

# Kite Tales

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REDWOOD REGION ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY  
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## COMING ATTRACTIONS

### May 9, Thursday, 6:00 p.m. RROS Potluck & General Meeting

Our last get-together until Sept. will be held at the group picnic area at North Campground in Sugarloaf Ridge State Park. Bring your favorite food to share and your own silverware, plates and cups. Plan on dinner about 6 p.m., then a short business meeting followed by owling, poorwilling and lots of fun! Plan to come and bring a friend. There will be no admission charge to RROS members and guests. Directions: Take Hwy 12 from Santa Rosa or Sonoma areas and follow the signs to Kenwood. About  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile north of Kenwood, turn onto Adobe Canyon Rd. Follow this road to the group picnic area at North Campground. See you there!

### May 18, Saturday, 8:30 a.m. Field Trip to Pine Flat Road

Leader, Terry Babineaux. Meet at the shopping center at the corner of Dry Creek Rd. and Healdsburg Ave. at 8:30 a.m. for carpooling. Pine Flat Rd. offers a variety of wildflowers at this time of year including the Mariposa Tulip. Other interesting varieties can be found along the creek at Pine Flat meadows. The different habitats should allow us to see most of the spring arrivals including Tanagers and Blue-gray Gnatcatchers. (Nashville Warblers a possibility). So bring your wildflower guides as well as your bird books and lunch.

## ELECTION RETURNS

Our new officers were elected at the April meeting. Many thanks to the retiring officers for a job well done!! Our new officers are: President -- Kathy Mugele; Vice-president -- Janet Bosshard; Secretary -- Ruth Rudesill; Treasurer -- Don Johnston; Field Trips -- Richard Merriss; Observations -- Hal Corey; Social -- Shirley Myers; Kite Tales -- Jean Smith; Christmas Count -- Doug Ellis.

## DUES

Your treasurer, Don Johnston, will be happy to receive your 1985-86 dues which are due and payable as of June 1st. You must pay your dues in order to continue to receive the Kite Tales. \$7.00 for a family; \$5.50 for individuals and \$3.00 for students. Make check

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payable to RROS and mail to the Treasurer, Don Johnston, 475 Vine Ave., Sebastopol, CA 95472. Keep receiving your Kite Tales!

FIELD TRIP RESULTS - Warm Springs Dam & Rockpile Rd. April 13

20 plus RROS members and guests enjoyed a great day of birding. Highlights of the day were the beautiful warm weather, a picnic lunch on the edge of Rockpile Rd. (Thanks to our trip leader, Bob McLean), Blue Grouse, Golden Eagles and a large Rattlesnake with 7 rattles. A total of 68 species were seen: Double-crested Cormorant, Great Blue Heron, Mallard, Turkey Vulture, Black-shouldered Kite, Red-tailed Hawk, Golden Eagle, Osprey, American Kestrel, Blue Grouse, California Quail, Mountain Quail, Killdeer, Mourning Dove, Anna's Hummingbird, Common Flicker, Acorn Woodpecker, Nuttall's Woodpecker, Western Kingbird, Ash-throated Flycatcher, Western Flycatcher, Olive-sided Flycatcher, Violet-green Swallow, Tree Swallow, Rough-winged Swallow, Barn Swallow, Cliff Swallow, Steller's Jay, Scrub Jay, Common Raven, Common Crow, Chestnut-backed Chickadee, Plain Titmouse, White-breasted Nuthatch, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Brown Creeper, Bewick's Wren, American Robin, Western Bluebird, Cedar Waxwing, Starling, Hutton's Vireo, Solitary Vireo, Warbling Vireo, Orange-crowned Warbler, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Black-throated Gray Warbler, Townsend's Warbler, Wilson's Warbler, House Sparrow, Western Meadowlark, Red-winged Blackbird, Northern Oriole, Brewer's Blackbird, Western Tanager, Black-headed Grosbeak, Purple Finch, House Finch, American Goldfinch, Lesser Goldfinch, Rufous-sided Towhee, Brown Towhee, Lark Sparrow, Rufous-crowned Sparrow, Dark-eyed Junco, Chipping Sparrow, Golden-crowned Sparrow, Song Sparrow.

OBSERVATIONS -- Hal Corey (542-8429)

Few local observations reported, so we reach out to fill our space!

3/16, Bodega Harbor, Virginia Rail in breeding plumage at Rail Pond. Old Squaw, first year male. Willow Creek, Pygmy Owl, Spotted Owl hooting at Upper Hairpin turn in canyon (BDP, DJ). 3/17, Rockpile Rd., Blue Grouse, 6 males booming, 3 well seen. Several Mountain Quail heard. Yountville Cemetery, Lawrence's Goldfinch, 3 males, 1 female. 2 Golden Eagle adults. Hudemann's Slough, Clapper Rail seen and heard. Peregrine Falcon north of bridge on Rockpile Rd., 150 Band-tailed Pigeons along Rockpile Rd. (BDP, DJ). 3/23, Sonoma & Mendocino Counties, 5 Red-necked Grebe along coast. Bodega Harbor 50 Brant, male Old Squaw. Rocky shore north of Gualala, pair of Harlequin Ducks, 2 Caspian Tern. Rockpile Rd., 4 Blue Grouse in Douglas firs. In stream along Skaggs Springs Rd., American Dipper, pair of Wood Ducks (BDP, JP). 3/24, Stockton Sewer Ponds, adult Little Gull, first winter Black-headed Gull, 2 Blue-winged Teal, 2 Rough-legged Hawk (BDP, JP). 3/29, Arkansas Refuge, Texas, Whooping Crane (17) Reddish Egret, Tri-colored Heron (B&BR, H&OC).

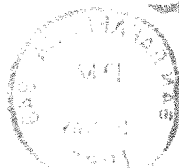
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3/31, Attwater Prairie Chicken Refuge, Texas, 3 males, several females Greater Prairie Chicken, Sprague's Pipit, LeConte's Sparrow, White-tailed Hawk (B&BR, H&OC). 4/1, Houston, Texas area, Jones State Forest, Red-Cockaded Woodpecker (3), Crested Caracara (3) (B&BR, H&OC). 4/3, Santa Ana Refuge, Alamo, Texas, Least Grebe, Olivaceous Cormorant (B&BR, H&OC). 4/9, Brooker Creek Park, Clearwater, Florida, Limpkin (H&OC). 4/11, Sugarloaf, many Red Crossbills, Black-throated Gray Warbler (FB). 4/12, Everglades Park, Florida, Swallow-tailed Kite, nesting Anhingas (3 nests), Purple Gallinule (H&OC). Lake Berryessa, Phainopepla, Canyon Wren, White-throated Swifts, Rufous-crowned Sparrow (FB) on 4/17. 4/4, Laguna Atascosa Refuge, Texas, thousands of Broad-winged Hawks migrating, 9 Chachalaca (B&BR, H&OC). 4/25, Bodega Bay, 500 Black Brant (NC). 4/25, Lower Willow Creek Rd., 3 Golden Eagles, many Osprey (FB).

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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 room 221 of Darwin Hall, Sonoma State University, Rohnert Park, CA 94928

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