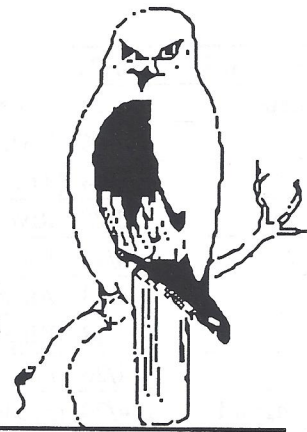


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REDWOOD REGION ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY
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COMING ATTRACTIONS

General Meeting: May 13.

Potluck and General Meeting: Thursday, 6:00 PM at the usual 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. There will be 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, May 15, 1993 to Pine Flat Rd. Meet at the turnout about 1/4 mile up Pine Flat Rd (same as last year). Take Alexander Rd from US 101 at Healdsburg, then Highway 128 to Pine Flat Rd. We will look again for Black-chinned Sparrow, found last year, and other chaparral species. Leader will be Dan Nelson.

Field Trip: A Memorial Day weekend, May 28 to May 31 (Fri-Mon), overnight trip is planned to Humboldt County. We will be leaving Friday afternoon and two campsites have been reserved at Patrick's Point State Park (off Hwy 101 north of Trinidad). Four cars only can be accommodated at these sites at one time, so please call Ruth (833-6026) if you are planning to attend. Others may join the trip (or leave early) but due to the camping restrictions, please call so arrangements can be made. The plan is to bird the Arcata Marsh project; Humboldt Bay and jetty for migrants; look for Tufted Puffins and nesting murrelets; then go inland from Arcata for mountain birds. Blue and Ruffed Grouse, Barred Owl, Gray Jay, Northern Goshawk and Calliope Hummer are all possibilities.

Field Trip: June 19, Saturday. A field trip to the Sacramento Valley. The Consumes Nature Preserve and other spots around Lodi will be visited. Meet at 7:00 AM at the Safeway parking lot (on Napa Street at Hwy 12) in Sonoma for car pooling. We will look for Swainson's Hawk, Blue Grosbeak, and other Central Valley birds.

Field Trip: July 2-5 (Fourth of July weekend). Trip to Tulelake-Lower Klamath NWR and Lava Beds National Monument. We'll look for nesting waterfowl and grebes at Tulelake, Great Basin and mountain birds at Lava Beds. Would someone like to volunteer to go up there on Thursday to reserve campsites. If interested call Ruth at 833-6026.

FIELD TRIP REPORT

The field trip to Ida Clayton Road on Saturday, April 24, produced 59 species. The early morning weather was cool and foggy, with warming in the late morning and afternoon. RROS participants included: Avis Anderson, Jack Arnold, Betty and Jack Groce, Barb Gumtow, David Hofmann, John McDonagh, Mike Parmeter, Linda Petruvias, Ruth Rudesill, Wayne Tillay and Alan Wight. Two visitors also participated: Marilyn Scott from Brooklyn, NY, who was very happy with nine new life birds; and Ami Groce, the granddaughter of members Jack and Betty Groce. The trip list is given on page 2 (reverse side) and includes only birds seen or heard along Ida Clayton Road.

OBSERVATIONS, MARCH 28-APRIL 26

SPECIES NAME	DATE	LOCATION, COUNTY	DETAILS	OBSERVERS
Red-necked Grebe	4/26	Bodega Lagoon, Sonoma Co	3 in breeding plumage	W Tillay & R Sherman
Brant	4/26	Bodega Lagoon, Sonoma Co		100+ birds
Bald Eagle	4/14	Trinity Lake, Trinity Co.	2 birds	Bob & Bertha Rains
Ferruginous Hawk	3/28	River Rd, W of Austin Cr, Sonoma	One bird	B Burrige, C Woods
Blue Grouse	4/18	King Ridge Rd, Sonoma Co	Several booming	Doug Ellis et al
Wild Turkey	4/13	Annadel State Park, Sonoma Co	One male	Betty Groce
	4/18	King Ridge Rd, Sonoma Co	One heard	Doug Ellis et al
	4/26	Pine Flat Rd, Sonoma Co	Six birds, 2 males	W Tillay & R Sherman
Rufous Hummingbird	4/20	Feeder bird, Santa Rosa, Sonoma	Single male	Betty Groce
	4/20	Feeder bird, Angwin, Napa Co	1 male w/ Allen's male	Wayne Tillay
American Dipper	4/18	Austin Cr, Cazadero, Sonoma Co	Single bird	Doug Ellis et al
Black-throated Gray Warbler	4/14	Trinity Lake, Trinity Co	Single bird	Bob & Bertha Rains
	4/18	Kings Ridge Rd, Sonoma Co	Single bird	Doug Ellis et al
Western Tanager	4/14	Trinity Lake, Trinity Co	Single bird	Bob & Bertha Rains
	4/18	King Ridge Rd, Sonoma Co	Single bird	Doug Ellis et al
Clay-colored Sparrow	4/16	Rainsville Rd, Petaluma, Son. Co.	Single bird, also 4/18	Chris Wood, BB & NC
White-throated Sparrow		Feeder bird, Kenwood, Sonoma Co	3 birds still present 4/28	Ruth Rudesill
Tricolored Blackbird	4/24	Franz Valley Rd, Sonoma Co	Flock of 20+	D Hoffman, MOB
Observers: Betty Burrige, Nancy Conzett, Doug Ellis, Betty Groce, David Hofmann, Bob & Bertha Rains, Ralph Sherman, Ruth Rudesill, Wayne Tillay & Chris Wood.				

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Wood Duck, American Wigeon, Turkey Vulture, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Red-shouldered Hawk, American Kestrel, Wild Turkey, California Quail, Mountain Quail, Band-tailed Pigeon, Mourning Dove, Anna's Hummingbird, Allen's Hummingbird, Belted Kingfisher, Acorn Woodpecker, Nuttall's Woodpecker, Downy Woodpecker, Northern Flicker, Pileated Woodpecker, Pacific-slope Flycatcher, Ash-throated Flycatcher, Violet-green Swallow, Barn Swallow, Steller's Jay, Scrub Jay, American Crow, Common Raven, Chestnut-backed Chickadee, Plain Titmouse, Bushtit, White-breasted Nuthatch, Bewick's Wren, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, American Robin, Wrentit, California Thrasher, Solitary Vireo, Hutton's Vireo, Warbling Vireo, Orange-crowned Warbler, Nashville Warbler, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Black-throated Gray Warbler, Townsend's Warbler, Hermit Warbler, Wilson's Warbler, Western Tanager, Black-headed Grosbeak, Lazuli Bunting, Rufous-sided Towhee, California Towhee, Rufous-crowned Sparrow, Sage Sparrow, Golden-crowned Sparrow, Dark-eyed Junco, Western Meadowlark, Brown-headed Cowbird, Purple Finch, Lesser Goldfinch.

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