

# Kite Tales

Redwood Region Ornithological Society

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## COMING ATTRACTIONS

**Thursday December 11<sup>th</sup> – GENERAL MEETING** Darwin Hall Room 221 Sonoma State University at 7:30 pm.

We will have a Two Part program this evening. Part One will be an identification of the dead grackle found in Rohnert Park by Mike Parmeter. Part Two will be a slide presentation by Betty Burrige on her recent trip to England.

**Sunday December 21<sup>st</sup> – Santa Rosa Christmas Bird Count** –see details and sign-up on the next page. This will be the Field Trip for this month. Last month's field trip to Lower Russian River was rained out.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

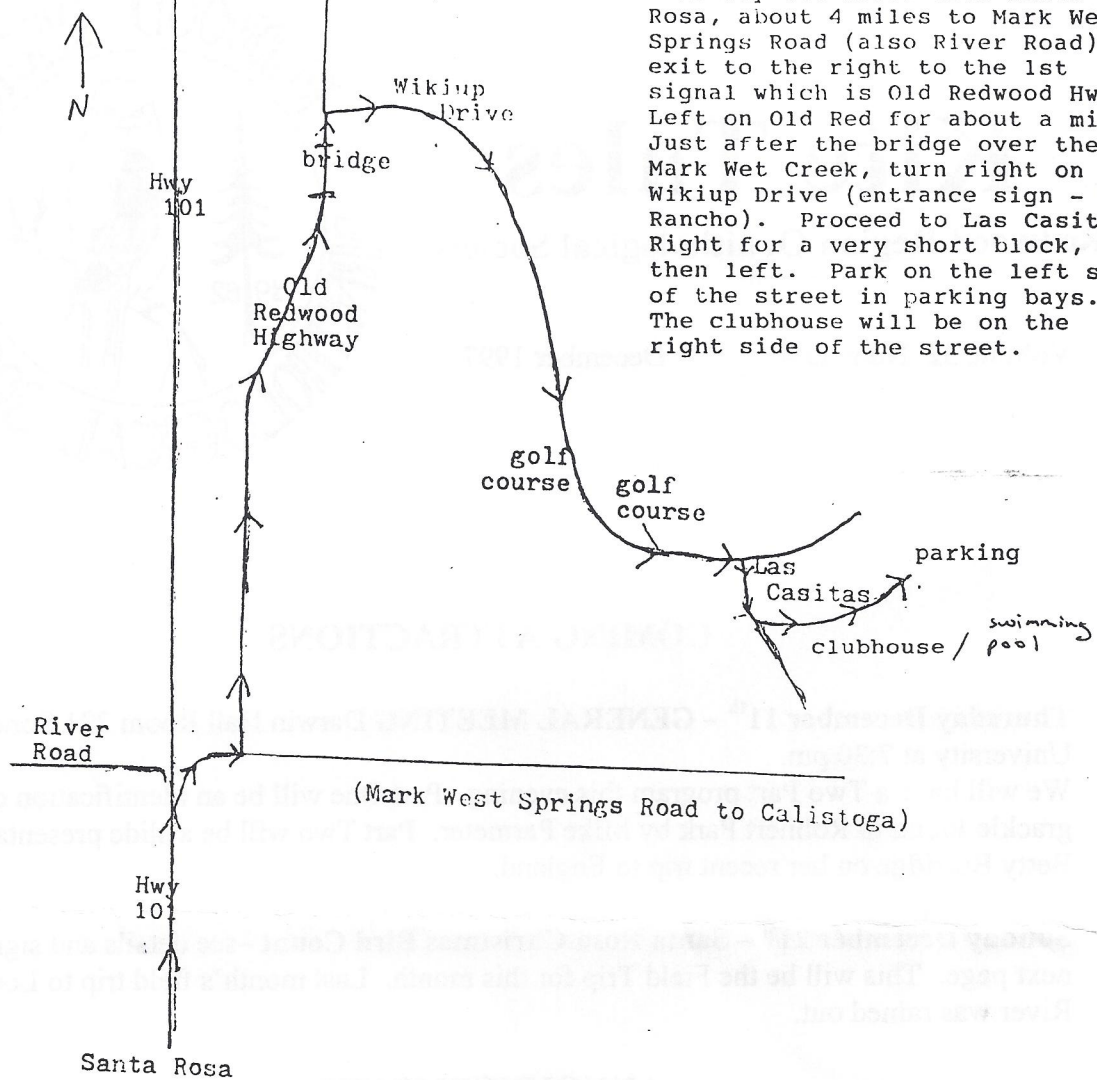
David Hofmann has volunteered to update the phone wheel. If you wish to **participate** and will be responsible to pass the word along (this means calling until you reach a member) please contact David at 546-0325 or sign-up at the meeting. Thanks David!

On behalf on RROS, President Bertha Rains wishes to thank Mike and Sally Parmeter for their generous donation. **THANK YOU!**

## KITE TALES DEADLINES

Please observe the following deadlines when providing information for the inclusion in the Kite Tales: deadline for observations to Ned Wynn is the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month and for announcements/ articles to Ruth Rudesill by the 25<sup>th</sup> of month . (Addresses & phone numbers are on the back page.)

WIKIUP GREENS CLUBHOUSE  
DIRECTIONS



Take Hwy 101 north from Santa Rosa, about 4 miles to Mark West Springs Road (also River Road), exit to the right to the 1st signal which is Old Redwood Hwy. Left on Old Red for about a mile. Just after the bridge over the Mark Wet Creek, turn right on Wikiup Drive (entrance sign - Wikiup Rancho). Proceed to Las Casitas, Right for a very short block, then left. Park on the left side of the street in parking bays. The clubhouse will be on the right side of the street.

**1997 SANTA ROSA CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT**  
**Sunday December 21st**

Please make a note on your calendar and plan to spend the day participating on this count. Your help (even for a half day!) is desperately needed. The fee is \$5.00/ person. Please send in your sign up to Doug Ellis at PO Box 155 Eldridge CA 95431 (he does not have a phone) or sign up at the meeting. The potluck dinner will again be at the Wikiup Greens Clubhouse - thank you to the Rains. The Clubhouse will be opened after 4:30 pm. Dinner starts at 6:00. - Compilation will be at 7:00. More details will be in your Count packets.

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Santa Rosa Christmas Bird Count Sign-up Form

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Area I would like to count in: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Person(s) I would like to count with: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form to Doug Ellis as soon as possible (address above)

**OBSERVATIONS – October/November 1997 – outside Sonoma County**

BIRD	#	DATE	LOCATION	CO	OBSERVERS	NOTES
Red-necked Grebe	7	10/26	MacKerricher SP	MEN	DT	
Northern Fulmar	2-3	11/11	Off Laguna Pt	MEN	BDP	
Blck-vented Shearwater	1000	11/21	Cordell Bank	MRN	BDP	2 very white
Blck-vented Shearwater	2	11/11	Off Laguna Pt	MEN	BDP	
Rough-legged Hawk	1	11/1	North of Elk	MEN	DT,RI,KC	Imm
Ferruginous Hawk	1	11/1	Irish Beach	MEN	RI,KC	
Ferruginous Hawk	1	11/2	Navarro Headlnds	MEN	RI,KC	
Snow Goose	1	11/21	Cordell Bank	MRN	BDP	Offshore
Surf Scoter	1	11/6	Library Park	LAK	JW	3 <sup>rd</sup> Cty Record
Harlequin Duck	6	Oct/Nov	Glass Beach FB	MEN	DT	
Hooded Merganser	8	11/16	Caspar Pond	MEN	DT	
Rock Sandpiper	1	10/30 -	Glass Beach & Virginia Cr Beach	MEN	DT, RI,KC	
Rhinoceros Auklet	250-300+	11/21	Offshore 10miles& Cordell Bank	MEN	BDP	High #s
Black-legged Kittiwake	1	11/21	Cordell Bank	MEN	BDP	Adult
South Polar Skua	sev	11/2	Cordell Bank	MRN	DN	
Parastic Jaeger	1	11/11	Off Laguna Pt	MEN	BDP	Dark phase
Tropical Kingbird	1	10/31-11/1	Glass Beach area Bragg	FT. MEN	DT,RI,KC	
Dusky Warbler	1	10/21	Antonelli Pond	SCZ	RI,KC	
Orange-crwned Warbler	1	10/29	Ft. Bragg	MEN	DT	Yard bird
White-throated Sparrow	1	11/13-14	Navarro Ridge	MEN	RI,KC	
White-throated Sparrow	1	11/17	Napa yard	NAP	BDP	Tan-striped
Swamp Sparrow	1	11/1	Lakeside Cty Park	LAK	JW	
Lapland Longspur	1	10/18	Glass Beach	MEN	JW	

**OBSERVATIONS – October/November 1997 - Sonoma County**

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Red-necked Grebe	1-6	10/25-11/22	Bodega Harbor/Head	BDP,RAR,mob	high #s
Laysan Albatross	1	11/2	Off Sonoma Coast	DN	
Northern Fulmar	10	10/25	Off Bodega Head	BDP	
Short-tailed Shearwater	2-3	11/2	Off Sonoma Coast	DN	
Black-vented Shearwater	75-200+	10/25-11/16	Off Bodega Head	BDP,DA	high #s
Black Scoter	Pair	11/16	Spud Pt. Harbor	DA	
Peregrine Falcon	1-2	10/25-11/2	Bodega Bay Marine Lab/Harbor area	BDP,DB,BB,MN	
Peregrine Falcon	1	10/28	Pinnacle Gulch	BB,MN	
Snowy Plover	135	10/31	Doran Beach	BB,MN	high #s
Rock Sandpiper	1	11/16-	Bodega Head/Jetty	DA,RL, BB,mob	w/Surfbirds
Surfbird	40+	11/16-	Bodega Head/Jetty	DA,RAR,mob	high #s
Thayer's Gull	2	10/30	Campbell Cove	BDP	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> year
Elegant Tern	40+	10/25	Off Bodega Head	BDP	
South Polar Skua	1	10/28	Off Coast Jenner	DN	
South Polar Skua	1-2	11/2	Off Sonoma Coast	DN	
White-throated Sparrow	1	10/26	Cazedero	DB,LP,PC	
White-throated Sparrow	2	11/1-	Kenwood	RAR	Feeder

OBSERVERS: Dick Ashford, Dennis Beale, Betty Burrige, Kris Carter, Pamela Conley, Richard Irvin, Rick LeBaudour, Mike Nelligan, Dan Nelson, B D(Mike) Parmeter, Linda Petrulias, Ruth Rudesill, Dorothy Tobkin, and Jerry White.

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 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 membership. Send dues to the treasurer shown below.

#### 1997-1998 Officers

President:	Bertha Rains, 450A Las Casitas, Santa Rosa, CA 95403	528-6785
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Secretary:		
Treasurer:	Betty Burrige, 1653 Arroyo Sierra, Santa Rosa, CA 95404	527-0225

#### 1997-1998 Chairpersons

Field Trips:	Benjamin D. Parmeter, 2500 Emerson Street, Napa, CA 94558	255-6757
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