

Kite Tales

Redwood Region Ornithological Society



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COMING ATTRACTIONS

Thursday March 12th - GENERAL MEETING Darwin Hall Room 221 Sonoma State University at 7:30 pm

The program will be presented by Dr. Mike Parmeter, worldwide birder and traveler. Mike will show interesting slides from a trip to Oaxaca, Mexico. This will be a great program - don't miss it!

Saturday/Sunday March 14-15th FIELD TRIP to LASSEN COUNTY to look for SAGE GROUSE. Weather pending - we will actually trek for the grouse before sunrise on Sunday morning so plan on an overnight in Susanville. There are several motels that are open: Super Budget (has AAA and Senior discounts) 916-257-2782 1.8 mi e off SR 36 2975 Johnstonville Rd.

Another is River Inn Motel 916-257-6051 0.8 mi e off SR 36, 1710 Main St. Ruth will be staying at the Super Budget and that is where we will be meeting on Sunday morning at 4:45 am. We will eat breakfast after going to the lek. Easiest route to Susanville is to go east on Hwy 80 to Reno and then north on Hwy 395. If you are planning on going, please call Ruth as last minute weather could cancel the trip. Bring hiking boots, winter clothing, and a scope. Leader will be Ruth Rudesill 833-6026.

The April field trip will be to Mitchell Canyon, Mt. Diablo. The May field trip will be to either Ida Clayton Road or Pine Flat Road.

Mendocino Coast Audubon's Birding trip on the Skunk Train was canceled due to weather problems with the tracks. Details will follow when the trip is rescheduled.

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)

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FIELD TRIP REPORT

February 14th trip to Grey Lodge area - This trip was led by Mike Parmeter who reported the group was unable to get to Grey Lodge due to flooded roads. They traveled from West Butte Road to Sacramento NWR only to find the driving loop closed as well. The group walked out the loop. The weather was partial rain and sunshine. 71 species were observed. There were seven participants: Jo Maillard, Herb and Linda McGrew, Mike Parmeter, Bob and Bertha Rains, and Kathy Vaslet.

Birds Observed: Pied-billed Grebe; Double-cr. Cormorant; American Bittern; Great Blue Heron; Great Egret; Tundra Swan; Gr. White-fronted Goose; Snow Goose; Green-winged Teal; Mallard; Northern Pintail; Cinnamon Teal; Northern Shoveler; Gadwall; American Wigeon; Redhead; Lesser Scaup; Common Goldeneye; Bufflehead; Ruddy Duck; Turkey Vulture; White-tailed Kite; Northern Harrier; Red-shouldered Hawk; Red-tailed Hawk; Rough-legged Hawk; American Kestrel; Ring-necked Pheasant; Virginia Rail; Common Moorhen; American Coot; Killdeer; Black-necked Stilt; Greater Yellowlegs; Marbled Godwit; Ring-billed and Herring Gull; Rock and Mourning Dove; Belted Kingfisher; Nuttall's Woodpecker; Northern Flicker; Black Phoebe; Say's Phoebe; Horned Lark; Scrub Jay; Yellow-billed Magpie; American Crow; Common Raven; Bushtit; Rock and Marsh Wren; Ruby-crowned Kinglet; Northern Mockingbird; American Pipit; Starling; Yellow-rumped Warbler; California Towhee; Song, Savannah, Golden-crowned and White-crowned Sparrow; Dark-eyed Junco; Red-winged, Tricolored, and Brewer's Blackbird; Western Meadowlark; House Finch; Lesser and American Goldfinch; and House Sparrow.

Phone Wheel - revised

There was a late addition to the Phone Wheel so please post this new list next to your phone:

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| 1. Bob Rains | 528-6785 | |
| 2. Richard Merriss | 525-8629 | |
| 3. Rick LeBaudour | 792-1800 | |
| 4. Wini Nelson | 762-6152 | |
| 5. Alan Wight | 763-8572 | |
| 6. Ted Eliot | 935-3410 | |
| 7. Mike Parmeter | 255-6757 | |
| 8. Wayne Tillay | 965-2978 | |
| 9. Ruth Rudesill | 833-6026 | (h) 763-7877 ex 157(work) |
| 10. Dan Wilson | 579-3949 | |
| 11. Betty Groce | 539-8664 | |
| 12. Betty Burrridge | 527-0225 | |
| 13. Avis Anderson | 539-0470 | |
| 14. Deyea Harper | 542-1542 | |
| 15. David Hofmann | 546-0325 | |
| 16. Linda Petrulias | 632-5532 | |
| 17. Louise Johnston | 823-2245 | |

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OBSERVATIONS IN SONOMA COUNTY - January/February 1998

<u>BIRD</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION SON</u>	<u>OBSERVER(S)</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
Red-necked Grebe	1	1/28	Bodega Harbor	BG	
American Bittern	1	2/13-28	Schollenberger Park	BDP, RAR	
Cattle Egret	3	2/16	Spring Hil Road	AW	
Snow Goose	1	1/24	Schollenberger Park	TE	
Blue-winged Teal	2-6	2/8-25	Schollenberger Park	AW, BDP, mob	
hybrid Nor Shoveler/ Blue-winged Teal	1	2/8	Schollenberger Park	AW -ad male	
Redhead	2-9	2/1-28	Schollenberger Park	BDP, AW, mob	
Tufted Duck	2	2/26-28	Schollenberger Park	RS, RAR, AW	
Greater Scaup	100s	late Feb	Schollenberger Park	mob	
Oldsquaw	1-3	2/7-26	Schollenberger Park	AW, BDP, RS, RAR	
Surf Scoter	1-8	2/15-28	Schollenberger Park	BDP, RAR, AW	
Barrow's Goldeneye	2	2/17-25	Schollenberger Park	BDP, TE, DoE	
Hooded Merganser	1	1/29	Carmody Ponds	BG male	
Hooded Merganser	2	2/8	Stage Gulch Road	AW	
Ferruginous Hawk	1	Feb	Watmaugh Road	RAR	
Black Rail	1	2/13	Schollenberger Park	BDP calling	
Sora	1	2/13-28	Schollenberger Park	BDP, RAR	
Rock Sandpiper	1	1/28	Bodega Head	BG, mob	
Glaucous Gull	1	1/13	Schollenberger Park	TE	
Short-eared Owl	1	2/13-15	Schollenberger Park	AW, TE	
Allen's Hummingbird	1	2/1	feeder Oakmont	BG	
Allen's Hummingbird	1	1/28	Rail Ponds, Bodega Bay	BG, BB	
Tree Swallow	3	2/11	Schollenberger Park	BDP, TE	
Violet-Green Swallow	1	2/11	Schollenberger Park	BDP, TE	
Palm Warbler	1	2/28	Schollenberger Park	AW	
Western Tanager	1	2/4	H-P, Rohnert Park	AW	

OBSERVATIONS OUTSIDE OF SONOMA COUNTY - January/February 1998

<u>BIRD</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>OBSERVER(S)</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
Snow Goose	1	1/27	Lower Lake	LAK JW	
Ross' Goose	1	2/8	n of 10 Mile Rvr	MEN DT	
Canada (Aleutian) Goose	1	2/7	Fort Bragg	MEN DT	
Eurasian Wigeon	1	2/13	Garcia Flats	MEN DT	male
Barrow's Goldeneye	1	1/31	Tule Lake	LAK JW	
Red-breasted Merganser	23	1/19	Clear Lake	LAK JW	
Bald Eagle	1	2/17-20	Hopland Field Sta	Men BK, CV	
Ferruginous Hawk	1	2/9	Hopland Field Sta	MEN BK	
Ferruginous Hawk	1	2/15	Lawson's Landing	MRN AW	
Rock Sandpiper	1	1/29-2/9	MacKerricher SP	MEN DT	
Red Phalarope	1	2/8	Ukiah Sewer Pond	MEN CV, DeE	
Glaucous Gull	1	2/18	Garcia Flats	MEN DT	1stYr
Burrowing Owl	1	2/7	Henry Road	NAP BDP	
Lewis' Woodpecker	1	2/7	Henry Road	NAP BDP	
Say's Phoebe	1	2/13	Garcia Flats	MEN DT	
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	1	1/28	Hopland Field Sta	MEN BK	singing
Mountain Bluebird	6	2/21	Yokohi Valley	TUL AW	
Orange-cr Warbler	1	2/4-8	yard Ft. Bragg	MEN DT	
Vesper Sparrow	50+	2/21	Yokohi Valley	TUL AW	
White-throated Sparrow	1	2/9	yard feeder	NAP BDP	
Dark-eyed Junco	1♀	2/1	yard feeder	MEN DT	Slate-colored
Great-tailed Grackle	27	2/21	Woodlake Sewerpond	TUL AW	

Observers: Karen Blejwas, Betty Burrige, Drew Cronk, Deamian Ebert, Ted Eliot, Doug Ellis, Betty Groce, Bob Keiffer, Rick LeBaudour, Dan Nelson, B.D. (Mike) Parmeter, Ruth A Rudesill, Rich Stallcup, Dorothy (Toby) Tobkin, Chuck Vaughn, Jerry White, Alan Wight, and Ned Wynn

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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 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 85404	527-0225

1997-1998 Chairpersons

Field Trips:	Mike Parmeter	2500 Emerson Street, Napa, CA 94558	255-6757
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