

# Kite Tales

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## COMING ATTRACTIONS

### October 8, Sunday - Field Trip to Point Reyes

Time: 8:00 a.m. This is prime time for fall migrants and  
Meeting Place: White House Pool vagrants. Recent reports of the King Eider  
tell of plumage changes, so should the  
bird still be on or near the beach by the  
New Willows, it will be a treat even for those who have already  
gone to see it. We can hope the Mongolian Plover at the RCA  
field is there with the Golden Plovers and other shorebirds.  
Eastern warblers may also be expected. Mike Parmeter will lead  
us on this traditional fall trip. Don't forget lunch and warm  
clothing along with your binocular and scope. Directions to  
White House Pool: South on Hwy 1 from Point Reyes Stations, take  
the first right turn just after crossing the bridge over  
Lagunitas Creek. White House Pool is about a mile on the right  
side just before the right turn to Inverness

### Thursday, October 12 - 7:30 p.m. General Meeting

Birds of Torres del Paine National Park in Southern Chile and the  
Antarctic will be presented by Bob and Bertha Rains. The Rains  
spent three days at the Park after their January cruise to the  
Antarctic.

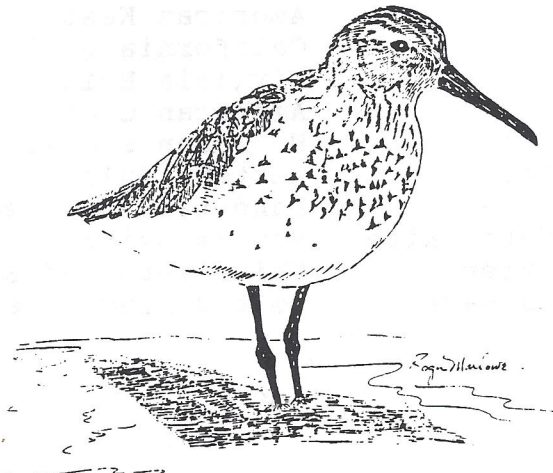
### Saturday, October 14, - Field Trip to Bodega Bay

Time: 8:30 a.m. Ducks, loons and more shorebirds should  
Meeting Place: Rail Ponds be coming in by mid-October. We can  
hope for better weather than that of  
September 16th when the field trip co-incided with the electric  
storm of the year. Dan Nelson, leader, is working on a big year  
in Sonoma County, so he will be looking for vagrant warblers and  
any other rare birds that may be around.

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#### DEADLINE:

Please report  
observations  
and field trip  
reports for  
the November  
Kite Tales  
by Tuesday,  
October 24th.



## FIELD TRIP REPORTS

Bodega Bay - September 16

A group of hardy birders joined Dan Nelson, leader, on the morning of the first heavy storm of the year. Even with adverse birding conditions, 70 species were seen.

Common Loon	Parasitic Jaeger	Bewick's Wren
Pied-billed Grebe	Heermann's Gull	Winter Wren
White Pelican	Ring-billed Gull	Marsh Wren
Double-cr. Cormorant	California Gull	Swainson's Thrush
Brandt's Cormorant	Western Gull	Water Pipit
Pelagic Cormorant	Elegant Tern	Hutton's Vireo
Great Egret	Forster's Tern	Warbling Vireo
Snowy Egret	Common Murre	Tennessee Warbler
Black-cr. Night-Heron	Band-tailed Pigeon	Orange-cr. Warbler
White-winged Scoter	Great Horned Owl	Nashville Warbler
Osprey	Anna's Hummingbird	Yellow Warbler
Black-shouldered Kite	Hummingbird, selas.	Common Yellowthroat
American Kestrel	Belted Kingfisher	Western Tanager
Virginia Rail	Nuttall's Woodpecker	California Towhee
American Coot	Downy Woodpecker	Savannah Sparrow
Black-bellied Plover	Northern Flicker	Fox Sparrow
Killdeer	Willow Flycatcher	Song Sparrow
Black Oystercatcher	Pac. Slope Flycatcher	Lincoln's Sparrow
Marbled Godwit	Black Phoebe	White-crowned Sparrow
Ruddy Turnstone	Barn Swallow	Red-winged Blackbird
Black Turnstone	Scrub Jay	Western Meadowlark
Sanderling	Ch.-backed Chickadee	House Finch
Western Sandpiper	Bushtit	American Goldfinch
Least Sandpiper		

Hawk Mountain and Rodeo Lagoon, September 24

The day started slow with an overcast sky for the 14 birders under the leadership of Ruth Rudesill. Many accipiters were seen, with sharpies predominating. Numerous swifts circled overhead - a few white-throateds among the Vaux's. Those who returned to Hawk Mountain after lunch at Rodeo Lagoon were rewarded with clearing skies and more hawks - 2 Ospreys, a Ferruginous, and a Black-shouldered Kite. A budgerigar was spotted in the trees.

The 39 species seen were:

Pied-billed Grebe	Cooper's Hawk	Northern Flicker
Double-cr. Cormorant	Red-tailed Hawk	Olive-sided Flycatcher
Great Blue Heron	Ferruginous Hawk	Black Phoebe
Great Egret	American Kestrel	Swallow, unid.
Snowy Egret	California Quail	Scrub Jay
Mallard	Virginia Rail	Common Raven
Scaup sp.	American Coot	Bewick's Wren
Ruddy Duck	Heermann's Gull	Marsh Wren
Turkey Vulture	Western Gull	American Robin
Osprey	Band-tailed Pigeon	Wrentit
Black-shouldered Kite	Vaux's Swift	Yellow Warbler
Northern Harrier	White-throated Swift	White-cr. Sparrow
Sharp-shinned Hawk	Belted Kingfisher	House Finch

## OBSERVATIONS

### Water and Shorebirds

**White-faced Ibis** 9/13, Tubbs Island (DN). **King Eider** 9/3, New Willows (DA) - 9/4 on (mob). **Lesser Golden Plover** 8/20, Doran Beach (RR) - 8/24, 8/27, McKerricher State Park (DT) - 9/3, Spaletta Plateau (DA). **Mongolian Plover** 9/22, RCA field, Pt. Reyes (B&BR) - 9/23, 9/24, (mob). **Black-necked Stilt** 9/13, McKerricher SP (DT). **American Avocet** 8/27, McKerricher SP (DT). **Lesser Yellowlegs** 8/24, McKerricher SP (DT) - 9/4, Horseshoe Pond, Pt. Reyes (RR). **Bar-tailed Godwit** 9/21, Pescadero State Beach (RR). **Red Knot** 8/18, Pudding Creek, Fort Bragg (DT) - 8/26, Doran Beach (RR,DE) - 9/14, Rail Ponds (JRA). **Curlew Sandpiper** 9/19, Lake Merced (DN). **Semi-palmated Sandpiper** 9/4, Salmon Creek (DA) - 9/19, Lake Merced (DN). **Baird's Sandpiper** 8/17, Pudding Creek (DT) - 9/3, Horseshoe Pond (DA) - 9/4, Drakes Beach (RR). **Pectoral Sandpiper** 8/23, McKerricher SP (DT). **Dunlin** 9/8, Pudding Creek (DT). **Reeve** 9/9, Salinas Sewer Ponds (DA). **Wilson's Phalarope** 8/18, Pudding Creek (DT). **Parasitic Jaeger** 9/6, 9/7, 9/8 Bodega Harbor (DN). **South Polar Skua** 9/6, Rail Ponds (JRA). **Little Gull** 9/3, 9/4, Horseshoe Pond (DA,RR). **Black Tern** 8/26, Doran Park (DE,RR)

### Raptors

**Bald Eagle** 9/21, Lake Sonoma (KR). **Golden Eagle** 8/29, Tolay Creek (DA). **Merlin** 9/10, Mendocino (DT). **Peregrine Falcon** 9/9, Mendocino (DT) - 9/12, adult at Doran, juvenal at Hole in the Head (NC).

### Other Non-passerines

**Black Swift** 8/3, (BG). **Hairy Woodpecker** 9/4, New Willows (RR). **Pileated Woodpecker** 9/12, on her house deck, Bodega Bay (NC).

### Passerines

**Eastern Kingbird** 9/3, Spaletta Plateau (DA). **Western Wood Pewee** 9/12, 7+ migrants, Bodega Bay (NC). **Willow Flycatcher** 8/26, Owl Canyon (RR,DE). **Gray Jay** 8/27, 4 at Mendocino (DT). **Tennessee Warbler** 9/17, 9/18, Hole in the Head (DN). **Magnolia Warbler** 9/7, Hole in the Head (DN). **Blackburnian Warbler** 9/11, Hole in the Head (DN). **Palm Warbler** 9/20, Hole in the Head (DN). **Blackpoll Warbler** 9/6, Hole in the Head (DN). **American Restart** 9/5, Hole in the Head (DN). **Northern Waterthrush** 9/5, Hole in the Head (DN,RR) - 9/20, 9/21, Rail Ponds (DN). **Indigo Bunting** 9/7, Hole in the Head (DN). **Clay-colored Sparrow** 9/19, Lake Merced (DN). **Golden-crowned Sparrow** 9/21, Wikiup (B&BR). **White-crowned Sparrow** 9/21, yard, Rincon Valley (JRA).

Dick Ashford reports highlights of a 9/8 pelagic trip out of Monterey: Black-footed Albatross, Northern Fulmar, Pink-footed Shearwater, Sooty Shearwater, Buller's Shearwater, Ashy Storm-Petrel, Black Storm-Petrel, Red Phalarope, Pomarine Jaeger, Sabine's Gull, Common Tern, Arctic Tern, **Thick-billed Murre**, **Craveri's Murrelet**, Cassin's Auklet, Rhinoceros Auklet, Tufted Puffin, and 8 species of marine mammals.

### Observers

Jack Arnold, Dick Ashford, Mamcy Conzett, Doug Ellis, Betty Groce, Dan Nelson, Bob and Bertha Rains, Karin Rudesill, Ruth Rudesill, Torothy Tobkin.

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