

Kite Tales

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COMING ATTRACTIONS

April 11, Thursday, 7:30 p.m. RROS General Meeting

Are you curious about what's happening with the future of Bodega Bay? Well, come and find out at our April meeting. Nancy Konzett, a long-time, part-time resident of Bodega Bay will give us her "Bird's Eye" view of its past, present and future potential. Nancy is a highly respected birder and will share some of her experiences with both birds and people. We look forward to her visit.

Election of Officers - April Meeting

The nominating committee, consisting of Kathy Mugele, Deyea Harper and Jack Arnold will present us with a slate of officers for our consideration. So be sure to come and cast your vote for your favorite candidate.

April 13, Saturday, 8:30 a.m. Field Trip to Warm Springs Dam & Rockpile Road

Meet at the Warm Springs Dam Headquarters parking lot at 8:30 am. Bob McLean, leader for the trip says we can expect to see Blue Grouse, Lazuli Bunting, Western Kingbird, Western Tanager, Mountain Quail, Rufous-crowned Sparrow, Lark Sparrow and more! Bring the usual: lunch, binoculars, scope, walking shoes, etc.

FIELD TRIP RESULTS - Tubbs Island March 16

Our March 16th field trip to Tubbs Island started with overcast skies and cool breezes. We had the correct (current) combination for the gate and so avoided an extra 3 mile trek.

A dozen of us made our way around the San Pablo Bay edge of the island while the overcast cleared to warming sunshine. The incoming tide concentrated amazing numbers of shorebirds in the islands ponds. Highest numbers were the Avocets, Marbled Godwits and Black-bellied Plovers. A minor thrill for the day was being "buzzed" by low-flying flocks of Plovers and Peeps.

We were a bit short on real highlites for the day. We did see 3 Brant, a feral cat, and heard the challenge roar of a Ferrari 250GT from Sears Point Raceways. Also observed was a buteo suspected of being a Rough-legged Hawk, but we were unable to verify it's identity. We had 60 species.

FIELD TRIP RESULTS (Cont.)

The trip list:

Western Grebe	Western Sandpiper
Pied-Billed Grebe	Least Sandpiper
Double-crested Cormorant	Ring-billed Gull
Snowy Egret	Glaucous-winged Gull
Great Egret	Turkey Vulture
Great Blue Heron	Black-shouldered Kite
Brant	Northern Harrier
Mallard	Cooper's Hawk
Gadwall	Buteo sp.
Green-winged Teal	Red-tailed Hawk
American Wigeon	American Kestrel
Northern Pintail	California Quail
Northern Shoveler	Ring-necked Pheasant
Cinnamon Teal	Rock Dove
Ruddy Duck	Mourning Dove
Canvasback	Anna's Hummingbird
Common Goldeneye	Black Phoebe
Rail sp.	Barn Swallow
American Coot	American Crow
American Avocet	Bushtit
Black-necked Stilt	Bewick's Wren
Killdeer	Marsh Wren
Black-bellied Plover	Water Pipit
Marbled Godwit	European Starling
Long-billed Curlew	Savannah Sparrow
Willet	Song Sparrow
Greater Yellowlegs	White-crowned Sparrow
Dowitcher sp.	Golden-crowned Sparrow
Dunlin	Western Meadowlark
Great Blue Heron	Red-winged Blackbird
	Brewer's Blackbird

OBSERVATIONS -- Hal Corey (542-8429)

Not many Sonoma County observations reported, so this month we go farther afield!!

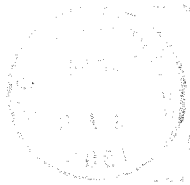
2/23, A Pileated Woodpecker plus Red Crossbills seen along Liman-tour Rd. (Marin Co.) (DN,WN). 3/8, Dippers at 2 stops along Highway 32, Tehama Co. (DN,C&WN). 3/9, In Susanville, 3-4 Bohemian Waxwings, a Goshawk and many Lewis' Woodpeckers (DN,C&WN). 3/9, American Tree Sparrows at the Dakin Unit, Honey Lake plus Short-eared Owls and a Northern Shrike (DN,C&WN). 3/15-16, Grizzly Flat, near Placerville, 12 Mountain Bluebirds, White-headed Woodpecker, Mountain Chickadee (JT). 3/16, Sugarloaf Park, Cooper's Hawk (JT). 3/16, Honey Lake. Many species of Geese, Male Eurasian Wigeon, 8 Bald Eagles.

OBSERVATIONS (Cont.)

15 Golden Eagles. Fleming Unit, 9 male and 3 female Sage Grouse. Eagle Lake, 7 Mountain Bluebirds. Also seen were many Pronghorns (RL, RM). 3/20, Jack London Park. Many Orange-crowned Warblers singing, Rufous Hummingbird, Townsend's Warbler, Pileated Woodpecker, Warbling Vireo (FB, CW, JS, JT, EH). Month of March, a pair of Wood Ducks frequenting a pond in Southern Sonoma. Also, a White-throated Sparrow a regular yard visitor, same area (BMcL).

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KITE TALES DEADLINE: 25TH OF EACH MONTH



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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