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CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

February 5, Saturday, 7:30 p.m.: Audubon Wildlife Film

"Bermuda - Land and Sea" will be presented by Dr. William J. Jahoda in the Burbank Auditorium at Santa Rosa Junior College. Admission prices are \$1.50 for adults, \$.75 for students and gold cards and \$.25 for children.

February 10, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.: RROS meeting.

A slide program on "Birding in Maine and Quebec" will be given by Mike Parmeter at our February meeting. He was accompanied on this north-eastern bird venture by John Parmeter and Gordon Bolander, who will add to Mike's account. Ron Branson, an excellent photographer of birds, was also on the trip and many of the slides to be shown were taken by him.

February 12, Saturday, 9:00 a.m.: Field Trip to Bodega Bay

Dr. John Arnold will lead February's trip to Bodega Bay. For carpooling meet at 8:00 a.m. at the Safeway parking lot on the corner of Highway 12 and Calistoga Road. For those going directly to Bodega Bay, meet at 9:00 a.m. at the Tides Wharf.

February 25, Friday: Deadline for Kite Tales contributions.

We need your contributions! I did not receive any contributions this month, other than coming events. Please keep that information rolling in and send me your monthly observations.

FIELD IDENTIFICATION WORKSHOPS

Jon Winter's Field Identification Workshops will end with the weekend of February 5-6. Cost: \$20. There will be a Saturday afternoon lecture from 1-4 at Richardson's Bay National Audubon Wildlife Sanctuary followed by Sunday's field trip to Bodega Bay.

For reservations and details contact:

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FIELD TRIP REPORT

Ten observers braved the COLD weather at the Palo Alto Yacht Harbor on January 16, and were rewarded by finding a total of 63 species:

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| Eared Grebe | Ruddy Duck | American Avocet |
| Western Grebe | Turkey Vulture | Black-necked Stilt |
| Pied-billed Grebe | White-tailed Kite | Glaucous-winged Gull |
| Double-Cr. Cormorant | Red-tailed Hawk | Herring Gull |
| Gr. Blue Heron | Red-shouldered Hawk | California Gull |
| Great Egret | Marsh Hawk | Ring-billed Gull |
| Snowy Egret | Kestrel | Mew Gull |
| Bl-crowned Night Heron | Clapper Rail | Rock Dove |
| Snow Goose | Am. Coot | Burrowing Owl |
| Mallard | Semipalmated Plover | Common Crow |
| Pintail | Killdeer | Long-billed Marsh Wren |
| Gr.-Winged Teal | Common Snipe | Water Pipit |
| Blue-winged Teal | Long-billed Curlew | Starling |
| Cinnamon Teal | Willet | Yellowthroat |
| European Wigeon | Greater Yellowlegs | Western Meadowlark |
| American Wigeon | Least Sandpiper | Red-winged Blackbird |
| Northern Shoveler | Dunlin | Brewer's Blackbird |
| Canvasback | Short-billed Dowitcher | House Finch |
| Greater Scaup | Long-billed Dowitcher | Savannah Sparrow |
| Lesser Scaup | Western Sandpiper | White-crowned Sparrow |
| Common Goldeneye | Marbled Godwit | Song Sparrow |

OBSERVATIONS

Editor's Note: Since I receive no observations this month, I am going to report on my own favorite backyard bird: Our adult male American Redstart.

In 1975, two weeks before Christmas, we first saw the Redstart in our $\frac{1}{2}$ acre of forest. He started singing in mid-April and left in early May. We thought we had seen the last of him, but in December (1976), two weeks before Christmas, he showed up once again and has been here ever since.

Many of you have already seen him either last year or this year. If you haven't, you're really missing something. He is usually easy to see. We live on Gravenstein Highway 1.2 miles north of its intersection with Guerneville Road. As you are heading north toward Forestville, our driveway is the second one on the right past Templeman Road. You can park near our house, the first one on the driveway, and walk into the forest. We see the Redstart most often in the northwest corner of the lot near the highway. If you don't see him at first, look for movement high in the eucalyptus tree on the lot next door.

I may be partial but I think that tiny black, white and brilliant orange bird is quite a sight!

. 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 211 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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