

Kite Tales

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COMING ATTRACTIONS

Feb. 14, Thursday, 7:30 p.m. RROS General Meeting

Come hear about the Audubon Richardson Bay Sanctuary at Tiburon. Our speaker will be Beth Huning who is the Director of the Sanctuary. She will tell us about the wildlife of the area and will also show some slides.

**A special thank you to Monty Kirven for stepping in at the last minute and doing his super program on the Peregrine Falcon at our January meeting!

Feb. 23, Saturday, 9 a.m., RROS Field Trip-Tennessee Valley Rd.

Our leader will be Betty Burrige. Our trip will be to Tennessee Valley Road in Marin County. Meet at 9 a.m. to car-pool from SRJC's Bailey Field parking lot OR at 10 a.m. there. Take Hwy 101 south to the Hwy 1 exit, west about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile to Tennessee Valley Rd., west on Tennessee Valley Rd. to the end of the road - parking lot. Bring warm clothes and waterproof boots as there will be some hiking (some less than last year) over wet areas. Bring a lunch and enjoy a beautiful area and good birding!

*****SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS*****

Western Field Ornithologists 1985 annual meeting

The 1985 Annual Meeting of Western Field Ornithologists, publishers of Western Birds, will be held on Thursday through Sunday, 2-5 May, at the Palm Springs Desert Museum, Palm Springs, CA. The business meeting and paper sessions will be on Saturday. Field trips to such birding hotspots as the Salton Sea, Morongo Valley and Joshua Tree National Monument are planned for Thursday, Friday and Sunday. For pre-registration forms, please write Narca A. Moore-Craig, P.O. Box 254, Lakeview, CA 92353.

THE BIRD SCHOOL, PRBO

THE BIRD SCHOOL with Rich Stallcup will critique the National Geographic Field Guide on Tuesday evenings, March 5, 12, 19 & 26 at the Marin Civic Center from 7 - 10 PM. \$15 each evening,

ANNOUNCEMENTS (Cont.)

reservations advised. Point Reyes Bird Observatory, 4990
Shoreline Hwy, Stinson Beach, CA 94970. (415) 868-1221.

FIELD TRIP RESULTS - Skaggs Island, Jan. 27

A large group of 25 birders, including Comm. Cosgriff of Skaggs Island, joined trip leader Faye Beeman for a great day of birding. The day started out with very heavy fog in the early morning, was clear and warm in the afternoon. A total of 61 species were seen: Eared Grebe, Western Grebe, Pied-billed Grebe, Great Blue Heron, Great Egret, Mallard, Gadwall, Green-winged Teal, Cinnamon Teal, Northern Shoveler, Canvasback, Lesser Scaup, Bufflehead, Ruddy Duck, Turkey Vulture, Black-shouldered Kite, Red-tailed Hawk, Rough-legged Hawk, Northern Harrier, Prairie Falcon, Merlin, American Kestrel, American Coot, Killdeer, Black-necked Stilt, Ring-billed Gull, Rock Dove, Mourning Dove, Great Horned Owl, Burrowing Owl, Anna's Hummingbird, Allen's Hummingbird, Black Phoebe, Say's Phoebe, Horned Lark, Scrub Jay, Long-billed Marsh Wren, Mockingbird, American Robin, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Water Pipit, Loggerhead Shrike, Starling, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Common Yellowthroat, House Sparrow, Western Meadowlark, Red-winged Blackbird, Brewer's Blackbird, Brown-headed Cowbird, Blackbird sp.(5000), House Finch, Pine Siskin, American Goldfinch, Lesser Goldfinch, Savannah Sparrow, Dark-eyed Junco, White-crowned Sparrow, Lincoln Sparrow, Song Sparrow, Lapland Longspur.

OBSERVATIONS -- Hal Corey (542-8429)

12/26, Bodega Head, Cassin's Auklet, 2 Rhinoceros Auklet, Rough-legged Hawk (BDP). 12/27, Pt. Reyes area, Spoletta Ranch, Eurasian Skylark with Horned Larks, Lapland Longspur. At 5 Brooks Pond, Merlin, Green-backed Heron, Red Crossbills. Limantour Estero, Eurasian Wigeon (BDP). 12/28, Monterey Christmas Bird Count, Tennessee Warbler, Nashville Warbler, Black-and-white Warbler, Northern Oriole, Red Crossbills, 125 Northern Fulmars (JP, BL, WT, BDP). Also in Monterey Count, Lucy's Warbler, Yellow Warbler (LCB, JP, JS). 1/1, Angwin Christmas Count, 175 Canada Geese, 8 Common Mergansers, 1 adult Bald Eagle, 2 Pileated Woodpeckers, 2 Rock Wren, 3 Rufous-crowned Sparrows. In Pope Valley, 1 Tri-colored Blackbird in flock of other Blackbirds (JA, SP, BDP). 1/1, Wilton, CA near Sacramento, Lewis' Woodpecker, 2 Bald Eagles, Prairie Falcon, 2 Mountain Bluebirds, Ferruginous Hawk (TC). 1/2, Fairfield, 3 Cattle Egrets (TC). 1/5, Thornton, 1000 plus Sandhill Cranes, 40 Tundra Swan (TC). 1/6, Wilton, CA 2 Short-eared Owls (TC). 1/3 & 1/14, White-throated Sparrow, Wikiup (B&BR). 1/9, Cassin's Finch found injured on Sonoma Mt. Road - recovered and ready to be released (RM, SJ). 1/10, near Chanslor Ranch, Golden Eagle. Bodega Dunes, 5 Townsend's Warblers, Lincoln Sparrow Doran Park, Merlin. Bodega Head, Peregrine Falcon (JT, JS). 1/11, Jenner and Garcia River, Old Squaw, 300 Tundra Swans,

OBSERVATIONS - (Cont.)

30 Canada Geese and 12 Greater White-fronted Geese with Swans (BDP).
 1/12, Yellow-billed Magpies, 50 going to roost near Davis (BDP).
 1/12, Bald Eagle (imm), Wikiup (B&BR). 1/13, Bodega Harbor, Lucas
 Wharf, Old Squaw, Iceland Gull (probably of this species) watched from
 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. (BDP). 1/13, Green Heron, Golden Gate Park (DN,WN).
 Also, a Eurasian Wigeon at Golden Gate Park (DN,W&CN). 1/14, Drakes
Estero, Ferruginous Hawk (DA). 1/15, 2 fem. Old Squaw off Lucas
 Wharf (DN). A pair of Dippers along Austin Creek (DN). 1/16, Lake
 Hennessey, adult Bald Eagle still there. Common Mergansers, 9 Ring-
necked Ducks, 53 Canada Geese, Greater Yellowlegs, Spotted Sand-
piper (FB,DA,LR,HC and Mob) 1/19, Salmon Creek, Common Moorhen, Green-
winged Teal (CM,CW,OC,HC). 1/23, Tundra Swan, Corte Madera (ponds
 behind Cost Plus) (DN). 1/24, Tubbs Island, 3 Short-eared Owls,
 27 Black-shouldered Kites, Long-billed Curlews, 64 Ring-necked
Pheasants, 317 Avocets, 1 Black-necked Stilt, Yellowlegs, Canvas-
backs (FB,MOB). 1/26, Sacramento Delta Trip: Brannan Island,
 thousands of Tundra Swans - the most in recent years! Skeins of
 flying geese - Snow and Ross, Greater White-fronted and Canada
 stretched across the sky. Woodbridge Rd., Sandhill Cranes. Stockton
Sewer Ponds, Bonapartes Gulls, Little Gull, Franklins Gull, 11 Tree
Swallows, 2 Wood Ducks (RL,DE,FB,B&BR,OC,HC,JB). 1/27, Skaggs
Island, (RROS trip) Heavy fog, then sunny. Prairie Falcon, Merlin,
Burrowing Owl, 2 Great Horned Owls, Allen's Hummingbird, Lincolns
Sparrows, 2 White Pelicans (outside the island), (FB leader & MOB).
 1/30, imm Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Eastern race 'varius' at Marin
French Cheese Factory (DN,W&CN). 2/2, 3 adult Bald Eagles along
Cache Creek, Lake County (DN,W&CN).

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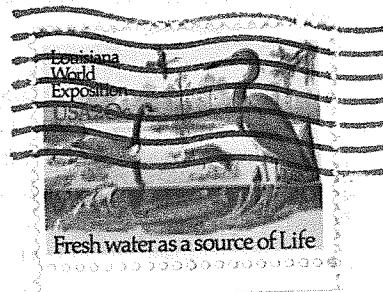
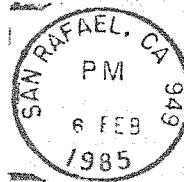
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nd conservation of birds, other wildlife and their habitat. Meetings
re held on the second Thursday of each month, Sept. through May, at
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