

Kite Tales

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COMING ATTRACTIONS

March 8, Thursday, 7:30 p.m. RROS General Meeting

Dave Shuford of PRBO will present the program on "The Marin County Breeding Bird Atlas". He will give us an outline of the results and some of the ins and outs of taking on such a project. So come prepared for a super program!

March 11, Sunday, 8:00 a.m. Field Trip to Tennessee Valley

The March field trip will be a first for RROS. The Tennessee Valley is also part of the Marin Headlands State Park. Betty Burrige, our leader, is very complimentary of the valley's beauty, and says we should see, among other species, Long-eared Owls, rails, ducks, White-throated Swifts. We should be treated to an early spring display of wild flowers. We will be walking from the parking lot to the Tennessee Caves in the morning. It may be wet underfoot, so good water resistant shoes are advisable. After a picnic lunch, hiking will be on the afternoon agenda for those who wish to participate.

We will meet at the Albertson's parking lot in Rohnert Park at 8:00 a.m., for carpooling. Those wishing to drive directly to the beginning of the walk should meet at 9:00 a.m. at the parking lot at the locked gate on Tennessee Valley Rd. You reach this via Highway 101 South towards S.F.; take the Hwy 1 North Exit (Stinson Beach), turn left on Tennessee Valley Rd. about $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile from the exit. The parking lot is about a mile on Tennessee Valley Rd. - can't miss it because there is a locked gate at that point.

Bring picnic lunch, clothes to fit weather and water if desired.
***Note: The March 11th date is a change from the previously announced date (of Mar. 17).

BIRD ALERT NUMBERS

San Bernardino.....	(213)	793-5599
San Francisco.....	(415)	843-2211
Santa Barbara.....	(805)	964-8240
Los Angeles.....	(213)	874-1318
L.A. Audubon House.....	(213)	876-0202
Monterey Bay.....	(408)	899-3030
Tucson, Ariz.....	(602)	881-9464

FIELD TRIP RESULTS - Marin Headlands February 11, 1984

Our February field trip was a little damp and cold, but 5 hardy souls endured through the morning and a picnic lunch at Battery Wallace. A total of 64 species were seen by Lee & Terry Babineaux, Faye Beeman, Betty Burridge & M. Donegan, guest. Seen were: Eared Grebe, Western Grebe, Pied-billed Grebe, Double-crested Cormorant, Great Blue Heron, Snowy Egret, Black-crowned Night Heron, Mallard, Canvasback, Common Goldeneye, Bufflehead, Surf Scoter, Black Scoter, Ruddy Duck, Red-breasted Merganser, Cooper's Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, American Kestrel, California Quail, Virginia Rail, Sora, American Coot, Killdeer, Willet, Sanderling, Glaucous-winged Gull, Western Gull, Ring-billed Gull, Mourning Dove, Anna's Hummingbird, Allen's sp. Hummingbird, Belted Kingfisher, Common Flicker, Downy Woodpecker, Black Phoebe, Scrub Jay, Common Raven, Common Crow, Chestnut-backed Chickadee, Bushtit, Wrentit, Winter Wren, Bewick's Wren, Long-billed Marsh Wren, Mockingbird, American Robin, Varied Thrush, Hermit Thrush, Golden-crowned Kinglet, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Starling, Hutton's Vireo, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Common Yellowthroat, Red-winged Blackbird, Brewer's Blackbird, Purple Finch, House Finch, Pine Siskin, Rufous-sided Towhee, Brown Towhee, White-crowned Sparrow, Fox Sparrow, Song Sparrow.

OBSERVATIONS -- Dan Nelson (762-6152)

A Red-necked Grebe and the Smew were still at the Lagoon in Foster City on 1/25 (D&LJ, H&OC). 5 Cattle Egrets were seen in a cattle-field near Schellville on 2/3 (WN). 2 Cattle Egrets were also seen near Fremont on 2/25 (DN). About 300 Tundra Swans graced the Garcia River, Mendocino Co. on 1/11. Also seen there was a White-fronted Goose, as well as a Ferruginous Hawk and a Peregrine Falcon (BDP). At the north end of L. Berryessa on 2/4, several hundred Canada Geese were present, as well as 6 White-fronted Geese and 5 Snow Geese. Also seen in the area were a Prairie Falcon, an Osprey, and 2 ad. Bald Eagles (all BDP). 27 Brandt were seen at Bodega Harbor on 1/27 (RH, HC). Another Peregrine Falcon was at Doran Park on 2/14 (RH). Mountain Quail were heard calling at Sugarloaf Park on 2/10 (RH). Anna's Hummingbirds were nesting in the oaks in front of SRJC as of 2/7 (DN). A Pileated Woodpecker was seen on the Lake Trail in Anadel Park on 2/24 (RH, HC). From Crescent City comes the news of a visiting Brambling. The White-throated Sparrows at SRJC and Petaluma were both seen through the month (DN, WN).

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KITE TALES DEADLINE: 25TH OF EACH MONTH
