



Kite Tales

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Coming Attractions

Thursday May 8, 6:00 p.m. – General Meeting at Sugarloaf State Park, Kenwood

Annual potluck and evening bird walk. We will probably be at the picnic tables next to first parking lot straight ahead of the kiosk, but if there is an area free in campground, we will put sign at kiosk. There may be a parking fee. Bring a dish, warm clothes, flashlight, binoculars.

Take Hwy 12 to Kenwood, turn on to Adobe Canyon Road (Vineyards Inn at corner.) Road ends at Sugarloaf State Park.

Saturday, May 17, 8:00 a.m. - Field Trip to Geysers Road

We'll search for woodland, grassland, and chaparral birds along Geysers Road northeast of Healdsburg. Possibilities include Grasshopper Sparrow, Purple Martin, Mountain Quail, California Thrasher, and Blue-gray Gnatcatcher. Meet at the first bridge on Pine Flat Road at 8:00 am. We will drive from here to Geysers Road. Bring binoculars, 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.

Saturday, June 14, 8:00 - unofficial Field Trip to Annadel State Park

We will walk along Channel Drive and into the lower part of Annadel SP looking for nesting birds. We should see/hear pileated woodpecker, warblers, vireos, nor pygmy-owl, wild turkey, western tanager, flycatchers.

Bring binoculars, hiking clothes, water, lunch. Meet at horse trailer parking lot at the end of Channel Drive off Montgomery Drive. There may be a parking fee. Leader is Ruth Rudesill-call 833-6026 with any questions.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: Carol Fraker, Mill Valley and Donald Kirker, Santa Rosa

Field Trip Report – Susanville Area, March 28-30, 2003 by Alan Wight

The highlight of the trip was watching 14 male and at least 3 female Sage Grouse on their lek early Saturday morning. Other highlights in the Honey Lake area were five Redheads; one Whimbrel; a huge flock of Snow Geese on Honey Lake; Prairie Falcons, Sage Sparrows, and Chukars (heard only) in the rocky mountains east of Honey Lake; Lewis's Woodpeckers in Janesville; several Sandhill Cranes; and two Great Horned Owls on nests (one of which had two downy young birds poking their heads out). Eagle Lake added a Williamson's Sapsucker, a pair of Barrow's Goldeneyes, 1-2 Common Loons, and Cassin's Finches. On the way home we stopped at Lake Almanor and in Chester where we saw two Bald Eagles, three Osprey, a few Wood Ducks, and several Evening Grosbeaks.

A total of 115 bird species were observed. The field trip participants were Charlie Bray, Ted Eliot, Tony Kroha, Rick Lebaudour, Tom McCuller, Mike Parmeter, Cynthia Rathkey, John Rathkey, Don Reinberg, Ruth Rudesill, Ann Stone, and Alan Wight.

Birds observed: Common Loon, Pied-billed Grebe, Eared Grebe, Western Grebe, American White Pelican, Double-crested Cormorant, Great Blue Heron, Tundra Swan, Greater White-fronted Goose, Snow Goose, Canada Goose, Mute Swan, Wood Duck, Green-winged Teal, Mallard, Northern Pintail, Cinnamon Teal, Northern Shoveler, Gadwall, American Wigeon, Canvasback, Redhead, Ring-necked Duck, Lesser Scaup, Common Goldeneye, Barrow's Goldeneye, Bufflehead, Common Merganser, Ruddy Duck, Turkey Vulture, Osprey, Bald Eagle, Northern Harrier, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Cooper's Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, Golden Eagle, American Kestrel, Prairie Falcon, Chukar, Ring-necked Pheasant, Sage Grouse, California Quail, Virginia Rail, American Coot, Sandhill Crane, Killdeer, American Avocet, Greater Yellowlegs, Whimbrel, Long-billed Curlew, Long-billed Dowitcher, Wilson's Snipe, Ring-billed Gull, California Gull, Rock Dove, Band-tailed Pigeon, Mourning Dove, Barn Owl, Great Horned Owl, Lewis's Woodpecker, Acorn Woodpecker, Red-breasted Sapsucker, Williamson's Sapsucker, Downy Woodpecker, Hairy Woodpecker, White-headed Woodpecker, Northern Flicker, Black Phoebe, Horned Lark, Tree Swallow, Northern Rough-winged Swallow, Cliff Swallow, Barn Swallow, Steller's Jay, Western Scrub-Jay, Black-billed Magpie, American Crow, Common Raven, Mountain Chickadee, Bushtit, Red-breasted Nuthatch, White-breasted Nuthatch, Pygmy Nuthatch, Brown Creeper, Rock Wren, Canyon Wren, Bewick's Wren, Marsh Wren, American Dipper, Golden-crowned Kinglet, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Western Bluebird, Mountain Bluebird, Townsend's Solitaire, American Robin, Northern Mockingbird, Loggerhead Shrike, European Starling, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Spotted Towhee, Sage Sparrow, Savannah Sparrow, Song Sparrow, Golden-crowned Sparrow, White-crowned Sparrow, Dark-eyed Junco, Red-winged Blackbird, Western Meadowlark, Cassin's Finch, House Finch, Red Crossbill, Lesser Goldfinch, American Goldfinch, Evening Grosbeak, House Sparrow.

ATTENTION ALL LEPIDOPTEROPHILES!!!

Fifty thousand Monarch Butterflies had been marked with white tags on their wings, in an effort to track population movements. Anyone observing or recovering these butterflies should report sightings to Calif. Dept. of Fish and Game. As usual include date, location, and observer name(s).

THE CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY has a fascinating website with extensive, detailed information on endangered and threatened species, and much more. Don't miss it! It will answer questions that you didn't know you wanted to ask. www.biologicaldiversity.org.

LAST MONTH'S EXCELLENT PROGRAM ON DRAGONFLIES opened a whole new world of fascinating wildlife observation for many of us novice odonataphiles in the audience. Biologist Tim Manolis came over from Sacramento to give us a thorough introduction to dragonflies and damselflies. His slides were stunning and his extensive knowledge of the subject gave me inspiration to start on yet another quest for more knowledge about yet another form of wildlife. I think the comment that hooked me was his assertion that the best dragonfly watching occurs on warm sunny days, while the observer sits quietly in the shade by a stream or pond, awaiting for the critters to come to you – Betty Burrridge.

Tim's newly released book "Dragonflies and Damselflies of California" is available from Kathy Biggs, 823-2911.

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Kite Tales Deadlines

August 20th Observations Deadline
Submit sightings to New Wynn
via email or call between 8 am and 8 pm

August 24th Submission Deadline
Submit all announcements, articles,
trivia, letters, etc. to Ruth Rudesill
via email, mail or phone call

Redwood Region Ornithological Society 2003-2004- Officers voted in at March meeting

President-	Eric Lichtwardt	Vice President-	Ian Morrison
Secretary-	Deyea Harper	Treasurer-	Mike Nelligan

Big THANK YOU to all the outgoing officers and committee chairs for all their hard work!

Observations

Bird Species	Date	Location	Cty	#	Observers	Notes
Red-necked Grebe	4/10/03	Doran Jetty	SON	1	BGr	alt plumage
✓ Cattle Egret	4/2/03	north Sebastopol	SON	32	RS	
		near Analy High School				
Cattle Egret	4/6/03	Schelleville dairy	SON	1	CL	
✓ Cattle Egret	4/13/03	"Eucs" on W. 9 th St.	SON	2 pr	LL, PG	nesting
White-faced Ibis	3/27/03	Sacramento NWR	COL		BDP	
Ross Goose	4/07/03	HudemanSloaugh	SON	2	BDP	
✓ Cooper's Hawk	4/19/03	Ragel ranch area	SON	2	KU	nesting pair
✓ American. Kestrel	4/09/03	AH SP	SON	2	AO	nesting pair
✓ Merlin	3/17/03	Mill Creek Ln, Healdsburg	SON	1	JF	
		apparent window-kill				
✓ Merlin	4/6/03	Lakeville treatment ponds	SON	1	DN	
Peregrine Falcon	4/19/03	Table Rock	NAP	1	BDP	
✓ Virginia Rail	3/31/03	Schollenberger Park	SON	1ad 2juv	BD	
✓ Virginia Rail	4/4/03	Schollenberger Park	SON	9 juv	BD	
Black Rail	4/1/03	S. ent to Skaggs Is	SOL	3-4	DN	
✓ Black Rail	March	marsh W. of Lakeville tr.	SON	7	DN	
✓ Virginia Rail	3/31/03	Shollenberger Park	SON	1+	DH, RSt	w/chicks
✓ Virginia Rail	4/1-05/03	Shollenberger Park	SON	1ad 4 juv	Gail Cotati	
✓ Semipalmated Plover	4/10/03	Bodega Harbor	SON	50+	BGr	
Greater Yellowlegs	3/29/03	Doran Pond	SON	3	MF	
Greater Yellowlegs	3/13/03	Bolinas Lagoon	MRN	5	BGr	
Lesser Yellowlegs	3/13 /03	Bolinas Lagoon	MRN	3	BGr	
Dunlin	4/10/03	Bodega Harbor	SON	many	BGr	alt plumage
Semipalmated Plover	4/10/03	Bodega Harbor	Son	50+	BGr	
✓ Long-eared Owl	4/19/03	Penngrove yard	SON	1	RLe	calling in yard
		20 minutes				
Saw-whet Owl	3/29/03	Tocoloma bridge area	MRN	1	DN	
Saw-whet Owl	3/29/03	Limantour Rd.	SON	1	DN	
Saw-whet Owl	3/29/03	Muddy Hollow Trlhd.	MRN	1	DN	
Rufous Hummingbird	4/7- 10/03	yard, Lawrence Wy.	SON	5	CS	
Rufous Hummingbird	3/27-4/10	yard; Post St. Petaluma	SON	1	DN	
Rufous Hummingbird	4/16/03	Penngrove yard	SON	1m	RLe	
Calliope Hummingbird	4/10/03	yard; Napa.	NAP	1	D&DH	
Lewis Woodpecker	4/15/03	Pope Valley	NAP	1	BDP	

Observations -cont.

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Mountain Quail	4/03/03	Mt St Helena	NAP	1	BDP,SP	
✓Olive -sided Flycatcher	4/17/03	Kenwood yard	SON	1	IM	
Western Kingbird	3/25/03	Glen Ellen	SON	1	KM	
✓Western Kingbird	4/09/03	Vallejo Home St Park	SON	1	AO	early?
✓Western Kingbird	4/10/03	Llano Rd. treatment plant	SON	1	DN, RR	
Western Flycatcher	3/25/03	Glen Ellen	SON	1	KM	
Western Flycatcher	4/7/03	near Willowside Rd.	SON	1	CS	
Canyon Wren	4/03/03	Bubble Rock Mt St Helena	NAP	1	BDP , SP	
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	4/03/03	Mt St Helena	NAP	2	BDP, SP	
Townsend's Solitaire	4/03/03	Mt St Helena	NAP	2	BDP,SP	
✓MacGillvray's Warbler	4/23/03	Salmon Creek Rd	SON	1	TE	
Warbling Vireo	4/03/03	Mt St Helena	NAP	2-3	BDP,SP	
Purple Martin	4/19/03	Calistoga	NAP	1	BDP	
Lapland Longspur	4/09/03	Bucchli Sattiomn	NAP	1	BDP	
Chipping Sparrow	3/21/03	near El Molino HS	SON	1	DC	
Fox Sparrow	4/03/03	Mt St Helena	NAP	3-4	BDP,SP	
		grayheaded,large bill form				
Lark Sparrow	4/15/03	Pope Valley	NAP	1	BDP	
White-throated Sparrow	thru 3.31/03	Santa Rosa home	SON	2	JT	still present
Black-headed Grosbeak	4/9/03	near Willowside Rd	SON	1	CS	
Black-headed Grosbeak	4/10/03	Skyline Park	NAP	1	BDP	singing
✓Hooded Oriole	3/31/03	Home Santa Rosa	SON	2	JT	feeder daily
Hooded Oriole	4/1/03	Oakmont yard	SON	2	BGr	
Bullock's Oriole	4/6/03	Lakeville treatment ponds	SON	2	DN	
Bullock's Oriole	4/7/03	Sunnyslope yard, Petaluma	SON	1	DN	
Great -tailed Grackle	4/3-/03	Shollenberger Park	SON	1	RSt.mob	
✓Great-tailed Grackle	4/17/03	Rooster Run Golf Course	SON	1m	DN	
✓Great-tailed Grackle	4/26/03	Rooster Run Golf Course	SON	2	AW pair	

April 2, 2003 at "Laguna De Santa Rosa", there were an estimated 12,000 swallows, 80% TREE, 10% VIOLET-GREEN and 10% others, including 3 PURPLE MARTINS. (Rich Stallcup)

Observers: Dennis Beall, Dennis Cavallo, Bob Dyer, Ted Eliot, Mary Follis, Philip Greene, Denise & David Hamilton , Don Howard, Lorin Leitner, Rick Lebaudour, Ian Morrison, Kathy Mugele , Dan Nelson, Andrew Orahoske ,BDP-Mike Parmeter, Sally Parmeter, Ruth Rudesill, Claire Shurvington, Ron Storey, Jean Tonnaschia ,Alan Wight

Thank you to all who contributed to this issue – keep the submissions coming!

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 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 RROS 1653 Arroyo Sierra Way Santa Rosa CA 95405.

CALENDAR

May 8 General Meeting 6:00 pm
May 17 Field Trip Geysers Road
June 14 Field Trip Annadel SP
August 20 Observations Deadline
August 24 Kite Tales Deadline
December 14 Santa Rosa CBC

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