



Kite Tales

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Coming Attractions

**Thursday, February 12 – 7:30 General Meeting at Administration Building,
Laguna Wastewater Treatment Plant 4300 Llano Road , Santa Rosa**

Program will be: Bring Your Own Slide Night

Please bring your own slides to share with the membership. Recent trips, backyards birds, quiz birds, etc. Don't miss it!

Friday, February 20-22 Field Trip to the Tule Lake and Klamath Basin

This interesting area is a great winter spot for Bald Eagles and waterfowl. Occasionally we have found rarities such as Northern Shrike, Bohemian Waxwing, and Trumpeter Swan. Bring binoculars, scopes, field guides, lunches, water, and very warm clothes. We will be staying at the Motel 6 in Klamath Falls, Oregon. The phone number for making reservations is (541) 884-2110. Information on this motel can be found at the Motel 6 website:

<http://www.motel6.com>. We will meet in the hotel parking lot each morning (Friday, Saturday, and Sunday) at 7:45 a.m. to go out for the day. There is a restaurant available for breakfasts next to the hotel. Bring food for lunches in the field. We will plan to have dinners at restaurants in Klamath Falls. Leaders are Alan Wight and Rick Lebaudour. Please email or call Alan at 763-8572 (weekdays 7-9 pm or weekends any time) if you plan to go on this trip.

March 20, Saturday - Field Trip to Shollenberger Park

We will walk the loop at this local birding hotspot. Meet in the Shollenberger Park parking lot in Petaluma at 8:00 am. Shollenberger Park is reached from US 101 by taking the Lakeville Highway exit (second Petaluma exit). Proceed southeast on Lakeville Highway to South McDowell Boulevard and turn right. The entrance to Shollenberger Park is opposite the end of Cader Lane. Bring binoculars, scopes, field guides, lunch, water, and warm clothes. Leader is Alan Wight. Call Alan at 763-8572 (weekdays 7-9 pm or weekends any time) if you have any questions.

Lake Berryessa Field Trip Report January 10, 2004 by Alan Wight

The weather cooperated nicely, giving us a beautiful day at Lake Berryessa. The highlights of the trip were approximately 500 American White Pelicans on the east shore of Lake Berryessa, a distant Burrowing Owl in Pope Valley, a Western Screech-Owl roosting in view in a cavity in a cottonwood tree below Monticello Dam (spotted by Carol Brant), a Pileated Woodpecker working a dead oak tree on the east shore of Lake Berryessa, and 13 species of birds-of-prey, including both eagles, all four falcons, and a Rough-legged Hawk. We were unable to find any Lewis's Woodpeckers this year. A total of 75 bird species were observed. The field trip participants were Linda Allen, Sharon Audiss, Janet Bosshard, Carol Brant, Jim Clegg, Betty Groce, Richard Hurley, Don Kirker, Don McCarthy, Herb McGrew, Linda McGrew, Carol Orme, Mike Parmeter, Linda Petruvias, Phyllis Schmitt, Carole Sunlight, Jean Tonascia, and Alan Wight.

Birds observed: Pied-billed Grebe, Western Grebe, Clark's Grebe, American White Pelican, Double-crested Cormorant, Great Blue Heron, Great Egret, Snowy Egret, Turkey Vulture, Canada Goose, Gadwall, American Wigeon, Mallard, Ring-necked Duck, Bufflehead, Common Goldeneye, Hooded Merganser, Common Merganser, Osprey, White-tailed Kite, Bald Eagle, Northern Harrier, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Red-shouldered Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, Rough-legged Hawk, Golden Eagle, American Kestrel, Merlin, Peregrine Falcon, Prairie Falcon, Wild Turkey, California Quail, American Coot, Killdeer, Rock Pigeon, Mourning Dove, Western Screech-Owl, Burrowing Owl, Anna's Hummingbird, Belted Kingfisher, Acorn Woodpecker, Nuttall's Woodpecker, Northern Flicker, Pileated Woodpecker, Black Phoebe, Say's Phoebe, Loggerhead Shrike, Western Scrub-Jay, Yellow-billed Magpie, American Crow, Common Raven, Horned Lark, Oak Titmouse, White-breasted Nuthatch, Bewick's Wren, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Western Bluebird, American Robin, Northern Mockingbird, European Starling, American Pipit, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Spotted Towhee, California Towhee, Savannah Sparrow, White-crowned Sparrow, Golden-crowned Sparrow, Dark-eyed Junco, Red-winged Blackbird, Western Meadowlark, Brewer's Blackbird, House Finch, Lesser Goldfinch, House Sparrow.

Local Binocular Repair Information:

Members Betty Burrige and Mike Nelligan report on a good local resource for binocular and scope repair and maintenance. Mr. Arnold Kaye's services have been utilized by several RROS members and he has a reputation for quality service and reasonable prices. He is located in Petaluma and his telephone number is 763-3136.

Election of Officers for year beginning 7/1/04- please note:

At the February meeting, the membership will appoint a nominating committee. At the March meeting the nominating committee will present its report and a slate of officers. This report will appear in the April Kite Tales. The election will take place at the April meeting.

Old Greater Roadrunner Record**Reported by Betty Burrige.**

Greater Roadrunner, MM,DD,1981, Santa Rosa, Sonoma County, 1, Helen Lintz, This record was reported in December 2003 to Betty Burrige casually by an acquaintance, Helen Lintz (2375 Brush Creek Road, Santa Rosa CA 95404, (707) 539-3953) who had not previously reported the incident because she didn't know who to report this bird to, and doubted that anyone would believe her sighting. She identified the bird from common knowledge and confirmed it by looking in a field guide. The bird spent about 2 hours in her backyard on a warm afternoon in 1981 near the intersection of Brush Creek Road and Montecito Blvd. Helen Lintz described the noise that the bird made as a rattle or a grating grrr..., something that is definitely not common knowledge. Helen also described incredibly beautiful tiny iridescent feathers almost forming a ring around the bird's neck. The bird entered the yard after passing through an adjacent forested area, which is adjacent to chaparral, a relatively undisturbed area of theoretically suitable habitat for roadrunners.

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Kite Tales Deadlines:

February 20th Observations Deadline
Submit sightings to Ruth Rudesill,
until further notice.

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

Thank you to all those who contributed to this issue- keep them coming!

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Santa Rosa Christmas Count 2003 new record – the Townsend's Solitaire was a count first!

Observations

Bird Species	Date	Location	Cty	#	Observers Notes
Common Loon	1/1/04	Lake Hennessy	NAP	1	BDP
Eared Grebe	12/14/03	Delta Pond	SON	6	BDP,BL
Red-necked Grebe	12/24/03- 1/04/04	Bodega bay jetty area	SON	3	BDP,mob
✓ Northern Fulmar	12/24/03	off Bodega head	SON	100+	BDP,JP, DHo
✓ Northern Fulmar	1/10/04	off Salt Point	SON	52+	KAc,GMa
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American White Pelican	12/14/03	Delta Pond	SON	1	BDP, BL
American White Pelican	1/10/04	Lake Berryessa	NAP	500+	BDP,AW
Snow Geese	1/7/04	Carmody Road ponds	SON	3	RS blue phase
✓ Ross's Goose	1/11/04	Shollenberger Park	SON	4	TE
✓ Gr White-fronted Goose	12/25/03	Hudemann Slough	SON	1	BDP, JP
✓ Blue-winged Teal	1/13/04	Shollenberger Park	SON	24	KP, KM
Cinnamon Teal	12/14/03	Delta Pond	SON	3	BDP,BL
✓ Cinnamon Teal	12/25/03	Hudemann Slough	SON	20+	BDP,JP
Eurasian Wigeon	1/7/04	Abbott's Lagoon	MRN	1	KP,KM
✓ Eurasian Wigeon	12/21/03	Doran Pond	SON	3m	AW
✓ Barrow's Goldeneye	1/27/04	Petaluma River	SON	1m	RLe
✓ Ring-necked Duck	12/14/03	Delta Pond	SON	300	BDP,BL
Ring-necked Duck	1/13/04	Shollenberger Park	SON	1	KP,KM
Canvasback	1/16/04	Hudemann Slough	SON	1m	BDP
✓ Hooded Merganser	12/21-24/03	Ramal Road	SON	18	BDP,JP
Hooded Merganser	1/16/04	Hudemann Slough	SON	2	BDP
Hooded Merganser	1/1/04	Lake Hennessy	NAP	3	BDP
Common Merganser	12/21-24/03	Ramal Road	SON	15	BDP, JP
Common Merganser	1/1/04	Lake Hennessy	NAP	2	BDP
✓ Long-tailed Duck	1/27/04	Petaluma River	SON	1m	RLe
✓ Surf Scoter	1/13/04	Shollenberger Park	SON	1	KP,KM
Merlin	1/1/04	Ramal Road	SON	1	TE, DASH
Merlin	1/1/04	Henry Road	NAP	1	BDP
Merlin	1/3/04	Hudemann Slough	SON	1	KWi,RHu, JMa
Merlin	1/5/04	Hudemann Slough	SON	1	TE, DASH
Merlin	1/20/04	Lucchesi Park	SON	1	AW
Peregrine Flacon	12/14/03	westSanta Rosa Creek	SON	1	BDP,BL
Peregrine Falcon	12/24/03	Bodega Head	SON	1ad	BDP,JP, DHo
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Peregrine Falcon	1/10/04	Salt Point St Park	SON	1	KAc,GMa
Peregrine Falcon	1/3/04	Hudemann Slough	SON	1	KWi,RHu, JMa
Peregrine Flacon	1/1/04	Henry Road	NAP	1	BDP
Prairie Falcon	1/5/04	Robinson/Flannery Rds	YOL	1	TE, DASH
Bald Eagle	1/1/04	Lake Hennessy	NAP	1	BDP
Bald Eagle	1/10/04	Lake Berryessa	NAP	1	BDP,AW
Osprey	1/1/04	Lake Hennessy	NAP	1	BDP

Observations cont.

Bird Species	Date	Location	Cty	#	Observers Notes
Golden Eagle	12/21/03	Ramal Road	SON	1	BDP
✓Golden Eagle	1/3/04	Hudemann Slough	SON	2	KWi, RHu, JMa
Golden Eagle	1/5/04	Robison/Flannery Road	YOL	2	TE, DAsh
Rough-legged Hawk	1/5/04	Robison/Flannery Rds	YOL	2	TE, DAsh
Ferruginous Hawk	1/3/04	Hudemann Slough	SON	1	KWi, RHu, JMa
Ferruginous Hawk	1/5/04	Robinson/Flannery Roads	YOL	12	TE, DAsh
Common Moorhen	1/20/04	Chileno Valley Lake	MRN	5	BDP, AW
✓Clapper Rail	12/25/03	Hudemann Slough	SON	1	BDP, JP heard
Long-billed Curlew	1/16/04	Hudemann Slough	SON	9	BDP
✓Rock Sandpiper	12/24/03- 1/6/04	Bodega Head	SON	1	JP, mob
White-throated Swift	1/11/04	Skyline Park	Nap	6	BDP
Mountain Quail	1/11/04	Skyline Park	NAP	Sev	BDP calling
Burrowing Owl	11/10/04	Pope Valley	NAP	1	AW, RROS
✓Burrowing Owl	1/21/04	North Dutton Road	SON	1	DShaw being harassed by an Am Kestrel
Loggerhead Shrike	1/5/04	Robinson/Flannery Rds	YOL	20	TE, DAsh
Yellow-billed Magpie	1/10/04	Lake Berryessa	NAP	4	BDP, AW
Rock Wren	1/01/04	Henry Road	NAP	1	BDP
California Thrasher	1/16/04	Skyline Park	NAP	2	BDP
✓Phainopepla	1/4-17/04	Foothill Park Windsor	SON	1m	LHu, L&Cli, mob
✓Phainopepla	1/19/04	Foothill Park Windsor	SON	2m	AW One adult and one immature
Tree Swallow	12/14/03	Delta Pond	SON	2	BDP, BL
Tree Swallow	12/25/03	Hudemann Slough	SON	10	BDP, JP
Tree Swallow	1/16/04	Hudemann Slough	SON	20	BDP
Barn Swallow	1/16/04	Hudemann Slough	SON	2	BDP
Common Yellowthroat	1/21/04	Shollenberger Park	SON	1	LPe
Common Yellowthroat	1/1/04	Lake Hennessy	NAP	1	BDP
Black-throated Gray Warbler	1/5/04	Woodbridge Park	SJO	1	TE, DAsh
✓Palm Warbler	12/29/03	Petaluma	SON	1	KWi, RHu, JMa
✓Nashville Warbler	12/21/03	below Diekmann's	SON	1	AW
✓Western Tanager	1/9-12/04	Santa Rosa	SON	1f	Veronica Bowers in yard near caged rescue W. Tanager being held until Spring (by permit)
✓Summer Tanager	late Dec	Hidden Valley	SON	1 f	J&D HA This is probably the same bird at the feeder in Montgomery Village –Hidden Valley is just over the hill as the tanager flies.
White-throated Sparrow	thru period	Santa Rosa	SON	1	BBu & MN
Rufous-crowned Sparrow	1/1/04	Lake Hennessy	NAP	1	BDP

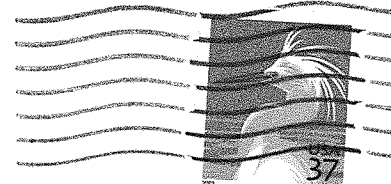
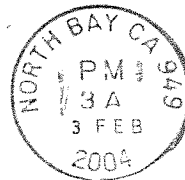
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CALENDAR

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February 20	Field Trip to Klamath Basin
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