

Kite Tales

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COMING ATTRACTIONS

April 12, Thursday, 7:30 p.m. RROS General Meeting

Our program will be presented by Bob & Bertha Rains on their recent trip to Costa Rica. I'm sure we will all be envious of their opportunity to make this trip.

Also of interest for the April meeting will be a display of black and white photographs of Golden-crowned Sparrows in flight taken by Bob McLean. We are pleased to have Bob share these photographs with his birdwatching friends.

Election of Officers

The nominating committee, consisting of Bertha Rains, Betty Burrige and Louise Johnston will present a slate of officers for our consideration. So be sure to come and vote for your favorite candidate.

April 14, Saturday, 8:00 a.m. Field Trip to Warm Springs Dam & Rockpile Road

We will meet at 8:00 a.m. at the intersection of Highway 101 and Dry Creek Rd. (Just north of Healdsburg) Lower Level, on Dry Creek Rd. Leader, Hal Corey says we can expect to see Blue Grouse, Wild Turkey, Vaux's Swift, Pileated Woodpecker, Western Kingbird, Black-shouldered Kite and more!

FIELD TRIP RESULTS - Tennessee Valley March 11

The field trip to Tennessee Valley-Marin Co. was well attended. Leader Betty Burrige reports she ran the crowd up and down the valley and up onto the ridge. Lots of tired birders that night! Lots of basic birds and early spring flowers were seen and Betty was happy to be able to introduce RROS members to a new birding area nearby. Species seen: Common Loon, Red-throated Loon, Western Grebe, Cormorant sp., Mallard, Canvasback, Lesser Scaup, Common Goldeneye, Red-breasted Merganser, Turkey Vulture, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, Red-shouldered Hawk, Northern Harrier, Prairie Falcon, American Kestrel, California Quail, Killdeer, Western Gull, Great Horned Owl, Anna's Hummingbird, Allen's Hummingbird, Red-shafter Flicker, Downy Woodpecker, Black Phoebe,

FIELD TRIP RESULTS - (Cont.)

Scrub Jay, Common Raven, Chestnut-backed Chickadee, Common Bushtit, Wrentit, Bewick's Wren, Robin, Varied Thrush, Western Bluebird, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Cedar Waxwing, Starling, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Western Meadowlark, Red-winged Blackbird, Brewer's Blackbird, Purple Finch, House Finch, Pine Siskin, American Goldfinch, Savannah Sparrow, Oregon Junco, White-crowned Sparrow, Golden-crowned Sparrow, Song Sparrow. A total of 50 species.

OBSERVATIONS -- Dan Nelson (762-6152)NON-PASSERINES

At least 600 Black Brandt were counted in Bodega Harbor on 3/24 (RL). As many as 47 Cinnamon Teal were seen at Doran Park on 3/20 (HC,RH). Hooded Mergansers were still at Five Brooks Pond on 3/6 (D&LJ). On Rockpile Rd. Blue Grouse are calling, with 3 birds heard, and a male and female seen together on 3/25. Also heard in this area were Mountain Quail. (BDP,JA). 4 Lesser Golden Plovers were at the Spaletta Ranch, Pt. Reyes on 3/18 (JP,BDP). A single Black-legged Kittiwake was noted at Doran Park on 2/28 (HC,RH). A Pileated Woodpecker was found along Lake Trail, Annadel State Park on 2/24 (HC,RH).

PASSERFORMES

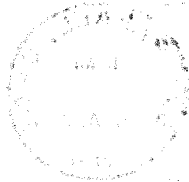
A Western Flycatcher and Orange-crowned Warblers were found along Coney Dr., Annadel on 3/4 (H&OC). An early Warbling Vireo was near Inverness Park on 3/18 (BDP,JP). In Petaluma, a Black-headed Grosbeak was noted on 3/24 and a Northern Oriole was found on 3/25, each beating its' earliest arrival date by several days. These birds may be expecting a warmer-than-usual summer (DN). The White-throated Sparrow at SRJC is still present and singing since 3/7 (DN), and the White-throated Sparrow in Petaluma is also still present, and was seen with a second White-throated buddy that arrived on 3/27 (WN). Another White-throated Sparrow, and occasionally two, have been visiting along Calistoga Rd. in Santa Rosa since 12/30 (JA).

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KITE TALES DEADLINE: 25TH OF EACH MONTH

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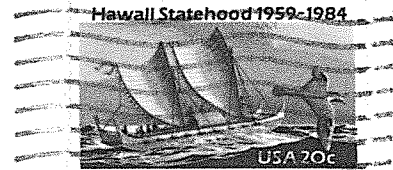


Organized in 1962, the purpose of the club is to encourage the study and conservation of birds, other wildlife and their habitat. Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month, Sept. through May, at 7:30 p.m. in Rm 221 of Darwin Hall, Sonoma State University, Rohnert Park.

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