

Kite Tales

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COMING ATTRACTIONS

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

Our speaker this month will be Peter Leveque, "Man & the Condor". He will show slides and talk about the current status of the Condor. Mr. Leveque is a teacher at SRJC, teaching Field, Marine and General Biology. He makes an annual trek each spring with his class to see the Condor in its range north of Mt. Pinos. We look forward to a very interesting program!

Mar. 16, Saturday, 8 a.m. RROS Field Trip to Tubbs Island

Our leader will be Gerry Mugule. We will meet at 8 a.m. at the gate to Tubbs Island. This is on Hwy. 137 just east of the Sears Point turnoff on the right side of the highway. Bring the usual: lunch, binoculars, scope, walking shoes, warm jacket, etc. If you have any questions, please call Gerry at 938-2134. See you there.

*NOTE: Also on the weekend of the 16th, there is a private trip to Honey Lake leaving Thurs. eve with Rick LeBaudour and Richard Merriss and 2 others. RROS members interested in such a trip may contact Rick LeBaudour at 525-9158.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Breeding Birds of Sonoma County

Now is the time to start!! Write down the dates, location, etc. of all nests. Let us get up to date (1980's) records of nests with eggs; nests with young; sightings of downy young. Who has a record of Screech Owl nests this year? Or other owls? Jack Arnold. (539-4544)

Autograph Party for Birdwatching Author

Who: Chuck Bernstein, author of THE JOY OF BIRDING
When: Sat. March 16, 1985, 12-3 P.M.
Where: B. Dalton Bookseller
2431 Hilltop Mall Rd., Richmond, CA 94806
Contact: Gary Sebastian, Mgr., B. Dalton Bookseller
(415) 223-7942

FIELD TRIP RESULTS - Tennessee Valley, Feb. 23

A group of 13/14 sun loving birders met at 10 a.m. for a beautiful, warm and sunny day of birding (and lunch on the sand at the beach). A total of 58 species were seen in the valley area. Species seen: Arctic Loon, Red-throated Loon, Western Grebe, Double-crested Cormorant, Pelagic Cormorant, Great Blue Heron, Mallard, Cinnamon Teal, Greater Scaup, White-winged Scoter, Surf Scoter, Turkey Vulture, Red-tailed Hawk, Marsh Hawk, American Kestrel, California Quail, Killdeer, Willet, Greater Yellowlegs, Glaucous-winged Gull, Western Gull, Ring-billed Gull, Mew Gull, Rock Dove, White-throated Swift, Anna's Hummingbird, Allen's Hummingbird, Common Flicker, Downy Woodpecker, Black Phoebe, Say's Phoebe, Violet Green Swallow, Scrub Jay, Common Raven, Common Crow, Chestnut-backed Chickadee, Bushtit, Wren-tit, Bewick's Wren, Long-billed Marsh Wren, American Robin, Western Bluebird, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Starling, Hutton's Vireo, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Western Meadowlark, Red-winged Blackbird, Brewer's Blackbird, House Finch, Pine Siskin, Rufous-sided Towhee, Brown Towhee, Savannah Sparrow, Dark-eyed Junco, White-crowned Sparrow, Golden-crowned Sparrow, Song Sparrow.

OBSERVATIONS -- Hal Corey (542-8429)

1/16, Willowside Rd., 15 Greater Yellowlegs, American Bittern, Green-backed Heron (B&BR). 2/1 Spring Lake, Winter Wren, Sora, Fox Sparrow, many Double-crested Cormorants (CH,HC). 2/12, Chanslor Ponds, (Salmon Creek) Male Blue-winged Teal with Cinnamon Teal (RM,FB), also seen on 2/14 by (J&JT,HC). 2/14, Garcia River (Madrone Trip), 409 Tundra Swans (still there), 17 Canada Geese, 1 Snow Goose, Black-shouldered Kite. Pt. Arena Cemetery Pond, 17 Ring-necked Ducks, Common Snipe, Tree Swallows. Sea Ranch (Whalebone Reach), 2 Harlequin Ducks (male) - a life bird for about $\frac{1}{2}$ of the 32 birders - one well marked bird preened as a low rock close to shore and showed all colorful marks for about 15 minutes! This was the highlight for the day! Also nearby was a Pigeon Guillemot, Whimbrel and a Wandering Tattler. 2/19, Spring Lake, Brown Creeper, 3 Purple Finch, Wren-tit, Tree Swallows, Hermit Thrush (hc). 2/20, Five Brooks, 4 Gadwalls, 9 American Wigeon (Did not see Hooded Mergansers), 11 Red Crossbills; Estero Rd., Pt. Reyes, Prairie Falcon, Rough-legged Hawk, Savannah Sparrow, 2 Black-shouldered Kites (WM,CW,H&OC). 2/24, round Santa Rosa Trip (Madrone) Lake Ralphine, Western Gull, White-throated Sparrow, Northern Shoveler; Poppy Dr. Cemetery Pond, 7 Gadwalls; Willowside Rd., 3 Greater Yellowlegs (DE, Leader, et al). 2/25, Ridgeway Ave., Santa Rosa, pair of Mourning Doves (H&OC). 2/26, Sugar-loaf Park in area above campgrounds, 2 Northern Pygmy Owls calling, 3 Hutton's Vireos, Wren-tit (WM,HC). 3/3, Coyote Hills Regional Park (near Union City), day roosting Saw-whet Owl (DN, W&CN).

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KITE TALES DEADLINE: 25TH OF EACH MONTH
