



Kite Tales

Volume 41 Number 6

March 2006

PLEASE NOTE:

CHANGE IN MEETING TIME TO 7:00 P. M.

+++++

GENERAL MEETING – March. 9 - 7:00 P. M.

KATE GOODENOUGH, from the USGS, tells us about

“MONITORING THE BIRDS OF SAN PABLO BAY”

Directions: From Hwy 101 take Hwy 116 West toward Sebastopol. Turn right (north) on Llano Rd. ~ 1 mile to **Laguna Wastewater Treatment Plant at 4300 Llano Rd, Santa Rosa**. Look for an open gate on right. Follow signs to Administration. Bldg. at SE corner of the plant. From Hwy. 12, take Llano Rd. south about 3 miles. Plant is on left.

+++++

***We can't solve problems by using the same kind of thinking we used
when we created them.***

Albert Einstein, Physicist, Nobel laureate (1879-1955)

COMING ATTRACTIONS

March. 11, Sat. 9:00 a.m. Field trip to Sonoma Land Trust's North Point Property

This is a repeat of the February 11 field trip, with the potential for some spring wildflowers (and continuing Burrowing Owls if we're lucky). We will explore the hilly area north of Highway 37 and east of Lakeville Highway. This is a great spot for Golden Eagles and wintering Burrowing Owls and offers nice views of southern Sonoma County. This is a nice opportunity to visit part of Sonoma County that you probably haven't visited before. We will hike about three miles and finish up around noon (though bring lunch just in case we take longer). The terrain will be rough in places. Waterproof footwear is recommended. Meet at 9 a.m. at the dairies complex on the south side of Highway 37 just east of the intersection of Lakeville Highway and Highway 37. The driveway for the dairies is right off of the highway. Bring binoculars, spotting scopes, field guides, lunch, water, and warm clothes (rain gear if weather is questionable). Meet at 9 a.m. Leaders are Alan Wight and John Brosnan

March. 20, Mon. 7:30 p.m. Madrone Audubon Society General Meeting – *Hot Topics in the birding world: ALBERTA'S BOREAL FOREST BIRDS and AN IVORY-BILLED WOODPECKER UPDATE*, by Steve Shunk, 1st United Methodist Church, 1551 Montgomery Dr., Santa Rosa 95404

April 29, Sat. 9:00 a.m. Field Trip to Mitchell Canyon, Contra Costa Canyon

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 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. To get to Mitchell Canyon, go south on I-680 from the Martinez Bridge and take the Treat Boulevard exit north of Walnut Creek. Turn left (south) at the first light and proceed a short distance to Treat Boulevard. Turn left (east) on Treat Boulevard. Drive 1.1 miles to Bancroft Road and turn right. Drive 0.6 mile to Ygnacio Valley Road and turn left. Travel 5.1 miles to Clayton Road and turn right. 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 and eat lunch on the trail. 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.

**Check out www.rros.org and
<http://Audubon.Sonoma.net> (Madrone Audubon) for
the latest birding news and information.**

Observations: January through February 2006 by RUTH RUDESILL

Bird Species	Date	Location	Co.	#	Observers
Eurasian Wigeon	2/20/06	wetland east of Sears Point	SON	1m	AWgh
Barrow's Goldeneye	2/20/06	Port Sonoma	SON	1f	AWgh
Hooded Merganser	1/23/06	High Sch Rd/n of Sebastopol	SON	1f	LHg
Red-necked Grebe	1/22/06	Bodega Harbor jetty	SON	6	BMA, GGAS
Bald Eagle	1/23-24/06	High Sch Rd/n of Sebastopol	SON	1ad	LHg, TMi
Pacific Golden-plover	1/23/06	High Sch Rd/n of Sebastopol	SON	1	LHg
Red Knot	1/22/06	Spud Point, Bodega Harbor	SON	11	BMA, GGAS
Slaty-backed Gull	2/9/06	Venice Beach, Half Moon Bay	SMA	4!	RAR,BGr
Poorwill	2/13/06	Chemise Rd.	SON	1	MB fide BBU
		At Bird Rescue Center, Santa Rosa, found near Lambert Bridge, Dry Creek Valley - Minimally injured, will be released soon.			
Barn Owl	1/29/06	Viansa Winery	SON	1	BGr
Western Screech Owl	2/22/06	Oakmont yard	SON	1	BGr in nestbox
Great-Horned Owl	2/11/06	North Pt Property, Open Space	SON	1	BGR, TE
Burrowing Owl	2/11/06	North Pt Property, Open Space	SON	4	BGr, TE
Burrowing Owl	2/22/06	Pine Flat Road	SON	1	DHo, IM, BP
Rufous Hummer	2/4/06	Oakmont feeder	SON	1m	BGr
Allen's Hummer	1/8/06	Oakmont feeder	SON	1m	BGr
Chestnut-backed-Chickadee	2/22/06	Kenwood yard	SON	4+	RAR
					Active nest in box with at least with 2 babies - EARLY
Varied Thrush	1/25/06	Oakmont yard	SON	1	BGr
Chipping Sparrow	2/11/06	Healdsburg	SON	1ad	NW
Chipping Sparrow	2/13/06	West County trail	SON	1ad	LHg
					between Green Valley Rd & Ross Station Rd (between Graton and Forestville)
White-throated Sparrow	2/13/06	near Green Valley Rd	SON	1	LHg
Painted Bunting	2/8-25/06	feeder on Bloomfield Rd	SON	1m	K&DBi, BDP,AWgh
		This bird may be the same one reported from Joy Road last month. An apparent 2 nd year male molting into alternate plumage - Photos KBI, RLeb			

Observers: Golden Gate Audubon, Martha Bentley, Betty Burrige, Kathy & Dave Biggs, Ted Eliot, Betty Groce, David Hoffman, Lisa Hug, Rick LeBaudour. Bruce Mast, Terrie Miller, Ian Morrison, B.D."Mike" Parmeter, Bill Payne, Ruth Rudesill, Alan Wight, and Ned Wynn

+++++

Field Trip Report Feb. 11, 2006. Field Trip to Sonoma Land Trust's North Point Property

Courtesy of the Sonoma Land Trust and its project manager, John Brosnan, who led the way, a small group thoroughly enjoyed a 3-hour hike on a beautiful "spring" day, the wonderful views of lands stretching to the west and south and forever preserved by the Land Trust, the greening of grass, the colors of early wildflowers, the singing of meadowlarks. Bird highlights were 5 Burrowing Owls and their burrows. The Long-eared Owl seen by John on January 7 was not in the area he had seen it, but a Great Horned Owl was.

Participants were Janet Bosshard, Wendy Eliot (of the Land Trust), Ted Eliot (her father), Michael Fitzgibbon (her husband), Betty Groce, Richard Hurley and Mike Parmeter. Birds observed (19 species): Northern Harrier, Red-tailed Hawk, American Kestrel, Great Horned Owl, Burrowing Owl, Black Phoebe, Say's Phoebe, American Crow, Marsh Wren, European Starling, American Pipit, California Towhee, Lark Sparrow, Savannah Sparrow, White-crowned Sparrow, Golden-crowned Sparrow, Red-winged Blackbird, Western Meadowlark, Brewer's Blackbird. Ted Eliot

RROS 2005-2006- Board of Directors

Officers

President	Lisa Hug	507 N. Main St., Sebastopol	95472	lisahug@earthlink.net	824-1067
Vice President	Jim Castle	900 Civic Center Dr., Rohnert Park	94928	wldfbio@yahoo.com	585-8617
Secretary	Rhio Reigh	1640 Austin Way, Santa Rosa	95404	rhioreigh@juno.com	579-3400
Treasurer	Jack Harper	P. O. Box 5254, Santa Rosa	95402	jharpertrustee@sbcglobal.net	542-1542

Committee Chairs

Field Trips	Alan Wight	1940 Bristol St., Petaluma	94954	shwand@sonic.net	763-8572
Observations	Ruth Rudesill	PO Box 371 Kenwood CA	95452	rar@pcweb.net	833-6026
Christmas Count	Ken Ackerman	477 Oakbrook Ct., Santa Rosa	95409	markandack@aol.com	538-2038
Kite Tales	Betty Burrridge	1653 Arroyo Sierra Way, Santa Rosa	95405	bburrridge@sbcglobal.net	527-0225
Hospitality	Adeene Nelligan	29 Sequoia Circle, Santa Rosa	95401		523-1116
Membership	Gwendolyn Toney	1992 Windmill Cir. Santa Rosa	95403	Gwendolyn@sonomawestholdings.com	824-2534

Kite Tales Deadlines: Submit Observations to Ruth Rudesill by March 20th, all other items to Editor Betty Burrridge by March 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 **7:00** 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, Box 5254, Santa Rosa CA 95402.

KITE TALES

1992 Windmill Circle
Santa Rosa CA 95403

March 2006



BD & S Parmeter
2500 Emerson St.
Napa CA 94558

