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CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

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

November's program will be an informal session on "Birding in Mendocino County". Ollie Kolkmann of the Redbud Audubon Society will give tips on places to bird and birds to be expected. Be sure to arm yourself with lots of questions for Ollie.

November 12, Saturday, 8:00 a.m.: Field Trip to Bodega Bay

This is an exciting time of year for viewing shorebirds wintering in or passing through our coastal wetlands. Last year at this time a Franklin's gull (2nd Sonoma County record) was at the bay. And we can expect many other kinds of gulls and waterbirds as well.

Peter and Carolyn Connors will lead the trip. Participants will meet in the Upper Tides parking lot on Highway 1 in Bodega Bay. Bring lunch, binoculars and warm clothing.

November 21, Monday: Deadline for KITE TALES contributions.

CHRISTMAS COUNTS

December 18, Sunday: RROS Santa Rosa Christmas Bird Count

Save the day! Every one is needed, and with your help we can make this a fun and successful count of record proportions. Dr. Jack Arnold is this year's compiler and would like to hear from you NOW that you are planning to participate. Sign up with him at the meeting on November 10 or drop him a postcard today at: 199 Calistoga Rd., Santa Rosa, 95405.

December 31, Saturday: Western Sonoma County Christmas Count

Save this day, too! Madrone Audubon's count is being compiled this year by Betty Burrridge and Marth Bentley, and they need your help. Sign up with Betty at the November 10th meeting, or drop her a postcard at: 963 Crest Drive, Santa Rosa, CA, 95404.

OCTOBER FIELD TRIP REPORT

The sora and Virginia rails were very cooperative at Rodeo Lagoon on the October 8 field trip that also included Marin Headlands. Less available was the female black scoter that slipped around the base of the cliff before all present could view her. And we're not even speaking to the broad-winged hawk that completely stood us up. Perhaps the windy, foggy day discouraged him, but the RROS members simply had their appetites whetted for another try again soon. Eighty species were spotted as follows:

- Western grebe
- Pied-billed grebe
- Brown pelican
- Brandt's Cormorant
- Pelagic Cormorant
- Gr. Blue Heron
- Great Egret
- Snowy Egret
- Black-crowned Night Heron
- Mallard
- Pintail
- American Wigeon
- Canvasback
- Scaup
- Surf Scoter
- Black Scoter
- Ruddy Duck
- Turkey Vulture
- White-tailed Kite
- Sharp-shinned Hawk
- Cooper's Hawk
- Red-tailed Hawk
- Marsh Hawk
- American Kestrel
- California Quail
- Virginia Rail
- Sora
- American Coot
- Killdeer
- Black-bellied Plover
- Willet
- Greater Yellowlegs
- Sanderling
- Western Gull
- Ring-billed Gull
- Mourning Dove
- Anna's Hummingbird
- Belted Kingfisher
- Common Flicker
- Yellow-bellied Sapsucker

- Downy Woodpecker
- Nuttall's Woodpecker
- Black Phoebe
- Steller's Jay
- Scrub Jay
- Common Raven
- Chestnut-backed Chickadee
- Plain Titmouse
- White-breasted Nuthatch
- Wrentit
- Bewick's Wren
- Mockingbird
- American Robin
- Hermit Thrush
- Golden-crowned Kinglet
- Ruby-crowned Kinglet
- Cedar Waxwing
- Starling
- Orange-crowned Warbler
- Nashville Warbler
- Yellow-rumped Warbler
- Townsend's Warbler
- Common Yellowthroat
- Wilson's Warbler
- House Sparrow
- Western Meadowlark
- Red-winged Blackbird
- Brewer's Blackbird
- Western Tanager
- House Finch
- American Goldfinch
- Lesser Goldfinch
- Rufous-sided Towhee
- Brown Towhee
- Dark-eyed Junco
- White-crowned Sparrow
- Golden-crowned Sparrow
- Fox Sparrow
- Song Sparrow
- Bushtit

OBSERVATIONS

In last month's KITE TALES I wrote that the Hooded Warbler had left our property around September 15. I was wrong - he was still there and a number of people were able to see him. The last time the warbler was seen (as far as I know) was October 16. The American Redstart is back for the third year in a row and seems to be settling in for the winter. John Winter was reported to have both the redstart and the hooded warbler in his binocular sight at once. Betty Burridge sighted an Orchard Oriole by the ditch north of the sewer ponds and a Common Tern by the rail ponds in Bodega Bay the weekend of October 15 and 16. Terry Babineaux and Bob McLean saw the following birds at Point Reyes on October 2:

- Mendoza Ranch: Yellow Warbler, Ovenbird, Blackpoll Warbler, Palm Warbler
- Fish Docks: Prairie Warbler, Palm Warbler, White-throated Sparrow (immature), Common Yellowthroat
Tri-colored Blackbirds were observed at the ranch at the turnoff to fish docks.
- Lighthouse: Red-breasted Nuthatch

HELP WANTED

BALD EAGLES - Information need on colormarked Bald Eagles.

Radio tracking data and reported sightings indicate the possibility of a general migratory movement of immature Bald Eagles from central Arizona to, or through, southern California. Research personnel at Arizona State University and the U.S. Forest Service have marked six nestlings produced in Arizona in 1977 with red vinyl markers in the Verde River Drainage. Eaglets were marked to determine movements and wintering areas of Arizona hatchlings. Wing markers can be seen below or from the side and have a white letter (T) and two (2) numbers (01 to 06). A U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service band is affixed to a leg and has a three inch red vinyl streamer with the corresponding letter and number on the wing tags. Your cooperation in reporting the following information will be greatly appreciated and help in gathering information to insure the preservation of this species in Arizona. Information desired: 1. Geographical location of bird 2. Date of sighting. 3. Activity of bird. 4. Name, address and phone number of observer. Please send information to: Robert D. Ohmart, Dept. of Zoology, Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona, 85281. Phone (965)-2932 or 4632.

SANDERLINGS - Information need on color-banded Sanderlings outside Bodega Bay

Peter Connors is continuing a banding program and needs reports from all coastal areas except Bodega Bay (which he is monitoring). Some bands may be faded or lost, but in general there will be 2 colored bands on left leg and one colored band over an aluminum band on the right.

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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, Sonoma State College, Rohnert Park.

Membership dues, payable in May, 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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