



Kite Tales

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Coming Attractions

**Thursday, March 11– 7:30 General Meeting at Administration Building,
Laguna Wastewater Treatment Plant 4300 Llano Road , Santa Rosa**

**Program will be: A Comprehensive Inventory of Bird Occurrences in
Tomales Bay and An Update on Regional Raven Research by John Kelly**

John Kelly is the Director of Research and Resource Management at Cypress Grove Research Center, Audubon Canyon Ranch. Don't miss this exciting program!

Saturday, March 20, 8:00am - 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.

**Saturday, April 24, 7:30/9:00 a.m. - Field Trip to Mitchell Canyon, Contra
Costa County**

This beautiful canyon on the slopes of Mt. Diablo is a great place to observe newly-arrived spring migrants. It's a magnet for less common migrating birds such as Hammond's Flycatcher, Calliope Hummingbird, Nashville Warbler, and Hermit Warbler. Along with the birds come a nice variety of butterflies, reptiles, and wildflowers. Meet at 7:30 a.m. at the Petaluma Park-and-Ride for carpooling or meet at the Mitchell Canyon parking lot at 9:00 a.m. The Petaluma Park-and-Ride is located on Lakeville Highway in Petaluma just west of US101.

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Field Trip April 24th continued: To get to Mitchell Canyon, take Highway 680 south to Walnut Creek. Take the Ygnacio Valley Road exit east (this exit may only be available going north so you may have to turn around after passing Walnut Creek). Once on Ygnacio Valley Road, drive east 7.7 miles and turn south on Clayton Road. Drive one mile and turn right onto Mitchell Canyon Road. Follow this road for 1.6 miles to the end. Bring binoculars, hiking shoes, water, and a lunch. We will walk about three miles at a leisurely pace. Leader is Alan Wight. Please call Alan (weekdays 7-9 pm or weekends any time) at 763-8572 if you plan to meet the group at Mitchell Canyon or if you have any questions.

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

At the February meeting, the membership appointed 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. Please try to attend these meetings.

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Wanted: New Kite Tales Editor by Ruth Rudesill

After two years or so, is time for a new Kite Tales editor starting with the September 2004 issue. I am going to be very busy this fall and will not have time to continue. If you are interested, let me know. Access to the Internet is a must but the rest is mostly getting reports from various officers and committee people.

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Redwood Region Ornithological Society 2003-2004- Officers/Board of Directors

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Kite Tales Deadlines:

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

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

Observations

Bird Species	Date	Location	Cty	#	Observers Notes
✓Am White Pelican	2/8/04	Adobe Rd at Stage Gulch Rd	SON	6+	AWgh
✓Am White Pelican flying north	2/19/04	Northeast Petaluma	SON	30+	AWgh
✓Gr White-fronted Goose	2/8/04	Adobe Rd at Stage Gulch Rd	SON	3 imm	AWgh
✓Barrow's Goldeneye	1/25/04	Port of Sonoma	SON	1 pr	AWgh
✓Hooded Merganser	2/18/04	Hall Road Rd	SON	2	LHug
✓Hooded Merganser	2/18/04	High School Road	SON	6	LHug
✓Hooded Merganser	2/28/04	Lost Lake Ranch Graton	SON	2 pr	LPe
✓Long tailed Duck	2/26-27/04	Hwy 37 boat launch	SON/MRN	1	RLeb, DN
✓Bald Eagle	2/7/04	Laguna area Sebastopol	SON	1	PLv
✓Bald Eagle	2/18/04	High Scholl Rd	SON	1	L Hug
✓Ferruginous Hawk adult light phase, yard bird	1/24/04	east Petaluma	SON	1	AWgh
✓Ferruginous Hawk	2/8/04	Adobe Rd at Stage Gulch Rd	SON	1 ad	AWgh
Golden Eagle	2/9-23/04	trees acrossed from Lakeville Sewer Ponds	SON	2 pr	RAR
American Kestrel dark morph	2/15/04	Miller Unit Klamath NWR	SIS	1m	KWi, BOI
Peregrine Falcon	1/25/04	east Santa Rosa	SON	1 ad	AWgh
Peregrine Falcon	1/25/04	Reclamation Rd	SON	1ad	AWgh
Peregrine Falcon caught a coot	2/28/04	Shollenberger Park	SON	1	RAR
✓Rock Sandpiper	2/8/04	off Bodega head	SON	1	LHug
Solitary Sandpiper wintering bird	2/15/04	east of Woodlake	TUL	1	AWgh
✓Marbled Murrelet	2/8/04	off Bodega Head	SON	8	George Griffith
✓Glaucous Gull among the several thousand gulls there	2/28/04	Shollenberger Park	SON	1 ad	RAR
Red-naped Sapsucker	2/21/04	western Sebastopol	SON	1	RS
Rich briefly saw the bird /it was not Red-breasted/ probable Red-naped					
✓Yellow-billed Magpie	2/14/04	Nunes Ranch Pt Ryes	MRN	1	RM
✓Phainopepla	2/18/04	High School Rd	SON	1	LHug
✓Chestnut-backed Chickadee building nest in nest box	2/28/04	Kenwood yard	SON	1 pr	RAR
Orange-crowned Warbler calling	2/22/04	Spring Lake Park	SON	1	RAR

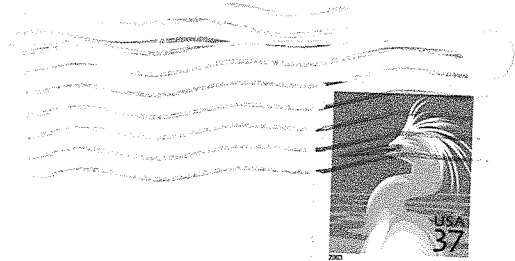
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Redwood Region Ornithological Society was organized in 1962 "to encourage the study and conservation of birds, other wildlife, and their natural habitat." Meetings are held the second Thursday of each month September through May. Regular meetings (October 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

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