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DECEMBER REDWOOD REGION ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY 1977
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CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

December 8, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.: RROS meeting

December's slide program will be, "A Naturalist In Venezuela" by Scott Maness, a Sonoma State College graduate student who spent 3 1/2 years in Venezuela.

CHRISTMAS COUNTS

December 18, Sun day: RROS Santa Rosa Christmas Count

Another reminder! We need all the help we can get to have the best Christmas count ever. Please contact compiler Dr. Jack Arnold if you want to participate at 199 Calistoga Road, Santa Rosa, CA, 95405.

December 24, Saturday: Northeastern Marin County Count

This new count is close to home and includes Novato and the Petaluma River areas. The compiler is Dave Shuford, c/o PRBO, 4990 Shoreline Hwy., Stinson Beach, CA, 94970. Counters welcome!

December 31, Saturday: Western Sonoma County Count

Join in the Western Sonoma County Count - it's your last chance in 1977 to increase your year list! Help compiler Betty Burrige by signing up by writing to her at 933 Crest Drive, Santa Rosa, CA, 95404.

A SUCCESS STORY

RROS member Kathy Biggs found an injured Merlin in Northern California near the Oregon border. On her way back to Santa Rosa, she picked up the bird and transported it to the Santa Rosa Bird Rescue Center. The bird was injured by a barbed wire fence and operation on the wing was successful. The Merlin is recuperating and chances of release are excellent. Good job, Kathy.

NOVEMBER FIELD TRIP REPORT

Two female Oldsquaws highlighted the October field trip to Bodega Bay led by Peter and Carolyn Connors. About twenty participants enjoyed the beautiful weather on November 12 and observed 95 species of birds. Excellent looks at both Sora and Virginia rails were available at the rail ponds. Late in the day, those birdwatchers remaining were able to visit the bluffs of the Bodega Marine Lab property and see a Black Oystercatcher and a late Western Tanager. The following species were observed:

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| Common Loon | Black-bellied Plover |
| Red-throated Loon | Ruddy Turnstone |
| Horned Grebe | Common Snipe |
| Western Grebe | Whimbrel |
| Pied-billed Grebe | Willet |
| White Pelican | Least Sandpiper |
| Brown Pelican | Dunlin |
| Double-crested Cormorant | Short-billed Dowitcher |
| Brandt's Cormorant | Western Sandpiper |
| Pelagic Cormorant | Sanderling |
| Great Blue Heron | Marbled Godwit |
| Snowy Egret | Red Phalarope |
| Black-crowned Night Heron | Glaucous-winged Gull |
| Pintail | Western Gull |
| Green-winged Teal | Herring Gull |
| American Wigeon | California Gull |
| Greater Scaup | Ring-billed Gull |
| Common Goldeneye | Mew Gull |
| Bufflehead | Heermann's Gull |
| Oldsquaw | Forster's Tern |
| White-winged Scoter | Common Murre |
| Surf Scoter | Pigeon Guillemot |
| Ruddy Duck | Anna's Hummingbird |
| Red-breasted Merganser | Belted Kingfisher |
| Turkey Vulture | Common Flicker |
| White-tailed Kite | Downy Woodpecker |
| Red-tailed Hawk | Nuttall's Woodpecker |
| Rough-legged Hawk | Black Phoebe |
| Marsh Hawk | Scrub Jay |
| American Kestrel | Common Raven |
| California Quail | Common Crow |
| Ring-necked Pheasant | Winter Wren |
| Virginia Rail | Bewick's Wren |
| Sora | Long-billed Marsh Wren |
| American Coot | American Robin |
| Black Oystercatcher | Ruby-crowned Kinglet |
| Snowy Plover | Water Pipit |
| Killdeer | Loggerhead Shrike |

Starling
 Hutton's Vireo
 Yellow-rumped Warbler
 Common Yellowthroat
 Western Meadowlark
 Red-winged Blackbird
 Brewer's Blackbird
 Western Tanager
 Purple Finch

House Finch
 Pine Siskin
 Brown Towhee
 Savannah Sparrow
 White-crowned Sparrow
 Golden-crowned Sparrow
 Fox Sparrow
 Song Sparrow

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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, 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 TALKS. Dues may be mailed to Adeene Helligan 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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