

# KITE TALES

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## CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS.....

December 11, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.: RROS meeting.

Bruce Andre, RROS veep, spent part of this past summer canoeing in the wilds of British Columbia. Thoughtfully, he took with him his camera and his zeal for exploring wilderness. The result: another fine program for us.

December 21, Sunday: Santa Rosa Christmas Count.

See article below.

January 1, Thursday: Angwin Christmas Count.

Contact Wayne Tilly, 965-2978 (Angwin).

January 3, Saturday: Western Sonoma Christmas Count.

Contact Martha Bentley, 545-5501 (Santa Rosa).

January 4, Sunday: Clear Lake Christmas Count.

Contact Ollie Kolkman, 211 Wasco Dr., Ukiah, Ca. 95482.

January 8, Thursday: RROS meeting.

Big Bend National Park, Texas...A Bird(er)s' eye view. Wayne Tilly and Mike Farmeter have been to this extraordinary western park on separate trips, and are combining their experiences and photographs for this program.

## FIFTEENTH ANNUAL SANTA ROSA CHRISTMAS COUNT.....

This Count will be held Sunday, Dec. 21, 1975, from midnight to 5 p.m. The following is information all participants will need:

1. Report on Sonoma State College checklist. Put numbers of individuals in front of species name.

2. All rare or unusual birds reported must have full, written supporting notes.
3. All names and addresses of participants, including zip code, must be written on the back of the field card.
4. Report (party time and miles)  
Hours (a) on foot (b) in car  
Miles (a) on foot (b) in car
5. Round-up at Franklin Park Clubhouse in Santa Rosa at dark.
6. All (repeat All) observers must pay \$1.00 fee, to be paid at the round-up. Non-subscribers of American Birds, wishing a copy of the Christmas Count issue, must pay an additional \$3.50. (Total \$4.50). All monies must be paid at the round-up.
7. Interested parties please contact Mike Parmeter at the December RBCS meeting or at his home address or phone.
8. We still desperately need a volunteer(s) to organize the food at the Count Round-up ! !

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#### OCTOBER FIELD TRIP REPORT.....

The October field trip was held on the 28th. Rain in the morning gave way before a brisk wind and the weather improved throughout the day. Birding was done in the south Clear Lake region of Lake County. Thirteen birders braved the elements to attain a trip list of 59 species under the able leadership of Carmen Patterson. The most outstanding observation was that of three Pectoral Sandpipers at the Clear Lake State Park. They were most cooperative and very good looks of them were obtained by all.

The warmth of the Patterson home and that of its occupants was greatly appreciated by the group.

From this, our first trip to this locale, it is apparent that the area has much to offer a birder. It would seem that a spring trip to the area should be particularly rewarding.

#### Observed species:

Eared Grebe  
Western Grebe  
Pied-billed Grebe  
Great Blue Heron  
Great Egret  
Snowy Egret

Canada Goose  
Mallard  
Green-winged Teal  
American Wigeon  
Redhead  
Lesser Scaup

Bufflehead  
Turkey Vulture  
Sharp-shinned Hawk  
Red-tailed Hawk  
Red-shouldered Hawk  
American Kestrel

California Quail  
 American Coot  
 Killdeer  
 Common Snipe  
 Spotted Sandpiper  
 Pectoral Sandpiper  
 Least Sandpiper  
 Dunlin  
 Short-billed Dowitcher  
 Herring Gull  
 California Gull  
 Bonaparte's Gull  
 Belted Kingfisher  
 Common Flicker

Acorn Woodpecker  
 Nuttall's Woodpecker  
 Black Phoebe  
 Say's Phoebe  
 Scrub Jay  
 Common Crow  
 Plain Titmouse  
 Bushtit  
 White-breasted Nuthatch  
 Wren-tit  
 Bewick's Wren  
 Long-billed Marsh Wren  
 California Thrasher  
 American Robin

Hermit Thrush  
 Ruby-crowned Kinglet  
 Water Pipit  
 Cedar Waxwing  
 Common Starling  
 Yellow-rumped Warbler  
 House Sparrow  
 Lesser Goldfinch  
 Brown Towhee  
 Dark-eyed Junco  
 Fox Sparrow  
 Lincoln's Sparrow  
 Song Sparrow

by Gordon Bolander

NOVEMBER FIELD TRIP REPORT.....

The RROS returned to Gray Lodge Refuge on November 16. The steady rains of the previous day probably were responsible for the low turnout of just seven observers. Those, however, were rewarded with a fine sunny afternoon following a cool, cloudy morning. They were rewarded, too, with a list of ninety-six species for the trip.

No less than five Golden Eagles were sighted, which were very welcome additions to what was already a most satisfactory array of observed species. This, of course, is the expected result for any outing to the Gray Lodge area. Seventy of the birds listed were seen within the confines of the refuge. It is unfortunate that our party wasn't larger. The sight of thousands of ducks in action, aided by flock after flock of geese and cranes, while shorebirds, herons, waders, hawks, and many "lesser fry" were to be seen below is something that any person, birder or not, would thrill to. This trip should really be on your 'must' list in '76!

Observed species:

\*Western Grebe  
 \*Pied-billed Grebe  
 \*Double-crested Cormorant  
 \*Great Blue Heron  
 \*Great Egret  
 \*Snowy Egret  
 \*Black-crowned Night Heron  
 \*American Bittern  
 \*Canada Goose  
 \*White-fronted Goose  
 \*Snow Goose  
 \*Ross' Goose  
 \*Mallard  
 \*Gadwall

\*Pintail  
 \*Green-winged Teal  
 \*Cinnamon Teal  
 \*European Wigeon  
 \*American Wigeon  
 \*Northern Shoveler  
 \*Ring-necked Duck  
 \*Canvasback  
 \*Ruddy Duck  
 \*Turkey Vulture  
 \*White-tailed Kite  
 \*Cooper's Hawk  
 \*Red-tailed Hawk  
 \*Ferruginous Hawk  
 Golden Eagle

\*Marsh Hawk  
 \*American Kestrel  
 \*California Quail  
 \*Ring-necked Pheasant  
 \*Sandhill Crane  
 \*Virginia Rail  
 \*Sora  
 \*Common Gallinule  
 \*American Coot  
 \*Killdeer  
 Long-billed Curlew  
 \*Least Sandpiper  
 \*Dunlin  
 \*Long-billed Dowitcher  
 \*Herring Gull

\*California Gull  
\*Ring-billed Gull  
\*mourning Dove  
\*Barn Owl  
Belted Kingfisher  
\*Common Flicker  
Acorn Woodpecker  
\*Downy Woodpecker  
Nuttall's Woodpecker  
\*Black Phoebe  
Say's Phoebe  
Horned Lark  
Scrub Jay  
Yellow-billed Magpie  
Common Raven  
Common Crow  
Plain Titmouse  
\*Bushtit

White-breasted Nuthatch  
\*Bewick's Wren  
\*Long-billed Marsh Wren  
Rock Wren  
\*Northern Mockingbird  
American Robin  
Western Bluebird  
\*Ruby-crowned Kinglet  
\*Water Pipit  
Cedar Waxwing  
\*Loggerhead Shrike  
Common Starling  
\*Yellow-rumped Warbler  
\*Yellowthroat  
\*House Sparrow  
\*Western Meadowlark  
\*Red-winged Blackbird  
Tricolored Blackbird

Brewer's Blackbird  
Brown-headed Cowbird  
House Finch  
Pine Siskin  
\*American Goldfinch  
Lesser Goldfinch  
Rufous-sided Towhee  
\*Brown Towhee  
Savannah Sparrow  
Vesper Sparrow  
Lark Sparrow  
\*Dark-eyed Junco  
\*White-crowned Sparrow  
\*Golden-crowned Sparrow  
\*Fox Sparrow  
\*Lincoln's Sparrow  
\*Song Sparrow

Birds seen within the refuge are starred (\*).

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Redwood Region Ornithological Society

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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, California State College, Sonoma, Rohnert Park.

Membership dues are \$6.00 for a family, \$4.50 for an individual, and \$2.00 for a student. This includes the subscriptions to the Kite Tales. Dues may be mailed to Carmen Patterson, at the address below, or presented to her at the meetings.

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

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