

Kite Tales

DECEMBER

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COMING ATTRACTIONS

December 9, Thursday, 7:30 p.m. RROS General Meeting

Dr. Jack Arnold will present "What Is It?" - this program of bird identification will be good practice for the upcoming Christmas Bird Counts. Come for your lesson and bring a pencil!!

December 19, Sunday, Santa Rosa Christmas Bird Count

This will be our 23rd Christmas Count - and we're going to have a good one. Maybe we'll even have some dry weather!!

Bob & Bertha Rains have obtained the Wikiup Greens Clubhouse for the compilation and count supper. As usual, supper will be potluck - suggestions are soup, chili, french bread, cheese & crackers, cookies, etc. Bring your own eating utensils. Arrival time should be anytime after 5 - final compilation will start around 6:30. Plan to be there.

To get there - Take Hwy 101 north of Santa Rosa, exit on River Rd. (about 2 miles north of Coddington), right to 1st stop sign (Old Redwood Hwy), left on Old Redwood Hwy about 1 mile crossing bridge, take first right after bridge (Wikiup Drive), proceed about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile, take right on Las Casitas and then immediate left. The Clubhouse is on the right side of the street. Parking on the left and further up the street.

Anyone who would like to volunteer for CBC duty can contact Doug Ellis at the meeting or P O Box 155, Eldridge 95431.

Other Christmas Counts

Dec. 18	PRBO Point Reyes	Ben Glading	415-663-1478
	Mt. Diablo	Kent Fickett	415-798-7421
	Clear Lake	Jim Matzinger	928-5376
Dec. 19	Oakland (G. Gate)	Kurt Campbell	415-236-4182 (before 9p.m.)
	San Jose		
Dec. 21	Honey Lake		
Dec. 25	Arroyo Cheap Thrills	Dave Shuford	415-669-7429
Dec. 26	Sacramento		
Dec. 27	Napa-Solano		
Dec. 28	Los Banos	Kurt Campbell	415-236-4182 (before 9p.m.)
	This growing count depends heavily on help from outside the Los Banos area; they are asking for help from everywhere.		
Dec. 30	Mono Lake		
	Monterey Peninsula		

Other Christmas Counts (Cont.)

Jan. 1 Southern Marin
 Jan. 2 Western Sonoma Cty Betty Burridge 527-0225
 Markleyville

*Mid Dec. to Mid Jan. Mon. - Fri., the Solano County Bird Count will be conducted by the U.S. Forest Service National Survey Team and will be taking a boat onto Lake Berryessa every day. Contact: Jim Scullins, 5520 Knoxville Rd., Napa, CA 707-966-2111.

No Field Trip in December due to the many Christmas Counts

ATTENTION CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS

Don't forget one of Santa Rosa's newest gift shops, "Nature's Window" at 2417 Magowan in the Montgomery Village Shopping Center for your special Christmas gift shopping. The owners are our own Deyea Harper and Adeene Nelligan. Their shop features natural history books, binoculars, telescopes, china, daypacks, bird feeders, magnifying glasses, topo maps, globes, jewelry, stationery and many other nature oriented gifts. So be sure to drop in anytime, but especially during the Holiday Season!!

*SPECIAL NOTE - Book to be Reprinted

Thanks to Mike Parmeter, "Birds of Sonoma County" by Gordon Bolander and Benjamin D. Parmeter is going to be reprinted. Dr. Parmeter will finance the reprinting - the club will reimburse him from the sales. Price still to be decided upon. Watch your Kite Tales for further information.

FIELD TRIP RESULTS - Bodega Pelagic Trip - November 14

Fulmar; Pink-footed and Sooty Shearwater; Petrel species; Pomarine Jaeger; Parasitic Jaeger; Guillemots; Ancient Murrelets; Cassin's and Rhinoceros Auklet; and a Tufted Puffin. On the way out of the harbor, the following were seen: Gulls: Glaucous-winged, Western, Herring, California, Ring-billed, Mew, Bonaparte's, Heermann's, Sabine's; Kittiwake; Common Murre; Brandt; Black Scoter; Red Phalaropes and a bird believed to be an Old Squaw. Also seen on the trip were about 10 Dall Porpoises, 2 Sun Fish and a Shark; And a Peregrine Falcon on the shore coming back into to harbor!!

OBSERVATIONS -- Dan Nelson (762-6152)

2 Cattle Egrets were at Freestone on 11/3, and 3 more were found at Carmet on 11/27 (both RL, RM). An American Bittern haunted the Sebastopol Sewer Ponds on 11/27 (RL, RM), and 3 American Bitterns were at Sacramento N.W.R. on 11/21 (DN, HC, et al). 3 "Blue" Geese were seen at Sacramento N.W.R. the same day. An Eurasian Widgeon graced Bodega Bay on 11/13 (RL). A male Hooded Merganser was seen at Five Brooks trailhead pond in Marin Co. on 11/12 (RH, HC, RW, SC). A fem. Hooded Merganser was seen at the Sebastopol Sewer ponds on 11/27 (RL, RM). A Rough-legged Hawk was seen along E. Railroad Ave. in Cotati on 11/21 (RL). At least 13 Rough-legged Hawks were counted in the central valley in and around the Sacramento N.W.R. (DN, et al).

OBSERVATIONS (Cont.)

An imm. Bald Eagle was seen in the marsh at the north end of Willow Creek Rd. on 11/27 (SG). A late Osprey was seen at Lake Ilsanjo in Annadel State Park on 11/26 (RL). A Prairie Falcon was seen at the Sebastopol Sewer Ponds on 11/27 (RL, RM). A Merlin was found at Pt. Reyes on 11/6 (B & BR). A single Short-eared Owl was seen along Spring Creek Trail in Annadel on 11/26 (RL), and another was seen at Bodega Head on 11/14 (RL, RM). A Western Flycatcher was seen at Annadel on 11/26 (RL), and another was noted at Sebastopol Sewer Ponds on 11/27 (RL, RM). A Bay-breasted Warbler was found at Nunes Ranch on 11/6 (B & BR). Rufous-crowned Sparrows were seen along Spring Creek Trail in Annadel on 11/26 (RL). A White-throated Sparrow was seen at the Fish Docks, Pt. Reyes on 11/6, and another White-throated Sparrow has been seen twice (this month) in Wikiup, (both B & BR). In early November, both Lapland and Chestnut-collared Longspurs as well as a Snow Bunting were present in various plowed fields near the Hall Ranch at Pt. Reyes (Mob).

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KITE TALES DEADLINE: 25TH OF EACH MONTH

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Organized in 1962, the purpose of the club is to encourage the study and conservation of birds, other wildlife and their habitat. Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month, Sept. thru May, at 7:30 pm in Rm 221 of Darwin Hall, Sonoma State College, Rohnert Park.

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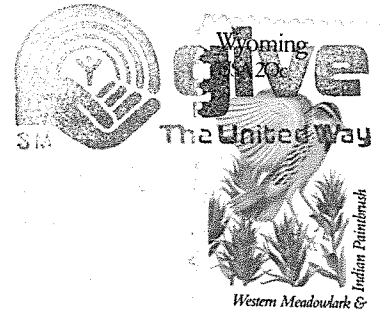
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