

KITE TALES

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CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

January 12, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.: RROS meeting

For the January meeting, we will enjoy the third annual presentation by Peter and Carolyn Connors of the Bodega Marine Lab. After another summer in Alaska, they have a new set of slides and experiences to share with us.

January 22, Sunday, 8:00 a.m.: Field Trip to Bodega Bay

This is a time when rock sandpipers are at their peak, as well as most of the other winter residents of the Bay. Meet field trip leader Mike Parmeter in the upper Tides parking lot. Bring lunch and warm clothing.

January 25, Wednesday: Deadline for KITE TALES contributions

February 11, Saturday: Field Trip to the Petaluma River

Or is it a creek? Whatever! There could be lots of good birds there. Details in February KITE TALES.

March 11-12, Saturday and Sunday: Field Trip to Honey Lake

Start making your plans to brave the elements in northeastern California where we will see an assortment of raptors that will boggle your minds. Also longspurs, Harris sparrows, sage grouse and others. Mike Parmeter will lead the trip.

OBSERVATIONS.

In the pond by Ramal Road in Sonoma, there was one European Widgeon on December 26 and off and on thereafter. Bob McLean and Gerry Mugele found the bird at different times the same day. Two Hooded mergansers on January 2 and 3, and red-tailed, red-shouldered and roughlegged hawks were also seen in the pond area. An Emperor Goose (geese?) has been seen at Limantour.

SANTA ROSA CHRISTMAS COUNT

The RROS count began in 1960 when 106 species were seen. Since 1968, over 130 species have been seen on each count day. A total of 185 species have been seen on Christmas count days and 3 additional species during the count periods. 188 species have been seen during Santa Rosa count periods from 1960 to 1977.

This year 137 species were located. Following is a summary of the last three years of counting:

<u>Species</u>	<u>1975</u>	<u>1976</u>	<u>1977</u>
Common Loon	-	-	-
Arctic Loon	-	-	-
Horned Grebe	4	-	-
Eared Grebe	-	-	2
Red-necked Grebe	-	-	-
Western Grebe	2	1	6
Pied-billed Grebe	64	69	87
Double-crested Cormorant	3	-	12
Great Blue Heron	22	21	4
Cattle Egret	2	-	36
Green Heron	-	5	4
Great Egret	11	8	18
Snowy Egret	37	50	22
Black-cr. Night Heron	1	4	28
American Bittern	6	4	2
Whistling Swan	-	1	-
Trumpeter Swan	-	-	-
Canada Goose	1	-	4
White-fronted Goose	-	-	-
Snow Goose	-	-	-
Mallard	619	357	422
Gadwall	10	24	10
Pintail	238	30	125
Green-winged Teal	269	21	35
Cinnamon Teal	5	4	-
American Wigeon	86	121	91
Northern Shoveler	54	10	17
Wood Duck	23	80	172
Redhead	-	2	-
Ring-necked Duck	80	23	20
Canvasback	90	72	104
Greater Scaup	-	11	11
Scaup sps.	4	-	81
Common Goldeneye	3	-	9
Bufflehead	1	6	28
Ruddy Duck	545	1074	361
White-winged Scoter	-	-	-
Hooded Merganser	2	-	-
Common Merganser	11	-	3
Turkey Vulture	223	176	106
White-tailed Kite	61	39	15
Sharp-shinned Hawk	8	11	7
Cooper's Hawk	6	5	7
Red-tailed Hawk	68	75	43
Red-shouldered Hawk	33	42	40
Rough-legged Hawk	-	-	1

Perruginous Hawk	-	-	2
Golden Eagle	-	2	5
Bald Eagle	-	-	1
Marsh Hawk	9	1	6
Osprey	-	-	1
Prairie Falcon	-	-	1
Peregrine Falcon	1	1	1
Merlin	1	2	2
American Kestrel	149	133	136
California Quail	770	1234	969
Ring-necked Pheasant	35	23	17
Virginia Rail	8	7	1
Sora	-	1	-
Common Gallinule	2	2	2
American Coot	2537	1618	923
Killdeer	1336	1165	3529
Black-bellied Plover	-	65	159
Common Snipe	178	151	64
Long-billed Curlew	42	29	19
Spotted Sandpiper	-	2	1
Willet	1	-	-
Greater Yellowlegs	4	10	10
Lesser Yellowlegs	-	-	2
Least Sandpiper	273	145	593
Dunlin	387	140	1115
Short-billed Dowitcher	-	-	7
Long-billed Dowitcher	-	13	-
Dowitcher sps.	31	-	-
Western Sandpiper	196	125	-
Marbled Godwit	-	-	-
Sanderling	-	-	-
American Avocet	6	-	-
Sandpiper sps.	-	-	100
Glaucous-winged Gull	-	-	-
Western Gull	-	-	-
Herring Gull	6	-	-
California Gull	217	1	62
Ring-billed Gull	203	196	192
Mew Gull	556	2	1577
Bonaparte's Gull	cp	1	-
Sabine's Gull	-	55	-
Gull sps.	-	-	125
Band-tailed Pigeon	96	-	135
Rock Dove	163	521	506
Mourning Dove	248	241	92
Barn Owl	2	3	16
Screech Owl	6	9	16
Great Horned Owl	11	23	15
Pigmy Owl	1	1	12
Burrowing Owl	9	3	1
Spotted Owl	-	1	-
Short-eared Owl	1	-	-
Saw-whet Owl	-	-	-

Poorwill	-	-	-
Swift sps. Vaux's?	-	-	2
White-throated Swift	36	-	9
Anna's Hummingbird	72	102	105
Hummingbird (Selasphorus)	-	-	1
Belted Kingfisher	17	23	15
Common Glicker	-	341	422
Yellow-shafted	1	-	-
Red-shafted	320	-	-
Pileated Woodpecker	1	2	1
Acorn Woodpecker	107	164	250
Lewis' Woodpecker	-	-	28
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	28	25	35
Hairy Woodpecker	4	12	13
Downy Woodpecker	9	20	3
Nuttall's Woodpecker	93	77	77
Tropical Kingbird	-	-	-
Cassin's Kingbird	-	-	-
Black Phoebe	72	69	58
Horned Lark	-	-	-
Violet-green Swallow	-	-	-
Tree Swallow	13	-	-
Swallow sps.	-	-	3
Steller's Jay	149	99	34
Scrub Jay	442	539	857
Common Raven	14	48	7
Common Crow	1053	1078	904
Chesnut-backed Chickadee	268	204	138
Plain Titmouse	149	396	210
Bushtit	795	547	759
White-breasted Nuthatch	48	101	63
Red-breasted Nuthatch	2	1	1
Pigmy Nuthatch	2	1	1
Pigmy Nuthatch	-	-	-
Brown Creeper	17	27	22
Wrentit	24	18	19
Winter Wren	13	4	13
House Wren	-	-	-
Bewick's Wren	60	48	25
Long-billed Marsh Wren	9	26	11
Rock Wren	1	-	1
Mockingbird	112	131	222
Brown Thrasher	-	-	1
American Robin	4667	518	2518
Varied Thrush	100	50	339
Hermit Thrush	74	64	71
Western Bluebird	220	651	325
Golden-crowned Kinglet	87	47	33
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	523	293	349
Water Pipit	489	488	316
Cedar Waxwing	543	54	1435
Bohemian Waxwing	-	-	-
Loggerhead Shrike	36	41	35
Starling	528,109	7237	14408
Hutton's Vireo	23	22	16
Orange-crowned Warbler	2	1	-
Yellow-rumped Warbler	-	188	219
Myrtle's	6	-	-
Audubon's	283	-	-

Black-throated Gray Warbler	24	5	12
Townsend's Warbler	2	-	-
Hermit Warbler	2	-	-
Common Yellowthroat	99	1	-
Palm Warbler	-	-	-
House Sparrow	757	455	316
Western Meadowlark	1466	1166	1058
Yellow-headed Blackbird	-	-	-
Red-winged Blackbird	1673	2283	1081
Tri-colored Blackbird	12	-	17
Brewer's Blackbird	3721	5813	3710
Brown-headed Cowbird	48	393	114
Western Tanager	-	-	-
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	-	-	-
Evening Grosbeak	6	-	-
Purple Finch	90	38	134
House Finch	1096	1669	814
Pine Siskin	856	84	758
American Goldfinch	622	63	105
Lesser Goldfinch	922	391	345
Lawrence's Goldfinch	-	-	-
Red Crossbill	-	-	-
Green-tailed towhee	-	-	-
Rufous-sided Towhee	119	167	182
Brown Towhee	734	437	500
Grasshopper Sparrow	-	-	-
Vesper Sparrow	1	-	-
Lark Sparrow	194	256	150
Rufous-crowned Sparrow	-	3	5
Dark-eyed junco	1097	1290	1356
Chipping Sparrow	8	-	-
Harris' Sparrow	-	-	-
White-crowned Sparrow	1736	1385	899
Golden-crowned Sparrow	1064	1762	709
White-throated Sparrow	9	3	6
Fox Sparrow	45	38	40
Lincoln Sparrow	10	13	43
Swamp Sparrow	1	-	-
Song Sparrow	442	258	237

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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 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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