

Kite Tales

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COMING ATTRACTIONS

September 10, Thursday - RROS Potluck and General Meeting: 6 PM

The Group Campground at Sugarloaf Ridge State Park is reserved for us this night - for 24 hours, in case anyone wants to sleep out. Please bring your favorite food to share - a salad, casserole, dessert or whatever. Also, bring your own beverage and table service. After dinner will be a short business meeting, followed by an owl walk.

Directions: Take Hwy 12 towards Kenwood. About ½ mile north of Kenwood, turn onto Adobe Canyon Road. Follow this road to the park at the end and continue ahead to the Group Campground, formerly called North Campground. No admission fee will be charged members and their guests since RROS picks up the tab.

Come along and bring a friend and share your best bird sightings of the summer.

September 12, Saturday, 8 AM: Field Trip to Bodega Bay

Rick Lebadour will lead this trip to discover what ducks and waders have returned to our coast. Meet at the Tides Restaurant parking lot. The weather may be cool so bring a jacket and such...and your lunch and beverage. The waterbirds are already returning in numbers, so it's time we checked them out.

NEXT MONTH

October 3, Saturday, 8 AM: Field Trip to Point Reyes

Terry Babineaux will lead this annual expedition to find the vagrants that have funneled into Point Reyes. We have seen as many as 23 in one day! We will meet at the Fishdocks and plan to spend the day, so bring a lunch and warm clothing.

This is the trip when we see all those accidental warblers and rare shorebirds...the more miserable the weather, the more birds will be lurking in the cypress!

DUES ARE NOW PAYABLE FOR 1987-88 RROS YEAR

Please send your annual membership check, payable to RROS, to Treasurer Wini Nelson, 400 Sunnyslope Avenue, Petaluma CA 94952. Or you can bring it to the potluck on September 10. Dues are \$7 for Family, \$5.50 for Individual, \$3 for Student. The membership fee covers the period from June 1987 to June 1988 and includes a subscription to KITE TALES. We function on a skimpy budget, so our Treasurer will appreciate prompt payment of dues. We thank you!

OBSERVATIONS

Dick Ashford - 996-7508
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Please remember to drop Dick a line or give him a call about the birds you've seen and would like to share with others.

Highlight of this summer's observations was the sub-adult, light phase Red-footed Booby at Pedro Point in the Pacifica area. First reported on 8/14, the bird was still in the vicinity on 8/18. This is the third reported occurrence of this species in California, the other two observations coming from the Farallon Islands.

Local observations

- 5/13 - North Point Parkway: Black-crowned Night-Heron (MN)
- 6/29 - Highway 37: large numbers of shorebirds, White Pelicans (DA)
- 7/9 - Highway 37: one Brown Pelican (DA)
- 7/18 - Sugarloaf Ridge SP: Sharp-shinned Hawk (DA)
- 7/25 - Bolinas Sewer Ponds: one Baird's Sandpiper (DA)
- 7/26 - Bodega Head: Wandering Tattlers, Black Oystercatcher feeding young (RR)
- 7/29 - Annadel SP: Pileated Woodpecker on Steve's Trail (MM, JS)
- 8/9(?) - Sebastopol Sewer Ponds: Solitary Sandpiper (RMA)

Northern California

- 6/6 - Anchor Bay: Tufted Puffin, Peregrine Falcons (DE, RM, DT)
- Late June to mid-July - Fort Bragg: Common Nighthawks (DT)
- 6/26 - MacKerricher SP: Wilson's Phalarope (DT)
- 7/7 - Mt Lassen NP: Clark's Nutcrackers, Cassin's Finch, Mountain Bluebird, Williamson's Sapsucker (RR)
- 7/23 - 8/18 - MacKerricher SP: Lesser Golden Plover (DT)
- 7/25 - Elk: Grasshopper Sparrow carrying food (DT)
- 8/2 - MacKerricher SP: Baird's Sandpiper (DT)
- 8/15 - MacKerricher SP: Merlin, Elegant Tern (DT). This is the first record of an Elegant Tern for Mendocino County.
- 8/16 - MacKerricher SP: 2 Lesser Yellowlegs (DT)

Northwestern US

- July - Mt Rainier, Cape Flattery, Port Angeles WA: (B&BR)
Blue Grouse with chicks, Dipper, Cooper's Hawk, Gray Jays, Pygmy Nuthatches, Common Nighthawk (at midafternoon!), Tufted Puffins, Glaucous-winged Gulls, Heerman's Gulls, Spotted Sandpiper, Bald Eagles, Willow Flycatcher, Pigeon Guillemots
- August 1-6 - Yellowstone NP, Grays Lake ID: (RR)
Trumpeter Swans, Bald Eagle, Three-toed Woodpecker, Blue Grouse in courtship display, one Whooping Crane

OBSERVATIONS (continued)

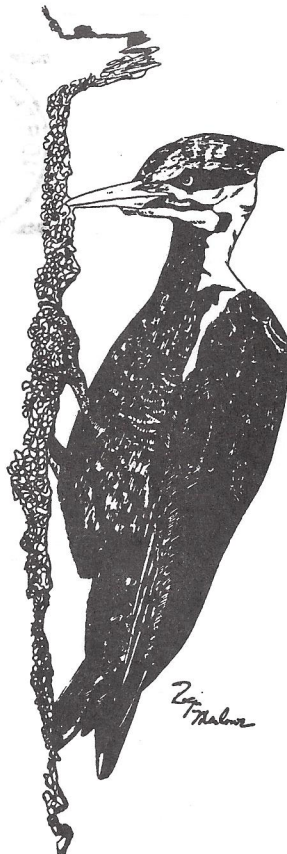
Southeastern Arizona (DA)

June 8-15 - Elegant Trogon (nest with young), Painted Redstart (nest with young), Black-throated Sparrow, Verdin, Northern Beardless Tyrannulet, Whiskered Screech Owl, Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher, Bridled Titmouse, Olive Warbler, Greater Pewee; Broad-billed, Blue-throated, Black-chinned, Broad-tailed, and Magnificent Hummingbirds; Vermilion Flycatcher, Black-tailed Gnatcatcher and MORE!!!

Observers: Dick Ashford, Doug Ellis, Marjorie McCulley, Roger Marlowe, Richard Merriss, Mike Nofi, Bob & Bertha Rains, Ruth Rudesill, Jean Smith, Dorothy Tobkin

BODEGA BAY REPORT

Ruth Rudesill organized a summertime field trip to Bodega Bay on August 16. Twenty people showed up and observed 69 species. They included a lot of Pigeon Guillemots, Elegant Terns, an Osprey fishing, White and Brown Pelicans, and 2 possible Pectoral Sandpipers. There were quite a few sandpipers but very few grebes and loons and ducks around. The weather was calm with high fog overcast and very pleasant at lunchtime.



REDWOOD REGION ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY was organized in 1962, to encourage the study of birds, other wildlife and their habitat. Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month, September through May, at 7:30 PM in Rm 221 of Darwin Hall, Sonoma State University, Rohnert Park, Ca 94928.

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