

# Kite Tales

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**GENERAL MEETING April 14, Thursday 7:30 p. m.**

**ALIDA MORZENTI, President of BIRD RESCUE, and retired professor of Biology at UC Davis, will share her knowledge of and passion for raptors with us.**

Directions: From Hwy 101 take Hwy 116 West toward Sebastopol. Turn right (north) on Llano Rd. and go ~ 1 mile to Laguna Wastewater Treatment Plant at 4300 Llano Rd, Santa Rosa. Look for an open gate on right. Proceed to Administration. Bldg. at SE corner of the plant.

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**Calendar:**

**April 18, Monday 7:30 p. m. Madrone Audubon General Meeting- GERALD MOORE presents "THE BEAUTY, THE STRUGGLE, AND THE PROMISE" of Petaluma's public wetlands. First United Methodist Church, 1551 Montgomery Dr., Santa Rosa**

**April 30, Saturday 7:30/9:00 a.m. – Field Trip to Mitchell Canyon, Contra Costa County. (Page 2 for details)**

**May 12, Thursday RRROS's last meeting of the year. A picnic? Stay tuned for details.**

**May 21, Saturday 8:00 a.m. – Field Trip to Pine Flat Road (Page 2 for details)**

**FIELD TRIPS:****April 30, Saturday 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 and Hermit Warbler. Along with the birds come a nice variety of butterflies and wildflowers. Meet at 7:30 a.m. at the Petaluma Park-and-Ride (on Lakeville Hwy in Petaluma just west of US101) for carpooling or meet at the Mitchell Canyon parking lot at 9:00 a.m. To get to Mitchell Canyon, go south on I-680 from the Martinez Bridge and take the Treat Blvd. Exit north of Walnut Creek. Turn left (south) at the first light and proceed a short distance to Treat Blvd. Turn left (east) on Treat Blvd. Drive 1.1 miles to Bancroft Rd. and turn right. Drive 0.6 mile to Ygnacio Valley Rd. and turn left. Travel 5.1 miles to Clayton Rd. and turn right. Drive one mile and turn right onto Mitchell Canyon Rd. Proceed 1.6 miles to the end. Bring binoculars, hiking shoes, water, and lunch. We will walk about 3 miles at a leisurely pace and eat on the trail. Call leader Alan Wight (weekdays 7-9 pm or week-ends any time) at 763-8572 if you plan to meet the group at Mitchell Canyon or if you have any questions.

**Saturday, May 21, 8:00 a.m. – Field Trip to Pine Flat Road**

We'll search for chaparral, grassland, and woodland birds along the length of Pine Flat Road in the wake of the 2004 fire. Meet at the first bridge on Pine Flat Road at 8:00 am. 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.

**Don't forget to visit [WWW.RROS.ORG](http://WWW.RROS.ORG) !**

**HOT OFF THE PRESS: New SONOMA COUNTY**

**BIRD FIELD CHECK LISTS** (in memory of Doug Ellis) will be available at RROS meetings for the introductory price of \$1.50 each.

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**CLARENCE WOLCOTT**, avid birder and longtime RROS member, died peacefully at home on March 17<sup>th</sup>. He served our bird club well as treasurer and active member for many years. He and his wife Allane would have celebrated 70 years of marriage this coming November. RROS extends its sincerest sympathy to Allane and to his daughter, RROS member Carol Brant, and the rest of his family.

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## Observations – March 2005

Ruth Rudesill

Bird Species	Date	Location	Co.	#	Observers
✓ White-winged Scoter	2/26/05	Shollenberger Park	SON	1	TE, RS
✓ White-winged Scoter	3/3/05	Bodega Harbor	SON	2	MJ
✓ Black Scoter	3/21/05	Bodega Harbor	SON	1 m	RLeb imm
Red-necked Grebe	3/21/05	Bodega Harbor	SON	2	RLeb
✓ Wandering Tattler	3/27/05	Bodega Head	SON	1	RSt
✓ Long-billed Curlew	3/5/05	Sebastopol	SON	100+	RA
✓ Rock Sandpiper cont.	2/27/05	Bodega Head	SON	1	SH
✓ Glaucous Gull hybrid	2/27/05	Shollenberger Park	SON	1	RSt imm.
✓ Pigeon Guillemot	3/21/05	Bodega Harbor	SON	1	RLeb
✓ Eurasian Collared Dove	2/20/05	Penngrove	SON	2	RLeb
✓ Burrowing Owl	3/14/05	Sears Point	SON	1	WE, TE
					owl was flushed from its burrow
✓ Rufous Hummingbird	3/1-2/05	Oakmont feeder	SON	2	BGr
✓ Pacific-slope Flycatcher	3/23/05	Kenwood yard	SON	1	RAR
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✓ Ash-throated Flycatcher	3/5/05	Petaluma/Penngrove	SON	1	DEd
✓ Cassin's Kingbird	3/21/05	Westside Park, Bod. Bay	SON	1	RLeb (photos) 1 <sup>st</sup> County Record
✓ Brewer's Blackbird	3/4/05	Rohnert Park	SON	1m	DS (via his mom)
		leucistic - bird has a white head with white and black wings and tail			
✓ Hooded Oriole	3/21/05	Santa Rosa feeder	SON	1	JT
✓ Bullock's Oriole	3/23/05	El Verano	SON	1m	RAR
✓ Bullock's Oriole	3/25/05	Spring Lake	SON	1m	RRh

Observers: Roy Aijala, Daniel Edelstein, Ted Eliot, Wendy Eliot, Betty Groce, Scott Hoppe, Marilyn Jones, Rick Lebaudour, Alexandria McDonald, Rhio Reigh, Ruth Rudesill, Doug Shaw, Rich Stallcup, Ron Storey, and Jean Tonascia

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## Kite Tales Deadlines:

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

**WEST NILE WARNING:**

According to information gathered by and reported in Santa Rosa's PRESS DEMOCRAT on March 26th, there have already been 21 dead birds suspected of having the West Nile Virus reported in Sonoma County this year. July 26<sup>th</sup> was the earliest date that a West Nile virus bird was reported in 2004, and it was Sonoma County's first. Elsewhere, the second year of West Nile infestation is usually worse than the first. 2005 will be Sonoma Co.'s second year.

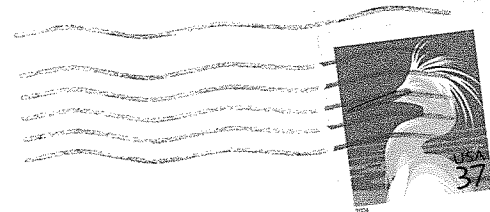
The general public is encouraged to remove all sources of standing water to prevent mosquito infestations. Individuals are encouraged to protect themselves by using DEET based insect repellent and covering up, especially at dawn and dusk. Fortunately, only 1 in 150 people bitten by a carrier may develop a severe illness. However, we should all be aware that there is no cure for this potentially fatal disease, and there is not yet a vaccine to protect humans

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

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