

Kite Tales



Redwood Region Ornithological Society

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Coming Attractions

May 10th, Thursday, 6:00 PM - Year end Potluck Meeting
Sugarloaf Ridge State Park, Adobe Canyon Road, Kenwood

Sugarloaf State Park is located at the end of Adobe Canyon Road off Highway 12 in Kenwood, east of Santa Rosa. Turn east off Highway twelve about midway between Santa Rosa and Sonoma. Follow the road through the canyon and up to the park entrance. A fee will be charged for each vehicle so you may want to car pool. Meet at the group picnic area.

Our RROS year is ending with a potluck feast and meeting.

Picnic tables and benches are available, however it may be wise to bring along a camp chair in case of overwhelming attendance. Bring a potluck dish and your plate with utensils. There will be a brief business meeting after the potluck. Then we will go in search of those birds that have not yet visited our picnic tables. This is a great area for Poorwills.

May 19th, Sunday at 8:00 AM
Field Trip to Pine Flat Road

We'll search for chaparral, grassland, and woodland birds along the length of Pine Flat Road. Meet at the first bridge on Pine Flat Road at 8:00 am.

Bring binoculars, hiking shoes, water, and a lunch. Leader is Alan Wight. Please call Alan (weekdays 7-9 pm or weekends any time) at 763-8572 if you have any questions.

August 20th, Monday - Observations Deadline

The 20th is our deadline for Kite Tales observations. Please forward sightings to Ned Wynn 129-B Powell Ave. Healdsburg, Ca 95448 707 431-8412 or via email: ekwynn@pon.net

August 25th, Saturday - Kite Tales Deadline

Send announcements, articles, complaints, trivia, errata, letters to the editor and such to Gerry Mugele PO Box 813 Glen Ellen, Ca 95442 or via email: mewgull@ix.netcom.com

Field Trip Report
Mitchell Canyon
April 22nd, 2001

We enjoyed great weather and lots of spring birds in this beautiful canyon. Our hike started with a nice big flock of migrants which included a male Western Tanager and two Hermit Warblers as well as Black-throated Gray, Townsend's, and Yellow-rumped Warblers. Further up the canyon we had good looks at a calling Hammond's Flycatcher and two more Hermit Warblers and fleeting glimpses of two Nashville Warblers. Other highlights included 1-3 Golden Eagles, some White-throated Swifts, several migrating accipiters, and a male Lazuli Bunting.

The field trip participants were Julie Allen, Linda Allen, Janet Bosshard, Betty Burrige, Deyea Harper, Jack Harper, Richard Hurley, Rick Lebaudour, Richard Merriss, Ian Morrison, Mike Nelligan, Wendy Peterson, Cynthia Rathkey, John Rathkey, Rhio Reigh, Don Reinberg, Carole Sunlight, and Alan Wight.

Birds observed: Turkey Vulture, White-tailed Kite, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Cooper's Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, Golden Eagle, American Kestrel, California Quail, Mourning Dove, White-throated Swift, Anna's Hummingbird, Acorn Woodpecker, Nuttall's Woodpecker, Northern Flicker, Western Wood-pewee, Hammond's Flycatcher, Black Phoebe, Ash-throated Flycatcher, Western Kingbird, Violet-green Swallow, Cliff Swallow, Steller's Jay, Western Scrub-Jay, Common Raven, Oak Titmouse, Bushtit, White-breasted Nuthatch, Bewick's Wren, House Wren, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Western Bluebird, Hermit Thrush, American Robin, Wrentit, European Starling, Solitary Vireo, Hutton's Vireo, Warbling Vireo, Orange-crowned Warbler, Nashville Warbler, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Black-throated Gray Warbler, Townsend's Warbler, Hermit Warbler, Wilson's Warbler, Western Tanager, Black-headed Grosbeak, Lazuli Bunting, Spotted Towhee, California Towhee, Chipping Sparrow, Golden-crowned Sparrow, White-crowned Sparrow,

Dark-eyed Junco, Red-winged Blackbird, Northern Oriole, Purple Finch, House Finch, Lesser Goldfinch.

Butterflies observed: Anise Swallowtail, Two-tailed Swallowtail, Pale Swallowtail, Sara Orangetip, Brown Elfin, Acmon Blue, Mourning Cloak, Painted Lady, Red Admiral, Buckeye, Northern Checkerspot, Chalcedon Checkerspot, California Ringlet.

~ Alan Wight

Message from the President:

As I am presently your lame duck president, it's time to extend my thanks to all who have served with me.

First of all, I must thank my VP, Ken Wilson, who arranged such variable and interesting meetings throughout the year and stood in for me in December when I was ill. Thanks also to Bertha Rains for her unerring recording of the minutes and to Mike Nelligan, Treasurer, as keeper of our funds, to Alan Wight for organizing and leading great field trips, to Ned Wynn for taking care of Observations again this year, to Ted Eliot for the "Good Birding Spots" column as long as members submitted them, and last but not least to Barbara Gumtow and Avis Anderson for always seeing to it that we had coffee and delicious cookies.

A special thank-you must be extended to Gerry Mugele for his terrific job as Kite Tales editor. We really count on him to keep us informed and entertained with each issue.

I also want to express gratitude from myself and the entire membership to Ken for getting the ball rolling on getting our Christmas Count straightened out and to Ted Eliot for picking up the ball and running with it to a very speedy and highly satisfactory conclusion.

Congratulations to all the new and renewing officers. Hope to see you at the pot-luck when the baton will be passed to your new board.

~ Betty Groce

Observations

Species	#	Date	Place	County	Who	Notes
Red-necked Grebe	1	4/17	Doran Park, Bodega Bay	SON	DN	
✓ Black-footed Albatross	1	4/17	offshore Sonoma County	SON	DN	
✓ American White Pelican	75	3/19	Laguna de Santa Rosa	SON	DK	
✓ American Bittern	1	4/17	March N of Shollenberger	SON	RR	calling
White-faced Ibis	1	4/28	near Rodman Slough	MEN	JWh	
✓ Mute Swan	6	4/27	Shollenberger Park	SON	RR	pair w/ 4 cygnets
✓ Blue-winged Teal	6	4/27	Shollenberger Park	SON	RR	3 pair
✓ Harlequin Duck	2	3/25	The Sea Ranch	SON	DN	pair
Bald Eagle	2	3/28	North end Lake Sonoma	SON	DR, JH, DN, et.al.	Pair at nest!
" "	2	4/16	Delta Pond SRosa Creek	SON	CS	1 ad, 1 im
" "	2	4/28	Lake Pillsbury	MEN	JWh	both im.
Golden Eagle	2	4/21	Ida Clayton Rd,	SON	BG, MAS	pair
Blue Grouse	?	4/28	West of Lake Pillsbury	MEN	JWh	calling
Mountain Quail	1	4/16	Moon Mtn. Rd.	SON	DN, KH	
Greater Sand Plover	1	4/7	Seadrift, Stinson Beach	MAR	M.ob	stayed until 4/7
Spotted Sandpiper	1	4/14	Loch Lomond Marina	MAR	DN	
Bonaparte's Gull	145	4/1	Lakeville Sewer Ponds	SON	DN	
Sabine's Gull	5	4/17	Offshore Sonoma County	SON	VO, DN	
Caspian Tern	45	3/25	Jenner	SON	DN	
Black Skimmer	1	4/1	Corte Madera Marsh	MAR	MU	
Northern Pygmy-Owl	1	4/28	West of Lake Pillsbury	MEN	JWh	calling
Vaux's Swift	?	4/18	Over Healdsburg	SON	EKW	
" "	1	4/19	Olema Marsh	MAR	BG, MAS	
Calliope Hummingbird	1	4/28	Hull Mountain	MEN	JWh	male
Pileated Woodpecker	2	4/8	Oakmont Garden,	SON	BG, MAS	males
" "	1	4/27	Armstrong Woods SP	SON	RH	
" "	1	4/28	Annadel SP	SON	RH	
Olive-sided Flycatcher	1	4/18	Adobe Canyon Rd.	SON	IM	calling
Loggerhead Shrike	1	4/23-4	Stage Gulch Road	SON	RR	
Purple Martin	2	4/19	Olema Marsh	MAR	BG, MAS	
House Wren	?	4/28	Soda Creek Bridge	MEN	JWh	calling
Yellow-breasted Chat	2	4/28	Soda Creek Bridge	MEN	JWh	calling
Fox Sparrow	?	4/28	Boardman Ridge, Hull Mtn	MEN	JWh	stephensi, singing
White-throated Sparrow	1	4/5	Spring Lake Park	SON	BG, MAS	
Hooded Oriole	1	4/17	Bellvue Ave, Petaluma	SON	DN	

Observers: Christine Cohen, Betty Groce, J. Heinz, Kerry Heise, Rod Hug, Dan Kahane, Madrone Audubon Society (MAS), Ian Morrison, Dan Nelson, Vince Orsini, Dave Rawle, Ruth Rudesill, Claire Shurvinton, Myra Ulvang, Jerry White (JWh), Chris Wills, Ned Wynn (EKW)

Jack Arnold Memorial Proposal

The Jack Arnold Memorial was discussed April 26 at SSU by an ad hoc committee made up of Phil Northen, Kelly Kjeldsen, Derek Girman (all from SSU Biology Dept.) and Betty Burrige (RROS.)

Naming and expanding the SSU Vertebrate Museum seems to be the most appropriate memorial for Jack. His part in establishing the natural sciences departments at SSU will be a major theme of any tribute to him. Suggestions, in addition to a suitable Jack Arnold Museum plaque on the door of the current museum, included a permanent and prominent display case which is to include not only exceptional vertebrate specimens prepared by Jack, but also a bronze plaque with bas relief sculpture (or a complete bronze bust) of Jack, to be done by a major artist. Donor plaques for minimum donations may be a part of the plaque. Location of the display case will probably be in Darwin Hall, however the case will be built to be movable to a new campus building, which is being planned.

Costs will be considerable. The plaque can easily cost \$5,000 or more. Financing will be accomplished through a bequest from Jack's estate, the \$500 already waiting in the RROS treasury, and from fund raising efforts directed at Jack's former students, beginning with an appeal at a May 5 reunion at SSU.

The funds raised will be administered by an advisory committee made up of those present, plus Jon Winter and Mike Parmeter from RROS.

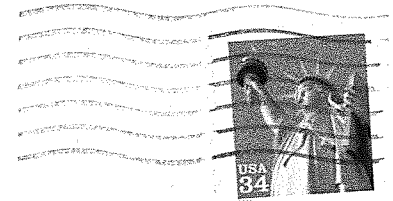
~ Betty Burrige

Redwood Region Ornithological Society was organized in 1962 "to encourage the study and conservation of birds, other wildlife, and their natural habitat." Meetings are held the second Thursday of each month, September through May. Regular general meetings (October through April) are held at 7:30 PM at the Laguna Waste Water Treatment Plant, 4300 Llano Road, Santa Rosa, California. Dues are \$15 per family, \$8 per individual, or \$3 per student for one year membership. Send dues to the treasurer shown below.

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