

# KITE TALES

JANUARY

REDWOOD REGION ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY  
Vol. 10 - No. 5 SANTA ROSA, CALIF.

1976

## CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS.....

January 8, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.: RROS Meeting.

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

If the Connors are still in the "lower 48", they may give their Alaska program originally scheduled for last December. In that case, the Big Bend experience will be slated for February.

January 12, Sunday: Field Trip to Bodega Bay and Sonoma Coast.

Some especially good birds have been seen recently in this usually great area. Even if the Lapland Longspur and Eastern Phoebe are no longer around, we should have fine birding. We will meet in the parking lot across from the Tides Restaurant in Bodega Bay at 8:30 a.m.

## RECORD CHRISTMAS COUNT! .....

On Sunday, Dec. 22, the 16th Santa Rosa Christmas Bird Count was very successfully conducted by RROS with Mike Parmeter serving as compiler. One hundred thirty-seven species, 2 more than previously recorded, were tallied by fifty-four hard working participants. Three species, Cattle Egret, Peregrine Falcon, and Willet were added to the all-time Santa Rosa C.B.C. list. All-time high counts were produced for no less than twenty-five species and eight other species tied previous highs. All this and it began raining at 2 p.m. There will be more complete details for this and other Counts next issue.

Many thanks to all those who were involved in the organization of the Count, and to those who supplied the reviving and delicious supper for the compiling session at Franklin Park Clubhouse.

Included in this issue is a table of the species and number of individuals for all 16 Santa Rosa Christmas Counts. Two pages were required for each species. By cutting and taping, these lists can be joined for convenience. The symbol (cp) means recorded during count period only, and (\*) means the species was not included as a wild species until 1974.







Christmas Bird Counts-cont.

SPECIES	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975
Marsh Hawk	11	8	11	6	7	7	12	9
Osprey	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Prairie Falcon	-	-	cp	-	-	-	1	-
Peregrine Falcon	cp	-	cp	-	-	-	-	1
Merlin	-	2	1	-	2	-	-	1
American Kestrel	106	107	151	52	137	116	90	149
California Quail	743	1280	777	327	1004	631	414	770
Ring-necked Pheasant	34	64	25	29	16	16	11	35
Virginia Rail	5	1	2	3	3	2	3	8
Sora	11	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Common Gallinule	5	2	2	cp	5	1	1	2
American Coot	840	555	1430	1074	888	451	1396	2537
Killdeer	741	1800	846	646	573	934	767	1336
Black-bellied Plover	-	cp	1	1	34	125	-	-
Common Snipe	124	66	84	21	64	26	101	178
Long-billed Curlew	4	19	-	13	18	20	-	42
Spotted Sandpiper	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Willet	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Greater Yellowlegs	11	cp	9	9	30	10	1	4
Lesser Yellowlegs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Least Sandpiper	196	45	58	97	2	8	126	273
Dunlin	-	789	332	272	758	1784	142	387
Short-billed Dowitcher	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Long-billed Dowitcher	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
dowitcher(sp.)	-	29	2	-	-	-	-	31
Western Sandpiper	28	21	106	2	-	-	-	196
Marbled Godwit	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Sanderling	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-
American Avocet	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
sandpiper(sp.)	-	-	37	-	-	-	-	-
Glaucous-winged Gull	400	7	18	7	-	-	-	-
Western Gull	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Herring Gull	100	6	15	-	-	-	-	6
California Gull	1000	161	140	52	-	87	8	217
Ring-billed Gull	818	141	103	50	20	75	2	203
Mew Gull	6000	181	298	191	-	55	178	556
Bonaparte's Gull	cp	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sabine's Gull	cp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
gull(sp)	-	152	-	85	-	-	-	-
Band-tailed Pigeon	284	25	1	-	161	31	6	96
Rock Dove	*	*	*	*	*	*	285	163
Mourning Dove	142	308	252	121	370	272	784	248
Barn Owl	11	4	1	1	6	2	1	2
Screech Owl	1	7	6	1	4	17	2	6
Great Horned Owl	10	11	26	2	58	45	9	11
Pygmy Owl	-	-	3	-	-	2	-	1
Burrowing Owl	8	9	8	cp	1	-	1	9
Short-eared Owl	3	22	12	-	6	3	-	1
Saw-whet Owl	-	1	cp	cp	2	-	-	-



Christmas Bird Counts--cont.

SPECIES	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975
Poorwill	-	-	op	-	-	-	-	-
White-throated Swift	-	13	15	-	-	16	-	36
Anna's Hummingbird	24	54	70	33	79	80	72	72
Belted Kingfisher	7	10	11	9	8	7	9	17
Common Flicker								
Yellow-shafted (hybrids)-		3	1	-	1	-	1	1
Red-shafted	152	354	302	181	285	333	222	320
Pileated Woodpecker	-	1	op	-	5	2	1	1
Acorn Woodpecker	47	153	244	121	227	269	149	107
Lewis' Woodpecker	-	7	-	4	op	-	-	-
Yellow-rumped Sapsucker	13	31	12	7	17	29	10	28
Hairy Woodpecker	3	3	3	2	8	9	5	4
Downy Woodpecker	2	16	18	7	7	19	11	9
Nuttall's Woodpecker	41	40	84	43	106	106	47	93
Tropical Kingbird	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Cassin's Kingbird	-	-	-1	-	-	-	-	-
Black Phoebe	44	72	57	60	35	43	47	72
Say's Phoebe	16	11	33	26	9	11	13	17
Horned Lark	-	25	8	8	11	-	60	-
Violet-green Swallow	10	137	86	7	-	-	15	-
Tree Swallow	34	1	2	-	6	-	-	13
Stellar's Jay	29	33	43	41	147	123	159	149
Scrub Jay	153	441	358	222	378	529	359	442
Common Raven	34	26	82	21	6	12	27	14
Common Crow	789	1425	1128	635	1617	813	552	1053
Chestnut-b. Chickadee	43	104	150	67	254	190	133	268
Plain Titmouse	77	154	228	119	254	233	136	149
Bushtit	271	577	676	436	629	422	394	795
White-breasted Nuthatch	27	36	75	37	54	73	30	48
Red-breasted Nuthatch	-	20	2	2	6	-	-	2
Pygmy Nuthatch	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Brown Creeper	8	12	29	13	26	9	24	17
Wrentit	7	12	6	6	15	48	23	24
House Wren	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Winter Wren	1	2	5	5	21	16	12	13
Bewick's Wren	24	18	18	12	38	41	29	60
Long-billed Marsh Wren	18	6	13	14	4	8	14	9
Rock Wren	1	1	1	-	-	-	1	1
Mockingbird	41	86	125	55	108	121	73	112
California Thrasher	-	9	1	4	7	4	6	1
American Robin	2282	1236	7465	1926	4357	3604	1254	4667
Varied Thrush	58	8	22	60	240	367	31	100
Hermit Thrush	44	17	104	32	69	48	41	74
Western Bluebird	136	201	154	111	169	300	177	220
Golden-crowned Kinglet	58	15	60	32	118	189	267	87
Rufous-crowned Kinglet	106	104	220	106	132	351	451	523
Water Pipit	255	156	345	389	220	186	305	489
Cedar Waxwing	455	346	227	614	115	611	54	543
Bohemian Waxwing	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-

Christmas Bird Counts-cont.

SPECIES	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Loggerhead Shrike	17	38	27	51	41	84	68	64
Starling	31	594	110	1566	137	822	1317	2476
Hutton's Vireo	18	9	5	13	5	1	14	10
Orange-crowned Warbler	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
Yellow-rumped Warbler								
Myrtle's	5	7	-	3	4	2	4	11
Audubon's	115	140	163	205	68	491	237	457
Black-thr. Gray Warbler	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Townsend's Warbler	4	2	15	4	6	3	2	2
Hermit Warbler	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Common Yellowthroat	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1
Palm Warbler	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
House Sparrow	30	239	244	233	105	341	727	333
Western Meadowlark	218	654	483	1046	1108	1163	1193	1530
Yellow-headed Blackbird	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Red-winged Blackbird	1095	771	497	713	356	1323	1371	1493
Tricolored Blackbird	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Brewer's Blackbird	608	2571	1119	1848	1653	3981	2727	3240
Brown-headed Cowbird	16	-	-	2	2	3	64	15
Western Tanager	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
tanager(sp.)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Evening Grosbeak	58	7	-	5	-	-	-	-
Purple Finch	5	33	8	23	10	25	7	49
House Finch	134	224	143	108	218	1024	556	843
Pine Siskin	12	15	10	99	-	143	33	96
American Goldfinch	5	13	140	20	40	714	21	204
Lesser Goldfinch	76	113	135	213	209	500	313	259
Lawrence's Goldfinch	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-
Red Crossbill	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Green-tailed Towhee	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rufous-sided Towhee	35	94	49	72	44	95	123	124
Brown Towhee	89	157	199	150	168	321	267	278
Savannah Sparrow	57	125	98	78	70	205	51	741
Grasshopper Sparrow	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vesper Sparrow	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lark Sparrow	3	39	50	108	-	34	63	48
Rufous-crowned Sparrow	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-
Dark-eyed Junco								
Slate-colored	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-
Oregon	319	710	543	407	358	693	536	1055
Chipping Sparrow	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Harris' Sparrow	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
White-crowned Sparrow	235	587	524	423	284	796	789	2223
Golden-crowned Sparrow	171	437	394	402	242	510	436	865
White-throated Sparrow	1	3	-	-	-	4	2	4
Fox Sparrow	20	43	9	15	20	55	33	62
Lincoln's Sparrow	5	5	1	1	-	8	21	47
Swamp Sparrow	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Song Sparrow	96	82	83	47	86	241	210	377



Christmas Bird Counts-cont.

SPECIES	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975
Loggerhead Shrike	27	51	55	30	38	43	22	36
Starling	5677	3262	5325	28668	9333	25123	8754	528109
Hutton's Vireo	7	7	15	6	14	30	23	23
Orange-crowned Warbler	-	-	52	1	1	2	1	2
Yellow-rumped Warbler								
Myrtle's Warbler	55	59	19	10	5	-	4	6
Audubon's W.	233	360	311	107	92	243	195	283
Black-thr. Gray Warbler	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Townsend's Warbler	2	4	7	4	8	15	25	24
Hermit Warbler	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Common Yellowthroat	1	4	-	-	-	-	1	-
Palm Warbler	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
House Sparrow	200	508	410	244	713	976	368	757
Western Meadowlark	819	2490	1089	1185	965	1336	1315	1466
Yellow-headed Blackbird	-	6	-	-	-	1	-	-
Red-winged Blackbird	2048	4010	1637	6529	7329	23328	1687	1673
Tricolored Blackbird	1	6	-	9	3	125	-	12
Brewer's Blackbird	2933	3581	3647	3351	3295	9670	2403	3726
Brown-headed Cowbird	83	8	76	13	56	15	162	48
Western Tanager	-	1	2	-	1	-	-	-
tanager(sp)	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Evening Grosbeak	-	-	cp	-	5	41	-	6
Purple Finch	14	33	23	11	60	185	36	90
House Finch	675	637	933	1151	649	488	1036	1096
Pine Siskin	27	316	304	27	117	136	55	856
American Goldfinch	7	114	15	234	47	356	805	622
Lesser Goldfinch	341	452	302	261	447	370	548	922
Lawrence's Goldfinch	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Red Crossbill	-	25	-	-	-	-	-	-
Green-tailed Towhee	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rufous-sided Towhee	74	141	164	125	205	160	144	119
Brown Towhee	174	477	433	272	415	413	390	734
Savannah Sparrow	66	1050	127	257	122	53	144	190
Grasshopper Sparrow	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Vesper Sparrow	1	-	-	-	-	6	-	1
Lark Sparrow	24	90	103	152	36	127	115	194
Rufous-crowned Sparrow	1	2	1	-	1	-	4	-
Dark-eyed Junco								
Slate-colored	-	2	2	-	2	1	-	-
Oregon	<del>655</del>	<del>2160</del>	<del>660</del>	<del>1300</del>	<del>1460</del>	<del>1003</del>	-	-
Oregon	655	2168	2827	660	1502	1460	1003	1097
Chipping Sparrow	-	15	2	-	-	-	-	8
Harris' Sparrow	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
White-crowned Sparrow	837	1971	1620	1559	1308	1243	1115	1736
Golden-crowned Sparrow	633	1136	943	787	572	545	700	1064
White-throated Sparrow	4	5	2	3	2	6	5	9
Fox Sparrow	8	49	59	14	41	43	49	45
Lincoln's Sparrow	12	3	9	3	1	-	4	10
Swamp Sparrow	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	1
Song Sparrow	163	181	195	188	242	178	227	442

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.

OFFICERS:

- PRESIDENT Wayne Tillay, 100 Cold Spr. Rd., Angwin 94508, 965-2978
- VICE-PRES Bruce Andre, 541 Rainsville Rd., Petaluma 94952
- SECRETARY Ron Pozzi, 4967 Arcadia, Santa Rosa 95401, 545-4517
- TREASURER Carmen Patterson, 5577 Inverness, S.R. 95404, 544-7031
- FIELD TRIPS Gordon Bolander, 1650 Timber Hill Rd., S.R. 95401, 542-5216
- PROGRAMS Mike Parmeter, 2500 Emerson St., Napa 94558, 255-6757
- K.T. EDITOR Lynn Stafford, P.O. Box 361, Kenwood 95452, 833-6491
- K.T. STAFF Deyea Harper and Elizabeth Stafford

.....

# PARKING PERMIT

COURTESY OF

CALIFORNIA STATE COLLEGE, SONOMA

For use in NON-RESERVED SECTION only

on Thursday, January 8, 1976

REDWOOD REGION ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY  
ROOM 221 - DARWIN

(Display clearly in driver's compartment of car.)