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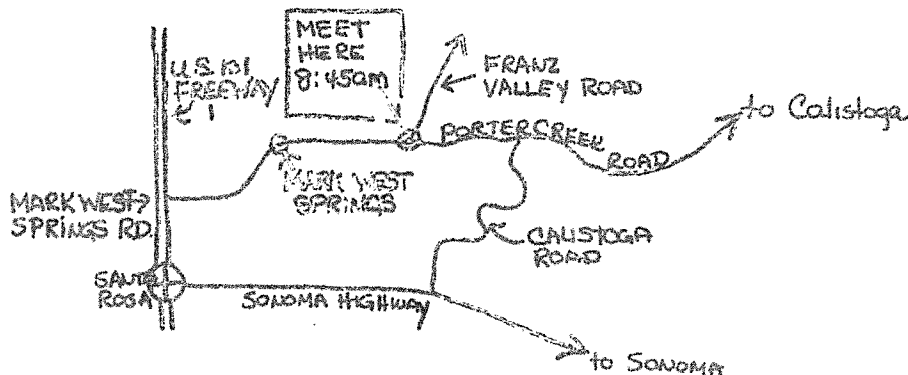
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## CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS.....

MAY 4, Sunday: Offshore trip from Bodega Bay. The trip is filled. Mike Parmeter would like participants to bring suet. Throwing suet overboard attracts more birds.

MAY 8, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.: Final regular RROS meeting for this year. Clerin Zumwalt, active Marin conservationist and past educational director of Audubon Canyon Ranch will present a program titled "Travels of a drop of water". The subject deals with water in the environment and emphasizes ecological problems in Marin County. The experiences of Marin County, which has undergone urbanization sooner than other North Bay counties, can provide valuable lessons for us. Meetings are held in Rm. 221, Darwin Hall, CSCS campus.

MAY 10, Saturday, 8:45 a.m.: May field trip to Ida Clayton, of course. Ida Clayton Road on St. Helena Mountain is always productive for spring birding, with an average of 75 species seen on past trips, and a total possibility of at least 100 species. Meet at the intersection of Porter Creek Road and Franz Valley Road at 8:45 a.m. Bring your lunch, if you like. This trip includes little walking, mostly observing from the road.



MAY 17, Saturday, 6:30 p.m.: Night birding. That's right, 6:30 p.m. Something new! Do try to come. It should be fun even if there aren't any owls. We all know that owls are totally unpredictable creatures.

Meet at the Day Parking area at Sugarloaf State Park. It's a good area for Poorwills and several species of owls. The trip should be finished well before midnight. For further information, contact Lynn Stafford, 833-6491.

RROS BUSINESS.....

NEW STARTING TIME for regular RROS meetings, which are the second Thursday of each month, September through May, will be 7:30 p.m., beginning with the meeting this very month.

NEW OFFICERS elected at last month's meeting, who will take office at this month's meeting, are

President	Wayne Tillay
Vice President	Bruce Andre
Secretary	Ron Pozzi
Treasurer	Carmen Patterson

NEW DUES were voted in at the meeting last month, and are in effect now. Dues for RROS are applicable from May to May. The new dues schedule is as follows: Student rate, \$2; single membership, \$4.50; family membership, \$6, and Kite Tales only, \$3.50.

NEW OR RENEWED MEMBERSHIPS TO ADD TO YOUR MEMBERSHIP LIST:

Guilford, Eleanor	13 Valley Green	Santa Rosa, Ca 95405
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SOME SIGHTINGS GATHERED AT THE APRIL MEETING.....

The Heneks, on Jewett Road, 200 yards up from Pepper Road, have a Nashville Warbler.

Red-necked Grebes, Horned Grebes, and Common Loons are in both breeding and winter plumage at Bodega Bay, or were at the last meeting.

Ospreys can be found along the Russian River near Duncan Mills, in the Jenner area. They're also observable at the Foresti Pool, if you know where that is. (That's an intriguing bit of information, isn't it? If you're really interested, contact Gordy Bolander or some othe other good birders for directions). Up to six have been seen at a time there.

Rich Stallcup, of PRBO, reported a duck on Rodeo Lagoon that was a hybrid Tufted Duck and Ring-necked Duck or Greater Scaup. You might want to chase that one down and try your luck at definitive identification.

REPORT OF THE APRIL FIELD TRIP TO SUGARLOAF AND ANNADEL STATE PARKS.....

The eleven participants for this field trip enjoyed an excellent spring day, clear and warm. Birding was not exceptional, but satisfactory. The group had an exceptionally fine chance to observe a Pileated woodpecker, especially in flight. Golden Eagles were seen in two separate sightings, thanks to the sharp eyes of John Sterling. Two adults were seen. The Marsh Hawk and Greater Yellowlegs are the first recorded RROS sightings for Sugarloaf State Park.

Tim Tim Tunison, wildflower expert, pointed out wildflowers on the trip. My wildflower friends tell me the season is delayed this year, a week or more.

Birds seen on the trip at Sugarloaf only:

Mallard	Jay, Steller's	Cowbird, Brown-headed
Vulture, Turkey	Jay, Scrub	Grosbeak, Black-headed
Hawk, Sharp-shinned	Chickadee, Chestnut-backed	Finch, Purple
Hawk, Red-tailed	Titmouse, Plain	Finch, House
Eagle, Golden	Bushtit	Siskin, Pine
Hawk, Marsh	Nuthatch, White-breasted	Goldfinch, American
Quail, California	Creeper, Brown	Goldfinch, Lesser
Quail, Mountain	Wren, House	Towhee, Rufous-sided
Yellowlegs, Greater	Wren, Bewick's	Towhee, Brown
Dove, Mourning	Robin, American	Junco, Dark-eyed
Hummingbird, Anna's	Thrush, Hermit	Sparrow, Chipping
Kingfisher, Belted	Bluebird, Western	Sparrow, Golden-crowned
Flicker, Common (RS)	Kinglet, Ruby-crowned	Sparrow, Song
Woodpecker, Pileated	Vireo, Hutton's	
Woodpecker, Acorn	Vireo, Solitary	at Annadel only:
Woodpecker, Hairy	Vireo, Warbling	
Woodpecker, Downy	Warbler, Orange-crowned	Swallow, Rough-winged
Woodpecker, Nuttall's	Warbler, Yellow-rumped	Crow, Common
Phoebe, Black	Warbler, Wilson's	Starling
Flycatcher, Western	Blackbird, Red-winged	
Swallow, Violet-green	Oriole, Northern	
Swallow, Cliff	Blackbird, Brewer's	

Some of the more conspicuous wildflowers observed on the trip:

Mission Bells-- <u>Fritillaria lanceolata</u>	Toothwort-- <u>Dentaria californica</u>
Calif. Saxifrage-- <u>Saxifraga californica</u>	Pacific sanicle-- <u>Sanicula crassicaulis</u>
Hound's Tongue-- <u>Cynoglossum grande</u>	Coast Sanicle-- <u>Sanicula laciniata</u>
Popcorn Flower-- <u>Plagiobothrys nothofolius</u>	Purple Sanicle-- <u>Sanicula bipinnatifida</u>
Red Larkspur-- <u>Delphinium nudicaule</u>	Dutchman's Pipe-- <u>Aristolochia californica</u>
Filaree-- <u>Erodium</u> spp.	Baby Blue Eyes-- <u>Nemophila menziesii</u>
Cal. Buttercup-- <u>Ranunculus californicus</u>	Canyon Nemophila-- <u>Nemophila heterophylla</u>
Sun Cup-- <u>Oenothera ovata</u>	Hillside Pea-- <u>Lathyrus vestitus</u>

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That's all for this season! Have a good summer. Bring back slides to share from your vacations! And be ready to give your good support to the new officers and Kite Tales Editor in the fall. By the way--- we do need a new editor. Are any of you out there eager to take on the job? Let Wayne, Gordy, Mike, Linda, or officers know, if you are.

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CSCS COURTESY PARKING  
THURSDAY, MAY 8

For the use of members & guests  
of Redwood Region Ornithological Society  
Meeting in Room 221, Darwin Hall

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