

*Happy New Year!!*

# Kite Tales

Redwood Region Ornithological Society



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## COMING ATTRACTIONS

**Thursday January 8th - GENERAL MEETING** Darwin Hall Room 221 Sonoma State University at 7:30 pm

The program will be **Members Slide Night**. Everyone is invited to bring their slides - these can be anything - favorite or recent trips; wildlife; mystery birds; etc. Try to limit to 20 slides but we always have time for all submitted.

**Saturday January 10th - FIELD TRIP to BODEGA BAY** meet at 8:00 am at the Rail Ponds. Bring a lunch. We will look for birds sighted during the Christmas Count. Leader: Mike Parmeter. Any questions, call Mike at 255-6757.

**Saturday February 14th - FIELD TRIP to GREY LODGE area** meet at 9:00 am at the intersection of West Butte and Pass Road in Sutter County. Leader will be Mike Parmeter. More details/directions in the next issue.

## FIELD TRIP REPORT

December's Field Trip was the Santa Rosa Christmas Count, on December 21st. The results of this count will appear in a future **Kite Tales**.

## MEMBERSHIP DUES

Membership dues are due now for 1997-1998 year. Dues are \$15.00 per family or \$8.00 per individual. Student dues are only \$3.00 year. Bring to meeting or mail to Treasurer Betty Burrige (address on back) Make checks payable to RROS.

## KITE TALES DEADLINES

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

# OBSERVATIONS

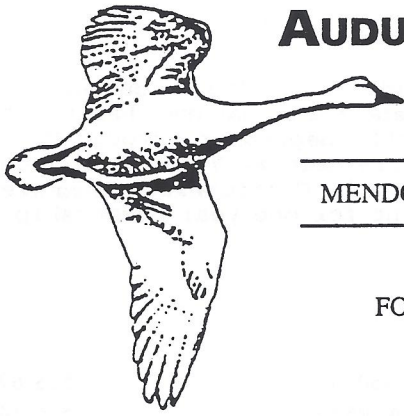
## OBSERVATIONS - NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 1997 SONOMA COUNTY

<u>BIRD</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION SON</u>	<u>OBSERVER(S)</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
Red-necked Grebe	9	11/28	Bodega Harbor	DN, mob	high #s
Horned Grebe	2	11/23	Schollenberger Pk	AW	
American Bittern	1	11/23	Schollenberger Pk	AW	
Ross's Goose	1	11/23	Lakeville Highway	AW	
Oldsquaw	1	12/21-26	Channel Dr. Pond	RAR, BG	male
Eurasian Wigeon	3	11/29	Doran Pond	AW	males
Hooded Merganser	1	11/29	Two Rock	AW	female
Barrow's Goldeneye	2	11/30	Pet. River/Hwy 37	AW	females
Golden Eagle	2	11/3	Hewlett/Packard RP	AW	
Merlin	1	11/30	Pet. River/Hwy 37	AW	
Peregrine Falcon	1	11/30	Pet. River/Hwy 37	AW	
Red Knot	14	11/29	Doran Mud Flats	AW	
Rock Sandpiper	1	12/28	Bodega Marine Lab	BL	
Rock Wren	1	11/23	Petaluma	AW	
Nashville Warbler	2	12/28	Bodega Bay	BG, RAR, RS	
Orange-cr. Warbler	2	12/28	Bodega Bay	RS, RAR	
White-throated Sparrow	1	11/28	Petaluma	AW	
White-throated Sparrow	3	12/5-	Kenwood	RAR	

## OBSERVATIONS OUTSIDE OF SONOMA COUNTY - NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 1997

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Horned Grebe	1	12/13	Lake Hennesey NAP	DC, NW	
Black-vented Shearwater	1000+	11/21	Cordell Bank	MRN	BDP
Bl-vnted Shearwater	2-4	12/4-13	off MacKerricher	MEN	DT
Snow Goose	1	11/21	Cordell Bank	MRN	BDP
Snow Goose	4	12/13	Lake Hennesey	NAP	DC, NW
Tufted Duck	1	12/13	Lake Hennesey	NAP	DC lifer
Eurasian Wigeon	1	11/27	field Miner Hole	Rd MEN	DT male
Harlequin Duck	2-5	Nov/Dec	Glass Beach	MEN	DT
Hooded Merganser	16	11/21	Caspar Pond	MEN	DT
Rough-legged Hawk	1	11/22	MacKerricher SP	MEN	DT imm.
Rock Sandpiper	1	11/30-12/13	" "	" "	DT
Red Phalarope	100+	11/27	field Miner Hole	Rd MEN	DT
Black-legged Kittiwake	4	11/21	off MacKerricher	MEN	DT
Burrowing Owl	1	12/15	MacKerricher SP	MEN	DT
Eastern Blue Jay	1	12/7	Willow Creek	HUM	DN
Orange-crowned Warbler	1	12/10	Fort Bragg	MEN	DT yardbird
Nashville Warbler	1	12/16	Botanical Gardens	FB MEN	DT
Palm Warbler	1	12/2	MacKerricher SP	MEN	DT

Observers: Drew Cronk, Betty Groce, Rick Lebaudour, Bill Lenarz, Dan Nelson, Mike Parmeter (BDP), Ruth Rudesill (RAR), Rich Stallcup, Dorothy (Toby) Tobkin, Alan Wight, and Ned Wynn



## AUDUBON ANNOUNCEMENT

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MENDOCINO COAST AUDUBON SOCIETY

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*Trillium Delights*, maker of gourmet food products, together with the *Mendocino Coast Chapter of the National Audubon Society* are sponsoring a day of birding along the "Skunk" railroad tracks, on Sunday, March 1, 1998.

The train will travel from Fort Bragg to the Northspur Station located about half way to Willits. The route borders the Noyo River and offers good birding habitat. Small groups of birders, each with an expert leader, will disembark the train every few miles, bird for about three hours, and then be picked up at whatever point they have reached and transported to Northspur. Lunch will be served at Northspur, and there will be a tally with prizes for the team with the most birds and the team with the most unusual bird. After lunch there will be several options available for the afternoon's activities.

Departure will be at 8:00 a.m. from the fort Bragg Depot, with return at about 4:00 p.m. The cost is \$35, *including lunch*. Please call Dorothy Tobkin (Toby) with any questions: 707-964-6216. Checks should be made out to the Mendocino Coast Audubon Society and mailed to 130 Dana Street, Fort Bragg, CA 95437.

We need to be sure by mid-February of 35 places sold in order to charter the train for this unusual birding adventure, so please respond promptly if you are interested.

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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