

# Kite Tales

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## COMING ATTRACTIONS

### October 13, Thursday - General Meeting - Photographer's Choice

Time: 7:30 p.m. Dan Nelson has selected some of his finest  
Place: Darwin Hall slides showing California rarities, owls,  
shorebirds and warblers. Do bring binoc-  
ulars to check out finer field marks as Dan may ask for some  
identifications. He promises no trick slides or unfair questions.

### October 15, Saturday - Field Trip to Bodega Bay

Time: 8:00 a.m. Betty Burrige will lead this joint  
Meeting Place: Rail Ponds field trip with Madrone Audubon. We  
may expect ducks, loons, grebes, many  
shorebirds and perhaps a few raptors. More than the usual numbers  
of the less common shorebirds have been sighted this fall, so we'll  
be looking for some of those. Bring lunch, binoculars and scopes,  
and a jacket - just in case it's windy and cold at the Head.

### October 29, Saturday - Field Trip to Limantour

Time: 9:00 a.m. Ruth Rudesill, leader, offers an-  
Meeting Place: Limantour other chance to sharpen our shorebird  
Parking Lot identification skills, and also to  
pick up some more of those rare or  
unusual ones that have been sighted along the coast. We will be  
walking on sand and possibly muddy paths, so waterproof footwear  
is suggested. Bring binocs and scopes, lunch and a day pack.

## REMINDERS

Membership Dues November KITE TALES will be sent only to those  
whose dues have been received by Sherryl Royce, treasurer, by  
November 1st. Prompt payment is greatly appreciated.

Fee for Santa Cruz Field Trip Dick Ashford asks that those who  
have signed up for the Santa Cruz Raptor Research Center trip on  
December 3rd please pay him the non-refundable \$3 fee by November  
1st. The fee is \$3 per person for a group of 8 or more, and \$5  
per person for less than 8. There are 8 signed up, and room for  
4 more. To assure the lower fee, we need at least 8 paid reser-  
vations.

Telephone Tree A renewal of the Telephone Tree for reporting  
rare bird sightings was voted at the September meeting. A sign-  
up sheet will be at the October meeting. Others requesting to be  
listed, please phone Mark Delwiche by October 15th. If no answer,  
leave your name and phone number on the answering tape.

Field Trip Report - Point Reyes, September 24

Twenty-six birders joined Terry Babineaux, leader, on an over-cast day at Point Reyes. Some of the group glimpsed the Bobolink fly by at Nunes Ranch and all saw the only eastern warbler there - a Magnolia. A cooperative Willow Flycatcher at the Fish Docks repeatedly returned to a low perch for 15-20 minutes, allowing a large group to sit and watch tail flicking and to check out finer field marks. At the Abandoned Ranch, a Ferruginous Hawk was seen. Species seen were:

Common Loon	Pectoral Sandpiper	Winter Wren
Red-throated Loon	Least Sandpiper	Western Bluebird
Horned Grebe	Long-billed Dowitcher	Golden-cr. Kinglet
Eared Grebe	Western Sandpiper	Ruby-cr. Kinglet
Western Grebe	Marbled Godwit	Cedar Waxwing
Clark's Grebe	Glaucous-winged Gull	European Starling
Brown Pelican	Western Gull	Hutton's Vireo
Double-cr. Cormorant	Herring Gull	Yellow Warbler
Brandt's Cormorant	Ring-billed Gull	Yellow-rumped Warbler
Great Blue Heron	Heerman's Gull	Townsend's Warbler
Great Egret	Forster's Tern	Magnolia Warbler
Snowy Egret	Common Murre	McGillivray's Warbler
Black-cr. Night Heron	Marbled Murrelet	House Sparrow
Mallard	Rock Dove	Bobolink
Surf Scoter	Mourning Dove	Western Meadowlark
Turkey Vulture	Great Horned Owl	Red-winged Blackbird
Cooper's Hawk	Belted Kingfisher	Tri-colored Blackbird
Red-tailed Hawk	Northern Flicker	Brewer's Blackbird
Ferruginous Hawk	Black Phoebe	Savannah Sparrow
Northern Harrier	Say's Phoebe	Fox Sparrow
American Kestrel	Willow Flycatcher	Song Sparrow
California Quail	Western Wood Pewee	Lincoln's Sparrow
Killdeer	Horned Lark	Golden-cr. Sparrow
Common Snipe	Common Raven	White-cr. Sparrow
Willet	Wrentit	House Finch
		American Goldfinch

LOOKING AHEAD

For those who mark a calendar for future outings, Dick Ashford has provided us with a list of field trips for the next few months. Further information on these trips will be in the November KITE TALES.

November 12, Saturday - Field Trip to Fort Bragg and Mendocino Coast

Dorothy (Toby) Tobkin, leader, suggests 2 relatively inexpensive motels for those who wish to spend a night or so in Fort Bragg. They are the Hi-Seas, phone 964-5929, and the Beachcomber, phone 964-2402. As this is a 3 day Veterans Day weekend, early reservations are recommended. Should it rain on the 12th, Toby will be available to lead us on Sunday, the 13th.

November 26, Saturday - Field Trip to Sacramento Valley and Sierra Foothills

Terry Colborn invites RROS members and fiends to join him on his traditional post-Thanksgiving trip in the Sacramento area.

December 3, Saturday - Santa Cruz Raptor Research Center and Pescadero Marsh

Dick Ashford has arranged a 2 hour visit (11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.) to the Raptor Center. Please see page 1 for fee information and reservations.

December 18, Sunday - Christmas Bird Count

January, date to be arranged - Bolinas Lagoon  
For those who missed the Sharp-tailed Sparrow last January, Dick is planning a return to Bolinas Lagoon.

OBSERVATIONS

Water and Shorebirds

White Pelican 8/26, 10 individuals at Abbott's Lagoon (BDP, JRA) - 8/28, 73 at Bodega Bay (BDP) - 9/2, 30 at Bodega Bay - 9/27, 33 at Bodega Bay (DE). American Bittern 9/10, Hwy. 37 (RR). Brant 9/2, Bodega Bay (DE) - 9/5, Salinas River mouth (BDP) - 9/15 & 9/23, Bodega Bay (DE). Clapper Rail 9/10, 3 at marsh on Hwy. 37, Solano Co. (DE). American Avocet 9/10, 91 ind. Hwy. 37, Solano Co. (DE). Golden-Plover 9/18, McKerricher State Beach (fulva) (DT) - 9/26, Spaletta Plateau (at least 2 fulva) (BDP). Hudsonian Godwit 9/5, Salmon River mouth (BDP). Lesser Yellowlegs 8/26, 4 at Abbott's Lagoon (BDP, JRA) - 9/5, 10 at Salinas River mouth (BDP). Terek Sandpiper 8/29, Carmel River mouth (BDP) - 9/4, (RR). Wandering Tattler 8/28, Bodega Head (BDP) - 9/23, Salmon Creek (DE). Red-necked Phalarope 8/26, Abbott's Lagoon (BDP, JRA) - 8/28, Bodega Sewer Ponds (BDP) - 9/2, Bodega Sewer Ponds (DE) - 9/4, 100s ind. just offshore, S of Ft. Bragg - 9/18, Ten Mile River (DT). Red Knot 9/5, Salinas River mouth (BDP). Dunlin 9/10, Pudding Creek (DT). Baird's Sandpiper 8/26, Spaletta Ponds (BDP, JRA) - 8/28 Hare Creek, S of Ft. Bragg (DT) - 9/11, Leslie Salt Ponds, Dumbarton Bridge (RR) - 9/18, McKerricher State Beach (DT). Long-toed Stint 8/31, Salinas Sewer Ponds (BDP). Pectoral Sandpiper 8/26, Spaletta Pond (BDP) - 9/2, Doran Pond (DE) - 9/4, Hare Creek (DT) - 9/10, Pudding Creek (DT) - 9/11, Spaletta Ponds (BDP). Ruff 8/29, Salmon Creek Beach (B&BR). Buff-breasted Sandpiper 9/11, Spaletta Plateau (BDP) - 9/24, Abbott's Lagoon (KC, RM, mob) Mew Gull 8/25, early, MacKerricher (DT). Common Tern 9/5, Salinas River mouth (BDP). Elegant Tern 9/5, Salinas River mouth - 9/11, Fish Docks (BDP).

Raptors

Golden Eagle 8/27, Alpine Co. (DE). Merlin 9/10, Hare Creek (DT). Peregrine Falcon 9/11 Pt. Reyes Lighthouse (BDP) - Manchester Beach State Park (DT). Barn Owl 9/28 Owl Canyon (BDP) - 9/4, Fish Docks (TB).

Other Non-passerines

White-headed Woodpecker 8/27, Cold Creek, Sierra Co. (DE). Lewis Woodpecker 8/27, Alpine Co. (DE).

Passerines

Western Kingbird 9/11, Pt. Reyes Lighthouse (BDP). Willow Flycatcher 9/2, Owl Canyon (DE). Purple Martin 9/15, Bodega Harbor (NC). American Dipper 8/27, Alpine Co. (DE). Tennessee Warbler 9/5, Fish Docks (B&BR) - 9/11, Fish Docks (BDP). Nashville Warbler 9/11, Fish Docks (BDP). Chestnut-sided Warbler 9/11, Nunes Ranch (BDP). Magnolia Warbler 9/11, Pt. Reyes Lighthouse (BDP) - 9/22, Hole in the Head (D&WN). Yellow-rumped Warbler (Myrtle) 9/23, Bodega Bay (DE). Black-throated Gray Warbler 9/11, Pt. Reyes (BDP). Townsend's Warbler 8/28, Owl Canyon (BDP). Blackpoll Warbler 9/11, Pt. Reyes Lighthouse (BDP). MacGillibray's Warbler 8/27, Alpine Co. (DE). Ovenbird 9/11, Pt. Reyes Lighthouse (BDP). Yellow-breasted Chat 9/11, Fish Docks (BDP). American Redstart 9/5, New Willows (B&BR) - 9/11, New Willows (BDP). Brewer's Sparrow 9/11, Nunes Ranch (BDP). White-throated Sparrow 9/4, Fish Docks (TB). Bobolink 9/24, Nunes Ranch (KC, RM, mob). Summer Tanager Bay Flat Rd. (NC). Red Crossbill 8/27, Sierra Co. - 8/27, Alpine Co. (DE).

Correction: White-throated Swift 5/6, Ukiah Sewer Ponds (DT). was reported as a Vaux's Swift in the September KITE TALES. White-throated Swifts are rare north of Sonoma County.

Mammals

Grizzly Bears, Canada (FK). Marten, Alpine Co. (DE). Ringtail, attic in home, Bodega Bay (NC).

Observers

Jack Arnold, Dick Ashford, Terry Babineaux, Kurt Campbell, Nancy Conzett, Doug Ellis, Frances Kohn, Roger Marlowe, Dan Nelson, Wini Nelson, Benjamin D. Parmeter, Bob and Bertha Rains, Ruth Rudesill, Dorothy Tobkin, Jean Tonascia.

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