

KITE TALES

REDWOOD REGION ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY
SANTA ROSA, CALIF. NOVEMBER 1967

LYNN STAFFORD TO TALK ON HAWAIIAN BIRDS

The regular monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, the ninth, at 8 P.M. in Room 112 of the Charles Darwin Hall of Science at Sonoma State College.

We shall have the pleasure of an account of a birding-camping session in the Hawaiian Islands by Lynn Stafford, who spent some time there this past summer. The talk will be illustrated by slides of species and places.

Come along and bring a friend.

NOVEMBER FIELD TRIP TO CONN LAKE, NAPA CO.

The field trip will be held on Saturday, November 18. In order to expedite a car-pool, the initial gathering point will be at the Lake Ralphine parking lot in time to leave for Napa County by 8 A.M. Those who wish to proceed directly there may join the main party at 9 A.M. in the Napa County park just below the dam. Some of the species noted by the R.R.O.S. there on previous trips have been: Canada and Snow Geese, Redhead, Pileated Woodpecker, and Rufous-crowned Sparrow. Whistling Swans have been present on the lake this season, also.

Those who attended the October meeting were richly rewarded by A. Warren Larson's talk and beautiful color film on the Great Gray Owl. His superb photography of nature in a mountain meadow, and particularly the scenes of the nest-site activities of the owls, coupled with his keen enthusiasm for the subject were delightful to his highly appreciative audience.

Marta Mayer is to be thanked for the tasty refreshments on hand for our "coffee break" following the meeting.

The October field trip was held to, and in the vicinity of, the Point Reyes Bird Observatory under the able leadership of our president, Jack Guggolz. Clouds, with even a few gentle raindrops, kept the temperatures to pleasant levels during our walk. 56 species were recorded. About a dozen species from the traps and nets were being banded and recorded, so close-up views of such

items as Townsend Warblers and Yellow-bellied Sapsucker were enjoyed. (By us, at least!) Late House Wrens and a Hermit Warbler shared the spotlight in our observations with an almost fully albino Nuttall White-crowned Sparrow. It was one of a brood of four which were hatched there this season.

Species noted:

Red-throated Loon	Say Phoebe	Audubon Warbler
Western Grebe	Steller Jay	Townsend Warbler
Brown Pelican	Scrub Jay	Hermit Warbler
Erandt Cormorant	Chestnut-backed Chickadee	Red-winged Blackbird
Great Blue Heron	Common Bushtit	Tri-colored Blackbird
White-winged Scoter	Red-breasted Nuthatch	Brewer Blackbird
Turkey Vulture	Wren	Brown-headed Cowbird
Sharp-shinned Hawk	House Wren	Purple Finch
Cooper Hawk	Winter Wren	House Finch
Red-tailed Hawk	Bewick Wren	Pine Siskin
Sparrow Hawk	Robin	American Goldfinch
California Quail	Varied Thrush	Lesser Goldfinch
Western Gull	Hermit Thrush	Rufous-sided Towhee
Band-tailed Pigeon	Western Bluebird	Oregon Junco
Anna Hummingbird	Golden-crowned Kinglet	White-crowned Sparrow
Red-shafted Flicker	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	Golden-cr. Sparrow
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	Starling	Fox Sparrow
Hairy Woodpecker	Hutton Vireo	Song Sparrow
Black Phoebe	Yellow Warbler	

Our club has suddenly attained international status through the membership of Steve Brocco who has now established his residence in Victoria, British Columbia. Thanks for your interest, Steve.

Let's be alert for means to combat the proposal to utilize the marshes of Petaluma River in Marin and Sonoma Counties as a dumping area for the garbage of the S.F. Bay Area.

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