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CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

September 8, Thursday, 6:30 p.m.: Welcome Back Potluck Picnic

To celebrate the beginning of a new birding year for RROS, we are having a potluck picnic at Sugarloaf State Park. After dinner we hope to find owls and poorwills. Everyone is welcome to come early to sample daylight birding. Last year a golden eagle and several deer were visible from the picnic tables.

We will gather at the Upper Group Campground. Take Hwy. 12 to Adobe Canyon Road. Follow Adobe Canyon Road until it reaches the Park. After passing the pay station (you may have to pay an entrance fee), continue straight ahead past the barn and on to the campground. At one point the road appears to end, but continues on veering left around a bend to the picnic area.

Please contact Ruth Hawksley, Hospitality Chairman, evenings (539-0560) before September 6, to arrange food contributions. There is no water so please BYOB (Bring Your Own Beverage!)

September 10, Saturday, 8:00 a.m.: Field Trip To Tubbs' Island

Tubbs' Island may, or may not have Bairds' sandpipers, common terns and pectoral sandpipers in residence, but leader Dr. Jack Arnold does expect to locate for us a generous supply of white-tailed kites and even a few burrowing owls in addition to the usual wide variety of shorebirds and raptors there. Bring a brown bag lunch, and rain gear if there is a cloud in the sky. (Last year we had a real gully washer!) Bring your own water, there is none on the island. Meet at the entrance to Tubbs' Island on Hwy. 37. Or carpool at 7:15 a.m. at the Safeway parking lot on Rohnert Park Expressway. Reach Tubbs' Island by way of the Lakeville Highway south and east out of Petaluma, then turning left onto Hwy. 37. Slow down at the railroad track crossing because the Tubbs' Island Gate is just 50 yards farther on the right.

September 19, Monday, 7:00 p.m.: Slideshow on Terrestrial Biology of Baja

The Madrone Audubon Society and Sonoma State College are co-sponsoring a slide lecture by Dr. Dallas Sutton, Professor

Emeritus, Department of Biology, California State University, Chico. He will present a slide lecture concerning a marine and terrestrial biology trip along the Pacific Coast of Baja California. The lecture will take place at the Presbyterian Church, 1550 Pacific Avenue, Santa Rosa, at 7:00 p.m. All RROS members are invited for what promises to be a very interesting program.

Dr. Sutton and RROS member Dr. Jack Arnold, Professor Emeritus, Department of Biology, Sonoma State College, will be leaders for an extension course to be offered in January, 1978. This trip promises to be an outstanding birding expedition.

September 23, Friday: Deadline for October KITE TALES contributions

Please help me out with observations, notices, articles, etc.

October 8, Saturday, 8:00 a.m.: Field Trip to Marin Headlands, "Hawk Lookout", Rodeo Lagoon

Terry Babineaux and Betty Burrige will lead a field trip to southwestern Marin County. The fall migration will be in full swing and ANYTHING can appear. The Hawk lookout can be expected to produce most of our usual raptors with an excellent possibility of a sighting of broad-winged hawks. The trees at Battery Wallace regularly shelter rare eastern warblers at this time of year, and last year a green-tailed towhee was found merrily feeding with white-crowned sparrows in some nearby brush. And of course there is still the possibility of those rare sandpipers and terns mentioned above at Tubbs' Island as well as all the old regular shorebirds and waterfowl on Rodeo Lagoon. Bring a picnic lunch. Meet at the 2nd Sausalito Exit of Hwy. 101 South (the last exit before going onto the Golden Gate Bridge) or carpool at 7:00 a.m. at the Safeway Parking lot on Rohnert Park Expressway.

DUES REMINDER

Dues were due last May and few people have paid up! Mailing costs prohibit us from sending the KITE TALES to non-paying members. Anyone who has not paid by September 20, will no longer receive a newsletter. THIS IS YOUR FINAL NOTICE.

TEAR OFF AND MAIL TO TREASURER ADEENE NELLIGAN.

DUES NOTICE

Enclosed are RROS dues (1977/78) for: Family (\$6.00), Individual (\$4.50), Student (\$2.00). Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

October 16, Sunday: Fall Pelagic Trip

Set this day aside for a boat trip from Bodega Bay to the Cordell Banks, some 30 miles out that-a-way. The "Finback" has again been chartered, and early reservations are recommended for this trip which traditionally fills up rapidly once the word is out. The Cordell Banks mark the edge of the continental shelf and the upwelling currents there bring rich food resources to the surface which in turn attract numerous pelagic bird species not ordinarily visible from land. Fulmars, puffins, petrels, shearwaters, jaegers, auklets, murre and Sabine's gulls were among the many birds seen on last year's trip.

Reservations should be made as soon as possible. Make checks payable to RROS in the amount of \$17.00 per person and send to: Adeene Nelligan, 5424 Alta Monte Drive, Santa Rosa, CA, 95404. If making more than one reservation please include name and address of each additional participant.

December 31, Saturday: Western Sonoma County Christmas Count

Please reserve New Year's Eve for this year's Western Sonoma County Christmas Count.

GORDON BOLANDER MEMORIAL FUND

As you know, RROS founder Gordon Bolander passed away last April. At that time a Memorial Fund was set up and the purpose was to be decided later. It has now been determined that the interest from the fund will provide scholarships for Point Reyes Bird Observatory courses to interested teachers and students. Donations may be mailed to the Gordon Bolander Memorial Fund, c/o Dr. John Arnold, 199 Calistoga Road, Santa Rosa, CA, 95404.

A CHECK LIST OF THE BIRDS OF SONOMA COUNTY

This check list of the birds of Sonoma County has been compiled by Gordon L. Bolander and Benjamin D. Parmeter. The main list consists of 333 species which have been collected or otherwise positively identified in the field within the geographic boundaries of Sonoma County or adjacent off-shore waters. Those birds which are rare in Sonoma County have been marked with an asterisk. The hypothetical list includes species which, due either to lack of verification or having been unsuccessfully introduced, cannot be included on the main list.

Persons having information concerning additions or corrections should contact Benjamin D. Parmeter, 2500 Emerson Street, Napa, California, 94558 (707) 255-6757.

Dad -
See King Eider
record in
"Birds of Calif."
by Small

1. Common Loon
2. Yellow-billed Loon*
3. Arctic Loon
4. Red-throated Loon
5. Red-necked Grebe
6. Horned Grebe
7. Eared Grebe
8. Western Grebe
9. Pied-billed Grebe
10. Wandering Albatross
11. Black-footed Albatross
12. Laysan Albatross*
13. Northern Fulmar
14. Pink-footed Shearwater
15. Flesh-footed Shearwater*
16. New Zealand Shearwater
17. Sooty Shearwater
18. Fork-tailed Storm-Petrel*
19. Leach's Storm-Petrel*
20. Ashy Storm-Petrel
21. Black Storm-Petrel
22. White Pelican
23. Brown Pelican
24. Double-crested Cormorant
25. Brandt's Cormorant
26. Pelagic Cormorant
27. Magnificent Frigatebird*
28. Great Blue Heron
29. Green Heron
30. Little Blue Heron*
31. Cattle Egret
32. Great Egret
33. Snowy Egret
34. Black-crowned Night Heron
35. American Bittern
36. Whistling Swan
37. Trumpeter Swan*
38. Canada Goose
39. Brandt
40. White-fronted Goose
41. Snow Goose
42. Ross' Goose*
43. Mallard
44. Gadwall
45. Pintail
46. Green-winged Teal
47. Blue-winged Teal
48. Cinnamon Teal
49. American Wigeon
50. Northern Shoveler
51. Wood Duck
52. Redhead
53. Ring-necked Duck
54. Canvasback

55. Greater Scaup
56. Lesser Scaup
57. Common Goldeneye
58. Bufflehead
59. Oldsquaw
60. Harlequin Duck
61. White-winged Scoter
62. Surf Scoter
63. Black Scoter
64. Ruddy Duck
65. Hooded Merganser
66. Common Merganser
67. Red-breasted Merganser
68. Turkey Vulture
69. White-tailed Kite
70. Goshawk*
71. Sharp-shinned Hawk
72. Cooper's Hawk
73. Red-tailed Hawk
74. Red-shouldered Hawk
75. Swainson's Hawk*
76. Rough-legged Hawk
77. Ferruginous Hawk
78. Golden Eagle
79. Bald Eagle*
80. Marsh Hawk
81. Osprey
82. Prairie Falcon
83. Peregrine Falcon
84. Merlin
85. American Kestrel
86. Blue Grouse
87. California Quail
88. Mountain Quail
89. Ring-necked Pheasant
90. Clapper Rail
91. Virginia Rail
92. Sora
93. Black Rail*
94. Common Gallinule
95. American Coot
96. Black Oystercatcher
97. Semipalmated Plover
98. Snowy Plover
99. Killdeer
100. American Golden Plover
101. Black-bellied Plover
102. Ruddy Turnstone
103. Black Turnstone
104. Common Snipe
105. Long-billed Curlew
106. Whimbrel
107. Spotted Sandpiper
108. Solitary Sandpiper*

109. Wandering Tattler
110. Willet
111. Greater Yellowlegs
112. Lesser Yellowlegs
113. Red Knot
114. Surfbird
115. Rock Sandpiper
116. Sharp-tailed Sandpiper*
117. Pectoral Sandpiper
118. Least Sandpiper
119. Baird's Sandpiper
120. Dunlin
121. Short-billed Dowitcher
122. Long-billed Dowitcher
123. Western Sandpiper
124. Sanderling
125. Marbled Godwit
126. Bar-tailed Godwit*
127. Ruff*
128. American Avocet
129. Black-necked Stilt
130. Red Phalarope
131. Wilson's Phalarope
132. Northern Phalarope
133. Pomarine Jaeger
134. Parasitic Jaeger
135. Skua
136. Glaucous Gull*
137. Glaucous-winged Gull
138. Western Gull
139. Herring Gull
140. Thayer's Gull
141. California Gull
142. Ring-billed Gull
143. Mew Gull
144. Franklin's Gull*
145. Bonaparte's Gull
146. Heermann's Gull
147. Black-legged Kittiwake
148. Sabine's Gull
149. Forster's Tern
150. Common Tern
151. Arctic Tern*
152. Elegant Tern
153. Caspian Tern
154. Black Tern*
155. Black Skimmer*
156. Common Murre
157. Pigeon Guillemot
158. Marbled Murrelet
159. Ancient Murrelet
160. Cassin's Auklet
161. Rhinoceros Auklet
162. Tufted Puffin
163. Band-tailed Pigeon
164. Rock Dove
165. White-winged Dove*
166. Mourning Dove
167. Yellow-billed Cuckoo*
168. Roadrunner*
169. Barn Owl
170. Screech Owl
171. Great-horned Owl
172. Snowy Owl*
173. Pygmy Owl
174. Burrowing Owl
175. Spotted Owl
176. Long-eared Owl*
177. Short-eared Owl
178. Saw-whet Owl*
179. Poorwill
180. Common Nighthawk*
181. Lesser Nighthawk*
182. Black Swift*
183. Vaux's Swift
184. White-throated Swift
185. Anna's Hummingbird
186. Rufous Hummingbird
187. Allen's Hummingbird
188. Calliope Hummingbird*
189. Belted Kingfisher
190. Common Flicker
191. Pileated Woodpecker
192. Acorn Woodpecker
193. Lewis' Woodpecker
194. Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
195. Hairy Woodpecker
196. Downy Woodpecker
197. Nuttall's Woodpecker
198. Eastern Kingbird*
199. Tropical Kingbird*
200. Western Kingbird
201. Ash-throated Flycatcher
202. Eastern Phoebe*
203. Black Phoebe
204. Say's Phoebe
205. Willow Flycatcher
206. Hammond's Flycatcher*
207. Western Flycatcher
208. Western Wood Pewee
209. Olive-sided Flycatcher
210. Horned Lark
211. Violet-green Swallow
212. Tree Swallow
213. Bank Swallow*
214. Rough-winged Swallow
215. Barn Swallow
216. Cliff Swallow
217. Purple Martin
218. Steller's Jay

- 219. Scrub Jay
- 220. Yellow-billed Magpie*
- 221. Common Raven
- 222. Common Crow
- 223. Clark's Nutcracker
- 224. Chestnut-backed Chickadee
- 225. Plain Titmouse
- 226. Bushtit
- 227. White-breasted Nuthatch
- 228. Red-breasted Nuthatch
- 229. Pygmy Nuthatch
- 230. Brown Creeper
- 231. Wrentit
- 232. Dipper
- 233. House Wren
- 234. Winter Wren
- 235. Bewick's Wren
- 236. Long-billed Marsh Wren
- 237. Canon Wren*
- 238. Rock Wren
- 239. Mockingbird
- 240. Gray Catbird*
- 241. California Thrasher
- 242. American Robin
- 243. Varied Thrush
- 244. Hermit Thrush
- 245. Swainson's Thrush
- 246. Western Bluebird
- 247. Mountain Bluebird*
- 248. Townsend's Solitaire
- 249. Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
- 250. Golden-crowned Kinglet
- 251. Ruby-crowned Kinglet
- 252. Water Pipit
- 253. Bohemian Waxwing*
- 254. Cedar Waxwing
- 255. Phainopepla*
- 256. Northern Shrike*
- 257. Loggerhead Shrike
- 258. Sterling
- 259. Hutton's Vireo
- 260. Solitary Vireo
- 261. Warbling Vireo
- 262. Black-and-white Warbler*
- 263. Tennessee Warbler
- 264. Orange-crowned Warbler
- 265. Nashville Warbler
- 266. Northern Parula*
- 267. Yellow Warbler
- 268. Magnolia Warbler*
- 269. Yellow-rumped Warbler
- 270. Black-throated Gray Warbler
- 271. Townsend's Warbler
- 272. Hermit Warbler
- 273. Chestnut-sided Warbler*
- 274. Blackpoll Warbler
- 275. Palm Warbler
- 276. Northern Waterthrush*
- 277. McGillivray's Warbler
- 278. Common Yellowthroat
- 279. Yellow-breasted Chat
- 280. Hooded Warbler*
- 281. Wilson's Warbler
- 282. American Redstart
- 283. House Sparrow
- 284. Bobolink*
- 285. Western Meadowlark
- 286. Yellow-headed Blackbird*
- 287. Red-winged Blackbird
- 288. Tricolored Blackbird
- 289. Hooded Oriole*
- 290. Northern Oriole
- 291. Brewer's Blackbird
- 292. Brown-headed Cowbird
- 293. Western Tanager
- 294. Summer Tanager*
- 295. Rose-breasted Grosbeak*
- 296. Black-headed Grosbeak
- 297. Blue Grosbeak*
- 298. Indigo Bunting*
- 299. Lazuli Bunting
- 300. Painted Bunting*
- 301. Evening Grosbeak
- 302. Purple Finch
- 303. House Finch
- 304. Pine Siskin
- 305. American Goldfinch
- 306. Lesser Goldfinch
- 307. Lawrence's Goldfinch
- 308. Red Crossbill
- 309. Green-tailed Towhee*
- 310. Rufous-sided Towhee
- 311. Brown Towhee
- 312. Lark Bunting*
- 313. Savannah Sparrow
- 314. Grasshopper Sparrow
- 315. Vesper Sparrow
- 316. Lark Sparrow
- 317. Rufous-crowned Sparrow
- 318. Sage Sparrow
- 319. Dark-eyed Junco
- 320. Tree Sparrow*
- 321. Chipping Sparrow
- 322. Brewer's Sparrow*
- 323. Black-chinned Sparrow
- 324. Harris' Sparrow*
- 325. White-crowned Sparrow
- 326. Golden-crowned Sparrow
- 327. White-throated Sparrow
- 328. Fox Sparrow
- 329. Lincoln's Sparrow
- 330. Swamp Sparrow*

- 331. Song Sparrow
- 332. Lapland Longspur*
- 333. Snow Bunting*

Hypothetical List

- Short-tailed Shearwater
- White-faced Ibis
- Barrow's Goldeneye
- Bobwhite
- Turkey
- American Woodcock
- Royal Tern
- Cassin's Kingbird
- Dickcissel

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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, Sonoma State College, 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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