

Kite Tales

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COMING ATTRACTIONS

February 10, Thursday, 7:30 pm, RROS General Meeting

Our program will be the Mono Lake Slide Show from the Mono Lake Committee and also a short film, "Ebb Tide" from the Water Resources Graphic Services in Sacramento. This subject is especially appropriate at this time as we just made a contribution to the Mono Lake Committee.

FLASH: Our March program will be Jon Winter on the Great Gray Owl, and the April program will be Dr. Lawrence Binford on the Birds of India!

February 12, Saturday, Field Trip to Central Valley

If enough people want to go, the February field trip will be to the Central Valley to look for geese, swans, cranes, etc. Call Rick LeBaudour (525-9158) if you are interested in going. Details at the general meeting. If not enough response, there will be a local field trip instead.

Reminder -- Trip to Honey Lake will be in late March. Exact date to be decided at the Feb. meeting. Call Rick as soon as possible so that motel reservations can be made.

Bald Eagle Conference, Klamath Fall, OR. - Feb. 19,20,21

A group of Madrone Audubon members are planning to go to this conference on Bald Eagles, which will include films, Bald Eagle flyout, great birding, workshops, speakers and more. For information call David LaFollette (527-8312) or Jean Smith (433-2542).

FIELD TRIP RESULTS - Potluck Birding - January 15

7 birders went all over the area and a total of 71 species were seen. Some of the high-lights were 2 Rough-legged Hawks, an Osprey and a Prairie Falcon all on Estero Road. A Barn Owl and a Burrowing Owl. A probable Nashville Warbler and the Harris' Sparrow.

WANTED: BURROWING OWLS

Jules Evens needs information on the past and present status of the Burrowing Owl as a breeding species in California for a paper dealing with the apparent population decline of that species in recent years. Please include the following information: 1) exact location of colony, 2) date of observation, 3) number of birds, 4) evidence of breeding, 5) current status of site, if known, and 6) reason for abandonment, if known. All contributors will be gratefully acknowledged. Jules Evens, PRBO, 4990 Shoreline Hwy., Stinson Beach, CA 94970.

OBSERVATIONS -- Dan Nelson (762-6152)

After causing a loud explosion, an out of place Double-crested Cormorant was found along Sonoma Ave. still smoking from the 12,000 volts that electrocuted it when it collided with high power cables (DN). Elsewhere, a fem. Barrow's Goldeneye was in a flock of Goldeneyes along Old Lakeville Rd. #3 on 1/30 (DN). A Cooper's Hawk was seen near downtown Santa Rosa on 1/6, and carried a Red-breasted Sapsucker in it's talons (RL). A Rough-legged Hawk was in western Petaluma on 1/25, and another was near Sears Point raceway on 1/30 (both DN). A Prairie Falcon was noted near Crane Canyon Rd. on 2/2 (DN). An Osprey and a Green Heron were both found at Spring Lake on 1/5 (HC,B&BR). The Rock Sandpiper was still at Bodega Head on 1/19 (HC,FB). A Lesser Yellowlegs was noted at Shields Marsh, Marin Co. on 1/11 (HC,RH,SC). An early Violet-green Swallow visited the Petaluma sewer ponds on 1/30 (DN). A good find was the fem. Northern Oriole found in Wikiup on 1/24 (B&BR). Both White-throated Sparrows continue their presence at S.R.J.C., (DN), and another has been visiting a feeder daily in Petaluma since 1/21 (W&CN,LW,DN). The Harris' Sparrow continues to be seen along Walker Road throughout the month (MOB).

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KITE TALES DEADLINE: 25TH OF EACH MONTH

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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