

Kite Tales

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REDWOOD REGION ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY
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COMING ATTRACTIONS

September 8, Thursday - Potluck Dinner and General Meeting

Dinner: 6.00 p.m. The Group Campground at Sugarloaf Ridge
Meeting: 7:00 p.m. State Park is reserved for us this night -
Owl Walk: 8:00 p.m. 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. For the walk, you may
need a jacket and flashlight.

Directions: Take Hwy. 12 towards Kenwood. About $\frac{1}{2}$ mile north of
Kenwood, turn onto Adobe Canyon Road. Follow this road to the park
at the end of the road and continue ahead to the Group Campground,
formerly called the North Campground. No admission fee will be
charged as RROS picks up the tab.

September 10 and 11 - San Francisco Bay Shorebird Census

Last April, 183 people participated in the Point Reyes Bird Obser-
vatory San Francisco Bay Census of shorebirds. Volunteers are still
needed for the fall census - non-experts for recording, as well as
experienced birders. Saturday, the 10th, the census will be on the
North Bay; on Sunday, the 11th, the South Bay. Call Janet Kjelmyr
at PRBO, (415)868-1221, if you wish to help.

September 24, Saturday, 8:00 a.m.: Field Trip to Point Reyes

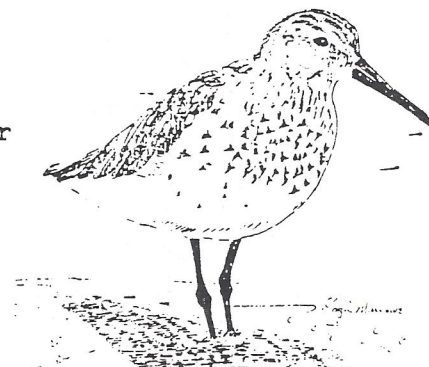
This traditional trip will be led by Terry Babineaux. He asks that
we meet at the Fish Docks promptly to insure parking. We expect
vagrant eastern warblers and less common migrating shorebirds.
Reminder: Bring lunch and warm clothing.

Field Trip: Ida Clayton Road April 30, 1988

On field trips last spring, birders have been watching for signs
of breeding. Mike Parmeter, with 15 members and guests, con-
firmed breeding of two species, Bushtits with an active nest,
and a pair of Canada Geese on a pond with three immatures.

Species seen that day were:

Canada Goose	Tree Swallow	Warbling Vireo
Turkey Vulture	Violet-gr. Swallow	Orange-cr. Warbler
American Kestrel	N. Rough-w. Swallow	Bl.-thr. Gray Warbler
Wild Turkey	Steller's Jay	Wilson's Warbler
California Quail	Scrub Jay	Western Tanager
Mountain Quail	Common Raven	Bl.-h. Grosbeak
Mourning Dove	Chestnut-b. Chickadee	Rufous-s. Towhee
Anna's Hummingbird	Plain Titmouse	Rufous-cr. Sparrow
Allen's Hummingbird	Bushtit	Dark-eyed Junco
Acorn Woodpecker	White-br. Nuthatch	Red-w. Blackbird
Nuttall's Woodpecker	Brown Creeper	Western Meadowlark
Hairy Woodpecker	Bewick's Wren	Brewer's Blackbird
Northern Flicker	House Wren	Brown-h. Cowbird
Olive-s. Flycatcher	Western Bluebird	Purple Finch
Western Flycatcher	American Robin	House Finch
Black Phoebe	Eur. Starling	Pine Siskin
Ash-thr. Flycatcher	Solitary Vireo	Lesser Goldfinch



Field Trip: Lava Beds National Monument May 26-30, 1988

Ruth Rudesill led this trip and gave us a snow job. Nine birders camped out, weathered rain and snow, and saw 108 species. Several participants saw life birds, and some detoured to Burney Falls en route to see the Black Swifts. An asterisk indicates a rare or unusual species for the area.

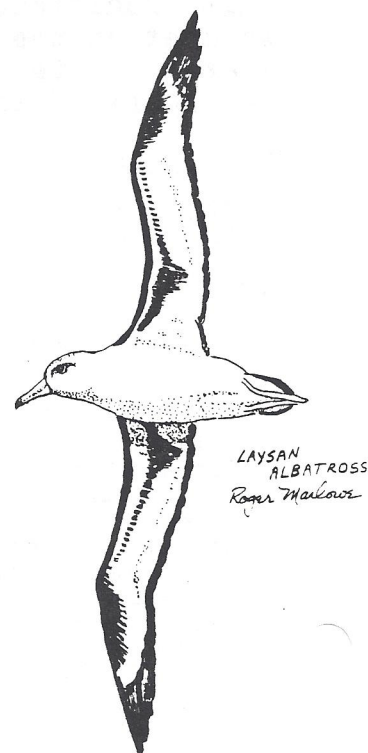
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| *Horned Grebe | *Sandhill Crane | Bewick's Wren | Mammals seen |
| Eared Grebe | American Coot | Marsh Wren | on the trip |
| Pied-billed Grebe | Killdeer | Canyon Wren | included: |
| Western Grebe | Bl-bellied Plover | Rock Wren | |
| *Clark's Grebe - | Willet | Sage Thrasher | Mule Deer |
| White Pelican | Gr. Yellowlegs | American Robin | Pronghorn Antelope |
| Double-cr. Cormorant | Wilson's Phalarope | Mountain Bluebird | Golden-mantled |
| Great Blue Heron | *Red-nk. Phalarope | Cedar Waxwing | Ground Squirrel |
| Common Egret | American Avocet | Loggerhead Shrike | California |
| Snowy Egret | Bl.-necked Stilt | Starling | Ground Squirrel |
| Black-cr. Night Heron | California Gull | Bl.-thr. Gray Warbler | Yellow-bellied |
| American Bittern | Ring-billed Gull | Yellow-r. Warbler | Marmot |
| *White-faced Ibis | Bonaparte's Gull | Yellowthroat | Pika |
| Canada Goose | Forster's Tern | House Sparrow | Mountain Cottontail |
| Snow Goose | Caspian Tern | W. Meadowlark | Black-tailed |
| Mallard | Black Tern | Yellow-h. Blackbird | Jack Rabbit |
| Gadwall | Mourning Dove | Red-w. Blackbird | Long-tailed Weasel |
| Pintail | Rock Dove | Tri-c. Blackbird | Least Chipmunk |
| Cinnamon Teal | Gr.-horned Owl | Northern Oriole | |
| American Wigeon | *Short-eared Owl | Brewer's Blackbird | |
| Northern Shoveler | N. Flicker, Red-sh. | Brown-h. Cowbird | |
| Redhead | Western Kingbird | Western Tanager | |
| Canvasback | Ash-thr. Flycatcher | *Evening Grosbeak | |
| Greater Scaup | Say's Phoebe | House Finch | |
| Lesser Scaup | Horned Lark | Lesser Goldfinch | |
| Goldeneye | Violet-gr. Swallow | Red Crossbill | |
| Bufflehead | Tree Swallow | Rufous-s. Towhee | |
| Ruddy Duck | Rough-w. Swallow | Savannah Sparrow | |
| Turkey Vulture | Barn Swallow | Brewer's Sparrow | |
| Red-tailed Hawk | Cliff Swallow | Lark Sparrow | |
| Northern Harrier | *Purple Martin | Chipping Sparrow | |
| *Osprey | Steller's Jay | Song Sparrow | |
| Prairie Falcon | Scrub Jay | Dark-eyed Junco | |
| American Kestrel | Bl.-billed Magpie | Peep sp., probably | |
| Mountain Quail | Northern Raven | Western Sandpiper | |
| California Quail | Plain Titmouse | | |
| Ring-necked Pheasant | Bushtit | | |

Field Trip: King's Ridge Road May 14, 1988

The wish birds for this trip were the Dipper and Pygmy Owl, both of which were seen early in the day. Doug Ellis led the group on to sight 75 species. An obliging Pileated Woodpecker hammered away for 15 or 20 minutes while observers had excellent views of this handsome bird at close range. The Blue Grouse was heard by many, but seen only by a few.

Species seen were:

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| Great Blue Heron | Black Phoebe | Eur. Starling |
| Wood Duck | Ash-thr. Flycatcher | Solitary Vireo |
| Common Merganser | Violet-gr. Swallow | Hutton's Vireo |
| Turkey Vulture | N. Rough-w. Swallow | Warbling Vireo |
| Osprey | Cliff Swallow | Orange-cr. Warbler |
| Red-shouldered Hawk | Barn Swallow | Yellow Warbler |
| Red-tailed Hawk | Steller's Jay | Yellow-r. Warbler |
| Golden Eagle | Scrub Jay | Bl.-thr. Gray Warbler |
| American Kestrel | Common Crow | Hermit Warbler |
| Blue Grouse | Common Raven | Wilson's Warbler |
| Wild Turkey | Chestnut-b. Chickadee | Western Tanager |
| California Quail | Plain Titmouse | Black-h. Grosbeak |
| Mountain Quail | White-br. Nuthatch | Lazuli Bunting |
| Killdeer | Pygmy Nuthatch | Rufous-s. Towhee |
| Band-tailed Pigeon | Brown Creeper | Brown Towhee |
| Mourning Dove | Bewick' Wren | Chipping Sparrow |
| Northern Pygmy Owl | House Wren | Lark Sparrow |
| Vaux's Swift | American Dipper | Song Sparrow |
| Anna's Hummingbird | Golden-cr. Kinglet | Dark-eyed Junco |
| Belted Kingfisher | Western Bluebird | W. Meadowlark |
| Acorn Woodpecker | Swainson's Thrush | Brewer's Blackbird |
| Red-br. Sapsucker | Hermit Thrush | Purple Finch |
| Hairy Woodpecker | American Robin | House Finch |
| Northern Flicker | Wrentit | Pine Siskin |
| Pileated Woodpecker | N. Mockingbird | Lesser Goldfinch |
| Western Flycatcher | Cedar Waxwing | |



LAYSAN ALBATROSS
Roger Mallow

OBSERVATIONS

Water and Shorebirds

White Pelican 6/2, 33 individuals at Bodega Bay (DE) - 8/9, 50 at Petaluma River (GM) - 8/13, 20 at Ramal Rd. (DE) - 8/14, 40 at Abbott's Lagoon - 30 at Shield's Marsh (BDP,JRA). Brown Pelican 4/21, Fort Bragg (DT). White Stork 5/23, Austria (DA). White-faced Ibis 7/16, Goose Lake (DE) - 8/10, Mono Lake (DA). Sandhill Crane 7/14, Walker Mts., Oregon (DE). Brant 4/16, 100 at Fort Bragg (DT). Canada Goose 5/21, with goslings, Kenwood (RR) - June, flock overhead, Crane Cayon (TB). Wood Duck 5/9, with ducklings, Pudding Creek, Fort Bragg (DT) - 7/30, Westside Rd. & Dry Creek (DE) - 8/14, Five Brooks (BDP,JRA). Blue-winged Teal 7/3, Arcata Marsh (DT). Redhead 7/12, Marsh, Hwy 395 & Hwy 108 (DE). Lesser Scaup 5/6, Ukiah Sewer Ponds (DT). Hooded Merganser - June, Spring Lake (TB) - July, Lake Ralphine (MN). Common Merganser 5/21, Geysers Rd. (DE). Common Moorhen 5/18, Pudding Creek, Fort Bragg (DT). Sora - June, north end, Spring Lake (TB). Great Bustard 5/23, Austria (DA). Lesser Golden Plover 4/11, McKerricher SP (DT). Snowy Plover 7/30, 3 at McKerricher SP - 8/13, 6 at McK SP (DT). Black-necked Stilt - June, Spring Lake (TB). Wandering Tattler 7/23, Bodega Head (RR) - 8/7, McKerricher SP (DT). Spotted Sandpiper 5/26 & July, Geysers Rd. - 7/13, Goose Lake - 7/30, Westside Rd. & Dry Creek (DE). Black Turnstone 6/22, McKerricher SP (DT). Surfbird 7/23, Bodega Head (RR). Semi-palmated Sandpiper 8/20, Abbott's Lagoon (DE,RR). Baird's Sandpiper 7/23, Doran Pond (KC) - 8/14, Abbott's Lagoon (BDP,JRA) - 8/20, Abbott's Lagoon (DE,RR) - 8/7 thru 8/21, McKerricher SP (DT). Pectoral Sandpiper 8/20, Spaletta Pond (DE,RR). Common Snipe - June, Spring Lake, TB) - 7/11, near Bridgeport (DE). Wilson's Phalarope 7/23, Doran Pond (KC,RR).

Raptors

Osprey 5/31, Kenwood (RR) - June, Spring Lake (TB). Bald Eagle 7/16, Goose Lake (DE). Goshawk 7/11, Mammoth Mt. (DE). Golden Eagle 6/11, Pine Flat Rd. (DE,RR) - 7/30, Mt. Diablo, (GM). Peregrine Falcon 4/21, Fort Bragg - 7/3, Eureka (DT) - 8/14, Abbott's Lagoon * Shields Marsh (BDP,JRA) - probable mated pair, location classified (GM). Prairie Falcon 7/11, E of Bridgeport - 7/16, Goose Lake (DE). Western Screech Owl 5/28, King's Ridge Rd. - 6/25, Pine Flat Rd. (DE). Great Horned Owl 6/25, Pine Flat Rd. (DE). Northern Pygmy Owl 6/11, Pine Flat Rd. (RR,DE) - 6/25, Geysers Rd. (DE). Burrowing Owl 4/16, McKerricher SP (DT).

Other Non-passerines

Blue Grouse 5/28, King's Ridge Rd. (DE). Wild Turkey 5/28, Skaggs Springs Rd. - 6/2, Fitzpatrick Ln. (DE). Poorwill 6/25, Pine Flat Rd. (DE). Vaux's Swift 5/6, Ukiah Sewer Ponds (DT). Red-breasted Sapsucker - June, Salt Point SP (DE,RR). Williamson's Sapsucker 7/14, Walker Mts., Oregon (DE). Pileated Woodpecker 5/21, Geysers Rd. - 5/28, Gualala (DE) - June, Howarth Park (TB) - 6/11, Pine Flat Rd. (DE).

Passerines

Western Kingbird - June, Spring Lake (TB). Purple Martin 5/28, Gualala (DE) - 8/14, Five Brooks (BDP,JRA). Blue-gray Gnatcatcher 6/25, Geysers Rd. (DE). Brown Thrasher 8/10, Mono Lake (DA). Chestnut-sided Warbler 7/4, Trinidad (DT). Yellow-rumped Warbler 8/20, Fish Docks (DE,RR). Hermit Warbler 4/17, Branscomb Preserve, Mendocino Co. (DT) - 5/21, Pine Flat Rd. (DE) - 8/20, Fish Docks (DE,RR). McGillivray's Warbler 8/20, Pond, Road Fork, Point Reyes (DE,RR). Yellow-breasted Chat 5/28, Annapolis Rd., Twin Bridge - 6/2, Salmon Creek Rd. (DE) - June, Spring Lake (TB) - 7/3, Mad River Hatchery (DT). Lazuli Bunting 5/6, Ukiah Sewer Ponds (DT) - 6/11, Sugarloaf SP (TB). Western Tanager 4/17, Branscomb Preserve (DT). Rufous-crowned Sparrow 5/21, Geysers Rd. (DE). Black-chinned Sparrow 6/12, Mt. Tamalpais (DT). Vesper Sparrow 7/13, Goose Lake (DE). Yellow-headed Blackbird 7/12, Marsh, Hwy. 395 & Hwy. 108 (DN). Hooded Oriole - August, at feeder, Petaluma (DE) - Napa (BDP). Lawrence's Goldfinch 5/21, Geysers Rd. (DE). Evening Grosbeak - August, Petaluma (DN).

Observers: Jack R. Arnold, Dick Ashford, Terry Babineaux, Kurt Campbell, Doug Ellis, Gerry Mugele, Dan Nelson, Mike Nofi, Mike Parmeter, Ruth Rudesill, Dorothy Tobkin.

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 Room 221, Darwin Hall, Sonoma State University, Rohnert Park CA 94928.

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RROS dues are \$10 for Family, \$7.50 for Individual, \$3 for Student. Memberships cover the period from September 1988 to June 1989 and include a subscription to KITE TALES. Checks should be made out to RROS and sent to Treasurer Sherryl Royce, 2340 Silk Rd, Windsor, CA 95942.

REMINDER: Dues for 1988-1989 are now payable. Please bring your payment to the potluck or mail to Sherryl Royce, treasurer.

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