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CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS.....

February 14, Thursday: February meeting of RROs

OwLS and Owling (who hoots for who^{oo} ooo)

The Snowy Owl seen at Bodega Head recently is on assignment for RROs as a promoter of the February meeting's program. We thank her immensely for her timely appearance. Seriously, the program seems to be shaping up very well. Thanks to generous contributions of several members, we will have a varied program involving recordings, tapes, carvings, specimens, maps, etc. Of course the most important aspect will be the mutual 'brain-picking' amongst all of us.

February 14, Thursday: Deadline for March Kite Tales.

February 16, Saturday: RROs Field Trip to Thornton

Meeting place: Parking lot of Hall of Justice, Fairfield. Located at corner where Hiway 12 turns right off the main street through town.

Meeting time: 8 a.m. "Regroup" at 9:30 east of the river at Rio Vista.

Car pooling: Meet at the parking lot by the Black Forest Inn (Calistoga Rd) at 6:15 a.m. at the latest to make the 8 a.m. meeting at Fairfield, or at 8 a.m. to make the 9:30 "regrouping" by the river.

Swans, geese, ducks, and cranes, hawks, shorebirds, and "dickie-birds" are always a good show, says Field Trip Chairman Gordy Bolander.

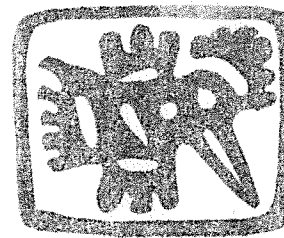


Hummingbird and floral design.

CONTINUING THE CALENDAR

February 23, Saturday: Audubon Wildlife Film

The third film in the Audubon Wildlife Film series, Charles T. Hetchkiss' "Queen of the Cascades", will be shown at 7:30 p.m. in Luther Burbank Theater, Santa Rosa Junior College.



hummingbird motif

JANUARY FIELD TRIP.....

Seven people braved the winds and threat of rain for an exhilarating day of birding around Bodega Harbor, the Head, and the Marine Laboratory rocks on Saturday, January 12. Highlights were an Oldsquaw near the Tides; Black Turnstones, Surfbirds and Rock Sandpipers on the rocks; and two Ancient Murrelets and Black-legged Kittiwakes offshore. Rough-legged Hawks are still easily seen from the Harbor Road as well as the resident Burrowing Owl. The following list is from trip leader Gordy Bolander:

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| Common Loon | Rough-legged Hawk | Heermann's Gull |
| Arctic Loon | Marsh Hawk | Black-legged Kittiwake |
| Red-throated Loon | Peregrine Falcon | Forster's Tern |
| Red-necked Grebe | American Kestrel | Common Murre |
| Horned Grebe | Coot | Ancient Murrelet |
| Eared Grebe | Black Oystercatcher | Mourning Dove |
| Western Grebe | Semipalmated Plover | Burrowing Owl |
| Pied-billed Grebe | Killdeer | Common Flicker (r.s.) |
| Brandt's Cormorant | Black-bellied Plover | Black Phoebe |
| Pelagic Cormorant | Surfbird | Scrub Jay |
| Great Blue Heron | Ruddy Turnstone | Common Raven |
| Snowy Egret | Black Turnstone | Bewick's Wren |
| Black-crowned Night Heron | Common Snipe | Long-billed Marsh Wren |
| Black Brant | Whimbrel | American Robin |
| Pintail | Wandering Tattler | Varied Thrush |
| American Wigeon | Willet | Ruby-crowned Kinglet |
| Greater Scaup | Red Knot | Water Pipit |
| Common Goldeneye | Rock Sandpiper | Loggerhead Shrike |
| Bufflehead | Least Sandpiper | Starling |
| Oldsquaw | Dunlin | Yellow-rumped Warbler (Audubon's) |
| White-winged Scoter | Short-billed Dowitcher | Townsend's Warbler |
| Surf Scoter | Western Sandpiper | House Sparrow |
| Black Scoter | Marbled Godwit | Western Meadowlark |
| Ruddy Duck | Sanderling | Red-winged Blackbird |
| Red-breasted Merganser | Pomarine Jaeger | Brewer's Blackbird |
| Turkey Vulture | Glaucous-winged Gull | House Finch |
| White-tailed Kite | Western Gull | Brown Towhee |
| Red-tailed Hawk | Herring Gull | Savannah Sparrow |
| | California Gull | White-crowned Sparrow |
| | Ring-billed Gull | Golden-crowned Sparrow |
| | Mew Gull | Fox Sparrow |
| | | Song Sparrow |

BOOKS

Hawaiian Birdlife

by Andrew J. Berger, University Press of Hawaii, Honolulu,
1972. (Available in Santa Rosa City Library)

An outstanding book. Berger has combined his extensive knowledge in ornithology with the complex story of Hawaii's avifauna to produce a truly important edition. In addition to discussing in detail each of the islands' species, the author presents clear descriptions of Hawaiian geologic and human history. Hawaii has been vastly altered in terms of bird habitats by human expansion. In addition, the introduction of numerous exotic species has had enormous effects on the native populations.

This book is a 'must' for future visitors to the islands, in my opinion. Also, it may provide us with new insights into the complex interactions between wildlife and human development on the Galapagos Islands (January's slide lecture by Clark Natckemper).

Lynn Stafford

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

by Deyea Harper

Mrs. Evelyn Thompson of Kelseyville became interested in birds over 7 years ago when her sister-in-law in Mississippi wrote about the \$10 a month she spent feeding birds and banding them. Evelyn says she loves the out-of-doors and anything to do with nature. She is especially interested in field identification. Even though Evelyn is an eligibility worker for the Lake County Welfare Dept., she is working toward a degree in Sociology. She is married and has 2 little granddaughters.



George Stirling has been birding for one year, becoming interested in birds through his 8th grade son, John. He is especially interested in the behavior of ducks and geese. George is a biology teacher at Vintage High School in Napa. He and his wife Margaret have 2 sons; John, 13, and Doug, 10, and a daughter, Gwen, 8.

QUESTIONNAIRE

Page 4 is a questionnaire on the birding habits of ERCS members, to increase our knowledge of member activities and possible contributions to Kite Tales.