



Kite Tales

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April 12 -THURS. - General Meeting - 7:00 P. M.

JIM CASTLE, RR OS VP, will present his Ph. D. study of **“Night Migrants and Windmill Farms”**. Come and learn, ask questions, be informed.

How about dinner before the meeting? Let's meet at 5:30 at Star Restaurant at 8501 Gravenstein Hwy, Cotati (just west of Hwy 101, at exit for Hwy 116 West.)

Directions to the meeting: 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. From Hwy. 12, take Llano Rd. south about 3 miles. Plant is on left.

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COMING ATTRACTIONS:

April 16, Mon. “Birds of Borneo,” by Matthew Mattheissen
 Madrone Audubon General Meeting - 7:30, First United Methodist church, 1551 Montgomery Dr., Santa Rosa

FIELD TRIP: April 29, Sun. Field trip to Mitchell Canyon.**Mike Parmeter and Lisa Hug, co-leaders.**

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 Ignacio 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. Please call Lisa (824-1067) or Mike (255-67757) if you plan to meet the group at Mitchell Canyon or if you have any questions.

FIELD TRIP REPORT**King Ridge Road Field Trip, March 11, 2007 – by Lisa Hug**

About 25 RROS members gathered in Duncan's Mills on a Sunday morning to explore King Ridge Road. We started the excursion by visiting 2 different bakeries and then proceeded up the road. The weather was beautifully warm and sunny! Our birding highlights included fantastic views of the American Dipper feeding, flying and, of course, dipping. We also heard Sooty Grouse booming, and later found a couple of Red-breasted Sapsuckers that we watched for quite some time.

Species seen: Wood Duck, Turkey Vulture, Red-shouldered hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, Anna's Hummingbird, Red-breasted Sapsucker, Black Phoebe, Tree Swallow, Violet-green Swallow, Cliff Swallow, Steller's Jay, Western Scrub-Jay, Common Raven, Chestnut-backed Chickadee, Bushtit, Brown Creeper, Bewick's Wren, Winter Wren, Golden-crowned Kinglet, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Western Bluebird, Hermit Thrush, American Robin, Varied Thrush, Cedar Waxwing, European Starling, Hutton's Vireo, Spotted Towhee, California Towhee, Dark-eyed Junco, Red-winged Blackbird, Brewer's Blackbird, House Finch, American Dipper, Sooty Grouse, and Wild Turkey.

Observations - February / March 2007 Report

Bird Species	Date	Location	Co.	#	Observers
✓ Snow Goose	1/22/07	Bodega Farm Pond	SON	1	RS
✓ Snow Goose	2/17/07	pond Adobe x Wagner	SON	3	KWi
✓ Ross's Goose	1/22/07	Bodega Farm Pond	SON	1	RS
✓ Ross's Goose	1/30- 2/6/07	Petaluma River/Shollenberger Park	SON	1	CS,MW
✓ Ross's Goose	3/15/07	Lucchesi Park	Son	1	RAR
✓ Cackling Goose	2/5-17/07	pond Adobe x Wagner	SON	6-60	KWi
✓ Cackling Goose	2/19/07	Bodega Farm Pond	SON	7	FH
Canada /Gr White-fronted	2/17/07	pond Adobe x Wagner	SON	1	KWi hybrid
Blue-winged Teal	2/8/07	Shollenberger Park	SON	1m	Kathryn Parker
Wood Duck	3/15/07	Lucchesi Park	Son	1 m	RAR
✓ Barrow's Goldeneye	1/22/07	Porto Bodega	SON	1m	RS
✓ Barrow's Goldeneye	2/3-16/07	Shollenberger Park/ Pet River	SON	1 f	RSto
Black-Cr Night Heron	3/4/07	W 9th St Santa Rosa	SON	7	LT nesting
Ferruginous Hawk	2/19/07	Bodega	SON	1	LT dark morph
Cooper's Hawk	2/14/07	Kenwood feeder	SON	1imm	RAR
✓ Bald Eagle	1/23/07	Kunde ranch, Kenwood	SON	1 ad	photo Alec Peters
Bald Eagle	2/14/07	Henry Rd, eagle tree		NAP	1ad HMc
✓ Bald Eagle	2/20/07	High School Rd	SON	1 ad	T&SM
✓ Bald Eagle	3/1/07	Spring Hill Rd	SON	1 ad	LHg
✓ Bald Eagle	3/2/07	Lytton Sprngs Rd/hwy 101	SON	1 ad	TEr
✓ Bald Eagle	3/16-17/07	Bridgehaven	SON	1 ad	WP, LHug, KMu
✓ Golden Eagle	1/19/07	over Hwy101 Santa Rosa	SON	1	GW
Golden Eagle	2/25/07	Henry Rd , Eagle tree	NAP	1ad	HMc
✓ Golden Eagle	3/8/07	Shollenberger Park	SON	1 ad	BBo
✓ Long-billed Curlew	3/16/07	Occidental Rd	SON	75	DF
✓ Vega /Mongolian Gull	3/10/07	Lucchesi Park	SON	1	BS, KR, RS, mob
Photos by Brian Sullivan, Ron Storey and Eric Preston on North Bay Birds					
Glaucous Gull	3/10-22/07	Lucchesi Park	SON	1 1 st yr	BS, RS, AWgh mob
Glaucous Gull	2/13/07	Porto Bodega	SON	1 1 st w	WW
Eurasian Collared-Dove	1/22/07	Adobe Road Petaluma	SON	15	RS
✓ Red-breasted Sapsucker	2/2/07	Petaluma	SON	1	SB
✓ American Dipper	3/25/07	Cazedero bridge	SON	2+	LP nest w/ young
King Ridge Rd x turn for Camp Cazedero					
Chestnut-backed Chickadee	3/17/07	Kenwood yard	SON	2+	RAR nesting
Tree Swallow	3/8/07	Shollenberger Park	SON	55	BBo
Townsend's Warbler	2/8/07	Santa Rosa yard	SON	1	JB
✓ Orange-crowned Warbler	2/12-20/07	Kenwood yard	SON	1-2	RAR singing
✓ Harris's Sparrow	continuing	Petaluma Adobe	SON	1	ES, mob
Lark Sparrow	3/3/07	Petaluma yard	SON	13	ALa
White-throated Sparrow	continuing	Petaluma Adobe	SON	1	RSto, mob
White-throated Sparrow	2/12 -3/10/07	Sonoma yard	SON	1-2	KMu tan & white striped
White -throated Sparrow	3/24/07	Kenwood yard	SON	2	RAR 1 ad/ 1 juv
Oriole sp.	Mid-Jan	Windsor	SON	1	MM fide BBU

Observers: Sara Blauman, Janet Bosshard, Bill Bousman, Betty Burrige, Tiffany Erickson, Dea Freid, Floyd Hayes, Andy LaCasse, Mary McClure, Herb McGrew, Terrie & Steve Miller, Kathy Mugele, Kathryn Parker, Alec Parker, Wendy Peterson, Linda Petrulias, Ken Rosenburg, Ruth A Rudesill, Chris Selvig, Ed Sickles, Rich Stallcup, Ron Storey, Brian Sullivan, Glo Wellman, Myron Widmer, Ken Wilson and Will Wilson

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, and are held at 7:00 pm at the Laguna Waste Water Treatment Plant, 4300 Llano Road, Santa Rosa California, unless otherwise announced. Dues are \$15 per family, \$8 per individual or \$3 per student for a one-year membership. Send dues to RROS Treasurer Don Howard. See above for address.

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