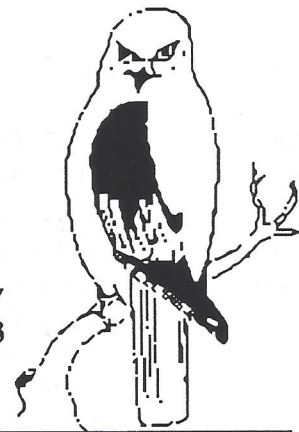


# Kite Tales



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## COMING ATTRACTIONS

**General Meeting:** Thursday, January 14, 1993 at 7:30 PM.

**Place:** Darwin Hall, Sonoma State University, Second Floor.

**Time:** 7:30 PM

**Program:** Don Nelson will demonstrate 21st century bird photography techniques. You will not want to miss this important meeting. Don Nelson saw 284 (73%) of the species in Sonoma Co. during 1992, and he has slides and videos of many of them, including rarities.

**Field Trip:** The January field trip is planned for **January 9th**. Dick Ashford will lead to the **Bolinas Lagoon** area of Marin Co. He does the Christmas Count in this area and will be able to show us the interesting birds that were seen. We will meet in the parking pull-out in front of Audubon Canyon Ranch. Wear warm clothes and bring a lunch and waterproof boots. This trip has become an annual event and something rare or unusual is always seen. For questions phone Ruth at 833-6026 (or Dick at 996-7508).

**Field Trip:** Please reserve **President's Day weekend**, Friday, Feb 12 to Monday, Feb 15 for a trip to **Klamath Falls/Tule Lake**. Some will remember the great birds seen last year in this area. To be looked for will be wintering raptors (especially Bald Eagles), water fowl and, hopefully, rare visitors from the North. Cindy and Ruth are planning a drive to Klamath Falls on Friday. Details concerning motels, etc., can be obtained by calling Ruth (833-6026) or Cindy (585-8826).

## MISCELLANEOUS

**Birds of Sonoma County**, by Parmeter and

Bolander, 4th printing, has been completed and will be ready for distribution at the January meeting, according to Bertha Rains. The addendum has been updated to include the most recent sightings: Tricolored Heron and Lucy's Warbler (last minute addition). A list of nesting birds in the county including all recent data has been included. As the book went to press, the total number of birds for Sonoma County was 387. Please reserve your copy of this important book immediately. (It is required reading for all RROS members).

**Appreciation** to Warren Thom Knudsen is given for legal assistance and advice in obtaining incorporation and status as a public foundation. His careful attention to details was necessary to guide us through the process of dealing with governmental agencies. We sincerely appreciate the time, effort and courtesy he has given to RROS.

When we applied and received status as a public foundation in 1988, the status was conditional for four years. Incorporation permits tax exemption for RROS and authorizes members to deduct contributions on their income taxes. This fall we filed for status as a public foundation, and in November final approval was granted.

## OBSERVATIONS

Several older records reported to the observational editor, Avis Anderson, were deleted since they are of minimal value to most of our group at this time. Because there was a **paucity of local records** reported, the editor included those from other Northern California counties. Observations made on the CBCs and later will be included next month.

## OBSERVATIONS, NOV. 23 TO DEC 23, 1992

SPECIES NAME	DATE	LOCATION, COUNTY	DETAILS	OBSERVERS
Red-necked Grebe	12/12	Bodega Harbor, Sonoma Co	4 in harbor, 2 jetty mouth	Nancy Conzett
- American Bittern	11/22	Doran Park, Sonoma Co	Single bird to 11/25	Nancy Conzett
Cattle Egret	11/26	So. of Goat Rock, Sonoma Co	Single bird	Nancy Conzett
	12/10	Occidental Rd, Laguna area, Son.	8 birds, also 12/16	John McDonagh
	12/18	So. end Joy Rd., Sonoma Co	4 birds	Nancy Conzett
White-faced Ibis	12/09	Colusa WLR, Colusa Co	25 birds	John McDonagh et al
Snow Goose	12/05	Gray Lodge WMA, Butte Co	2 Blue phase	Betty Burrige
	12/05	Gray Lodge WMA, Butte Co	40,000 birds mixed flock	Betty Burrige
Ross's Goose	12/05	Gray Lodge WMA, Butte Co	40,000 birds mixed flock	Betty Burrige
	12/05	Gray Lodge WMA, Butte Co	3 Blue phase	Betty Burrige
Brant	12/02	Spud Pt, Bodega Bay, Sonoma Co	5 birds; 16 in harbor 12/15	Nancy Conzett
Wood Duck	12/13	Sonoma Cr, Kenwood, Sonoma	5 birds	Milt Van Sant
Eurasian Wigeon	12/16	Farm Pond E of Bodega, Sonoma	Single bird	John McDonagh
	12/09	Colusa WLR, Colusa Co	2 birds	John McDonagh et al
	12/10	Gray Lodge WMA, Butte Co	4 birds	John McDonagh et al
Oldsquaw	11/23	Bodega Harbor, Sonoma Co	Single male to 11/25	B Burrige, N Conzett
- Barrow's Goldeneye	12/10	Russian R mouth, Sonoma Co	Single male	John McDonagh
	12/16	So. of Jenner, Sonoma Co	Single female	D Beall & P Conley et al
Rough-legged Hawk	11/24	Bodega Head, Sonoma Co	Single bird to 12/3	Nancy Conzett
Golden Eagle	12/09	Sacramento WLR, Glenn Co	Single bird	John McDonagh et al
Merlin	11/25	Campbell Cove, Sonoma Co	Single bird	Nancy Conzett
	12/03	Doran Park, Sonoma Co	Single bird	Nancy Conzett
	12/09	Sacramento WLR, Glenn Co	Single bird	John McDonagh et al
	12/10	Gray Lodge WMA, Butte Co	Two birds	John McDonagh et al
Peregrine Falcon	11/28	Westside Pk, Bodega Bay, Sonoma	2 birds together	Nancy Conzett
	12/09	Sacramento WLR, Glenn Co	2 birds	John McDonagh et al
	12/10	Gray Lodge WMA, Butte Co	Single bird	John McDonagh et al
Black Rail	12/09	Sacramento WLR, Glenn Co	Single bird	Jack Troutfetter
Sandhill Crane	12/10	Near Gray Lodge WMA	100+ birds	John McDonagh et al
- Snowy Plover	12/14	Doran Beach, Sonoma Co	58 birds	Nancy Conzett
- Long-billed Curlew	12/02	So of Guernville Rd., Laguna, Son	62 birds	Nancy Conzett
- Glaucous Gull	12/09	Russian R. mouth, Sonoma Co	1st yr bird	Roger Marlowe et al
Ancient Murrelet	11/14	Bodega Head, Sonoma Co	8 birds offshore	Nancy Conzett
Rock Wren	12/05	Woodland/Davis Area, Yolo Co	Single bird in a field	Betty Burrige
Phainopepla	12/06	Oroville, Butte Co	Single male	Betty Burrige
- Lucy's Warbler	12/07	Bodega Bay, Sonoma Co	1st Sonoma Co, to 1/3/93	Suzanne Cogen, MOB
Northern Oriole	12/05	Gray Lodge WMA, Butte Co	Single male	Betty Burrige

Observers: Dennis Beall, Betty Burrige, Suzanne Cogen, Pamela Conley, Nancy Conzett, Roger Marlowe, John McDonagh, Jack Troutfetter, Milt Van Sant

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