

Kite Tales

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COMING ATTRACTIONS

Dec. 13, Thursday, 7:30 p.m. RROS General Meeting

"Do It Ourselves" Program. Over the years many of us have collected lovely paintings, photographs or slides we've taken of birds and birding. Come share with us on Thursday, Dec. 13, but please limit slides to 10 each. This is one of our best programs. We have had some real puzzlers in the past, so be ready for a good show!

Dec. 16, Sunday, RROS Santa Rosa Christmas Bird Count

This will be our 25th Christmas Count. Let's see if we can break our 1983 record count of 140 species (plus 2 extra during the count period). Maybe it will even be a dry one - but the count is on rain or shine!

Bob & Bertha Rains have again obtained the Wikiup Greens Clubhouse for the compilation and count supper. As usual, supper will be potluck - suggestions are munchies, soup, chili, French bread, cheese, crackers, cookies, dessert, etc. You do NOT need to bring utensils - everything is there. Arrival time should be anytime after 5 pm - final compilation will start around 6:30 pm. Hope to see you 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 Dr.), proceed about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile, take right turn onto Las Casitas & then immediate left. Parking on the left and further up the street.

If you are interested in participating in our count, contact Doug Ellis at the Dec. meeting or P.O. Box 155, Eldridge, 95431.

Other Christmas Counts

Dec. 15	(Sat)	PRBO Pt. Reyes	Dec. 27	(Thur)	Lake County
Dec. 16	(Sun)	RROS Santa Rosa	Dec. 27	(Thur)	Napa-Solano
Dec. 16	(Sun)	Oakland	Dec. 29	(Sat)	Ano Nuevo
Dec. 22	(Sat)	Mono Lake	Dec. 30	(Sun)	Madrone
Dec. 23	(Sun)	Southern Marin	Jan. 1	(Tues)	Angwin
Dec. 27	(Thur)	San Francisco			
Dec. 27	(Thur)	Los Banos			

FIELD TRIP RESULTS - Bodega Bay, Nov. 18

15 birders joined leader Jack Arnold for a fine trip with good weather for a total of 85 species in 33 families in 15 orders. Quite a day! Species seen: Common Loon, Red-throated Loon, Horned Grebe, Eared Grebe, Western Grebe (Inc. Clark's subspecies), Pied-billed Grebe, Brown Pelican, Double-crested Cormorant, Brandt's Cormorant, Pelagic Cormorant, Great Blue Heron, Snowy Egret, Black-crowned Night Heron, Black Brandt, Pintail, Green-winged Teal, American Wigeon, Scaup Sp., Common Goldeneye, Bufflehead, White-winged Scoter, Surf Scoter, Ruddy Duck, Red-breasted Merganser, Turkey Vulture, Black-shouldered Kite, Red-tailed Hawk, Red-shouldered Hawk, Northern Harrier, Osprey, American Kestrel, Calif. Quail, Virginia Rail, American Coot, Black Oystercatcher, Semipalmated Plover, Black-bellied Plover, Ruddy Turnstone, Black Turnstone, Whimbrel, Willet, Greater Yellowlegs, Least Sandpiper, Dunlin, Short-billed Dowitcher, Western Sandpiper, Sanderling, Marbled Godwit, American Avocet, Glaucous-winged Gull, Western Gull, Ring-billed Gull, Mew Gull, Bonaparte's Gull, Heermann's Gull, Forster's Tern, Common Murre, Great-horned Owl, Anna's Hummingbird, Belted Kingfisher, Common Flicker, Downy Woodpecker, Black Phoebe, Scrub Jay, Common Raven, Winter Wren, Bewick's Wren, Long-billed Marsh Wren, American Robin, Western Bluebird, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Starling, Hutton's Vireo, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Townsend's Warbler, House Sparrow, Western Meadowlark, Red-winged Blackbird, Brewer's Blackbird, House Finch, Pine Siskin, White-crowned Sparrow, Golden-crowned Sparrow, Fox Sparrow, Song Sparrow.

OBSERVATIONS -- Hal Corey (542-8429)

9/28, Pt. Diablo, 3 Broad-winged Hawks and 12 Black Swifts (LCB, KC).
 10/25, Willow Creek Rd., Long-eared Owl; Russian River, a Rough-legged Hawk (NC, KC). 10/25, Doran Beach, 5 Snowy Plovers (CM, FB, HC).
 10/26, Willowside Rd., Canada Warbler, Swamp Sparrow, Black-shouldered Kite (DE). 11/4, Prairie Falcon, Hearn Ave. (RM). 11/11, 5 Cattle Egrets, High School Rd., Sebastopol (RM, KC), 35 Cattle Egrets west of Valley Ford, Rough-legged Hawk (RM, KC). 11/11, 1 lone Cattle Egret at College Ave. & E St., Santa Rosa (BB). 11/14, 200 Brandt off Bodega Head (FB). 11/16, Pileated Woodpecker, Osprey along Dry Creek Rd. (CW). 11/17 in Wikiup, 15 Red Crossbills (B&BR). 11/17, Short-eared Owl, Spaletta Ranch, Lesser Golden Plover, Hall Rch. (RR). 11/17 along Roberts Rd., Prairie Falcon and Rough-legged Hawk (DN). 11/17, Peregrine Falcon, south of Petaluma (BB). 11/18, Bodega Harbor, Western Grebe (Clark's), 9 Forster's Terns, Osprey. Doran Lagoon, 2 Common Mergansers, 17 American Avocets, 3 Green-winged Teal, 51 Amer. Wigeon, 1 Pintail (RROS trip with JA). 11/21, Report on Spring Lake under Hydrilla Control! Water level down $\frac{1}{2}$: 5 Green-backed Herons (3 Imm.), 4 Great Blue Herons, 27 Snowy Egrets, 2 Great Egrets, 3 Red-shouldered Hawks (1 Imm.), 29 wild Mallards, 3 Pied-billed Grebes, 4 Ruddy Ducks, Belted Kingfisher, Red-breasted

OBSERVATIONS (Cont)

Sapsucker. Species count seemed about normal for this time of year, (WM,CW,HC). 11/24, Los Banos, White-faced Ibis, Sandhill Cranes, Long-billed Dowitchers, White-fronted Geese (Greater) (KC,DE,JB,RR,DL). 11/24, 60-70 Red Crossbills were seen on Willow Creek Rd. and a Bobcat was also seen (DN,WN,CN). 11/25, Garcia River, 140 Tundra Swans, 5 White-fronted Geese, 6 Green-winged Teal, 6 Mallards, 3 Great Egrets, 2 Great Blue Herons (JA). Month of Nov. the Imm. White-throated Sparrow continues to be an occasional visitor at a feeder in Petaluma (WN).

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KITE TALES DEADLINE: 25TH OF EACH MONTH



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Point Reyes Bird Observatory offers 2 courses this winter:

1. THE BIRD SCHOOL with RICH STALLCUP -- critiques of the field guides.

The new edition of Birds of North America and the recently published National Geographic Field Guide are now available. However, both have pictures and text that may be misleading or could be improved. During evening sessions we will review the guides page by page, writing and sketching-in corrections with slides, graphics, and study skins for assistance. Rich contributed to both texts and will share his specific comments and updated information

The 1983 edition of Birds of North America, by Robbins et al will be corrected during 5 evening sessions at 2 locations:

East Bay series: Jan 22 & 29, Feb 5, 12 & 19 (Tuesdays) 7-10 PM

San Mateo series: Jan 24 & 31, Feb 7, 14 & 21 (Thursdays) 7-10 PM

The National Geographic Field Guide will be critiqued:

Marin County: March 5, 12, 19, & 26 (Tuesdays) 7-10 PM

The fee is \$15 each evening; reservations are advised.

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2. PRBO also offers a fabulous trip to southern Mexico: PALENQUE & SAN CRISTOBAL with an extension to CATEMACO. This excursion features outstanding birding and insights into present and Mayan Indian cultures. The trip begins on Feb 16 at the ruins of Palenque, ends in Tuxtla on Feb 24, then the extension continues at Lake Catemaco until March 3.

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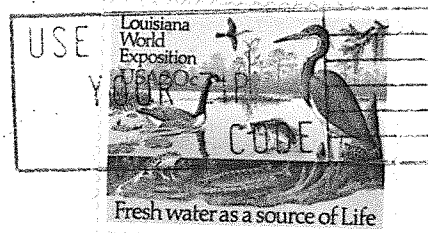
Organized in 1962, the purpose of the club is to encourage the study and conservation of birds, other wildlife and their habitat. Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month, Sept. through May, at 7:30 p.m. in Rm 221 of Darwin Hall, Sonoma State University, Rohnert Park.

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