

KITE TALES

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CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

January 13, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.: RROS meeting.

"Venezuelan Birds" is the topic of the program to be presented by Monte Kirben. Mr. Kirben spent five years as the Educational Director of the San Diego Natural History Museum. He completed his doctorate on the Bat Falcon in Venezuela and is an expert on both California and South American birds.

January 15, Saturday, 7:30 p.m.: Audubon Wildlife Film

"Pacific Shores" will be presented by Norm Wakeman at the Saturday Afternoon Clubhouse, which is located behind Pacific Stereo on Mendocino Avenue in Santa Rosa. Admission prices are \$1.50 for adults, \$.75 for students and gold cards and \$.25 for children.

January 16, Sunday: Field Trip to Palo Alto Yacht Harbor.

Field trip leaders Carmen Patterson and Adeene Nelligan will take us to the Palo Alto Yacht Harbor. For carpooling meet at 8:00 a.m. in the Safeway parking lot on Rohnert Park Expressway. Others will meet at the Palo Alto Yacht Harbor parking lot at 10:00 a.m. After you reach San Francisco, head south on Highway 101 to Palo Alto. Take the Embarcadero Road exit - it will take you right to the Yacht Harbor parking lot.

January 22, Saturday, 7:30 p.m.: Audubon Wildlife Film

"Yosemite: An Ecological Visit" will be presented by Eben McMillan in the Burbank Auditorium at Santa Rosa Junior College.

January 24, Monday: Deadline for February Kite Tales contributions.

FIELD IDENTIFICATION WORKSHOPS - REMINDER

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 a slide presentation with slides. The material will emphasize rarer groups such as immature gulls, terns, sparrows, Sharp-shinned Hawks, sandpipers, immature cormorants, immature hawks and rail waders to cite a few examples. The lecture and slide presentations will be followed up by local field trips.

Workshop Dates Remaining:

January 22-23
February 5-6

Cost: \$20.00 per workshop

For reservations and details,
mail checks to:

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SANTA ROSA CHRISTMAS COUNT

RROS conducted another successful Christmas count on December 26 in Santa Rosa. 128 species were counted as well as an approximate total of 39,558 individuals. The most exciting finds were a spotted owl and a dipper. A swamp sparrow on Gordon Bolander's property refused to show up on count day, but was seen during the count period.

Participating in this year's count were Dr. John Arnold, Faye Beeman, Gordon Bolander, Betty Burrige, Glen Clifton, Joan Coover, Hal Corey, Marian Dolgireff, Bud, Joan, Art and Chris Galapp, Ruth Hass, Deyea and Jack Harper, Ruth Hawkesley, Joel Hornstein, Ollie Kolkmann, Victor Krispin, Bill Lenarz, Baron McLean, Robert McLean, Gerry and Kathy Mugele, Adeene Nelligan, Karen Newton, Benjamin, John and Richard Parmeter, Carmen Patterson, Ron Pozzi, Craig Roth, James Smith, Virginia Stephan, John and Margaret Sterling, Lynn Stafford, Wayne Tillay, Clarence Tucker and Kent Van Buren.

Dr. Arnold, compiler of the Christmas count this year, wishes to express a special thanks to Adeene Nelligan for providing her home and help for the tally dinner, a real feast!

The following four pages consist of a table summarizing all 17 Santa Rosa Christmas Counts (1960-1976). The table includes six vertical columns.

Column #1: This is the total list of all species recorded on any of the Counts or during the count period.

Column #2: (# Ct.) The figure represents the total number of counts on which the species was recorded. (17) indicates that the species has been found on all counts. (c.p. only) indicates that the species has been recorded at least once during a count period, but never during an actual count.

Column #3: (Low #) This figure is the fewest number of individuals recorded on any one count.

Column #4: (High #) Greatest number during any one count.

Column #5: ('76) These are the actual 1976 Count figures.

Column #6: ('76 rank) this gives the rank of the 1976 # of individuals (1 means this year's figures are a all-time high and (4tt means this year's count tied with 4 other years as the fourth highest count).

{not including
1976 result}

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNTS: (a summary 1960-1976)
 Santa Rosa, California

SPECIES	# Ct.	low /	High #	'76	'76 rank
Common Loon	1	1	1	-	-
Arctic Loon	2	1	1	-	-
Red-necked Grebe	1	2	2	-	-
Horned Grebe	3	1	4	-	-
Hareid Grebe	7	1	14	-	-
Western Grebe	10	1	3	1	7ttt
Pied-billed Grebe	17	10	86	69	2
Double-Crested Cormorant	4	1	3	-	-
Great Blue Heron	17	4	25	21	7
Green Heron	5	1	5	5	1t
Cattle Egret	1	2	2	-	-
Great Egret	15	1	11	8	2
Snowy Egret	17	2	50	50	1t
Black-cr. Night Heron	16	1	54	28	7t
American Bittern	11	1	6	4	3tt
Whistling Swan	7	1	15	1	6t
Trumpeter Swan	1	1	1	-	-
Canada Goose	9	1	35	6-	-
White-fronted Goose	4	1	21	-	-
Snow Goose	2	1	1	-	-
Mallard	17	42	619	357	4
Gadwall	9	1	10	24	1
Pintail	17	4	3689	30	16
Green-winged Teal	16	2	269	21	5
Cinnamon Teal	12	1	29	4	9
American Wigeon	16	2	86	91	1
Northern Shoveler	13	2	59	10	7t
Wood Duck	17	2	85	80	3
Redhead	2	2	2	2	1t
Ring-necked Duck	17	1	144	83	6
Canvasback	17	6	500	72	8
Greater Scaup	7	1	69	2	3t
Lesser Scaup	15	1	177	11	8t
scaup(sp.)	5	4	250	-	-
Common Goldeneye	12	2	22	-	-
Bufflehead	16	1	32	6	11
White-winged Scoter	c.p. only	-	-	-	-
Ruddy Duck	17	48	1035	1074	1
Hooded Merganser	8	2	10	-	-
Common Merganser	6	1	23	-	-
Turkey Vulture	17	16	223	176	2
White-tailed Kite	17	3	120	39	6
Sharp-shinned Hawk	17	1	12	11	3t
Cooper's Hawk	16	1	13	5	10t
Red-tailed Hawk	17	4	68	75	1
Red-shouldered Hawk	17	9	39	42	1
Rough-legged Hawk	1	2	2	-	-
Ferruginous Hawk	c.p. only	-	-	-	-
Golden Eagle	4	1	2	2	1t
Bald Eagle	1	1	1	-	-
Marsh Hawk	1+3	1	12	1	12t

Christmas Bird Counts: cont.

SPECIES	# Ct.	Low #	High #	'76	'76 rank
Osprey	1	1	1	-	-
Prairie Falcon	1	1	1	-	-
Peregrine Falcon	2	1	1	1	1t
Merlin	5	1	2	2	1tt
American Kestrel	17	43	183	133	6
California Quail	17	182	1280	1234	2
Ring-necked Pheasant	17	11	69	23	10t
Virginia Rail	17	1	25	7	8
Sora	9	1	11	1	5ttt
Common Gallinule	16	1	13	2	9tttt
American Coot	17	451	2537	1618	2
Killdeer	17	136	1800	1165	3
Black-bellied Plover	7	1	125	65	2
Common Snipe	17	18	336	151	5
Long-billed Curlew	10	1	42	29	2
Spotted Sandpiper	3	1	1	2	1
Willet	1	1	1	-	-
Greater Yellowlegs	2	1	1	1	1
Greater Yellowlegs	16	1	30	10	6t
Lesser Yellowlegs	2	1	1	-	-
Least Sandpiper	16	2	273	145	4
Dunlin	8	18	1784	-	-
Short-billed Dowitcher	1	2	2	-	-
Long-billed Dowitcher	11	3	69	13	7
dowitcher(sp.)	3	2	31	-	-
Western Sandpiper	11	2	196	125	2
Marbled Godwit	1	2	2	-	-
Sanderling	2	3	3	11	1
American Avocet	3	2	6	-	-
sandpiper(sp.)	1	37	37	-	-
Glaucous-winged Gull	8	1	400	-	-
Western Gull	1	1	1	-	-
Herring Gull	8	4	120	-	-
California Gull	15	1	1004	1	13t
Ring-billed Gull	14	2	818	19	12
Mew Gull	11	65	6000	2	10
Bonaparte's Gull	2	1	1	1	1tt
Sabine's Gull	c.p. only	-	-	-	-
gull(sp.)	2	85	152	-	-
Band-tailed Pigeon	11	1	204	-	-
Rock Dove	3*	163	285	521	1
Mourning Dove	17	38	784	241	9
Barn Owl	14	1	11	3	7
Screech Owl	15	1	17	9	2
Great Horned Owl	17	2	58	23	4
Pygmy Owl	5	1	3	2	2t
Burrowing Owl	11	1	9	3	8
Spotted Owl	1	1	1	1	1
Short-eared Owl	11	1	22	-	-
Saw-whet Owl	2	1	2	-	-

* -officially included in Count beginning in 1974

Christmas Bird Counts: cont.

SPECIES	# Ct.	Low #	High #	'76	'76 rank
Poorwill	c.p. only	-	-	-	-
White-throated Swift	6	5	36	-	-
Anna's Hummingbird	17	3	80	102	1
Belted Kingfisher	17	4	17	23	1
Common Flicker	17	65	357	341	2
Pileated Woodpecker	7	1	5	2	2t
Acorn Woodpecker	17	47	269	164	4
Lewis' Woodpecker	5	1	7	-	-
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	17	3	31	35	1
Hairy Woodpecker	16	1	9	12	1
Downy Woodpecker	17	2	19	20	1
Nuttall's Woodpecker	17	14	106	77	5
Tropical Kingbird	1	1	1	-	-
Cassin's Kingbird	1	1	1	-	-
Black Phoebe	17	27	80	69	4
Say's Phoebe	17	6	33	21	7
Horned Lark	7	2	60	-	-
Violet-green Swallow	13	1	162	-	-
Tree Swallow	12	1	34	-	-
Steller's Jay	17	3	159	99	5
Scrub Jay	17	60	529	539	2
Common Raven	17	2	147	48	3
Common Crow	17	552	3329	1078	8
Chestnut-backed Chickadee	17	14	268	204	3
Plain Titmouse	17	45	264	396	1
Bushtit	17	140	795	547	5
White-breasted Nuthatch	17	14	75	101	1
Red-breasted Nuthatch	9	1	20	1	8t
Pygmy Nuthatch	1	1	1	-	-
Brown Creeper	17	4	29	27	2
Wren Tit	17	4	48	18	6
Dipper	1	1	1	1	1
House Wren	1	1	1	-	-
Winter Wren	17	1	21	4	11ttt
Bewick's Wren	17	9	60	48	3
Long-billed Marsh Wren	16	3	68	26	4
Rock Wren	9	1	1	-	-
Mockingbird	17	7	125	131	1
California Thrasher	16	1	9	3	6tt
American Robin	17	129	7465	518	16
Varied Thrush	17	8	367	50	9
Hermit Thrush	17	3	104	64	4
Western Bluebird	17	41	300	651	1
Golden-crowned Kinglet	17	15	267	57	8
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	17	65	523	293	4
Water Pipit	17	42	532	488	3
Cedar Waxwing	17	20	614	54	14t
Bohemian Waxwing	1	1	1	-	-
Loggerhead Shrike	17	17	84	41	8t
Starling	17	31	528109	7236	6
Hutton's Vireo	17	1	30	22	4

Christmas Bird Counts: cont.

SPECIES	# Ct.	Low #	High #	'76	'76 rank
Orange-crowned Warbler	10	1	2	1	4tttttt
Yellow-rumped Warbler	17	72	491	188	11
Black-thr. Gray Warbler	1	1	1	-	-
Townsend's Warbler	17	2	25	5	8
Hermit Warbler	2	1	2	-	-
Common Yellowthroat	7	1	4	1	3ttt
Palm Warbler	1	1	1	-	-
House Sparrow	17	30	976	455	6
Western Meadowlark	17	218	2490	1166	8
Yellow-headed Blackbird	2	1	6	-	-
Red-winged Blackbird	17	356	23328	2283	5
Tricolored Blackbird	6	1	125	-	-
Brewer's Blackbird	17	608	9670	5863	2
Brown-headed Cowbird	15	2	162	393	1
Western Tanager	3	1	2	-	-
tanager(sp.)	1	1	1	-	-
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	1	1	1	-	-
Evening Grosbeak	6	5	58	-	-
Purple Finch	17	5	185	38	5
House Finch	17	108	1151	1669	1
Pink Siskin	16	10	856	84	9
American Goldfinch	17	5	805	63	9
Lesser Goldfinch	17	76	922	391	6
Lawrence's Goldfinch	1	6	6	-	-
Red Crossbill	1	25	25	-	-
Green-tailed Towhee	1	1	1	-	-
Rufous-sided Towhee	17	35	205	167	2
Brown Towhee	17	89	734	437	3
Savannah Sparrow	17	51	1050	855	2
Grasshopper Sparrow	1	1	1	-	-
Vesper Sparrow	3	1	6	-	-
Lark Sparrow	17	3	194	256	1
Rufous-crowned Sparrow	9	1	4	3	2
Dark-eyed Junco	17	319	2827	1290	5
Chipping Sparrow	3	2	15	-	-
Harris' Sparrow	1	1	1	-	-
White-crowned Sparrow	17	235	2223	1358	6
Golden-crowned Sparrow	17	171	1136	1762	1
White-throated Sparrow	15	1	9	3	8tt
Fox Sparrow	17	8	62	38	10
Lincoln's Sparrow	15	1	47	13	3
Swamp Sparrow	3	1	3	-	-
Song Sparrow	17	47	442	258	3

If there are any questions or corrections, and if you wish additional copies of the above table, contact Lynn Stafford-833-6491.

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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 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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