



Kite Tales

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**MAY 10-THURS. Potluck / Meeting / Evening Bird Walk
6:00 P. M.**

**Sugarloaf Ridge State Park Picnic area
(opposite Day Use Parking)**

Directions: Hwy 12 to Adobe Canyon Rd. (at NW end of Kenwood), then N to contact station. Pay entry fee (\$5?) per car or use State Park Pass.

Bring salad/main dish/side dish/dessert/hors d'oeuvres or whatever for dinner, as well as table settings, beverages to share, and binoculars.

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NOTICE! ANNUAL DUES ARE BEING RAISED.

This is the first raise in dues since almost anyone can remember. And we all know that almost everything is more expensive these days.

SO..... PLEASE, be prepared to pay

\$20 per family, \$15 per individual, \$5 per student

New fiscal year starts July 1. Send checks to Treasurer, Don Howard. (See page 4.) Those wise and generous enough to have already paid 1 or more years in advance will be grandfathered in at the old rate until their dues are once again payable.

COMING ATTRACTIONS:

May 19, Sat. RROS Field Trip to Pine Flat Road (Mayacamas Mountains Audubon Sanctuary)

May 21, Mon. Madrone Audubon Potluck Dinner 6:00 PM/Annual Meeting 7:30 PM Annual awards presentations plus "Restoring a Sierra Watershed and its Effect on Bird Populations" by **Jim Steele**, Director of SF State's Sierra Nevada Field Campus. First United Methodist Church, 1551 Montgomery Dr., Santa Rosa.

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NEXT FIELD TRIP:

May 19, Sat. Field trip to Pine Flat Rd. (Mayacamas Mountains Audubon Sanctuary) 8:30 AM

Mike Parmeter and Lisa Hug, co-leaders. Call Lisa for questions (824-1067). Meet at the first bridge on Pine Flat Rd, just east of the intersection of Pine Flat Road and Alexander Valley Rd./Hwy 128. Bring lunch and liquids, binocs. and scopes etc.

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April 29 MITCHELL CANYON FIELD TRIP REPORT

Eighteen people, including several new birders, met for a pleasant bird hike at Mitchell Canyon on the slopes of Mt. Diablo, under the very able leadership of Lisa Hug and Mike Parmeter. Highlights included a stunning Townsend's Warbler bathing within 10 feet of the group, as well as a California whiptail (lizard), and many butterflies. A total of 49 species of birds were identified. While many migrants had already passed through the area, Black-headed grosbeaks, Blue-gray Gnatcatchers, White-throated Swifts, and many other summer residents were present.

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NEW FIELD TRIP CHAIRPERSON Ellen Blustein asks for our support as she undertakes the seemingly formidable task of the organization of RROS field trips. Since she is not familiar with all of our traditional field trip locations, she will welcome both assistance in leading trips, and information about our destinations. Thank you, Ellen.

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Observations March - April 2007 Report by Ruth Rudesill

Bird Species	Date	Location	Co.	#	Observers
Cackling Goose	4/8/07	Lake Stafford	MRN	4	RS Aleutian
Ross's Goose	4/1/07	Lucchesi Park	SON	1	AW
✓ Brant	4/21/07	Bodega Harbor	SON	3000	RS
Wood Duck	4/1/07	Lucchesi Park	SON	1m	AW
✓ Mandarin Duck	4/14/07	Gehricke Rd Sonoma	SON	1f	KN nesting
✓ Redhead	4/1/07	Hudemann Slough	SON	1pr	BSp
Harlequin Duck	3/26/07	Tomaes Bay	MRN	1f	RS
Red-necked Grebe	4/14/07	Bodega Jetty area	SON	3	RS
✓ Cattle Egret	4/2/07	9 th St rookery Santa Rosa	SON	Sev	LT nesting
White-faced Ibis	4/8/07	Rush Creek	MRN	9	RS
Merlin	3/28/07	Willowside Rd	SON	1	DEd
✓ Pacific Golden-plover	4/1-13/07	Shollenberger Park	SON	5-6	AW, RS
✓ Red Knot	4/14-23/07	Bodega Harbor	SON	2-9	RS, LB
Sanderling	3/31/07	Bodega Harbor	SON	1	RM deformed bill
✓ Glaucous Gull	3/26-4/1/07	Lucchesi Park, Petaluma	SON	2	AW, RS 1 st winter
✓ Black-legged Kittiwake	4/14/07	Spud Point Marina	SON	1ad	RS
✓ Franklin's Gull	4/7-21/07	Bodega Bay	SON	1	RS, RD, DB
✓ Rufous Hummingbird	4/12/07	Occidental	SON	1m	EE
✓ Rufous Hummingbird	4/19/07	Cazedero	SON	1m	DB, PCo
Western Kingbird	4/4/07	Carriger Rd	SON	1	KM
Cedar Waxwing	4/1/07	Temelec	SON	100+	DR
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	4/23/07	Sugarloaf Park	SON	1	KKP
Black-headed Grosbeak	4/8/07	Cazadero	SON	1m	DB, PCo
Wilson's Warbler	3/30/07	East Side Rd	SON	6	DEd
Lark Sparrow	4/10/07	Sonoma Mt	SON	4	CB
White-throated Sparrow	3/25-4/23/07	Kenwood yard	SON	2	RAR stayed late
White-throated Sparrow	4/4-22/07	Sonoma yard	SON	1	KM
White-throated Sparrow	4/7/07	Tolay Lake park	SON	1	PC
White-throated Sparrow	4/14/07	Shollenberger Park	SON	1juv	RAR, AL, mob
White-throated Sparrow	4/19/07	Gehricke Rd Sonoma	SON	2	KN
Bullocks Oriole	4/1/07	Gehricke Rd Sonoma	SON	1m	KN
✓ Hooded Oriole	3/28-3/14/07	Gehricke Rd Sonoma	SON	1pr	KN
✓ Grackle sp	4/22/07	Spring Lake	SON	1	JB, RRh

Observers: Dennis Beall, Len Blumin, Janet Bosshard, Cynthia Boyer, Dan Brown, Betty Burrige, Peter Colasanti, Pam Conley, Daniel Edelstein, Emily Evans, Andy LaCasse, Roger Marlowe, Kathy Mugele, Karen Nagel, Kathi Karr Province, Rhio Reigh, Debra Rogers, Ruth A. Rudesill, Bob Speckels, Rich Stallcup, Laurence Taylor, and Alan Wight

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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, and are held at 7:00 pm at the Laguna Waste Water Treatment Plant, 4300 Llano Road, Santa Rosa California, unless otherwise announced. **Dues for 2007 - '08 are now \$20 per family, \$15 per individual or \$5 per student for a one-year membership. Send dues to RROS Treasurer Don Howard. See page 4 for address.**

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