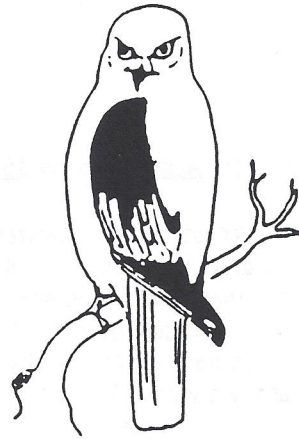


Kite Tales

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Coming Attractions

General Meeting. March 10, 1994 - Thursday, 7:30 PM at Room 221, Darwin Hall, Sonoma State University. Members' slide night returns! This is your chance to bring in your favorite slides so that everyone can see them. Please bring upto 15 slides maximum (5 to 10 is best) that you have taken of birds (other natural history subjects are acceptable as well) and that you think other people would enjoy seeing.

Field Trip to Lake Hennessey. Saturday, March 12. Meet at 8:00 AM at the south end of Conn Valley Road at the north end of Lake Hennessey. Bring a lunch. After lunch, we will bird Bothe State Park. Leader is Mike Parmeter.

Future field trips include one to the Fort Bragg area on April 17 led by Dorothy Tobkin and one to Yosemite on June 24-26 led by Jon Winter. Please mark these trips on your calendar. Further information will be provided in future Kite Tales.

David Hofmann saw ABA bird number 600 on January 28, 1994 when he saw a Tufted Duck in San Francisco. Congratulations!

Field Trip Reports

Lower Russian River Area, Sonoma County, February 6, 1994.

We woke up to pouring rain, but the rain stopped by the time the participants met. We birded the mouth of the Russian River, the Sonoma coast, up Willow Creek Road, and near Cazadero and Monte Rio. Highlight species included Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Wood Duck, Black Scoter, Marbled Murrelet, Rhinoceros Auklet, Ferruginous Hawk, Swamp Sparrow, and Common Moorhen. The total number of species observed was 86. The participants were Doug Ellis, David Hofmann, Linda Petrulias, and Ruth Rudesill.

Klamath Basin Area, February 18-21, 1994.

We had a successful trip - the weather was cold with some snow flurries but much better than last year. We birded Lower Klamath and Tule Lake National Wildlife Refuges, Lava Beds National Monument, and the Fort Klamath/Klamath Falls areas. The highlights included thousands of geese and swans, 4 Trumpeter Swans (!), a Porcupine, and 100+ Bald Eagles. The participants were Rich Bertoli, David Hofmann, Carolyn Johnson, Karen Murphy, John O'Connell, Linda Petruvias, Mike Parmeter, Ruth Rudesill, Alan Wight, and Ned Wynn. The trip list follows:

Pied-billed Grebe	Turkey Vulture	Black-billed Magpie
Double-crested Cormorant	Bald Eagle	Common Raven
Great Blue Heron	Northern Harrier	Mountain Chickadee
Great Egret	Red-tailed Hawk	Bushtit
Snowy Egret	Rough-legged Hawk	Winter Wren
Black-crowned Night-Heron	Golden Eagle	Marsh Wren
Tundra Swan	American Kestrel	Golden-crowned Kinglet
Trumpeter Swan	Prairie Falcon	Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Greater White-fronted Goose	Ring-necked Pheasant	Mountain Bluebird
Snow Goose	California Quail	American Robin
Ross' Goose	American Coot	Townsend's Solitaire
Canada Goose	Sandhill Crane	American Pipit
Green-winged Teal	Killdeer	Loggerhead Shrike
Wood Duck	Greater Yellowlegs	European Starling
Mallard	Ring-billed Gull	Yellow-rumped Warbler
Northern Pintail	California Gull	Rufous-sided Towhee
Cinnamon Teal	Herring Gull	California Towhee
Northern Shoveler	Rock Dove	Savannah Sparrow
Gadwall	Mourning Dove	Song Sparrow
Eurasian Wigeon	Common Barn-Owl	Lincoln's Sparrow
American Wigeon	Great Horned Owl	Golden-crowned Sparrow
Canvasback	Belted Kingfisher	White-crowned Sparrow
Redhead	Downy Woodpecker	Dark-eyed Junco
Ring-necked Duck	Hairy Woodpecker	Red-winged Blackbird
Lesser Scaup	White-headed Woodpecker	Yellow-headed Blackbird
Common Goldeneye	Northern Flicker	Brewer's Blackbird
Barrow's Goldeneye	Black Phoebe	Western Meadowlark
Bufflehead	Horned Lark	House Finch
Common Merganser	Steller's Jay	American Goldfinch
Hooded Merganser	Scrub Jay	House Sparrow
Ruddy Duck		

RROS Observations, February 1994 (+)

Species	Number	Date	Location	County	Observers	Notes
Trumpeter Swan	4	2/19	Tule Lake	SIS	many	
Tufted Duck	1 male	2/5	Sunnyvale	SCL	BDP, RR, AW	
Tufted Duck	1 male	2/21	Vallejo	SOL	RA, JM	
Black Scoter	1	1/28	Bodega Harbor	SON	CY	
Hooded Merganser	3	2/6	Carmody Road pond	SON	DE	
Bald Eagle	1 imm.	2/1	Lake Mendocino	MEN	DT	
Zone-tailed Hawk	1	2/12	San Juan Capistrano	ORA	WT	
Red-tailed Hawk	1	2/21	Crescent City	DNO	BDP, AW, NW	Harlan's form
Ferruginous Hawk	1	January	Fort Bragg	MEN	DT	
Gyr Falcon	1 imm.	2/12	Crescent City	DNO	DH, LP, RR, CY	gray phase
Merlin	1	Jan/Feb	Fort Bragg	MEN	DT	
Peregrine Falcon	1	2/14	MacKerricher SP	MEN	DT	
Prairie Falcon	1	1/28	MacKerricher SP	MEN	DT	
Glaucous Gull	1	2/5-7	Lucchesi Park, Petaluma	SON	RR, AW	who found this bird?
Common Black-headed Gull	1 adult	to 2/5	Sunnyvale	SCL	many	
Little Gull	2	2/15	south Salton Sea	IMP	TE	
Tufted Puffin	1	2/13	Crescent City	DNO	DH, LP, RR, CY	
Marbled Murrelet	2	2/27	off Bodega Head	SON	DH, RR	
Wild Turkey	2 males	2/25	MacKerricher SP	MEN	DT	
California Gnatcatcher	5-6	2/15	Otay Lakes	SDI	TE	
California Thrasher	1	2/12	Garcia River	MEN	DT	
Tennessee Warbler	1	to 2/16	Bodega Harbor	SON	many	
Orange-crowned Warbler	1	to 3/5	Bodega Harbor	SON	many	
Orange-crowned Warbler	1	2/21	Eureka	HUM	BDP, AW	
Nashville Warbler	1	2/21	Eureka	HUM	BDP, AW, NW	
Black-throated Green Warbler	1	2/21	Eureka	HUM	BDP, AW, NW	
Palm Warbler	1	continuing	Fort Bragg	MEN	DT	
Palm Warbler	1	2/21	Eureka	HUM	BDP, AW, NW	
Painted Redstart	1	2/12	Costa Mesa	ORA	WT	
Clay-colored Sparrow	1	2/6	Bodega Harbor	SON	DH	
Sharp-tailed Sparrow	3	2/5	Irvine	ORA	WT	
White-throated Sparrow	1	Jan/Feb	Fort Bragg	MEN	DT	
White-throated Sparrow	6	2/9	Kenwood	SON	RR	
Dark-eyed Junco	1	mid Feb	Fort Bragg	MEN	DT	
Great-tailed Grackle	1	late Feb	Fort Bragg	MEN	DT	possible Common Grackle

Observers: Russ Agnew, Ted Eliot, Doug Ellis, David Hofmann, John McDonagh, Benjamin D. Parmeter, Linda Petrulias, Ruth Rudesill, Wayne Tillay, Dorothy Tobkin, Alan Wight, Ned Wynn, Cindy Young.

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