



The Kite Call

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Calendar

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Membership Meetings

- Date:** February 4 **Time:** 7:30 PM
- Place:** Pleasanton Middle School Library
5001 Case Avenue
- Topic:** OAS Ecotourists in Hawai'i, 2002
Phil and Pat Gordon

Ten intrepid Transectors joined leaders, Pat and Phil Gordon, on the Hawai'i Summer Trip 2002 to explore many seldom-visited spots on the Big Island, O'ahu and Kaua'i. The group saw many endangered species of which HI has the highest concentration in the U. S. (For a more detailed description and directions to Pleasanton Middle School, please see the January Kite Call.)

- Date:** March 4, 2003 **Time:** 7:30PM
- Place:** Carleton Plaza of Fremont
3800 Walnut Avenue, Fremont
- Topic:** Birding in South Texas
Mike Danzenbaker and Lee Hung

Mike Danzenbaker and Lee Hung will present a program on birding in South Texas, one of the best birding spots in the country. During spring migration, the Gulf Coast of Texas is hard to beat for viewing warblers, orioles, thrushes, buntings, and

other neotropical migrants. It is also a great place for nesting waterbirds. Away from the coast there are two endemic endangered species in the Edwards Plateau and a number of Mexican species in the Rio Grand Valley.

Mike started birding on the East Coast when he was very young. After moving to California in 1985, he started photographing birds in earnest and has traveled to every continent for birds. Mike's photos have appeared in *Birding*, *Birder's World*, *Living Bird Quarterly*, *WildBird*, and various other magazines, as well as *Audubon* and *Birder's World* calendars. They also appear in several books, including most of the recent photo field guides, such as the Kaufmann and Stokes' Guides and the Thayer CDROM. To see more of his bird images, check out his website at: www.avesphoto.com, which contains more than 1000 images of birds.

Lee has been a birder for nearly 20 years and has also had a great deal of experience birding in exotic locations.

To reach the meeting place, take I-880 to the Mowry Avenue off-ramp, then Mowry east (inland) to Fremont Blvd. Turn right on Fremont Blvd, then left on Walnut. Carleton Plaza of Fremont is on Walnut between Fremont Blvd. and Paseo Padre.

- Date:** April 1 **Time:** 7:30PM
- Place:** Alameda County Flood Control Bldg.
951 Turner Court, Room 2308, Hayward
- Topic:** Common Insects and Their Relatives

You won't want to miss our membership meeting on April 1, featuring a program by well-known naturalist Bob Stewart, author of *Common Butterflies of California*. We hope you will be able to join us. (More details in the next Kite Call.)

All are welcome to Ohlone Audubon events. Please bring your reusable cup to meetings to enjoy hot or cold beverages with volunteers' cookies after the presentation. You are encouraged to volunteer cookies for this or future meetings, please call Sara Mathews: (510)655-4485 —MLT

Field Trips

Feb. 20, Thu., 9:30AM, Coyote Hills Regional Park, Leaders: Willie and Friends (510) 351-9301 \$

We will look for wintering birds—hummingbirds, sparrows, even owls. This is a half-day trip; bring lunch for list review at noon. Meet in the parking lot by the visitor center.

Reach Coyote Hills from I-880 by taking SR-84 toward the bay and turning off at the Thornton exit. Go north on Paseo Padre Parkway to Patterson Ranch Road, which goes into the park. Follow the road to the end where the parking is located. Coyote Hills has a \$4 entrance fee.

Feb 22-23, Sat. & Sun., 9AM, San Joaquin Valley Refuges and Little Panoche Road, Phil & Pat Gordon (510)538-3550

We are going to make our annual jaunt to the southern refuges. Saturday will be spent brushing up on waterfowl ID, and sorting through ducks and geese for that “rare” one. We will bird the two refuges, San Luis and Merced, but bird O’Neil Forebay first. Sunday we will head south to Little Panoche Road, looking for the specialties—Mountain Plovers, Vesper Sparrows, and lots of raptors. Meet each morning at the O’Neil Forebay. To reach the O’Neil Forebay parking area, Take I-5 South to Santa Nella, and then south on SR-33. We will plan to have dinner at The Wool Growers Inn, a Basque restaurant in Los Banos. Campers can spend the night at the Basalt Campground at San Luis Reservoir. Motels in the area include Motel 6, (209) 826-6644, or the Holiday Express, (209) 826-8282, among others.

For more information give Phil or Pat a call. Trip will go rain or shine. Only heavy flooding cancels.

Feb. 23, Sun., 9-11AM, Birding by Bike at Quarry Lakes Regional Recreation Area, Alameda Creek, and Niles Community Park. Leader: Art Carey (510) 794-1910.

A leisurely ride along trails will let us cover more ground exploring the recreational area and stopping at hot spots. Possibilities include scaup, White Pelicans, Ring-necked Ducks, grebes, egrets, herons, and Wood Ducks.

We’ll meet at the main entrance to the recreation area at 2250 Isherwood Way in Fremont. From Highway 880, exit at Decoto Road. Drive east on Decoto a little more than 1 mile, then turn south (right) onto Paseo Padre Parkway. Drive about 0.7 mile, then turn left onto Isherwood Way. Identify yourself at the entrance as an OAS member for free admission and turn right at the stop sign. Drive to the second restroom between the two picnic pavilions. Rain cancels.

Feb. 27, Thu., 8-11AM, Niles Community Park, Leader: Sandy Ferreira (510)791-4341

Alameda Creek offers good views of egrets, herons, dabblers and divers; we will also search the Park ponds for Wood Ducks and Green Herons.

Travel on I-880 to Union City and exit east on Alvarado Niles Blvd. which becomes Niles Blvd. Continue to right on “H” Street; then three blocks to right on Third St. to the Niles Community Park. You can also take Mission south from downtown Hayward. Then turn right on Nursery then left on Niles. Turn right on H street and then right on Third St. and continue into the park. We will meet by the Parking lot. Heavy rain cancels.

March 15, Sat., 8:30-11:00 AM, Alameda Creek and Quarry Lakes, Leaders: Nancy Christensen (510) 471-4677 and Sheila Junge

Come and experience the birds of Fremont’s newest EBRPD park. We will bird along Alameda Creek and enter Quarry Lakes to see the birds and waterfowl including American White Pelicans, Ring-necked Ducks, Buffleheads, Black-crowned Night Herons, Northern Shovelers, Osprey, and White-tailed Kite.

Meet at the Isherwood Staging area to Alameda Creek. From I-880 in Fremont take the Decoto Road (SR-84) exit east. Turn right on Paseo Padre Parkway, then left on Isherwood Way. The entrance to the parking lot is on the right immediately across the overpass. We will carpool to our final destination which is only a mile away. No fee for Isherwood parking.

Mar. 20, Thu., 9:30AM, Garin Regional Park, Leaders: Willie and Friends (510)351-9301 \$

As the days grow longer, the bird songs grow stronger! Expect early-arriving spring birds, late-lingering wintering birds, and possible migrants. This is a half-day trip; bring lunch to enjoy during trip review. To reach the meeting place, take Mission Boulevard in Hayward to Garin Avenue, just south of Industrial Parkway. Follow Garin uphill until you reach the park. Entrance Fee

Mar. 22, Sat., 8-10AM, Coyote Hills Regional Park, Leader: Bill Scoggins (510)581-5186 \$

Beginners welcome! The Common Yellowthroat, Pied-billed Grebe, Song Sparrow, Marsh Wren, Cinnamon Teal, Snowy Egret, Virginia Rail, California Tree Frog and others await us in the tules and cattails of the main marsh. Overhead, we will watch for herons, harriers, kites and Red-tailed Hawks.

Meet in the visitor center parking lot. Reach Coyote Hills, Fremont, from I-880 by taking SR-84 (Decoto Road) toward the bay and turning off at the Thornton exit. Go north on Paseo Padre Parkway to left on Patterson Ranch Road, which goes into the park. Follow the road to its end and park at the visitor center. \$5 parking fee required. Rain cancels. —WS

Birding Class in Fremont

Alice Hoch is continuing her birding field classes through the Fremont Adult School. In these classes you will observe and learn about the field identification, life styles, and ecology of local birds. Each Tuesday morning the class will visit a different birding spot. The class is designed for both beginning and experienced birders. Alice Hoch has been teaching bird-watching for the adult school since 1975. She has been a birder for 41 years, and is a longtime member of Ohlone Audubon Society.

The class will meet on six Tuesdays from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM. The next session begins 3/4/03 and ends 4/8/03. Class size is limited, so register early.

Register by Thursday 2/27/03. Be prepared to bird watch at the first class meeting. For more information call the adult school at 791-5841 or Alice at 657-0475. —AH

Spring Wildflowers

Lee Ellis is offering a six week class through Fremont Adult School. Take advantage of Lee's knowledge and understanding of native plants, honed by many years of field studies.

Field trips will follow early and late-blooming periods of shrubs and wildflowers occurring in oak woodland, grassland, chaparral, vernal pool and redwood forest communities from the Fremont Plain to the Inner Coast Range and the Livermore Valley. Students will use hand lenses, field guides and taxonomic keys to identify the most common plant families and wildflower species, and will create a personal reference herbarium. Historical uses of native wildflowers as food and medicine will be discussed. Class members are responsible for transportation or carpool arrangements.

Six Class Meetings. Preregistration by March 1 required.
Class #213402, Wednesdays 9:30-12:30 March 5-April 9, \$90
Register by phone: 510-792-6405, on the web: www.fasce.com
 —LE

Trip Report

On January 11, 2003, twenty-two OAS members and friends joined leader Steve Abbors at the San Pablo Reservoir Recreation Area to see a Bald Eagle soar the length of the reservoir and perch for clear viewing. All had great views of a Red-breasted Sapsucker which was followed by a hummingbird that drank out of the wells the Sapsucker had drilled. This was a first for many of us who saw this behavior. Waterfowl included Common Mergansers and Ring-necked Ducks. One Osprey and a probable Merlin rounded out the raptor list. Everyone was surprised and delighted to see a flock of 5 Golden-crowned Kinglets.

It was a pleasure to meet Dr. Robert C. Stebbins who was also participating in the field trip; Dr. Stebbins is author of the Peterson Field Guide: *Western Reptiles and Amphibians*. He announced that an all color 3rd edition will be published in March 2003.

Thanks to Steve Abbors for a great day of birding. Steve is Manager of Watershed and Recreation, EBMUD, Natural Resources Dept., and an avid expert birder. Also thanks to EBMUD for closing the Reservoir Area from mid-November through mid-February each year during the migratory bird season as part of the District's wildlife enhancement program. Steve hopes to lead a spring trip for OAS to the same area; so watch for an announcement in the next Kite Call
 —WS.

Welcome New Members!

Ohlone sends a warm welcome to the following new members and we hope to meet you soon!

Anathan, Judith Barr, Lorana K. Collins, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cutler, Cheryl Davies, Chris and Laura Dobel, Nancy Eisenman, Marika Goldmann, Jas Jerry, Charlotte Levin, Linda Malone, Nancy Mendoza, Syed Nusrat, Lindle Phelps, Patrick Quigney, Matthew R. D. Regan, Craig Richardson, Mary Ronquillo, Cynthia Sapp, Kenneth J. Scribner, Cecilia Sheppard, John Van Derslice, Janis Waggener.

And thank you all who have renewed!
 —PAG

Join Ohlone Audubon Society!

Become an OAS member and make a difference locally.

Most people do not realize that the **Ohlone Audubon Society (OAS)** and the **National Audubon Society (NAS)** are two separate organizations. Although we share a name and have the same mission of conserving our natural world, NAS looks at issues from a national level and leaves it to local chapters like OAS to address our local Bay Area issues.

When you join NAS as a new member, the local chapter receives little or no future annual funding from the national organization. **As of January 1, 2003, Ohlone Audubon has created a new membership—an OHLONE AUDUBON-ONLY MEMBERSHIP.** The annual OAS membership is \$20, which entitles you to eight issues of the newsletter, field trip participation, programs, and helping our local conservation and educational efforts. Your \$20 stays here in the Bay Area, where it will be used to save our local wetlands, streams, and other bird habitats and to support our environmental education programs, field trips, and conservation programs. Also, as an **Ohlone-only member**, you have the option of not having your name shared with other organizations—just indicate this on the application.

Members currently receiving the newsletter must join OAS by the expiration date on the mailing label to continue their OAS membership. For example, if your label currently reads "rnp 8/03" you will have to join Ohlone before August 2003 or you will be deleted from our mailings and as an Ohlone member. Also note, there is no longer a \$10 newsletter only subscription. (PLEASE SEE ENCLOSED APPLICATION)

You have the option of becoming both an OAS member and a NAS member.

For an additional minimum of \$20 you can become a member of NAS, which includes the Audubon magazine and membership in a national organization. The membership chair will forward that additional amount onto NAS or you can mail it separately.

Remember that if you also want to support NAS and its efforts at a national level, you can always join both organizations.

If you want your Audubon membership dollars to help solve our local Bay Area problems, please use the membership application enclosed in this issue of *The Kite Call* and become an OAS Member. We thank you for your support.
 —PAG

Bette Wentzel Library

The next time you travel to the spectacular mountain range that runs from British Columbia southward to New Mexico, be certain to take along the book recently donated by Jerry and Judy Steenhoven. *Watchable Birds of the Rocky Mountains*, by Mary Taylor Gray, is an enjoyable "read" to supplement your basic bird identification book. Each of its 70 species is clearly photographed and described, including comments that "reveal the 'private lives' of our feathered friends."

Fight for Survival, by Christopher N. Palmer, is a beautiful, oversized book with the message that we must live in harmony with our natural ecosystems. Based on an Audubon-sponsored television series, it devotes chapters to individual animals and places that need special attention. Donated by Vi (our Conservation Chair) and Ron Barklow.
 —ME

Great BackYard Bird Count

GBBC Spotlights WatchList Birds and West Nile Virus

All across the Americas, our birds face survival challenges from loss of habitat to introduced predators to diseases like West Nile Virus. The Sixth Annual Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC), February 14-17, will focus on the effects of these threats, bring conservation home by telling participants what they can do to help, and add vital new information to our understanding of our birds and their environment.

Audubon and Cornell are asking participants to pay special attention to the more than 200 species on the Audubon 2002 WatchList, issued last autumn, which lists North American birds in danger or decline. WatchList is an early-warning system designed to raise awareness of birds in trouble, before they become endangered or threatened. Think of it as preventative medicine, protecting our great natural heritage. The GBBC website, www.birdsource.org/gbbc, includes features on these birds and what participants can do to help them.

The GBBC will also focus on the effects of West Nile Virus on crows and jays, owls, raptors and other birds, and will educate participants about the disease. "We need as many volunteer counters as possible to tell us what they see," said Sally Conyne, Audubon Director of Special Projects. "The GBBC can serve to educate people about the real effects of the disease, and will help our scientists reach a better understanding."

The GBBC combines high-tech web tools with an army of citizen-scientist bird observers. The Count asks families, individuals, classrooms, and community groups to count the numbers and kinds of birds that visit their feeders, local parks, schoolyards, and other areas during any or all of the four count days. Participants enter their sightings at www.birdsource.org/gbbc. The state-of-the-art website was developed by Audubon and the Cornell Lab. GBBC is sponsored in part by Wild Birds Unlimited stores.

Begun in 1998, the GBBC has engaged more than a quarter-million Americans of all ages and backgrounds, and united them in the effort to keep common birds common. In 2002, more than 47,000 participants counted millions of birds throughout North America, helping reveal information on Evening Grosbeaks, Snowy Owls, Collared Doves, and many other birds.

The GBBC site invites beginners and experts alike to participate, providing useful information to make participation easy and enjoyable. There is a vocabulary section, bird-watching and bird-feeding tips, bird vocalizations, and more, including information about House Finch eye disease. Educators will find the bibliography and geography sections especially handy; as well as suggestions on how to conduct the Count with groups of children. For those tired of winter and ready for spring, there will be tips about planning and preparing for the spring bird garden.

Instructions can be found at www.birdsource.org. There's no fee or registration. Those who would like to participate but aren't online can try their local library, and many Wild Birds Unlimited stores accept reports. Libraries, businesses, nature clubs, Scout troops and other community organizations interested in promoting the GBBC or getting involved can contact Sally Conyne at Audubon, at 215/355-9588, ext. 16; or the Cornell Lab of Ornithology at 800/ 843-2473.

Help Peregrine Research

We, at the Predatory Research Group, worked for many years to see peregrine falcons in the California sky and at historic nest sites. Next spring, we will establish a coordinated system for tracking the nesting peregrine falcon population, annually. We are reaching out to Audubon members who know of nest sites for help with this monitoring effort. Information on the survey is available at our web site www.scprbg.org by January 15.

Given known increases, we estimate there are more than 250 breeding pairs of peregrine falcons in California today, but no comprehensive survey has happened since 1992. Since the breeding season comprising intense courtship through fledging is approximately 100 days long, and peregrines often nest in very remote areas, we are asking for help from those who know of, or suspect, peregrine breeding activity in their area. If you wish to report a site known to you, or even better, wish to commit to observing the site, please contact us. Peregrine falcon nest sites are sensitive so all nest territory locations remain confidential — We do not reveal the locations you provide us with to others, and we do not reveal the locations others provided to us in confidence, to you.

To Help:

1. Contact us at falconet@cats.ucsc.edu to express an interest in participating and describe the site you wish to observe.
2. Read the [survey protocol](#) carefully and then print the **observation sheet** ([PDF file](#) (requires Adobe Acrobat Reader) or [HTML](#)). Make observations according to guidelines in the protocol and mail us the observation form when you have determined the "status" of the territory.

The UC Santa Cruz Predatory Bird Research Group is a nonprofit organization supported by contracts, grants and gifts — your financial support mailed to SCPBRG, 100 Shaffer Rd., Santa Cruz 95060, helps us to do more. We wish to thank Orion Telescopes and Binoculars at TELESCOPE.COM for their support of this project through product donations.

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Spring Events

Apr. 25-27: Verde Valley Birding and nature Festival

Based near Sedona, this festival emphasizes visiting the local wildlife and beauty of the valley of the Verde River: (928) 534-8437, www.birdyverde.org, info@birdyverde.org.

Jun. 29, Jul. 6, Jul 13: Golden Trout Workshop

Three one-week sessions at a wilderness camp at 10,000 ft. near Mt. Whitney: (805)688-8344, www.1startlists.com/gtc/, paul_roark@verizon.net

Field Observations

SPECIES	DATE(S)	No.,etc	LOCALITY	OBS.	REMARKS
BROWN BOOBY	1/7/03	1 sub-adult	Princeton: Harbor, San Mateo County	PEG, WW, JMS, mob	Perched/preening w/ cormorants on 2nd rock jetty from end of pier (behind 5mph channel marker[on 1st jetty]). Found by Ron Thorn, 2 Jan. '03
Ross's Goose	12/15/02	3	Hayward; Regional Shoreline	SG	"Mt. Trashmore", end W.Winton Ave.
Eurasian Wigeon	12/15/02	ad. m.	Hayward: Shoreline	PD, SJ, KB	Foraging on fresh-mowed, sprouting grass with Canada Goose flock.
Hooded Merganser	12/31/02	1 pr.	Hayward	DW	Near footbridge at Ruus St. end of D Channel, nr Industrial Parkway.
Osprey	12/15/02	1; 1	Hayward: Don Castro RP;	KH; KB, SJ, PD	Perched on snag nr. lake (night roost spot); eating fish atop utility pole near effluent ponds at Hayward Shoreline.
Peregrine Falcon	12/15/02	Imm.-ad.	Hayward - Fremont Shore area	Mob	Several teams on CBC saw Peregrines
Prairie Falcon	12/15/02	1	Hayward Shoreline	PD, SJ, KB	Perched atop telephone pole and other spots. Uncommon here.
Wild Turkey	12/15/02	5 f. ?	Castro Valley Palomares Rd.	B&LB	Crossing road near Westover Winery
Black-bellied Plover	12/15/02	5-7,000 !	Hayward - Fremont Shoreline	Mob	Probably highest CBC # in U.S.; found in salt ponds and levees
Snowy Plover	12/15/02	500 +/-	Hayward Shoreline:	PEG, JE	They're back at Eden Landing Ecological Preserve (Baumberg); last year's 68 here was an unexplained anomaly, this highest CBC # in U.S. is expected for this protected species.
Black Oystercatcher	12/15/02	6	Hayward Shoreline RP	SG	These are crowding the disjunct outcrop off Hayward Landing, esp. at higher tides, from the end of w. Winton Ave. Only 2nd yr. CBC.
RED PHALAROPE	12/16/02	12+	Hayward: West Winton Ave., Regional Shoreline	PD, EP	Storm blown RePh were reported along the Pacific Coast (c. CA to Washinton - P&PEG), quite unusual as wintering is to the southern Pacific & Atlantic.
RED PHALAROPE	12/17/02	1	Pleasanton: Amador High puddle	EC, LO	Picked up here and later died. See above.
Short-eared Owl	12/14/02	1	Fremont: Coyote Hills RP	DH	Count Period for OAS CBC
NUTTING'S FLYCATCHER	1/4/03	1	Santa Cruz: 1425 Laurel St., SCR	WW, KH, M>, D&ME, mob	Second CA record. Still present to 1/22/2003. Normally in n. Mex. Found 1/1/2003 by Michelle Scott. Eats olives and has a unique orange mouth lining.
Violet Green Swallow	12/15/02	20	Fremont: Coyote Hills RP	EP+t	Uncommon on CBC & highest number
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	12/15/02	2	Fremont: Coyote Hills RP	EP+t	One to 3 winter here annually.
PHAINOPEPLA	12/15/02	1 pr.	Hayward: Minke Ranch, Garin RP	IP,	First record for HF CBC
White-throated Sparrow	12/11/02	1 ad.	Hayward: 1922 Hillsdale St.	PEG	Black & White. morph (1+ week)
White-throated Sparrow	12/15/02	1	Castro Valley Palomares Rd.	JL	Tan Morph (Form)
YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD	12/15/02	1 f.	Union City: Equestrian Center, Coyote Hills, EBRPD	SH, RB, FW	Foraging w/ other Blackbirds around Equestrian Center corrals. 1st, HF CBC.
RUSTY BLACKBIRD	1/13/03	1 f.	Sunnyvale: Shopping Center SCC	PEG, D&PB, KH, DW&TO, FW, mob	First county record. Rare among birds, basic plumage appears brighter than alternate plumage (looks like Brewer's Blackbird). Impressively bright rufous.

Abbreviations: ad.=adult, f.=female, m.=male, imm.=immature, pr.=pair (2), Pkw.=Parkway, RP=Regional Park, nr.=near, EBRPD=East Bay Regional Park District, HF CBC=Hayward-Fremont Christmas Bird Count, yr.=year, c., e., w. = central, eastern, western part of Locality given; Counties: ALA=Alameda (on most shown, unless otherwise indicated), SCC=Santa Clara County.

Observers: RB=Ron Barklow, B&LB=Bob & Liz Bathgate, KB=Kay Bloom, D&PB=Dennis & Patricia Braddy, EC=Ella Coffin, PD=Peter Dramer, JE=Julie Eastwood, D&ME=Don & Margaret Emery, SG=Steve Glover, PEG=Phil E. Gordon, DH=Derek Hines, KH=Kevin Hints, SJ=Sheila Junge, JL=Jaen Lepson, LO=Liz Oliveras, EP=Ed Pandolfino, IP=Ivan Parr, JMS=Jean Marie Spoelman, M>=Marilyn and George Trabert, WW=Anna (Willie) Wilcox, DW&TO=Debbie Wong & Tadd Ottman, FW=Fred Wolin. Mob=many observers.

Report Jan to Mar. observations to Phil Gordon, 1922 Hillsdale Street, Hayward, CA 94541 or Tel.: 1(510) 538-3550 or Email: PAGPEG@aol.com. Howard Cogswell must suspend his participation in "Field Observations" temporarily. We will announce his continuance at a later date.

Apr. 18-20: Godwit Days

Kenn Kaufman presents the keynote address at this festival in Arcata emphasizing the migration of shorebirds along the California Coast. (800) 908-WING, www.godwitdays.com/.

Mar. 21-25 : Aleutian Goose Festival

Crescent City is the home of this festival focusing on the Aleutian form of the Canada Goose and the rich nearby habitats (400+ species recorded). (800) 343-8300, www.redwoodlink.com/soar.