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CALNDAR OF COMING EVENTS

December 9, Thursday, 7:30 P.M.: REOS meeting

Gail Scott and Ralph Fowler toured Louisiana in June and have agreed to share their slides of birds and plants with us. Of particular interest are shots they took of a wootony in Louisiana.

December Field Trip:

Because three week-ends will be taken up by Christmas counts scheduled locally, there will be no December REOS field trip.

December 27: Deadline for January KITE TALKS contributions

IT'S CHRISTMAS COUNT TIME AGAIN!

December 19: Clear Lake Christmas Count

For further information contact Ollie Volkman, 211 Wash, Ukiah, CA, 95482 (462-1610). Ollie sends his thanks to REOS members who helped out with last year's count in Lake County. He says that without REOS participation, the Count would never have gotten off the ground!

December 26: REOS Santa Rosa Christmas Count

Let's see if we can beat last year's species count. For information about the count, contact Dr. John Arnold. His home phone number is 539-4504 and his office number is 664-2180.

January 2: Western Sonoma County Christmas Count

To find out about the Madrone count, contact Martha Bentley at 545-5301.

OCTOBER FIELD TRIP REPORT.

The willows at Redoc Lagoon were literally hopping with yellow-rumped warblers, mainly 3rd of which were hybrid-type. That's how the field trip started, to progress through some very

nice "expected birds" such as a Sora and a Virginia rail and a bittern, plus a golden eagle on the way to the top of "Hawk Hill". No vagrant warblers were to be found but the unexpected did not evade us entirely, for a beautiful green-tailed towhee darted in and out of a small weedy patch near Battery Wallace for as long as we cared to stand there and watch it. In all, 80 species were observed and identified.

Terry Babineaux & Betty Burridge,
Leaders

Observed species:

Horned Grebe	California Quail	Wrentit
Hared Grebe	Virginia Rail	Winter Wren
Western Grebe	Sora	Bewick's Wren
Pied-billed Grebe	Coot	Long-billed Marsh Wren
Brown Pelican	Killdeer	Mockingbird
Double-cr. Cormorant	Willet	Hermit Thrush
Brandt's Cormorant	Greater Yellowlegs	Golden-crowned Kinglet
Pelagic Cormorant	Dunlin	Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Gr-Blue Heron	Dowitcher Species	Starling
Great Egret	Marbled Godwit	Orange-crowned Warbler
Snowy Egret	Sanderling	Myrtle Warbler
American Bittern	Glaucous-winged Gull	Audubon's Warbler
Mallard	Western Gull	Yellowthroat
Gadwall	Ring-billed Gull	Western Meadowlark
Pintail	Mew Gull	Red-winged Blackbird
Gr-winged Teal	Heermann's Gull	Brewer's Blackbird
American Widgeon	Anna's Hummingbird	Purple Finch
Canvasback	Red-shafted Flicker	House Finch
Lesser Scaup	Downy Woodpecker	Pine Siskin
Ruddy Duck	Black Phoebe	American Goldfinch
Turkey Vulture	Say's Phoebe	Green-tailed Towhee
Sharp-shinned Hawk	Stellar's Jay	Brown Towhee
Cooper's Hawk	Scrub Jay	Savannah Sparrow
Red-Tailed Hawk	Common Raven	Oregon Junco
Golden Eagle	Chestnut-backed	White-crowned Sparrow
Marsh Hawk	Chickadee	Golden-crowned Sparrow
Kestrel	Bushtit	Fox Sparrow

NOVEMBER FIELD TRIP REPORT.

Fifteen stalwart and waterproof (from the skin on in) birders braved the most welcome rain on a circuit of Tubb's Island. 55 species of birds were sighted despite the weather. Or perhaps "recorded" would be a better word since the Virginia Rail remained simply a voice in the salicornia. At any rate, the Hooded Merganser and a marsh oriented Horned Owl did much to convince the group that this endangered area (the hunters are fighting to take it over) is worth preserving as it is. Add your voice to the effort. More on this at our December meeting.

Observed Species:

Red-throated Loon
Pied-billed Grebe
Double-crested Cormorant
Great Blue Heron
Great Egret
Snowy Egret
Pintail
Green-winged Teal
American Widgeon
Northern Shoveler
Canvasback
Greater Scaup
Lesser Scaup
Hooded Merganser
Turkey Vulture
White-tailed Kite
Cooper's Hawk
Red-tailed Hawk
Marsh Hawk

American Kestrel
Ring-necked Pheasant
Virginia Rail
American Coot
Killdeer
Black-bellied Plover
Long-billed Curlew
Willet
Greater Yellowlegs
Least Sandpiper
Dowitcher Species
Western Sandpiper
Marbled Godwit
American Avocet
Glaucous-winged Gull
Western Gull
Ring-billed Gull
California Gull

Bonaparte Gull
Forster's Tern
Great Horned Owl
Black Phoebe
Say's Phoebe
Bushtit
Long-billed Marsh Wren
Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Water Pippit
Yellow-rumped Warbler
Western Meadowlark
Red-winged Blackbird
Brewer's Blackbird
House Finch
Savannah Sparrow
White-crowned Sparrow
Golden-crowned Sparrow
Song Sparrow

Thanks to Gail Scott and Ralph Frazier for their leadership and valuable volunteer work at the island.

C. L. Bolander

FIELD IDENTIFICATION WORKSHOPS

A series of three weekend workshops which will concentrate on field identification techniques will be offered in December, January and February, conducted by Jon Winter. The workshops will be designed for the more experienced birder, but beginners can benefit as well. They will begin where the standard field guides leave off and will be illustrated with slides. The material will emphasize problem groups such as immature gulls, terns, sparrows, Empidonax Flycatchers, sandpipers, immature cormorants, immature hawks and fall warblers to cite a few examples. The lecture and slide presentations will be followed up by local field trips.

Workshop dates:

December 11-12
January 22-23
February 5-6

Cost: \$20.00/workshop

For reservations and details,
mail checks to:

Jon Winter
1277 Yillupe Ave.
Santa Rosa, CA 95405
(707) 528-7488

Final Note of Interest - Cattle egrets have been seen in the town of Bodoga across from Watson School on the hill overlooking the town.

BULLETIN FROM TUBBS ISLAND PRESERVE - Ralph Frazier

Lower Tubbs Island is a vital part of the planned San Pablo Bay Wildlife Refuge. It is critical that this valuable marsh and animal habitat be managed for non-consumptive users when it becomes part of the San Pablo Bay Wildlife Refuge. A buffer zone around Lower Tubbs Island is needed to insure that incompatible consumptive uses (such as hunting) do not deteriorate this natural area's great value.

Pressure is being exhibited by consumptive user groups to have the outside dike of Lower Tubbs Island near Midshipman's Point closed to the non-consumptive users during the migratory water fowl hunting season so that birders and hikers will not interfere with duck hunters. This pressure is being exhibited on the State Lands Commission which intends to lease to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for the San Pablo Wildlife Refuge, 9,000 acres of tidelands, some of which are adjacent to the Lower Tubbs Island. Pressure is also being exhibited on the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to develop a management plan for the Refuge which would permit such a closure.

Letters sharing your views are urgently needed and should be sent to Mr. Kahler Martinson, Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (P.O. Box 3737, Portland, Oregon 97208), Bob Personious, Manager, San Francisco Wildlife Refuge (3849 Petaluma Blvd., Fremont, CA 94536) and William Northrup, Executive Chairman, State Lands Commission (1807 13th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814).

Deadline for letters is December 15, 1976.

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, California State College, Sonoma, Rohnert Park.

Membership fees 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 Adeene Nelligan, 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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