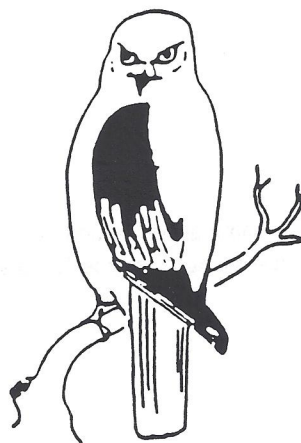


Kite Tales

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Coming Attractions

General Meeting. Thursday, April 13 - 7:30 PM at Room 221, Darwin Hall, Sonoma State University. John Kelly will present the program on "Ecology of Shorebirds and Wintering Waterbirds of Tomales Bay". He will also discuss the breeding populations of herons and egrets in the North Bay Area. John is well known to many Sonoma County birders as he is the resident biologist of Cypress Cove Preserve, a sanctuary of Audubon Canyon Ranch. He has a Masters of Science in Wildlife from Humboldt State University. He has taught at Santa Rosa Junior College and performed research at Point Reyes Bird Observatory.

Field Trip to Mitchell Canyon, Contra Costa County. Saturday, April 22. We will be going to Mitchell Canyon on the north side of Mount Diablo. This area has good trails through riparian areas, meadows, oak woodland, and chaparral. There are lots of wildflowers, butterflies, herps (Coast Horned Lizard) and a variety of birds including spring migrants (which last year included Calliope Hummingbird and Hammond's Flycatcher). Black-chinned Sparrow is also a possibility. To get there take 680 to Walnut Creek and exit on Ygnacio Valley Road east. This is difficult at this time due to freeway construction. You will need to drive south of Walnut Creek on 680 and turn around at Livorna Road. You will then need to drive north on 680 and take the Ygnacio Valley Road exit and go east (this exit is only open to northbound traffic on 680). Go 7.7 miles and turn south on Clayton Road. Go 1 mile and turn right on Mitchell Canyon Road. Go 1.6 miles to the end of the road and park in the parking lot. There are facilities at the parking lot (as well as a small parking fee). There are stores and fast food in Clayton. Meet at the parking lot at 8:30 AM. Bring a lunch and water. Leader is Ruth Rudesill.

The May field trip will be to Pine Flat Road. The July field trip will be four days at Lava Beds/Klamath Basin on Fourth of July weekend.

Memorial

The many friends of Lois Bolander were saddened to hear of her death in Santa Rosa on March 2, 1995. She was the wife of Gordon Bolander, one of the founders of RRROS. She had a great love of the out-of-doors, just as Gordon did. Their home at Timber Hill was a source of pleasure to both where they regularly fed wild birds, and watched birds. Lois was very active in the Business and Professional Woman's Organization, having served as its president. She was on the staff of the Sonoma County Planning Commission, starting as a clerk typist and rising to become a planner. She was the first woman planner in Sonoma County's history. She was a member of The Sonoma County Museum. The family has asked that memorial donations in her memory be made to The Gordon Bolander Memorial Fund at The Point Reyes Bird Observatory.

Benjamin D. Parmeter

Officer Nominations

The nominating committee composed of Jack Arnold, Betty Groce, and Cindy Young have made the following nominations for the 1995-1996 year:

President	Bob Rains
Vice President	Dick Ashford
Secretary	Wini Nelson
Treasurer	Mike Nelligan

The election of officers will occur at the April meeting. Nominations from the floor may be made at that time.

Chairpersons

Chairpersons for the 1995-1996 year are as follows:

Field Trips	Benjamin D. Parmeter
Observations	Ned Wynn
Social	Barbara Gumtow
Christmas Count	Doug Ellis
Kite Tales	David Hofmann

Spring Arrivals

Please don't forget to call in your early arrival dates for Sonoma County birds. See the March Kite Tales for details. Results will be included in the May Kite Tales.

Field Trip Report

Susanville Area for Sage Grouse, March 25-26, 1995

This field trip was cancelled due to bad weather.

RROS Observations, March 1995

Species	Number	Date	Location	County	Observers	Notes
Yellow-billed Loon	1	2/25-3/15	Tomales Bay	Mrn	JMc, DH, many	
Red-necked Grebe	1	3/12	Doran County Park	Son	DE, DH, LP, CY	
Cattle Egret	25	3/1	Sebastopol	Son	DH	
Cattle Egret	7	4/1	Sebastopol	Son	DH	
Snow Goose	1	4/3	Bodega Harbor	Son	DH, BDP	
Ross' Goose	1	4/3	Bodega Harbor	Son	DH, BDP	
Emperor Goose	1	through 4/1	Near Bodega	Son	many	
Green-winged Teal	1	3/4	Bolinas Lagoon	Mrn	DA	Eurasian form
Blue-winged Teal	1	3/15	Point Reyes	Mrn	JMc, DH, many	Male
Blue-winged Teal	1	3/21	Lake Merced	S.F.	AW	Male
Eurasian Wigeon	1	2/23	Grizzly Island	Sol	JMc, many	
Eurasian Wigeon	1	3/12	Bodega farm pond	Son	DH	Male
Tufted Duck	1	3/4	Petaluma sewer ponds	Son	DH, BDP, AW	Male
Harlequin Duck	1	3/15	Fish Docks, Point Reyes	Mrn	JMc, DH, many	Male
Hooded Merganser	5	3/4	Rush Creek Marsh, Novato	Mrn	DH, BDP, AW	
Swainson's Hawk	2	3/23	Near Davis	Yolo	AW	
Rough-legged Hawk	1	2/23	Grizzly Island	Sol	JMc, many	
Golden Eagle	1	2/23	Grizzly Island	Sol	JMc, many	
Golden Eagle	1	3/1	Bodega Harbor	Son	JMc, DH, many	Adult
Merlin	1	2/23	Grizzly Island	Sol	JMc, many	
Red Phalarope	1	3/12	Bodega Head	Son	DH	
Glaucous Gull	3	3/12	Walker Creek	Mrn	DA	
Caspian Tern	3	3/27	Bodega Harbor	Son	BDP	
Forster's Tern	1	2/23	Grizzly Island	Sol	JMc, many	
Marbled Murrelet	2	3/12	Bodega Head	Son	DA, DH	
Cassin's Auklet	1	3/12	Bodega Head	Son	DH	
Western Screech-Owl	2	3/16	Jack London State Park	Son	DA	Seen and heard
Short-eared Owl	4	2/23	Grizzly Island	Sol	JMc, many	
Rufous Hummingbird	1	3/22	Wikiup	Son	BeR, BoR	At feeder
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	1	3/23	Davis	Yolo	AW	Male
Red-naped Sapsucker	1	3/25	Walnut Creek	C.C.	RR, AW	Female
Williamson's Sapsucker	1	3/4	Golden Gate Park	S.F.	DH, BDP, AW	Male
Eastern Phoebe	1	3/1	Owl Canyon	Son	DH	
Eastern Phoebe	1	early March	Owl Canyon	Son	many	
Tree Swallow	20	3/1	Rio Lindo Academy	Son	LR, DR	
Western Tanager	1	2/26	Near Lake Berryessa	Napa	LP, CY	Female
White-throated Sparrow	1	3/27	Napa	Napa	BDP	
Dark-eyed Junco	1	3/27	Napa	Napa	BDP	Slate-colored
Great-tailed Grackle	1	3/4	Tiburon	Mrn	DH, BDP, AW	
Scott's Oriole	1	3/19	Golden Gate Park	S.F.	DH, BDP, NW, many	
Scott's Oriole	1	3/21	Golden Gate Park	S.F.	AW	
Greater Flamingo	1	2/23	Laguna Atascosa NWR	Texas	JW, NiW	
Tropical Parula	1	2/20	Santa Ana NWR	Texas	JW, NiW	
White-collared Seedeater	4	2/18	Zapata	Texas	JW, NiW	

Observers: Dick Ashford, Doug Ellis, David Hofmann, John McDonagh, Benjamin D. Parmeter, Linda Petrulias, Bertha Rains, Bob Rains, Don Richard, Laverne Richard, Ruth Rudesill, Jerry White, Nikki White, Alan Wight, Ned Wynn, Cindy Young.

Redwood Region 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 (October through April) are held at 7:30 PM in Room 221 Darwin Hall, Sonoma State University, Rohnert Park, California. Dues are \$15 per family, \$8 per individual, or \$3 per student for one year of membership. Send dues checks to the treasurer shown below.

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