

Kite Tales

Redwood Region Ornithological Society



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COMING ATTRACTIONS

Thursday May 14th - GENERAL MEETING Potluck at Sugarloaf Ridge State Park - 6:00 pm

Our ever popular spring pot luck/meeting will be at the group campground in Sugarloaf Ridge State Park, Kenwood. Take Adobe Canyon Road off Highway 12. Meet at 6:00 pm and bring food, beverage, and your table settings. (The group campground can be reached by driving past the Day Use Parking Area at the end of the road - past the corral and through the metal gate.)

**DO NOT PAY DAY USE ENTRY FEE
A \$5.00/CAR FEE WILL BE COLLECTED BY RROS**

After dinner and a short business meeting, we will take a walk, looking and listening for Common Poorwill and assorted owls.

The Lazuli Bunting is waiting for us on his usual perch. Don't disappoint him. All your old and new friends will be there.

Saturday May 16th Field Trip to Pine Flat Road. Meet at the first bridge at 8:00 am. Bring hiking shoes, water, and a lunch. There should be great birds, wildflowers, and butterflies. Leader will be Mike Parmeter.

August Hummingbird trip to SE Arizona - Ruth Rudesill is planning a long weekend trip to SE Arizona to look for the hummingbirds. This will probably happen the second weekend in August. If you are at all interested, please call Ruth 833-6026.

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)

FIELD TRIP REPORT

April 18th field trip to Mitchell Canyon, Mt. Diablo, Contra Costa Co.

Eighteen birders participated on this always exciting field trip. Mike Parameter was the leader and he reported the following highlights: One male Calliope Hummingbird and four(!) calling Hammond's Flycatchers.

Participants: John Erskin, Betty and Jack Groce, Herb McGrew, Kathryn McNeil, Richard Merriss, Ian Morrison, Mike Parmeter, Barbrara Perry, Linda Petrulias, Bob and Bertha Rains, Kathy Scherzer, Ann Stone, Lang Stevenson, Kyle Villareal, Alan Wight, and Ned Wynn.

Birds Observed: 45 Species

Turkey Vulture	Sharp-shinned Hawk	Red-tailed Hawk
California Quail	Mourning Dove	White-throated Swift
Anna's Hummingbird	Calliope Hummingbird	Rufous Hummingbird
Acorn Woodpecker	Nuttall's Woodpecker	Hairy Woodpecker
Hammond's Flycatcher	Ash-throated Flycatcher	Tree Swallow
Cliff Swallow	Steller's Jay	Scrub Jay
Oak Titmouse	Bushtit	Bewick's Wren
House Wren	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	Western Bluebird
Hermit Thrush	American Robin	Wrentit
California Thrasher	European Starling	Hutton's Vireo
Warbling Vireo	Orange-crowned Warbler	Wilson's Warbler
Black-thr. Gray Warbler	Western Tanager	Bl.-headed Grosbeak
Lazuli Bunting	Spotted Towhee	California Towhee
Lark Sparrow	Golden-crowned Sparrow	Dark-eyed Junco
Western Meadowlark	Purple Finch	Lesser Goldfinch

WE'RE BATTING 500!

Ruth Rudesill has volunteered to be the field trip Chairperson, and assures us that she has some great ideas for exciting trips in the next year. Thank you Ruth!

The position of Newsletter Editor remains open. The 'Kite Tales' newsletter is the only means by which RROS stays in contact with out-of-town (and local) members, and, as such, is a vital and important feature of our organization. RROS WANTS YOU!

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT (SANTA ROSA)

Doug Ellis has been compiling the Santa Rosa CBC for RROS for more years than most of us can count, and we thank him most heartily for his time and efforts. He is asking for a Co-compiler who can be trained to take over in the near future. DOUG WANTS YOU!

POSITIONS OPEN: Contact Ruth, Doug, or Mike Nelligan at 576-1475

NEWSLETTER EDITOR
CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT CO-COMPILER

OBSERVATIONS IN SONOMA COUNTY - MARCH/ APRIL 1998

<u>BIRD</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION SON</u>	<u>OBSERVER(S)</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
Red-necked Grebe	1	4/11	Doran Park	DN	alt.plumage
American Bittern	3	3/15	Schollenberger	DN	
Ross' Goose	5	3/29-30	Bodega Farm Pond	DN	
Peregrine Falcon	pair	4/10	Hwy 37	DN	will they nest?
Pigeon Guillemot	10	4/5	Doran/Bodega Head	DN	
Vaux's Swift	many	4/23-26	Healdsburg	AW, NW	
Rufous Hummingbird	8+	3/22-4/8	various locations	mob	moving thru
Eastern Phoebe	1	3/1-4	Delta Pond	CG, DN	
American Dipper	4	4/25	Cazedero	LP	* see below
Cassin's Vireo	1	3/19	Sonoma Mt.	TE	early
Lazuli Bunting	1	3/29	Sonoma Mt.	TE	early
Hooded Oriole	1	4/6	Petaluma feeder	LE	returning
White-throated Sparrow	3	- 4/26 (left 4/28)	Kenwood feeder	RAR	still singing

* Linda reported that the Dippers had three fledglings just learning to fly and dive! They were still being fed by a parent.

Observers: Lew Edmondson, Ted Eliot, Chris Grabill, Dan Nelson, Mike Parmeter, Linda Petruvias, Ruth Rudesill, Alan, Wight, and Ned Wynn

OBSERVATIONS OUTSIDE OF SONOMA COUNTY - MARCH/APRIL 1998

<u>BIRD</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>OBSERVER(S)</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
Black-footed Albatross	5	3/8	Cordell Bank	DN	
Laysan Albatross	1	3/21	Cordell Bank	DN	
Northern Fulmar	235+	3/8	Cordell Bank	DN	
Short-tailed Shearwater	1	3/8	Cordell Bank	DN	
Sooty Shearwater	55+	4/5	Cordell Bank	DN	
Pink-footed Shearwater	1	4/5	Cordell Bank	DN	
Red-necked Phalarope	5	4/5	Cordell Bank	DN	
Black-legged Kittiwake	15	4/5	Cordell Bank	DN	
White-throated Sparrow	1	4/1	Napa feeder	BDP	tan-stripe

Observers: Dan Nelson, B.D. (Mike) Parmeter

MESSAGE FROM THE KITE TALES EDITOR - I apologize for the lateness of this month's issue. I was in southern New England at a dog show and did not have time to get this together before I left. Luckily, the meeting is later in the month! Anyway, the dogwoods and cherries were blooming - but it was a little too early for migrant warblers, vireos, and thrushes. I did see a 2nd winter Glaucous Gull and a magnificent full alternate plumaged Scarlet Tanager!

Since this may be my last issue - I would like to thank everyone for their help with getting the Kite Tales out. Special thanks to Betty Burrige who has helped with the labels (David Hoffman also helped me with these) and writing the program descriptions. Thanks to those who submitted typed reports - Doug Ellis with the Christmas Count and Ned Wynn with observations. Also, to Mike P. and Mike N. for their reports. And to everyone else who sent in address changes, last minute observations, and articles.

This has been a lot of fun (and work!) but I unfortunately do not have the time or equipment to get Kite Tales out the way it should be. Ruth ☺

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.

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