserve and "downstream" where there were nesting Yellow-billed Cuckoos. The trip list: Western Grebe, Double-crested Cormorant, Great Blue Heron, Great Egret, Snowy Egret, Mallard, Canvasback, Turkey Vulture, Osprey, Black-shouldered Kite, Red-shouldered Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, American Kestrel, California Quail, Black-necked Stilt, American Avocet, Long-billed Curlew, Marbled Godwit, Ring-billed Gull, Western Gull, Caspian Tern, Forster's Tern, Rock Dove, Mourning Dove, Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Barn Owl, Great Horned Owl, Burrowing Owl, White-throated Swift, Black-chinned Hummingbird, Anna's Hummingbird, Rufous Hummingbird, Allen's Hummingbird, Belted Kingfisher, Acorn Woodpecker, Red-breasted Sapsucker, Ladder-backed Woodpecker,

Nuttall's Woodpecker, Downy Woodpecker, Hairy Woodpecker, White-headed Woodpecker, Northern Flicker, Pileated Woodpecker, Olive-sided Flycatcher, Western Wood Pewee, Willow Flycatcher, Dusky Flycatcher, Pacific-slope Flycatcher, Black Phoebe, Say's Phoebe, Ash-throated Flycatcher, Western Kingbird, Horned Lark, Violet-green Swallow, Cliff Swallow, Barn Swallow, Steller's Jay, Scrub Jay, Yellow-billed Magpie, American Crow, Common Raven, Mountain Chickadee, Plain Titmouse, Bushtit, White-breasted Nuthatch, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Pygmy Nuthatch, Brown Creeper, Cactus Wren, Rock Wren, Bewick's Wren, House Wren, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Western Bluebird, Townsend's Solitaire, American Robin, Wrentit, Northern Mockingbird, California Thrasher, Phainopepla, Loggerhead Shrike, European Starling, Orange-crowned Warbler, Yellow Warbler, Hermit Warbler, MacGillivray's Warbler, Common Yellowthroat, Hooded Warbler, Wilson's Warbler, Yellow-breasted Chat, Summer Tanager, Western Tanager, Black-headed Grosbeak, Blue Grosbeak, Lazuli Bunting, Green-tailed Towhee, Rufous-sided Towhee, California Towhee, Chipping Sparrow, Brewer's Sparrow, Lark Sparrow, Black-throated Sparrow, Savannah Sparrow, Fox Sparrow, Song Sparrow, Lincoln's Sparrow, Dark-eyed Junco, Red-winged Blackbird, Western Meadowlark, Brewer's Blackbird, Brown-headed Cowbird, Hooded Oriole, Northern Oriole, Purple Finch, House Finch, Pine Siskin, Lesser Goldfinch, Lawrence's Goldfinch, American Goldfinch, House Sparrow.

MEMBERSHIP DUES, etc.

Please remember to pay your membership dues for the 1992-93 year. Dues are Family, \$15, Individual, \$8, and student \$3. These represent an increase as indicated in the May Kite Tales sent out last Spring and are directly related to an estimated loss in revenue of an \$420 for the 1991-92 year.

Send your check to the RROS treasurer, Jean Smith, 519 Sunnyvale, Healdsburg CA 95448 or bring it to the first general meeting (on October 8) at Darwin Hall, Sonoma State University campus. Make checks payable to RROS. Dues and contributions are tax deductible. (See also page 3)

The following deadlines for receipt of information must be adhered to in order to get the Kite Tales out on time. Deadline for inclusion of observations (to Avis Anderson), 24th of the month; deadline for inclusion of announcements (to Wayne Tillay), 27th of the month. Please be sure to include the date and place (including county) of the observations.

REPORT OF FINANCES

Beginning Bank Balance, 7/1/91	\$1,596.95
<u>Income:</u>	
From Dues	\$ 508.50
From Book Sales	86.00
From Sale of Bird Cards	14.00
Total Income	<u>608.50</u>
Net	2205.45
<u>Expenditures:</u>	
Kite Tales	522.85
Office Expenditures	20.15
Contribution to SSU	200.00
Book Purchase for SSU	138.27
Contribution to Dr. DeSante	150.00
Total Expenditures	1031.27
Ending Bank Balance, 6/30/92	1174.18

Report by Clarence Wolcott, outgoing Treasurer.

The editor promised a more detailed account of reasons for the increased membership dues recommended and voted during the April meeting. First note that the only substantial increase was for family dues (\$10 to \$15). Individual membership dues were increased only \$0.50, and student dues were left unchanged at \$3.00.

There are few books (Birds of Sonoma County by Parmeter & Bolander) left to sell. To produce sufficient funds to meet the basic expenses, an increase in dues was deemed necessary. The budget Committee urges members to give guests copies of Kite Tales on field trips, and to use more urgent reminders for members to renew. A reminder was given that donations to the society are most welcome, and that dues and contributions are tax deductible.

Income from dues has fluctuated in the past few years:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
1991-92	503.50	1596.95	1174.18
1990-91	640.50	1326.27	1596.95
1989-90	679.50	1071.94	1326.27
1988-89	327.50	611.23	1071.94

Change from yearly beginning balance to yearly ending balance has also fluctuated with a loss for the past year of about \$423. The previous three years showed a gain of at least \$250 per year, largely brought about by the income from book sales.

No recommendation for a reprinting of the book has been received by the editor, probably due to the necessarily prohibitive expense of such an endeavor.

REDWOOD REGIONAL ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY was organized in 1962 "to encourage the study and conservation of birds, other wildlife, and their natural habitat." Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month, September through May. Regular general meetings are held at 7:30PM in Room 221 Darwin Hall, Sonoma State University, Rohnert Park, California.

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