



Kite Tales

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GENERAL MEETING Feb.10, Thursday 7:30

At Administration Bldg., Laguna Wastewater Plant, 4100 Llano Rd., Santa Rosa

Ken Wilson presents an account of a recent visit in THAILAND with slides and a side-bar of pelagic birds of New Zealand..

.Directions: from Hwy 101 take Hwy 116 West toward Sebastopol. Turn right (north) on Llano Rd. and go ~ 1 mile to an open gate on right. Proceed to Admin. Bldg. at SE corner of the plant.

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Coming attractions:

Feb. 21, Monday at 7:30. Madrone Audubon General Meeting: "Alaska, America's Last Great Birding Adventure" with Bryant & Diane Hichwa, and Betty Burridge recounting their June '04 trip. First United Methodist Church, 1551 Montgomery Dr., Santa Rosa

Feb. 25 – 27 RR0S Field Trip to Susanville Area. See page 2 for details.

March 5, RR0S Field Trip to King Ridge Road

March 10 – Thursday – 7:30 -RR0S General Meeting- Alan Hopkins speaks on BIRDS OF THE SAN FRANCISCO AREA and their issues.

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Betty's Favorite 'Suet Feeder' Recipe - Mix together equal parts peanut butter, Crisco, corn meal, bird seed, oatmeal, & chopped nuts. Shape into patties, and stuff into pinecones or cage feeder.



FIELD TRIPS

Friday, February 25 – Sunday, February 27 - Field Trip to Susanville Area for Sage Grouse

We will spend three days birding the Susanville area in Lassen County. Our main goal will be to see Sage Grouse at dawn on Saturday on their lek. Depending on road conditions, some pre-dawn walking may be required to get to the Sage Grouse lek. The River Inn (530-257-6051) in Susanville is the suggested hotel for this trip. Some of our group will be driving up Thursday night in order to maximize our time in the area. Bring binoculars, spotting scopes, field guides, food for lunches, and very warm clothing. Leaders are Alan Wight and Rick Lebaudour. Call Alan at 763-8572 (weekdays 7-9 p.m. or weekends until 9 p.m.) if you have any questions. If you are planning on going, please call Alan as last minute weather reports could cancel the trip.

Saturday, March 5 - Field Trip to King Ridge Road

Meet north of Santa Rosa at the park-and-ride on River Road just west of US101. Meeting time is 7:30 am. We will carpool from here to Cazadero and then bird our way north along King Ridge Road. Possibilities include Blue Grouse, American Dipper, Pileated Woodpecker, and Northern Pygmy-Owl. Bring binoculars, scopes, field guides, lunch, water, and warm clothes. Leader is Alan Wight. Call Alan at 763-8572 (weekdays 7-9 p.m. or weekends until 9 p.m.) if you have any questions or would like to meet the group in Cazadero. Heavy rain cancels.

OBSERVATIONS – January 2005 – RUTH RUDESILL

Bird Species	Date	Location	Co.	#	Observers
✓ Gr. White-Fr Goose	12/5/04	Bodega Farm Pond	SON	1	AWgh
✓ Snow Goose	12/5/04	Bodega Farm Pond	SON	1	AWgh
✓ Snow Goose	1/15/05	Hudemann Slough	SON	25	KWi
✓ Cackler Goose	1/16/05	Bodega Farm Pond	SON	1	JCI
✓ Tundra Swan	12/5/04	Bodega Farm Pond	SON	2	AWgh
Gadwell	12/17/04	Doran Ent. Pond	SON	2	DF
Northern Pintail	12/14/04	Doran Ent Pond	SON	3	DF
✓ Eurasian Wigeon	11/28/04	Salmon Creek pond	SON	1	GMa, KAc
✓ Eurasian Wigeon	12/7/04	Graton Sewer Ponds	SON	1	MH, KG
American Wigeon	12/7/04	Doran Ent. Pond	SON	85	DF
Green-winged teal	12/17/04	Doran Ent Pond	SON	159	DF
Hooded Merganser	12/5/04	Carmody Rd pond	SON	2	AWgh
✓ Long-tailed Duck	12/2-11/04	Point Sonoma	SON/MRN	1f	RS, AC
✓ Barrow's Goldeneye	12/2/04	Point Sonoma	SON/MRN	2	RS
Red-necked Grebe	12/12/04	Jetty, Bodega Harbor	SON	2	DW
✓ American Bittern.	1/15/05	Hudemann Slough	SON	1	KWi

✓	White-faced Ibis.	1/15/05	Hudemann Slough	SON	1	KW!
✓	Cooper's Hawk	12/12-16/04	Doran Park	SON	1	DF
✓	Ferruginous Hawk	11/30/4	Ramal Rd.	SON	1	KAc
✓	Ferruginous Hawk	12/3/04	Penngrove	SON	1	BOI
✓	Ferruginous Hawk	1/15/05	Hudemann Slough	SON	1	KW!
✓	Golden Eagle	12/2/04	Viansa Wetlands	SON	1	TE, Dash
✓	Golden Eagle	12/21/04	Lakeville/Hwy37	SON	2	CO
✓	Merlin	12/2/04	Viansa Wetlands	SON	1	TE Dash
✓	Merlin	12/12/04	Shell Campgrd, Doran	SON	1	DF
✓	Prairie Falcon	11/30/04	Doran Park Ent	SON	1	DF
✓	Peregrine Falcon	12/2/04	Viansa Wetlands	SON	1	TE, Dash
✓	Peregrine Falcon	12/11/04	D St. Bridge, Petaluma	SON	1	AWgh
✓	Peregrine Falcon	thru period	Doran Park	SON	1	mob
✓	Peregrine Falcon.	1/15/05	Hudemann Slough	SON	1	KW!
✓	Black Rail	12/12/04	se part Bodega Harbor	SON	2	SBI
✓	Black Rail	12/12/04	Waldo Dike	MRN	2-3	RH, TK
✓	Yellow Rail	12/12/04	Waldo Dike	MRN	1-2	RH, TK
✓	American Avocet	1/17/05	Doran Ent Pond	SON	18	DF
✓	American Avocet	1/23/05	Shollenberger Park	SON	200+	DF
✓	Glaucous Gull	late Dec.	Luchesi Park area Petaluma	SON	1ad	RAR
✓	Northern Pygmy-owl	1/9/05	Shiloh Reg Park	SON	1	DSH
✓	White-throated Swift	1/3/05	Hudemann Slough	SON	10	BDF
✓	Red-naped Sapsucker	1/8/05	Inverness	MRN	1	AWgh, JW
✓	Loggerhead Shrike	12/3/04	E. Railroad Ave Pengrove	SON	1	BOI
✓	Barn Swallow	1/15/05	Hudemann Slough	SON	1	KW!
✓	Magnolia Warbler	12/12/04	Campbell Cove	SON	1m	DW
	Same bird seen earlier in fall?					
	Rufous-crowned Sparrow	12/2/04	Annadel State Park	SON	1	KAc
	Dark-eyed Junco	12/20/04	USCG TRACEN	SON	1	CSp
	Leucistic.					
	Harris Sparrow	12/2504-1/2/05	Occidental	SON	1	Bbu, BGr, mob, CH
	Harris Sparrow	1/5-16-end of period	El Verano, Sonoma	SON	1 ad	BB, JS, AWgh
	Harris Sparrow	1/5-16-end of period	El Verano, Sonoma	SON	1 ad	BB, JS, AWgh
	Evening Grosbeak	1/8/05	Inverness	MRN	6+	AWgh
	Continuing					

Observers: Ken Ackerman, Dick Ashford, Sara Blauman, Brian Bullock, Betty Burridge, Anthony Cernac, James Clegg, Ted Elliot, Dea Freid, Kate Gonnella, Betty Groce, Mike Heffernon, Catherine Hickey, Richard Hurley, Tony Krona, Chet Ogan, Betty Olsen, Benjamin P. (Mike) Farmer, Ruth Rudesill, Doug Shaw, Cody Spaid, Rich Stallcup, John Sterling, Jim White, Alan Wight, Ken Wilson, and Dave Wimpfheimer

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT RESULTS

SANTA ROSA CIRCLE TOTALS 12/19/2004							
total				total			species
0	GOOSE, Greater White-fronted			6	HAWK , Cooper's		
0	Snow			1	accipter sp.		
0	Ross's			75	HAWK, Red-shouldered		
15	Cackling			63	Red-tailed		
815	Canada			1	Ferruginous		
0	SWAN, Tundra			0	Rough-legged		
6	DUCK, Wood			0	EAGLE, Golden		
8	GADWALL			58	KESTREL, American		
0	WIGEON, Eurasian			2	MERLIN		
161	American			1	FALCON, Peregrine		
1179	MALLARD			0	Prairie		
0	TEAL, Blue-winged			0	falcon sp.		
0	Cinnamon			1	RAIL, Virginia		
242	SHOVELER, Northern			1	SORA		
45	PINTAIL, Northern			5	MOORHEN, Common		
27	TEAL, Green-winged			810	COOT, American		
0	CANVASBACK			0	PLOVER, Black-bellied		
0	REDHEAD			204	KILLDEER		
53	DUCK, Ring-necked			2	STILT, Black-necked		
1	SCAUP, Greater			3	AVOCET, American		
3	Lesser			6	YELLOWLEGS, Greater		
4	scaup sp.			1	SANDPIPER, Spotted		
110	BUFFLEHEAD			0	CURLEW, Long-billed		
15	GOLDENEYE, Common			0	SANDPIPER, Western		
0	Barrow's			41	Least		
8	MERGANSER, Hooded			0	DUNLIN		
48	Common			0	peep sp.		
689	DUCK, Ruddy			0	DOWITCHER, Long-billed		
0	duck sp. (<i>Anatinae</i>)			0	dowitcher sp.		
5	PHEASANT, Ring-necked			40	SNIPE, Wilson's		
71	TURKEY, Wild			1	GULL, Bonaparte's		
1	QUAIL, Mountain			50	Mew		
269	California			388	Ring-billed		
0	LOON, Red-throated			167	California		
0	Common			40	Herring		
66	GREBE, Pied-billed			2	Thayer's		
0	Horned			1	Western		
12	Eared			13	Glaucous-winged		
1	Western			133	gull sp.		
0	Clark's			977	PIGEON, Rock		
0	PELICAN, American White			17	Band-tailed		
101	CORMORANT, Double-crested			241	DOVE, Mourning		
0	BITTERN, American			0	OWL, Barn		
22	HERON, Great Blue			10	Western Screech-		
114	EGRET, Great			7	Great Horned		
86	Snowy			5	Northern Pygmy-		
49	Cattle			0	Burrowing		
6	HERON, Green			1	Spotted		
31	NIGHT-HERON, Black-crowned			0	Short-eared		
184	VULTURE, Turkey			2	Northern Saw-whet		
0	OSPREY			181	HUMMINGBIRD, Anna's		
25	KITE, White-tailed			0	Selasphorus sp.		
6	HARRIER, Northern			25	KINGFISHER, Belted		
4	HAWK, Sharp-shinned			0	WOODPECKER, Lewis's		

Santa Rosa Christmas Bird Count Results 12-19-04

We're grateful to all the volunteers who did the field work, to Bob and Bertha Rains for again providing the use of the comfortable Wikiup Clubhouse, and to the compiler Ken Ackerman. The total was 135 species and 27,131 birds seen. Notable birds and high numbers are in bold print. It should also be noted that the count reveals 5-year lows among several duck species, Western Meadowlark, Tricolored Blackbird, and American Robin. This time around, the Starling far outpaced the Robin and accounted for 17% of birds seen.

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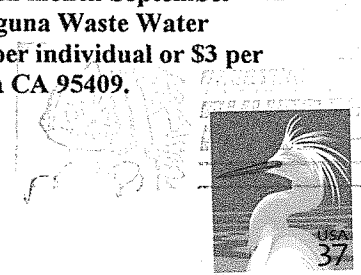
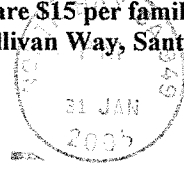
Kite Tales Deadlines:

Submit Observations to Ruth Rudesill by Feb. 20th, other items to Betty Burrigde by Feb. 25th

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 a one-year membership. Send dues to RROS 4663 Sullivan Way, Santa Rosa CA 95409.

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