

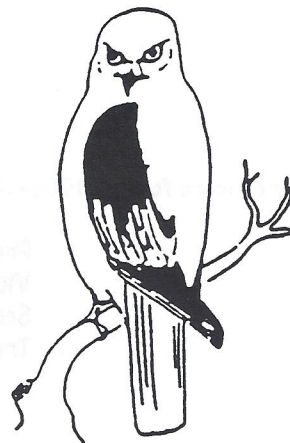
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## Kite Tales

### Redwood Region Ornithological Society

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#### Coming Attractions

**Potluck and General Meeting.** Thursday, May 11 - 6:00 PM at Sugarloaf Ridge State Park.

Social and Lazuli Bunting	6:00 PM
Dinner	6:30 PM
Meeting	7:00 PM
Owl and Poorwill Walk	8:00 PM

We plan to meet at the group campground (up the road past the picnic area and the stables). Bring your own service, drinks, and a main dish, salad, or dessert. Bring a flashlight if you plan to stay for the owl walk. The entrance fee is \$5 per car; \$4 if anyone over age 62 is in the car. In the unlikely chance that the group site is reserved, there will be a notice at the entrance on where in the park to meet.

**Field Trip to Pine Flat Road.** Saturday, May 13. Meet at 7:45 AM at the turnout approximately one quarter mile up Pine Flat Road (before the road starts to climb into the hills). If you arrive late, the group will start birding at the very top of Pine Flat Road. Bring a lunch and something to drink. There are no facilities. We hope to see Black-chinned Sparrow, California Thrasher, warblers, Purple Martin, Lazuli Bunting, and many spring birds. Leader is Ruth Rudesill (833-6026).

**Field Trip to Lava Beds/Klamath Basin Area.** Saturday, July 1 through Tuesday, July 4. We will be joined by members of Napa/Solano Audubon. Since the fourth of July is on a Tuesday, we will be up there for four days. Leader is Ruth Rudesill (707/833-6026). Ruth will drive up on the Friday before and will camp at Lava Beds National Monument. These campgrounds have running water, but no showers. Motels are available in Tulelake (Ellis Motel) and Klamath Falls, Oregon (Motel 6). Weather should be dry and warm and cooler at night. We will visit Lava Beds, Medicine Lake, Tule Lake and Lower Klamath NWR, Upper Klamath Lake area (Oregon), and Sky Lakes Wilderness (Oregon). Birds seen or heard in past trips include dancing and nesting Western and Clark's Grebe; American Bittern; Short-eared, Flammulated, and Great Gray Owl; Yellow Rail; Red-naped Sapsucker; Black-backed and Three-toed Woodpeckers; Franklin's Gull; nesting Prairie Falcon; Swainson's Hawk; Gray Flycatcher; Pinyon Jay; Gray Jay; Brewer's Sparrow; Black-throated Sparrow; and Green-tailed Towhee. If you are going to attend, you need to call Ruth at 707/833-6026. If you are staying at a motel, please let Ruth know which one. Also, anyone willing to go up on the Thursday before to hold campsites would be helpful. Car pool if you can!

#### Membership Dues

Membership dues are now being accepted for the 1995-1996 year. Dues are \$15 per family or \$8 per individual per year. Student dues are \$3 per year. Send your check to the RR0S treasurer, Mike Nelligan, 124 Wikiup Drive, Santa Rosa, CA 95403. Make checks payable to RR0S.

## Officer Elections

The following officers for the 1995-1996 year were elected at the April meeting:

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

## Field Trip Report

Mitchell Canyon, April 22, 1995.

There were nine participants on a beautiful sunny day in Mitchell Canyon in Contra Costa County. We saw many wildflowers, birds, butterflies, and a Coast Horned Lizard! Highlights included several Hammond's Flycatchers, Hermit and Nashville Warblers, several Accipiters, Golden Eagles, and copulating White-throated Swifts. Participants were Avis Anderson, Doug Ellis, David Hofmann, Richard Merriss, Bob and Bertha Rains, Ruth Rudesill, Jean Smith, and Alan Wight.

## RROS Observations, April 1995

Species	Number	Date	Location	County	Observers	Notes
Red-necked Grebe	1	4/13	Fish Docks, Point Reyes	Mrn	BG	
Cattle Egret	5	4/23	High School Road	Son	DH	
Emperor Goose	1	4/24	Salmon Creek Road	Son	RR	
Harlequin Duck	1	4/13	Fish Docks, Point Reyes	Mrn	BG	
Golden Eagle	2	4/8	Button Ranch, Walker Road	Son	DH, BDP, AW	
Merlin	1	3/26	Ukiah Sewer Ponds	Men	GC, NW	
Peregrine Falcon	1	5/4	Petaluma	Son	AW	
Sora	2	4/16	Hole-in-the-head	Son	DH	
Solitary Sandpiper	1	4/8	Near Valley Ford	Son	DH, BDP, AW	
Rufous Hummingbird	1	3/9-4/21	Oakmont	Son	BG	Male
Hammond's Flycatcher	1	4/16	Near St. Helena	Napa	AW	Calling
<b>Gray Jay</b>	2	4/23	Gualala Point County Park	Son	RM, CW	First county record
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	1	4/22	Near Middletown	Lake	BG	
Townsend's Solitaire	3-4	4/14	Mt. St. Helena	Son	AW	
MacGillivray's Warbler	1	4/22	Near Middletown	Lake	BG	
Sage Sparrow	2	3/26	Cow Mt. Rec. Area, Ukiah	Men	GC, NW	
White-throated Sparrow	1	4/5	Howarth Park	Son	DH, JMc	
White-throated Sparrow	2-3	4/24	Kenwood	Son	RR	Still present + singing
Yellow-headed Blackbird	1	4/22	Clear Lake State Park	Lake	BG	Male

Observers: George Chaniot, Betty Groce, David Hofmann, Roger Marlowe, John McDonagh, Benjamin D. Parmeter, Ruth Rudesill, Alan Wight, Chris Wood, Ned Wynn.

## Spring Arrivals

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The 1995 spring early arrival dates for Sonoma County's returning birds are listed below. Thank you for reporting your sightings.

Common Poorwill	No report	
Vaux's Swift	4/12	Rio Lindo Academy, Healdsburg
White-throated Swift	No report	
Allen's Hummingbird	1/21	Bodega Dunes Campground
Olive-sided Flycatcher	No report	
Western Wood-Pewee	4/26	Annadel State Park
Pacific-slope Flycatcher	3/17	Annadel State Park
	3/17	Cazadero
Ash-throated Flycatcher	4/24	Rio Lindo Academy, Healdsburg
Western Kingbird	4/9	Ida Clayton Road
Purple Martin	4/23	Gualala River mouth
	4/23	Salmon Creek Road
Tree Swallow	2/15	Howarth Park
Violet-green Swallow	2/15	Howarth Park
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	3/7	Bodega Head
Cliff Swallow	3/25	Near Sonoma
Barn Swallow	2/18	Petaluma
House Wren	4/8	Rio Lindo Academy, Healdsburg
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	4/9	Ida Clayton Road
Swainson's Thrush	4/23	Salmon Creek Road
Solitary Vireo	4/1	Annadel State Park
Warbling Vireo	3/17	Annadel State Park
Orange-crowned Warbler	2/26	Near Forestville
Nashville Warbler	4/9	Ida Clayton Road
Yellow Warbler	4/15	Near Mark West Springs
Black-throated Gray Warbler	4/1	Annadel State Park
Hermit Warbler	4/28	Gualala Point County Park
MacGillivray's Warbler	4/28	Annapolis Road
Wilson's Warbler	3/17	Annadel State Park
Yellow-breasted Chat	4/28	Annapolis Road
Western Tanager	4/22	Sugarloaf Ridge State Park
Black-headed Grosbeak	3/31	Cazadero
Lazuli Bunting	4/22	Sugarloaf Ridge State Park
Chipping Sparrow	4/9	Ida Clayton Road
Grasshopper Sparrow	No report	
Hooded Oriole	4/2	Petaluma
Northern Oriole	3/24	Petaluma

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**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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