

KITE TALES

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CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS.....

May 9, Thursday: RROS meeting

May's program will be "Of Men and Mice", a discussion of the trials and tribulations of mouse hunting in Oaxaca by Dr. John Arnold. Dr. Arnold has just returned from Mexico where he spent the winter collecting mice for the California Academy of Sciences.



May 11, Saturday: RROS field trip.....

May's field trip will be the Ida Clayton Rd. trip on St. Helena Mountain. Terrific spring birding! Good cross section of forest, chaparral and valley habitats. Meet at the intersection of Franz Valley and Porter Creek Roads at 8:30 A.M. If you have any questions, call Gordon Bolander, 542-5215.

OFFICERS FOR 1974-75.....

At the April meeting these officers were elected: President, Lynn Stafford; Vice-president, Dr. Wayne Tillay; Secretary, John Parmeter; Treasurer, Carmen Patterson. (Addresses and phone numbers for the officers are listed on the back page of Kite Tales.)

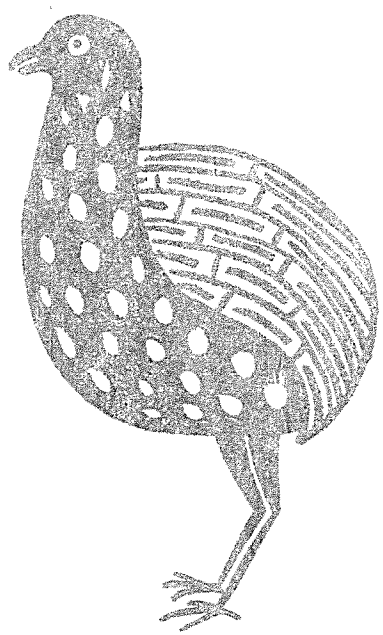
SUMMER COURSE OFFERED BY P.F.R.O.

Point Reyes Bird Observatory sent the following announcement to Kite Tales:

TRANSECT OF CALIFORNIA - 21-27 June or 12-18 July

Point Reyes Bird Observatory is offering an exciting way to learn more about the natural history of California's major habitats on an east-west transect from Mono Lake to Monterey. Last year 233 species of birds and 46 other vertebrate species were observed. The course includes mammals, reptiles, birds, trees and flowers- all in unpopulated areas of California. Only 16 people with leaders Rich Stallcup, Bill Clow, Bob Stewart, and Art Earle! \$185

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Write Meryl Stewart, Box 442, Bolinas, California 94924.



GOLDEN GATE AUDUBON SOCIETY
HOT LINE.....

For information on rare bird sightings, field trips, etc., you can dial 415-843-2211, day or night. The message is revised Mondays and Wednesdays.

(Thanks for providing this useful item, Bud Gralapp.)

EDITOR'S NOTES.....

Thanks very much to the many club members and others who have contributed to the Kite Tales this year. Special thanks to Linda Hanes for working with me on planning and typing.

The illustrations in this issue are from Mimbrea Pottery Designs, ca. 1000-1200 A.D., printed on cards by the Museum of New Mexico Foundation.

MARCH AND APRIL FIELD TRIP REPORTS.....

Field trip chairman Gordon Bolander contributed these reports and lists:

R.R.O.S. to Lake Hennessey, 16 March 1974

A shortage of gas equals a shortage of birders. Only five of the latter participated in this venture. A chilly morning's birding resulted in the following list of observed species:

Red-throated Loon
 Horned Grebe
 Western Grebe
 Pied-billed Grebe
 Double-crested
 Cormorant
 Great Blue Heron
 Mallard
 Ring-necked Duck
 Canvasback
 Greater Scaup
 Bufflehead
 Ruddy Duck
 Turkey Vulture
 Sharp-shinned Hawk
 Red-tailed Hawk
 Red-shouldered Hawk
 American Kestrel
 California Quail
 American Coot
 Killdeer
 California Gull
 Band-tailed Pigeon

Mourning Dove
 Anna's Hummingbird
 Belted Kingfisher
 Common Flicker
 Acorn Woodpecker
 Lewis' Woodpecker
 Hairy Woodpecker
 Downy Woodpecker
 Nuttall's Woodpecker
 Black Phoebe
 Violet-green Swallow
 Tree Swallow
 Rough-winged Swallow
 Steller's Jay
 Scrub Jay
 Common Crow
 Plain Titmouse
 Bushtit
 White-breasted
 Nuthatch
 Wren
 Bewick's Wren
 Rock Wren

Mockingbird
 American Robin
 Varied Thrush
 Western Bluebird
 Starling
 Hutton's Vireo
 Orange-crowned
 Warbler
 Yellow-rumped
 Warbler
 Red-winged
 Blackbird
 Brewer's Blackbird
 Purple Finch
 House Finch
 Lesser Goldfinch
 Rufous-sided
 Towhee
 Brown Towhee
 Lark Sparrow
 Dark-eyed Junco
 White-crowned
 Sparrow
 Golden-crowned
 Sparrow
 Song Sparrow

R.R.S.S. to Sugar Loaf and Annadel State Parks,
 13 April, 1974

Better weather and a better turnout. But, oh, that morning
 wind! Twelve observers were on hand to brave the steep trails
 of Sugar Loaf and to sample the offerings of Annadel.

Species observed at both parks: (33)

Turkey Vulture
 Cooper Hawk
 Red-tailed Hawk
 Mourning Dove
 Anna's Hummingbird
 Allen's Hummingbird
 Acorn Woodpecker
 Downy Woodpecker
 Nuttall's Woodpecker
 Western Flycatcher
 Violet-green Swallow
 Steller's Jay
 Scrub Jay
 Common Crow

Bushtit
 Brown Creeper
 Wren
 Ruby-crowned
 Kinglet
 Hutton's Vireo
 Solitary Vireo
 Warbling Vireo
 Orange-crowned
 Warbler
 Yellow Warbler
 Red-winged
 Blackbird
 Northern Oriole

Black-headed
 Grosbeak
 Purple Finch
 Lesser Goldfinch
 Rufous-sided
 Towhee
 Brown Towhee
 Dark-eyed Junco
 Chipping Sparrow
 Song Sparrow

Species noted only at Sugar Loaf: (10)

Band-tailed Pigeon
 Vaux's Swift
 Rufous Hummingbird
 Rough-winged Swallow

Plain Titmouse
 House Wren
 California Thrasher

Hermit Thrush
 House Finch
 Lark Sparrow

Species noted only at Annadal: (21)

Wood Duck
Sharp-shinned Hawk
Red-shouldered Hawk
California Quail
Hairy Woodpecker
Tree Swallow
Cliff Swallow
Common Raven

Chestnut-backed
Chickadee
Red-breasted Nuthatch
Winter Wren
Bewick's Wren
American Robin
Western Bluebird
Black-throated
Gray Warbler

Mac Gillivray's
Warbler
Wilson Warbler
Brewer's Blackbird
Pine Siskin
American Goldfinch
Golden-crowned
Sparrow

Others, en route: (2)

Green Heron
Mockingbird

Total species 66



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birds, other wildlife, and their natural
habitat.

Regular monthly meetings are held from October through May on
the second Thursday of the calendar month in Room 221 of the
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