



CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

September 11, Thursday, 6:30 p.m.: Potluck dinner and first field meeting.

Dr. and Mrs. John Arnold will host this event on their home at 199 Calistoga Rd. on the East side of Santa Rosa. From Highway 101 turn north on Calistoga Rd. The Arnold home is a few hundred yards north on the left, just before the fire station.

Please bring a dish to serve 6. Mrs. Arnold would appreciate a call in advance if it is possible (795-2180). Members, guests, and prospective members are all welcome. Please do come!

September 17, Wednesday: Deadline for October KITE TALKS contributions.

Please bring any ideas, suggestions, or writing to the Potluck, or mail to the editor (address on back page). There were many fine contributions last year (from crossword puzzles to student field studies). We look forward to even more involvement this year.

September 21, Sunday: RROS Field Trip to Olema Marsh and Point Reyes Area, led by Gordon Bolander.

Meet at 8:15 a.m. in Pt. Reyes Station by the grocery store at the north end of town. If you wish to share rides, a carpool will form in Petaluma at the park on the corner of B St. and Petaluma Blvd. See 7:30 a.m.

This is a very productive area with many habitats. Last year we encountered 3 eastern warbler species and nearly 100 species in all.

October 9, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.: October RROS meeting.

Room 221, Darwin Hall, California State College, Sonoma, Robinson 191. The program will be announced in the October KITE TALKS.

October 11, Saturday, 7:30 p.m.: S.R.J.C. Audubon Wildlife Film.

The first wildlife film-lecture of the season will feature Kent Garden with "Death Valley - Land of Contrast". Tickets are available at the door, Luther Burbank Auditorium, on the S.R.J.C. campus.

October 19, Sunday: Bodega Off-Shore Trip.

This perennially popular trip aboard the Winlock has again been

scheduled by Mike Parmeter. Cost is \$12.00 per person, payable in advance to Mike. His address is 2500 Emerson St., Napa, Ca. 94558. Don't delay - this trip usually sells out early.

October 26, Sunday: RRCS Lake County Field Trip.

This month's field trip looks like a winner! Carmen Patterson will lead us to several very interesting areas around the southern end of Clear Lake. First stop is the intriguing Anderson Marsh that may well prove to be one of the richest riparian communities in this part of the state. We will end the day by being guests of Dr. and Mrs. Patterson at their cabin on a slope of Mt. Kenociti for a potluck. This will be an all day affair, so plan now. Oct. Kite Tales will have further details.

CLASSES BEING OFFERED . . . . .

Several classes in Natural History subjects are being offered by local institutions. The following list, although not at all complete, may be of interest to members. Please inform the editor of further offerings any time you hear of them.

Santa Rosa Junior College:

Birds of California - Member Jon Winter is the instructor. An excellent intro. course in Field Ornithology. (Begins Sept. 16).

Intro. to Sonoma Co. Plant Life - Another RRCS member, John (Tim) Tunison, teaches this plant community oriented field course. (Begins Sept. 15).

California State College, Sonoma:

Biological Illustration - A thorough course for 4 units of credit taught by Dr. Stasek (Sat. 8 - 3 pm, Sept. 13 - Dec. 20).

Plant Communities of Sonoma County - Emphasizes forest, woodland, and chaparral communities. John Tunison, instructor. (Sat. 9 - 4:30 pm, Sept. 20, 27, Oct. 4, 11).

California Academy of Sciences, Golden Gate Park, S.F.:

Jack Arnold informs us that several courses are being offered this Fall, such as Ornithology and Care of Aquarium Fish. Contact the Academy for further information.

FUTURE PROGRAMS . . . . .

Mike Parmeter and Gordon Bolander birded the Amazon Basin in South America this summer and will present an RRCS program later this fall.

Bruce Andre is still canoeing the wilderness of British Columbia at the time of this writing. He has offered to give a program, also.

Program Chairman Mike Parmeter has already been hard at work lining up this year's schedule. Please discuss any ideas with Mike.

SEPTEMBER BIRDING . . . . . by Gordon Bolander

September may well rank as THE birding month of the year in the coastal region of California. This is the time when many vagrant species appear and the fascination of not knowing what might pop up next is drawing an ever-increasing number of birders to those known "vagrant traps" of isolated cover along our otherwise rather open coastal plains. Sonoma County shares in this bonanza, with the Bodega area being the most productive spot to date. Increased work in other locations will no doubt uncover more good spots to check.

The vegetative cover in the small canyon on Bodega Head and that beside the "hole-in-the-head" were very productive in 1974. Many vagrant species were observed there. On September 19, for example, Catbird and Brewer Sparrow as well as Parula Warbler, Chestnut-sided Warbler, and American Redstart were sighted there. On that same day a Pectoral Sandpiper and a Ruff were present on the mud flats, so the place has good opportunities.

The trees and the brush by the U.C. Living quarters, those at the north end of the lagoon, and those by the Sonoma Dunes Campground are well worth investigating. Work the cover carefully and thoroughly. Patience pays off. Species which are easy to pass by may be brought to light. Who knows? Perhaps one of the six remaining North American warblers not yet recorded in California may turn up! (See Don Robertson's article in the May-June issue of Birding.)

The Pt. Reyes area in Marin County is certain to be well covered. A telephone call to (415) 843-2211 will give you up to date information on that and other northern California areas where rarities have been reported. Some of these should come from Sonoma County. Good coverage should prove this point. Let's get with it and increase our county list.

RENEWAL AND NEW MEMBERSHIP FORM . . . . .

Please pay your dues as early as possible! Send in this form to treasurer Carmen Patterson, 5577 Inverness, Santa Rosa 95404.

Enclosed are PROS deus (1975-76) for

- Family (\$6.00)
- Individual (\$4.50)
- Student (\$2.00)

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..... Redwood Region Ornithological Society .....

Organized in 1962, the purpose of the club is to encourage the study and conservation of birds, other wildlife, and their habitats.

Meetings are held the second Thursday of each month, Oct. through May, at 7:30 p.m. in Room 221 of Darwin Hall, Calif. State College, Sonoma, at Rehnert Park.

Membership dues are \$6.00 for a family, \$4.50 for an individual, and \$2.00 for a student. This includes the subscription to the Kite Tales. Dues may be mailed to Carmen Patterson, with the tear off form on Page 3, or presented to her at the meetings.

We welcome guests at our meetings and on our field trips.

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