

# Kite Tales



Redwood Region Ornithological Society

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## Coming Attractions

**March 11th, Thursday, 7:30 PM - General Meeting**  
**Darwin Hall, Room 221 - Sonoma State University, Cotati**

### **Avian Conservation Genetics:**

Dr. Derek Girman, Assistant Professor, Department of Biology at Sonoma State University will be our guest speaker in March. Dr. Girman's specialty is the study of mammalian species, especially the African wild dog, but he has been working on avian species for the past three years. His presentation is entitled "Case Histories in Avian Conservation Genetics", and he admits to becoming a beginning bird lover.

**March 13th, Saturday, 8:30 AM - Field Trip to Shollenberger Park**

We will again visit the increasingly popular Shollenberger City Park in Petaluma. In recent months numerous exciting bird finds have been made here. (Read Betty Burridge's site description in your December Kite Tales.) From Highway 116 turn onto South McDowell Blvd. We will meet at 8:30 AM: bring sturdy walking shoes for the trail around the ponds. We'll be looking for winter waterfowl and early migrants. Leader: Ruth Rudesill 707 833-6026. Call for information or directions.

**March 13th & 14th - Wild on Wetlands Weekend - Los Baños**

A consortium or organization in Los Baños has put together quite a weekend for nature lovers. They seem to have it all and it's only \$15 per adult for both days and covers your choice of a couple dozen workshops and thirty different tours. Sounds like fun.

For more information call 800 336-6354 or visit the website at [www.losbanos.com/wow.htm](http://www.losbanos.com/wow.htm)

**March 20th, Saturday - Observations Deadline**

The 20th is the deadline for Kite Tales observations. Please forward sightings to Ned Wynn 129-B Powell Ave. Healdsburg, Ca 95448 707 431-8412 or via email: [ekwynn@sonic.net](mailto:ekwynn@sonic.net)

**March 25th, Thursday - Kite Tales deadline**

Send announcements, articles, letters to the editor and such to Gerry Mugele PO Box 813 Glen Ellen, Ca 95442 or via email: [mewgull@ix.netcom.com](mailto:mewgull@ix.netcom.com)

**April 10th & 11th - Heron Days at Clear Lake**

Even our old friends in Lake County are going in for eco-tourism: They'll have pontoon boat tours of Anderson Marsh to see the Great Blue Heron rookery (the boat ride fee is \$10 and advance reservations required.) Lake County is beautiful in April and the wild flowers can be astounding. For more information/reservations call the Lake County Visitor Information Center at 800 525-3743 or call Redbud Audubon at 707 994-2024

## Good Birding Spots #6

## Shiloh Regional Park

by Bertha Rains

Shiloh Regional Park was acquired by the county in 1989. It is a natural area with over five miles of trails. There is a \$2 parking fee (or an annual pass is available for \$40).

A list of over 90 bird species has been compiled for the park by Jon Winter, Bob and Bertha Rains. It has varied habitats: chaparral, conifers, oaks, open fields and a pond. The pond has had geese but we have not seen any there for several years.

A walk on the short loop up the Ridge Trail and return via the Big Leaf Trail will take you two and a half miles. Including the creek trail will add another half mile. The exercise required for climbing the hill is rewarded with a view of Mt. St. Helena and the Santa Rosa Plain. At the top we have often seen an Anna's Hummingbird perched on the same bare tree.

Trails may be muddy in spots after rain, otherwise they are in good condition.

Specialties to be seen there are Pileated Woodpecker, Rufous-crowned Sparrow, Wild Turkeys - the turkeys are more often heard than seen - and hawks. Several years ago we saw a Golden Eagle. Jon Winter reported a Rock Wren.

People riding horseback frequent the park, especially on weekends. For a quiet walk choose a week day when you may meet only one or two other hikers.

On the trail along the creek wildflowers are abundant in Spring. The hillside opposite the parking lot is covered with Mariposa Lilies each year in April or May. If botanizing is slow; check out the butterflies.

To get there take the Shiloh Road exit from Highway 101 (about six miles north of Santa Rosa) and drive east to the end. Turn right and proceed to the entrance on your left.

## Seen any Albino Red-tails?

Have you seen a Red-tail that looked like a Krider's Hawk gone crazy? Or did that Red-tail look more like a light phase Ferruginous? Henry Kendall and Stan More want to hear about it. They are compiling data for a continent-wide survey of albino red-tailed hawks. Sightings can be recent or past. They can include local birds, nesting birds, migrants, vagrants, or any other sighting records of albino red-tail hawks. Individuals can be any variant of albino status, including incomplete and partial albinos.

Please contact:

Henry Kendall via email at hawkhak5@aol.com or Stan Moore at hawkman11@hotmail.com or call (415) 662-2617.

## Condor Release

Elizabeth Van Dyke, Ph.D.

On Saturday, January 30th, seven young California Condors were released into the wilderness of the Santa Lucia mountains overlooking the Pacific. These condors joined the five released on December 12, 1997. In 1987 the last wild California Condor was taken into captivity to join only twenty-six others. By 1998, after careful breeding, the California Condor population reached 145.

The day was cold and very windy with low clouds and fog. For about an hour and a half, four-wheel drive vehicles climbed dirt roads and passed through security gates from sea level to the snowy release site, about a 4000 foot rise in elevation. We spotted cougar tracks in the snow as we hiked about a mile to the vantage point.

The netting was dropped to release the condors. Nothing happened!

It is evidently a pretty scary thing to contemplate soaring free even though these birds received flying lessons in a specially designed cage. The group released in 1997 took three days to leave the protection of the holding area.

A young female flew out first, eventually followed by the others. From my vantage point, I could see most of the condors make a fairly smooth flight out with some sloppy turns and landings on this first free flight. None of them flew very far. Some flew to the ground quickly and either stayed where they were examining their new surroundings, or started heading back towards the release site. All wore radio collars for tracking purposes, and for safety reasons, they had been trained to avoid landing on telephone poles.

This group of California Condors were hatched from eggs at the Los Angeles Zoo and the San Diego Wild Animal Park. Since arriving at the Ventana Wilderness Sanctuary they have interacted with a seven year-old male who taught them condor behavior. During this period, all five previously released condors visited the site and introduced themselves. It will be interesting to track these birds over their 50 year life span. Between ages six and eight, they will be ready to establish a pair bond for life and mate. Each year, the pair will perform an intricate courtship flight and dance that reestablishes their bond. They will generally raise one young every other year. Once hatched, the chick will be dependent on its parents for up to six months. They don't migrate, but can cover around 190 miles a day. Condors are gregarious, so it is likely you will have a good chance to see them around Pfeiffer-Big Sur Park Lodge where the others currently spend time.

Our winged treasures are famous. National Geographic is developing a half-hour special on this release for airing in the future.

During the release, I kept thinking of John Denver's song 'I Am the Eagle':

"All those who see me and all who believe in me share in the freedom I feel when I fly... Come dance with the west wind and touch all the mountain tops, sail or' the canyons and up to the stars, and reach for the heavens and hope for the future..."

**Field Trip Report****Southern Sonoma Valley**

February 13th 1999, - by Ruth Rudesill

It was a nice, bright day and the rain held off until after our trip to Skaggs Island, Ramal Road, and Watmaugh Road. We had a great raptor day with 2 adult Golden Eagles, a Peregrine Falcon, a Merlin, several Red-tailed Hawks on fence posts allowing close observation.

We also had Harriers, Kestrels, Loggerhead Shrikes and the Watmaugh Road Ferruginous Hawk was the highlight, landing right next to us on a power pole. (For those of you who drive from Sonoma to Petaluma - check this magnificent bird out at the corner of Watmaugh and Bear Flag between Arnold Drive and Hwy 116. I believe it's the third winter it has been there.) (*It has been there at least six Winters - Ed.*) We also enjoyed waterfowl and shorebirds at Tubbs Island parking lot, Skaggs Island and Hudemann Slough. There were large numbers of Semipalmated Plovers off Skaggs Island Road.

**Participants:** Linda Allen, Ann Howald, Richard Hurley, David Leland, Bob and Bertha Rains, Candle Sunlight, and Ruth Rudesill.

**Birds Observed:** Pied-billed Grebe, Horned Grebe, Western Grebe, Great Blue Heron, Great Egret, Snowy Egret, Black-crowned Night Heron, Canada Goose, Mallard, Northern Pintail, Northern Shoveler, Gadwall, American Wigeon, Canvasback, Common Goldeneye, Bufflehead, Ruddy Duck, Turkey Vulture, Black-Shouldered Kite, Northern Harrier, Red-shouldered Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, Ferruginous Hawk, Golden Eagle, American Kestrel, Merlin, Peregrine Falcon, California Quail, American Coot, Black-bellied Plover, Semipalmated Plover, Killdeer, Black-necked Stilt, American Avocet, Greater Yellowlegs, Willet, Long-billed Curlew, Marbled Godwit, Western Sandpiper, Least Sandpiper, Dunlin, Dowitcher sp. Ring-billed Gull, Western Gull, Forster's Tern, Mourning Dove, Anna's Hummingbird, Northern Flicker, Nuttall's Woodpecker, Black Phoebe, Tree Swallow, Scrub Jay, American Crow, Common Raven, Bushtit,

Marsh Wren, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Western Bluebird, American Robin, Northern Mockingbird, American Pipit, Loggerhead Shrike, Starling, Yellow-rumped Warbler, California Towhee, Golden-crowned Sparrow, Song Sparrow, Red-winged Blackbird, Brewer's Blackbird, Western Meadowlark, House Finch and House Sparrow.

**Ted Eliot's Book Report**

Ted Eliot highly recommends a book, *A Passion for Birds*, by Mark V. Barrow Jr., published by Princeton University Press in 1998. He says it is a fascinating history of the development of the science of ornithology, of the bird conservation movement and of the sport of birdwatching in the United States from the mid-19th century up to World War II. It illuminates the clash in cultures between scientists and amateurs and many other aspects of our hobby which still exist today.

**Mike Needs your Leaves**

Mike Parmeter has asked me to ask you for your Madrone Leaves. Wait! Before you start going through your compost bin; we're talking about the *Madrone Leaves* newsletter published by Madrone Audubon Society.

He'd like to find as complete a set as possible. That's thirty years worth. He wants to borrow them for a few months and promises to return them in the same condition they were when he borrowed them.

If anyone has any questions or can remember where they have their's stored; they should call Mike at 707 255-67657.

**From Traffic Stop to Bird Bust**

On Jan. 2, a Dept. of Public Safety officer stopped a vehicle on I-10 for a routine traffic violation. Suspecting they might be carrying drugs, the officer searched the vehicle and found 11 hummingbirds preserved in formaldehyde. Game Warden Robert French was called in and discovered that the subjects were from Cuba, where the hummingbird is a symbol of good luck. The men stated they had shot the birds with a BB gun in a California backyard and were en route to Massachusetts.

**Observations**

<u>Species</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Who</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Red-necked Grebe	2	Feb.	Bodega Harbor Jetty	SON	mob	
Laysan Albatross	1	2/13	Cordell Bank	SON	DN	
Black-footed Albatross	5	2/15	Cordell Bank	SON	DN	
Short-tailed Shearwater	47	2/13	Cordell Bank	SON	DN	
American Bittern	1	2/28	Shollenberger Park	SON	CD, BM, GM	
Green Heron	1	2/9	Shollenberger Park	SON	TE	
Ross' Goose	1	2/22	Lucchesi Park, Petaluma	SON	AW	
Blue-winged Teal	13	1/17+	Shollenberger Park	SON	AW, TE, BM	Through at least 2/28
Redhead	8	1/17+	Shollenberger Park	SON	AW, DN	Through at least 2/3
Oldsquaw	1	2/1 +	Bodega Harbor	SON	DN, AW, TE	Through at least 2/15
Barrow's Goldeneye	2	1/31	Bodega Bay	SON	BB, MN	imm.
" "	1	2/1	Lake Ralphine	SON	RM	
Ferruginous Hawk	1	2/7	Roberts Rd. South of RP	SON	AW, EKW	adult
Merlin	2	2/7	Petaluma	SON	AW	Males, interacting
"	1	1/7	Roberts Rd - South of RP	SON	EKW, DW	male
"	1	2/16	Healdsburg	SON	EKW, DW	Backyard, perched
"	1	2/28	Shollenberger Park	SON	CD, GM, BM	
Clapper Rail	1	2/15	Petaluma River Marsh	SON	GM	
Sora	1	2/21-8	Shollenberger Park	SON	CD, GM, BM	
Common Moorhen	6	2/21	Shollenberger Park	SON	CD, GM	
Sandhill Crane	2	2/25	Off Occidental Rd	SON	RL	
Red Knot	2	2/1	Spud Point, Bodega	SON	DN	
" "	1	2/15	Bodega Harbor	SON	AW, TE	
Fomarine Jaeger	1	2/15	Offshore Bodega Head	SON	DN	
Murrelet ssp.	113	2/15	Bodega Head	SON	AW	At least 50% Marbled
Tree Swallow	100+	2/7	flying over Lakeville pond	SON	DN	
Violet-green Swallow	100+	2/21	Shollenberger Park	SON	CD, GM	
N. Rough-wing Swallow	100+	2/28	Shollenberger Park	SON	CD, GM, BM	
House Wren	1	2/15	Bodega Dunes Cmpgrnds	SON	AW	early
Brown Thrasher	1	2/7-11	Sonoma Mountain	SON	DH, BB, et al	Coming to feeder
Nashville Warbler	1	2/7	Bodega Hwy. @ Roblar Rd	SON	DN	
Prairie Warbler	1	Feb.	Near Marine Lab, Bodega	SON	mob	Continuing from Dec.
Swamp Sparrow	5	2/1	Willow Creek Rd.	SON	DN	

Betty Burrridge, Connie De Haan, Ted Elliot, Diane Hichwa, Rick LeBaudour, Robin Marrs, Bob Mugele, Gerry Mugele, Dan Nelson, Mike Nelligan, Mike Parmeter (BDP), Alan Wight, Ned Wynn (EKW)

**Past Presidents of RROS**

Mike Parmeter, put together this list of RROS' 37 year history:

1962-63	Gordon Bolander	1975-76	Wayne Tillay	1988-89	Mark Delwiche
1963-64	Eric Spalding	1976-77	Carmen Patterson	1989-90	Wini Nelson
1964-65	Ray McDuffee	1977-78	Terry Babineaux	1990-91	Benjamin D. Parmeter
1965-66	John Arnold	1978-79	Gerald Mugele	1991-92	Wayne Tillay
1966-67	Benjamin D. Parmeter	1979-80	Bob McLean	1992-93	David Hoffmann
1967-68	Jack Guggolz	1980-81	Betty Burrridge	1993-94	Jon Winter
1968-69	Robert Failing	1981-82	Doug Ellis	1994-95	Richard Merriss
1969-70	Peter Leveque	1982-83	Hal Corey	1995-96	Bob Rains
1970-71	Baron McLean	1983-84	Dan Nelson	1996-97	Jeff Goodwin
1971-72	Clarence Tucker	1984-85	Rick LeBaudour	1997-98	Bertha Rains
1972-73	Leland Gralapp	1985-86	Kathy Mugele	1998-99	Mike Nelligan
1973-74	David Hanes	1986-87	Janet Bosshard		
1974-75	Lynn Stafford	1987-88	Ruth Rudesill		

Hey, thanks Mike.

**Phone Wheel Update Time**

It has been some time since the RROS phone wheel has been updated or published. At the February meeting new requests for inclusion were made and it was agreed that an update is due. Bertha Rains volunteered to take on the task. The phone wheel was last published in March of 1998 and looked like:

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

Please review the list and notify Bertha Rains of your decision to be either added or deleted. Bertha can be reached at 707 528-6785 or by email at [bbr@ap.net](mailto:bbr@ap.net).

The advantage of a phone wheel listing is that you will be notified of the sightings of rare birds. The responsibility is to phone the next person on the list *until you reach a live person.*

**Sonoma County Bird List**

Mike Parmeter has compiled the complete up-to-date list of birds in Sonoma County. It includes all 415 species recorded through January 1st 1999. Alan Wight refined the list by updating the names and list sequence to conform with the California Bird Records Committee Field List. Hey, thanks Mike.

Here's your official county list:

Red-throated Loon	Short-tailed Shearwater	Cattle Egret
Arctic Loon	Black-vented Shearwater	Green Heron
Pacific Loon	Wilson's Storm-Petrel	Black-crowned Night-Heron
Common Loon	Fork-tailed Storm-Petrel	White-faced Ibis
Yellow-billed Loon	Leach's Storm-Petrel	Wood Stork
Pied-billed Grebe	Ashy Storm-Petrel	Turkey Vulture
Horned Grebe	Black Storm-Petrel	California Condor
Red-necked Grebe	Red-billed Tropicbird	Greater White-fronted Goose
Eared Grebe	American White Pelican	Emperor Goose
Western Grebe	Brown Pelican	Snow Goose
Clark's Grebe	Brandt's Cormorant	Ross' Goose
Wandering Albatross	Double-crested Cormorant	Canada Goose
Laysan Albatross	Pelagic Cormorant	Brant
Black-footed Albatross	Magnificent Frigatebird	Tundra Swan
Short-tailed Albatross	American Bittern	Wood Duck
Northern Fulmar	Least Bittern	Gadwall
Mottled Petrel	Great Blue Heron	Eurasian Wigeon
Pink-footed Shearwater	Great Egret	American Wigeon
Flesh-footed Shearwater	Snowy Egret	Mallard
Buller's Shearwater	Little Blue Heron	Blue-winged Teal
Sooty Shearwater	Tricolored Heron	Cinnamon Teal

## Sonoma County Bird List - part 2

Northern Shoveler	Pacific Golden-Plover	Glaucous Gull
Northern Pintail	Mongolian Plover	Sabine's Gull
Green-winged Teal	Snowy Plover	Black-legged Kittiwake
Canvasback	Semipalmated Plover	Caspian Tern
Redhead	Killdeer	Elegant Tern
Ring-necked Duck	Black Oystercatcher	Common Tern
Tufted Duck	Black-necked Stilt	Arctic Tern
Greater Scaup	American Avocet	Forster's Tern
Lesser Scaup	Greater Yellowlegs	Least Tern
Steller's Eider	Lesser Yellowlegs	Black Tern
King Eider	Solitary Sandpiper	Black Skimmer
Harlequin Duck	Willet	Common Murre
Surf Scoter	Wandering Tattler	Pigeon Guillemot
White-winged Scoter	Gray-tailed Tattler	Marbled Murrelet
Black Scoter	Spotted Sandpiper	Xantus' Murrelet
Oldsquaw	Whimbrel	Craveri's Murrelet
Bufflehead	Long-billed Curlew	Ancient Murrelet
Common Goldeneye	Bar-tailed Godwit	Cassin's Auklet
Barrow's Goldeneye	Marbled Godwit	Parakeet Auklet
Hooded Merganser	Ruddy Turnstone	Crested Auklet
Common Merganser	Black Turnstone	Rhinoceros Auklet
Red-breasted Merganser	Surfbird	Horned Puffin
Ruddy Duck	Red Knot	Tufted Puffin
Osprey	Sanderling	Rock Dove
White-tailed Kite	Semipalmated Sandpiper	Band-tailed Pigeon
Bald Eagle	Western Sandpiper	White-winged Dove
Northern Harrier	Least Sandpiper	Mourning Dove
Sharp-shinned Hawk	Baird's Sandpiper	Yellow-billed Cuckoo
Cooper's Hawk	Pectoral Sandpiper	Greater Roadrunner
Northern Goshawk	Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	Barn Owl
Red-shouldered Hawk	Rock Sandpiper	Western Screech-Owl
Broad-winged Hawk	Dunlin	Great Horned Owl
Swainson's Hawk	Stilt Sandpiper	Great Horned Owl
Red-tailed Hawk	Buff-breasted Sandpiper	Snowy Owl
Ferruginous Hawk	Ruff	Northern Pygmy-Owl
Rough-legged Hawk	Short-billed Dowitcher	Burrowing Owl
Golden Eagle	Long-billed Dowitcher	Spotted Owl
American Kestrel	Common Snipe	Barred Owl
Merlin	Wilson's Phalarope	Long-eared Owl
Peregrine Falcon	Red-necked Phalarope	Short-eared Owl
Prairie Falcon	Red Phalarope	Northern Saw-whet Owl
Ring-necked Pheasant	South Polar Skua	Lesser Nighthawk
Blue Grouse	Pomarine Jaeger	Common Nighthawk
Wild Turkey	Parasitic Jaeger	Common Poorwill
Mountain Quail	Long-tailed Jaeger	Black Swift
California Quail	Laughing Gull	Vaux' Swift
Yellow Rail	Franklin's Gull	White-throated Swift
Black Rail	Bonaparte's Gull	Broad-billed Hummingbird
Clapper Rail	Heermann's Gull	Violet-crowned Hummingbird
Virginia Rail	Mew Gull	Black-chinned Hummingbird
Sora	Ring-billed Gull	Anna's Hummingbird
Common Moorhen	California Gull	Costa's Hummingbird
American Coot	Herring Gull	Calliope Hummingbird
Sandhill Crane	Thayer's Gull	Rufous Hummingbird
Black-bellied Plover	Western Gull	Allen's Hummingbird
American Golden-Plover	Glaucous-winged Gull	Belted Kingfisher

Sonoma County Bird List - part 3

Lewis' Woodpecker  
 Acorn Woodpecker  
 Yellow-bellied Sapsucker  
 Red-naped Sapsucker  
 Red-breasted Sapsucker  
 Nuttall's Woodpecker  
 Downy Woodpecker  
 Hairy Woodpecker  
 Northern Flicker  
 Pileated Woodpecker  
 Olive-sided Flycatcher  
 Western Wood-Pewee  
 Eastern Wood-Pewee  
 Willow Flycatcher  
 Least Flycatcher  
 Hammond's Flycatcher  
 Gray Flycatcher  
 Dusky Flycatcher  
 Pacific-slope Flycatcher  
 Black Phoebe  
 Eastern Phoebe  
 Say's Phoebe  
 Dusky-capped Flycatcher  
 Ash-throated Flycatcher  
 Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher  
 Tropical Kingbird  
 Western Kingbird  
 Eastern Kingbird  
 Scissor-tailed Flycatcher  
 Fork-tailed Flycatcher  
 Loggerhead Shrike  
 Northern Shrike  
 Plumbeous Vireo  
 Cassin's Vireo  
 Hutton's Vireo  
 Warbling Vireo  
 Philadelphia Vireo  
 Red-eyed Vireo  
 Gray Jay  
 Steller's Jay  
 Blue Jay  
 Western Scrub-Jay  
 Clark's Nutcracker  
 Yellow-billed Magpie  
 American Crow  
 Common Raven  
 Horned Lark  
 Purple Martin  
 Tree Swallow  
 Violet-green Swallow  
 Northern Rough-winged Swallow  
 Bank Swallow  
 Cliff Swallow  
 Barn Swallow  
 Mountain Chickadee  
 Chestnut-backed Chickadee  
 Oak Titmouse  
 Bushtit  
 Red-breasted Nuthatch  
 White-breasted Nuthatch  
 Pygmy Nuthatch  
 Brown Creeper  
 Rock Wren  
 Canyon Wren

Bewick's Wren  
 House Wren  
 Winter Wren  
 Marsh Wren  
 American Dipper  
 Golden-crowned Kinglet  
 Ruby-crowned Kinglet  
 Blue-gray Gnatcatcher  
 Northern Wheatear  
 Western Bluebird  
 Mountain Bluebird  
 Townsend's Solitaire  
 Swainson's Thrush  
 Hermit Thrush  
 American Robin  
 Varied Thrush  
 Wrentit  
 Gray Catbird  
 Northern Mockingbird  
 Sage Thrasher  
 Brown Thrasher  
 California Thrasher  
 European Starling  
 Yellow Wagtail  
 Red-throated Pipit  
 American Pipit  
 Bohemian Waxwing  
 Cedar Waxwing  
 Phainopepla  
 Tennessee Warbler  
 Orange-crowned Warbler  
 Nashville Warbler  
 Virginia's Warbler  
 Lucy's Warbler  
 Northern Parula  
 Yellow Warbler  
 Chestnut-sided Warbler  
 Magnolia Warbler  
 Cape May Warbler  
 Black-throated Blue Warbler  
 Yellow-rumped Warbler  
 Black-throated Gray Warbler  
 Townsend's Warbler  
 Hermit Warbler  
 Blackburnian Warbler  
 Prairie Warbler  
 Palm Warbler  
 Bay-breasted Warbler  
 Blackpoll Warbler  
 Black-and-White Warbler  
 American Redstart  
 Prothonotary Warbler  
 Worm-eating Warbler  
 Ovenbird  
 Northern Waterthrush  
 Kentucky Warbler  
 Connecticut Warbler  
 MacGillivray's Warbler  
 Common Yellowthroat  
 Hooded Warbler  
 Wilson's Warbler  
 Canada Warbler  
 Yellow-breasted Chat  
 Summer Tanager

Western Tanager  
 Green-tailed Towhee  
 Spotted Towhee  
 California Towhee  
 Rufous-crowned Sparrow  
 American Tree Sparrow  
 Chipping Sparrow  
 Clay-colored Sparrow  
 Brewer's Sparrow  
 Black-chinned Sparrow  
 Vesper Sparrow  
 Lark Sparrow  
 Sage Sparrow  
 Lark Bunting  
 Savannah Sparrow  
 Grasshopper Sparrow  
 Fox Sparrow  
 Song Sparrow  
 Lincoln's Sparrow  
 Swamp Sparrow  
 White-throated Sparrow  
 Harris' Sparrow  
 White-crowned Sparrow  
 Golden-crowned Sparrow  
 Dark-eyed Junco  
 Lapland Longspur  
 Chestnut-collared Longspur  
 Snow Bunting  
 Rose-breasted Grosbeak  
 Black-headed Grosbeak  
 Blue Grosbeak  
 Lazuli Bunting  
 Indigo Bunting  
 Painted Bunting  
 Bobolink  
 Red-winged Blackbird  
 Tricolored Blackbird  
 Western Meadowlark  
 Yellow-headed Blackbird  
 Brewer's Blackbird  
 Common Grackle  
 Brown-headed Cowbird  
 Orchard Oriole  
 Hooded Oriole  
 Baltimore Oriole  
 Bullock's Oriole  
 Scott's Oriole  
 Purple Finch  
 Cassin's Finch  
 House Finch  
 Red Crossbill  
 Pine Siskin  
 Lesser Goldfinch  
 Lawrence's Goldfinch  
 American Goldfinch  
 Evening Grosbeak  
 House Sparrow

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Blue-winged Warbler

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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