

# Kite Tales

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## COMING ATTRACTIONS

### April 14, Thursday, 7:30 pm, RROS General Meeting

Dr. Laurence C. Binford will be our guest speaker this month. Dr. Binford is a good and longtime friend of RROS and his program promises to be very interesting. Don't miss it!

\*\*Don't forget to bring your copy of the By-Laws to the meeting. We will be voting on the proposed changes.

### Election of Officers

The nominating committee, consisting of Dr. John Arnold, Betty Burrige and Jerry Mugele will present a slate of officers. So be sure to come and vote for your favorite candidate.

### April 16, Saturday, Field Trip to Spring Lake & Annadel, 8 a.m.

Meet at the parking lot at the end of Channel Drive (Where horses can be unloaded) at 8 a.m. Bring a lunch. We will be looking for spring migrants.

\*\*There may be a Pelagic trip for the May field trip. Those wishing to go out of Monterey, contact Rick LeBaudour (525-9158) immediately. If there is not enough response, the May field trip will be local.

### Special Note - "Nature's Window"

Nature's Window, located at 2417 Magowan in the Montgomery Village Shopping Center has now been open for over 7 months and I'm sure there are still some of us who have not had a chance to shop there. The owners are our own Deyea Harper and Adeene Nelligan. Besides carrying the best selection of Natural History books in Sonoma County (including "Birds of Sonoma County") they carry globes, maps, binoculars, telescopes, art prints, stationery, cards, T-shirts, totes, pillows and many other nature oriented gifts. Watch for a special announcement from them in the fall.

### FIELD TRIP RESULTS - Honey Lake - March 25-27

A small but enthusiastic group traveled to Honey Lake and saw 116 species. No Sage Grouse were seen on Sat. March 26. 1 male was seen Sunday, March 27 by Jerry Langham. The following is a list of the species seen: Eared Grebe, Western Grebe, Pied-billed Grebe, White Pelican, Double-crested Cormorant, Great Blue Heron, Common Egret, Black-crowned Night Heron, American Bittern, Tundra Swan, Canada Goose (2 races), Snow Goose (20,000 plus), Mallard, Gadwall, Pintail, Green-winged Teal, Cinnamon Teal, American Widgeon, Northern

Field Trip Results (Cont)

Shoveler, Wood Duck, Redhead, Ring-necked Duck, Canvasback, Lesser Scaup, Common Goldeneye, Bufflehead, Ruddy Duck, Hooded Merganser, Common Merganser, Turkey Vulture, White-tailed Kite, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Cooper's Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, Red-shouldered Hawk, Rough-legged Hawk (12 plus), Golden Eagle (1 imm.), Bald Eagle (1 Ad.), Marsh Hawk, Prairie Falcon (1), Kestrel, California Quail, Ring-necked Pheasant, Sandhill Crane, Coot, Killdeer, Long-billed Curlew, Willet, Dunlin (10,000), Dowitcher species, Marbled Godwit, Avocet, Black-necked Stilt, California Gull, Ring-billed Gull, Band-tailed Pigeon, Rock Dove, Mourning Dove, Great-horned Owl, Burrowing Owl, Short-eared Owl, Anna's Hummingbird, Belted Kingfisher, Common Flicker, Acorn Woodpecker, Lewis' Woodpecker, Hairy Woodpecker, White-headed Woodpecker, Black Phoebe, Horned Lark, Tree Swallow, Rough-winged Swallow, Barn Swallow, Cliff Swallow, Steller's Jay, Scrub Jay, Black-billed Magpie, Yellow-billed Magpie, Common Raven, Common Crow, Mountain Chickadee, White-breasted Nuthatch, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Dipper, Bewick's Wren, Long-billed Marsh Wren, Mockingbird, Sage Thrasher, American Robin, Hermit Thrush, Western Bluebird, Townsend's Solitaire, Golden-crowned Kinglet, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Water Pipit, Cedar Waxwing, Loggerhead Shrike, Starling, Orange-crowned Warbler, Yellow-rumped Warbler, House Sparrow, Western Meadowlark, Red-winged Blackbird, Brewer's Blackbird, Purple Finch, Cassin's Finch, House Finch, Lesser Goldfinch, Red Crossbill, Rufous-sided Towhee, Brown Towhee, Savannah Sparrow, Sage Sparrow, Dark-eyed Junco, White-crowned Sparrow, Song Sparrow.

OBSERVATIONS -- Dan Nelson (762-6152)

Two Red-necked Grebes were in the channel at Doran Park on 3/19 (JP, BDP, LCB, BB). As many as 42 Brant have been present at Bodega Harbor through the month (MOB). 2 male European Widgeon were at the south end of Bolinas Lagoon, Marin Co. on 3/19 (BDP, JP, LCB, BB). 2 Wood Ducks were seen flying over downtown Sonoma on 3/16 (GM). The imm. Broad-winged Hawk wintering at Inverness was seen on 3/19, across the street from the Boatel (JP, BDP, BB, LCB). An imm. Golden Eagle was seen flying over west Petaluma on 3/19 (EN, MS). An ad. Bald Eagle was at the north end of Lake Berryessa on 3/18 (BDP, JP). Recent Osprey sightings are 4 at the north end of Bodega Bay on 3/25 (EN, MS), 2 at Spring Lake on 3/6 (HC, OC) and 1 at SRJC on 3/22 (DN). A single Rhinoceros Auklet was noted flying past Duncan's Landing on 3/19 (BDP, JP, LCB, BB). At least one Long-eared Owl was still present in the willows at Pine Gulch Creek on 3/19 (JP, BDP, LCB, BB). A Rufous Hummingbird was reported from Ridgeway Ave. in Santa Rosa on 3/19 (HC, OC). Recent Pileated Woodpecker findings are one at Jack London State Park on 3/16 (HC, et al), one heard calling in Willow Cr. canyon on 3/19 (BDP, JP, LCB, BB) and a pair seen along Bohemian Hwy. between Freestone and Occidental on 3/12 (J&HE). A Western Flycatcher was heard in Willow Cr. canyon on 3/19 (JP, BDP, LCB, BB). There are many reports of returning Orange-crowned

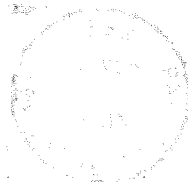
OBSERVATIONS (Cont.)

Warblers throughout the county (MOB). A single Wilson's Warbler was seen in Willow Cr. canyon on 3/19 (BDP,JP,LCB,BB). 2 Sage Sparrows were noted at Bouverie Audubon Preserve on 3/6 (DE).

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KITE TALES DEADLINE: 25TH OF EACH MONTH

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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 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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