



Kite Tales

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General Meeting, Thursday, March 13, 7:00 pm

KEN WILSON will take us to see the wonders of nature in a small & largely undisturbed independent country in NE South America

GUYANA: A LAND OF PRISTINE HABITATS

Directions to the meetings: 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.

Let's try A NEW PLACE for dinner before the meeting!

See you at 5:30 pm at the historic **WASHOE HOUSE**. From Hwy 101 go west on 116 for about 1 1/2 miles to Stony Pt. Rd., then left on SP about 2 miles to the Washoe House on the corner of Roblar Rd. and Stony Pt.

TIME TO ELECT NEW OFFICERS FOR '08 -'09

Please consider nominating yourself for one of the openings listed below. The Board of Directors **guarantees** ample support and guidance for any newcomer.

Visualize yourself as: Vice-President, Secretary, or Kite Tales Editor

FIELD TRIPS

Thurs, March 27 – Sun. March 30 Anza-Borrego Desert State Park

Anza-Borrego in spring! Wildflowers, birds, butterflies, the timing each spring is different but it is always beautiful.

Two campsites at the Tamarisk Grove Campground are reserved. Each accommodates 2 vehicles and up to 8 people, and are reserved Thursday-Sunday nights. Motels are available in Borrego Springs.

Field trips will be Friday - Sunday. Meeting place and time TBA.

RROS members Peter Colasanti and Andy Lacasse will be pre-scouting the area.

Carpooling and camping reservations are a must. Make \$25 check out to RROS-camp site deposit, & mail to 979 Hogwarts Circle ASAP to hold your campsite. Please call Betty Burrige 707-527-0225 to confirm that you will attend, whether staying in a motel or camp site, if you have not already pre-registered with Ellen Blustein.

Sunday, April 13- King Ridge Road

Spring birds and wildflowers. Meet 8am in Duncan's Mills, near the shops, south side of River Road (Hwy 116). Bring optics, water, food, sunscreen, hat, layers. Lisa Hug and Ellen Blustein co-leaders. Questions; call Ellen after March 15. Phone 707-789-0970.

Saturday, May 10- Geysers Road

Meet 8 am at the first bridge on Pine Flat Road. We will drive from there to Geysers Road. Possible birds include Grasshopper Sparrow, Purple Martin, Mountain Quail, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher. Bring optics, water, food, sunscreen hats etc. Co-leaders Lisa Hug and Ellen Blustein. Questions call Ellen after March 15 at 707-789-0970.

FIELD TRIP REPORT Feb 16, 0'08 - Davis Area & Wetlands

Our trip to Vic Fazio Wildlife Refuge was redirected to the Davis Wetlands & Sewer Ponds, due to high water on the Refuge. Nonetheless, we had a great turn out, 20 birders, and a total of 75 species. Highlights included: Yellow-headed Blackbird, Cliff Swallows, American Bittern, five blue phase Snow Geese, Rough-legged Hawk, Thayer's Gull and a day roost of 150+ Black-crowned Night Herons as reported by Rick Le Baudour (leader.)

Participants: Sharon Audiss, Charlene Burge, Betty Burrige, Jim Castle, Bill Doyle, Betty Groce, Jack Harper, Gary & Terry Hoog, Don Howard, Richard Hurley, Don Kirker, Helen Kochenderfer, Don McCarthy, Bob McLean, Michael Nelligan, BD Parmeter, Elaine Pruett, Don Reinberg, and Michael Stevenson

Species List: Pied-billed Grebe, Eared Grebe, Western Grebe, Am White Pelican, Double-crested Cormorant, American Bittern, Great Blue Heron, Great Egret, Snowy Egret, Black-cr. Night Heron, White-faced Ibis, Turkey Vulture, Gr White-fronted Goose, Cackling Goose, Canada Goose, Snow Goose, Ross's Goose, Tundra Swan, Gadwall, American Wigeon, Mallard, Blue-winged Teal, Cinnamon Teal, Northern Shoveler, Northern Pintail, Green-winged Teal, Canvasback, Lesser Scaup, Bufflehead, Common Goldeneye, Ruddy Duck, White-tailed Kite, Northern Harrier, Red-tailed Hawk, Rough-legged Hawk, American Kestrel, Ring-necked Pheasant, Common Moorhen, American Coot, Sandhill Crane, Killdeer, American Avocet, Greater Yellowlegs, Long-billed Curlew, Common Snipe, Bonaparte's Gull, Ring-billed Gull, California Gull, Herring Gull, Thayer's Gull, Glaucous-winged Gull, Forster's Tern, Rock Pigeon, Black Phoebe, Say's Phoebe, Yellow-billed Magpie, American Crow, Common Raven, Tree Swallow, Cliff Swallow, Marsh Wren, Western Bluebird, European Starling, American Pipit, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Savannah Sparrow, Song Sparrow, Lincoln's Sparrow, White-crowned Sparrow, Golden-crowned Sparrow, Red-winged Blackbird, Western Meadowlark, Yellow-headed Blackbird, Brewer's Blackbird, House Sparrow

Redwood Region Ornithological Society (WWW.RROS.org) 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, at 7:00 pm at the Laguna Waste Water Treatment Plant, 4300 Llano Road, Santa Rosa California, unless otherwise announced. Dues are \$20 per family, \$15 per individual or \$5 per student for a one-year membership. Send dues to RROS Treas. Don Howard, 979 Hogwarts Circle, Petaluma CA 94954.

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Kite Tales Deadlines: Submit Observations by March. 20thth to Ruth Rudesill, all other items to Editor Betty Burr ridge by March.25.

Observations - Jan - Feb 2008 – Ruth Rudesill

<u>Bird Species</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Co.</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>Observers</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Gr White-fronted Goose	2/7/08	Buchli Station Rd	NAP	13	JLu	
Cackling Goose	1/12/08	Pope Valley	NAP	4	BDP, RLeb, mob	
✓ Cackling Goose	1/18/08	near Petaluma River	SON	20	CSel	
Cackling Geese	2/7/08	Buchli Station Rd	NAP	25	JLu	
✓ Tundra Swan	2/9-17/08	Valley Ford pond area	SON	4	C&Lu, DQ, CLou	
✓ Tundra Swan	2/3/08	field near Sears Pt	SON	1	RAR	
✓ Green-winged Teal	2/18/08	Sonoma Baylands	SON	1 m	RS	Eurasian race
✓ White-winged Scoter	2/7/08	coastal Sonoma Cty	SON	200+	JLu	
✓ Long-tailed Duck	1/29-2/20/08	Bodega Harbor	SON	1-3	L&CLu, HK, DF, LHg, LBI	
✓ Hooded Merganser	1/27/08	Pressley Rd	SON	1pr	D&BH	
✓ Hooded Merganser	2/15/08	Nagasawa Park, SR	SON	12	AWgh	3m, 9f
Red-necked Grebe	2/5-20/08	Bodega Harbor/channel	SON	1-2	BDP, JLu, CLou, LHg	
Laysan Albatross	2/2008	Pt Arena	MEN	1 ad	BGr	continuing
Bald Eagle	1/12/08	Lake Hennessy	NAP	2 ad	BDP, RLeb, mob	
Bald Eagle	1/12/08	N end of Lake Berryessa	NAP	2 ad	BDP, RLeb, mob	
✓ Bald Eagle	2/3/08	Petaluma yard	SON	1ad	ALa	flyover
✓ Bald Eagle	2/10/08	Russian River upper	SON	1ad	TEr	
Bald Eagle	2/16/08	Bolinas Lagoon	MRN	2	G&AW	
✓ Ferruginous Hawk	1/12/08	Pope Valley/ L Berryessa	NAP	2	BDP, RLeb, mob	
✓ Ferruginous Hawk	2/14/08	south Adobe Rd near 116	SON	1 ad	RAR	continuing
Merlin	1/12/08	E side Lake Berryessa	NAP	1	BDP, RLeb, mob	
Merlin	2/5/08	top Sonoma Mountain	SON	1	CBo	
Peregrine Falcon	1/12/08	Sage Cyn Rd/L. Berryessa	NAP	2	BDP, RLeb, mob	
Prairie Falcon	1/12/08	E side Lake Berryessa	NAP	1	BDP, RLeb, mob	
✓ Surfbird	1/23/08	below Bodega Head	SON	25+	PP	
Bonaparte's Gull	1/29/08	Doran Park pond	SON	2	DF	
✓ Glaucous Gull	2/9-19/08	Petaluma / Shollenberger Park	SON	3	RS, BDoy, LBI	
✓ Glaucous Gull	2/20/08	mouth of Salmon Creek	SON	1	LHg	
✓ Rhinoceros Auklet	2/17/08	Off Bodega Head	SON	1	HK	
✓ Burrowing Owl	2/6/08	NW corner of Hwy 37xLakeville Hwy	SON	1	BBu, KMU	
✓ Burrowing Owl	2/5-15/08	Bodega Head	SON	1	BDP, JL, L&C Lu, CLou, FOI	
✓ Lewis's Woodpecker	thru period	Crane Creek Reg. Park	SON	2-3	DQ	continuing
Lewis's Woodpecker	1/12/08	N end Lake Berryessa	NAP	250+	BDP, RLeb, mob	high #
Vermilion Flycatcher	2/9/08	Gray Lodge SWR	BUT	1 f	TE, RAR mob	
Loggerhead Shrike	1/13/08	Buchli Station Rd	NAP	3	BDP	

✓ Loggerhead Shrike	1/18/08	Stage Gulch Rd	SON	1	CSeI	continuing
Horned Lark	1/13-27/08	Buchli Station Rd	NAP	10-14	BDP, JLu	
Tree Swallow	1/12/08	N end of Lake Berryessa	NAP	6	BDP, RLeb, mob	
Rock Wren	1/12/08	east side Farm Rd	NAP	1	BDP, RLeb, mob	
Mountain Bluebird	1/13-27/08	Buchli Rd area	NAP	8-10	BDP, JLu	
✓ Summer Tanager	1/20-27/08	private Santa Rosa	SON	1 f	AH	
White-throated Sparrow	1/27/08	Santa Rosa yard	SON	1	BBu	tan-striped
Tricolored Blackbird	1/12/08	east side Lake Berryessa	NAP	2 m	BDP, RLeb, mob	
Gray-crowned Rosy Finch		Aspendell	INYO	42	BMc	

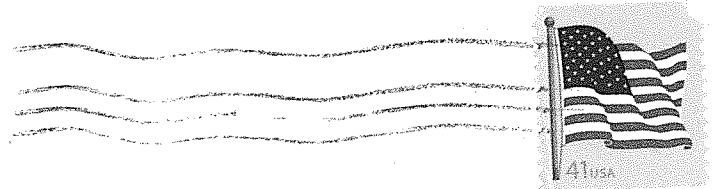
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Tom Rusert reports – The (now identified) Magnificent Frigatebird was successfully released February 5 on the cliffs at the backside of Santa Catalina Island. Marie Travers, IBRRC's Assistant Rehabilitation Manager at IBRRC's Cordelia rehabilitation center said that the release could not have gone any better, which was a relief for all who have taken care of the bird for the last month. The bird flew out of its cage and circled in the air for a long time, eventually flying away. Pictures and story -<http://intbirdrescue.blogspot.com/> The bird was found in Healdsburg after a storm 1-05-08.

WELCOME AND THANKS TO: new member Bill Doyle from San Diego, and generous donors Elmer Dudik & Robin Beeman

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