

Kite Tales

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COMING ATTRACTIONS

November 9, Thursday - 7:30 p.m., General Meeting

Rick Palmer, biologist with the California Department of Fish and Game, will speak on Birds in the California Wildlands Project. He will discuss the significance of the California Wildlife Preserves, and the importance of support of birders and photographers who enjoy these areas.

November 11, Saturday - Field Trip to Bolinas Lagoon

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Meeting Place: Five Brooks
Trailhead Parking Lot

The trip will start at Five Brooks Pond to check for wintering ducks there. Later to Bolinas Lagoon and to Pine Gulch for shorebirds and

the Sharp-tailed Sparrow. Dan Nelson will lead the trip. Do bring lunch, and footgear for possible muddy walking.

FIELD TRIP REPORT

Bodega Bay - October 14

Dan Nelson led the second trip this fall to Bodega Bay. He has been birding the area constantly looking for fall vagrants to add to his Sonoma County year list. The group sighted 77 species .

Common Loon	American Coot	Nuttall's Woodpecker
Pied-billed Grebe	Black-bellied Plover	Northern Flicker
Horned Grebe	Semi-palmated Plover	Black Phoebe
Western Grebe	Killdeer	Scrub Jay
Sooty Shearwater	Black Oystercatcher	Chestnut-b. Chickadee
Am. White Pelican	Willet	Winter Wren
Brown Pelican	Ruddy Turnstone	Marsh Wren
Double-cr. Cormorant	Black Turnstone	Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Brandt's Cormorant	Sanderling	Western Bluebird
Pelagic Cormorant	Western Sandpiper	Hermit Thrush
Great Blue Heron	Least Sandpiper	Hutton's Vireo
Great Egret	Dunlin	Yellow-rumped Warbler
Black-cr. Night-heron	Short-b. Dowitcher	Palm Warbler
American Wigeon	Heermann's Gull	Savannah Sparrow
Lesser Scaup	Ring-billed Gull	Fox Sparrow
Oldsquaw	California Gull	Song Sparrow
Surf Scoter	Herring Gull	Lincoln's Sparrow
White-winged Scoter	Western Gull	Golden-crowned Sparrow
Bufflehead	Elegant Tern	White-crowned Sparrow
Ruddy Duck	Forster's Tern	Red-winged Blackbird
Turkey Vulture	Common Murre	Western Meadowlark
Northern Harrier	Band-tailed Pigeon	House Finch
Sharp-shinned Hawk	Great Horned Owl	Pine Siskin
Cooper's Hawk	Anna's Hummingbird	American Goldfinch
California Quail	Hummingbird selas.	
Virginia Rail	Belted Kingfisher	

FIELD TRIP REPORT

Point Reyes - October 8

On a sunny, fall day, thirteen birders found 114 species at Point Reyes. Starting at White House Pool where a Swamp Sparrow was seen, to the Fish Docks where the King Eider was still to be found, many of the Point Reyes specialties were spotted. There were 5 Lesser Golden Plovers in the RCA field - 1 dominica, 2 fulva, 2 unid. - and later, 7 more at Spaletta Plateau. Also at the plateau were 2 Lapland Longspurs. At Horseshoe Pond, cooperative Lesser and Greater Yellowlegs fed together at the nearby shore. Four late Baird's Sandpipers were also there with a lone Pectoral. Among the ducks was an Eurasian Wigeon. Mike Parmeter, leader, added 2 species to his Outer Point Reyes List: Hairy Woodpecker and Greater Scaup (Outer Pt. Reyes starts just past Johnson's Oyster turnoff). The 13 birders were Jack Arnold, Terry and LeConte Babineaux, Betty Burrige, Mary Finn, Louise Johnston, Bill Lenarz, Mike Parmeter, Bob and Bertha Rains, Jean Smith, Gil Thompson, Jack Troutfetter.

Species seen were:

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| Red-throated Loon | American Avocet | Bewick's Wren |
| Common Loon | Greater Yellowlegs | Winter Wren |
| Pied-billed Grebe | Lesser Yellowlegs | Marsh Wren |
| Eared Grebe | Willet | Ruby-crowned Kinglet |
| Western Grebe | Marbled Godwit | Western Bluebird |
| Brown Pelican | Black Turnstone | Swainson's Thrush |
| Double-cr. Cormorant | Sanderling | Wrentit |
| Great Blue Heron | Western Sandpiper | Water Pipit |
| Great Egret | Least Sandpiper | Cedar Waxwing |
| Black-cr. Night-heron | Baird's Sandpiper | European Starling |
| Green-winged Teal | Pectoral Sandpiper | Hutton's Vireo |
| Mallard | Dunlin | Orange-cr. Warbler |
| Northern Pintail | Short-billed Dowitcher | Nashville Warbler |
| Northern Shoveler | Northern Phalarope | Yellow Warbler |
| Eurasian Wigeon | Bonaparte's Gull | Yellow-rumped Warbler |
| American Wigeon | Heermann's Gull | Black-thr. Gr. Warbler |
| Canvasback | Ring-billed Gull | Common Yellowthroat |
| King Eider | Western Gull | Savannah Sparrow |
| Surf Scoter | Glaucous-w. Gull | Fox Sparrow |
| White-winged Scoter | Forster's Tern | Song Sparrow |
| Turkey Vulture | Common Murre | Lincoln's Sparrow |
| Osprey | Band-tailed Pigeon | Swamp Sparrow |
| Black-shouldered Kite | Mourning Dove | White-throated Sparrow |
| Northern Harrier | Great Horned Owl | Golden-crowned Sparrow |
| Sharp-shinned Hawk | Burrowing Owl | White-crowned Sparrow |
| Cooper's Hawk | Anna's Hummingbird | Dark-eyed Junco |
| Red-shouldered Hawk | Belted Kingfisher | Lapland Longspur |
| Red-tailed Hawk | Downy Woodpecker | Red-winged Blackbird |
| American Kestrel | Hairy Woodpecker | Tricolored Blackbird |
| Merlin | Northern Flicker | Western Meadowlark |
| California Quail | Black Phoebe | Brewer's Blackbird |
| Virginia Rail | Horned Lark | Purple Finch |
| Black-bellied Plover | Steller's Jay | House Finch |
| Lesser Golden Plover | Scrub Jay | Pine Siskin |
| Semi-palmated Plover | American Crow | Lesser Goldfinch |
| Killdeer | Common Raven | American Goldfinch |
| | | House Sparrow |

Class: Birding for Beginners - Saturday - Sunday, November 4, 5

John Klobas, naturalist and environmental educator, is offering a humorous, exhilarating, non-threatening 1½ day introduction to the world of birds. The Saturday session will include the evolution, natural history, specialized adaptation, and identification of familiar local birds, field guides and equipment. The Sunday meeting is a field trip to Bodega Bay. The class meets at Darwin Hall 221; \$45.

OBSERVATIONS

Water and Shorebirds

King Eider 10/14, Fish Docks (DA). Black Scoter 10/14, Fish Docks (DA). Common Merganser 10/14, Whitehouse Pool (DA). Sandhill Crane 10/6, 2,000 at Staton island; 700, Tyler Island, Delta (DE). Lesser Golden Plover 10/4, 10/11, McKerricher SP (DT). *Snowy Plover October 4 banded ind. at McKerricher SP (DT). Black-necked Stilt 9/29, 30 at 3rd street sewer ponds, Santa Rosa (DE). American Avocet 9/24, McKerricher SP (DT) - 9/29, 40 at 3rd st. sewer ponds, SR (DE). Baird's Sandpiper 9/24, McKerricher SP (DT) - 10/7, Horseshoe Pond (DA) - 10/9, Manchester SB (DT). Pectoral Sandpiper 9/22, Salmon Creek Beach - 9/29, 2 at Bodega Bay (DE). Jaeger (sp) 10/14, Drakes Beach (DA).

Raptors

Merlin 9/24, McKerricher SP (DT) - 9/29, Bodega Bay (DE) -10/11, Fort Bragg (DT). Peregrine Falcon 10/14, Mendoza Ranch (DA). Burrowing Owl 10/14, Spaletta Plateau (DA).

Passerines

Say's Phoebe 10/14, Mendoza Ranch (DA). Tropical Kingbird 10/12, Hole in the Head (DN). Varied Thrush 10/14, Fish Docks (DA). Chestnut-sided Warbler 10/12, Spud Point (DN). Magnolia Warbler 10/12, Westside Park (DN). Palm Warbler 10/7, Bodega Bay (DE) - 10/12, 4 at Hole in the Head (DN) - 10/14, Mendoza Ranch (DA). Blackpoll Warbler 10/7, Bodega Bay (DE) - 10/12, Spud Point (DN). Wilson's Warbler 10/14, Mendoza Ranch (DA). American Tree Sparrow 10/12 to 10/20, Hole in the Head (DN). Swamp Sparrow 10/12 to 10/20, Hole in the Head (DN) - 10/14, Whitehouse Pool (DA). White-throated Sparrow 10/14, Whitehouse Pool (DA) - 10/23, yard, Petaluma (WN). Chestnut-collared Longspur 10/7, Spaletta Plateau (DA).

*Snowy Plovers were banded: Southern Oregon, San Joaquin Valley, Salmon Creek Beach, Sonoma County, and the 4th one at Abbott's Lagoon. The Abbott's Lagoon plover is back at McKerricher State Park for the 4th winter!

Observers: Dick Ashford, Doug Ellis, Dan Nelson, Wini Nelson, Dorothy Tobkin.

AREA CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNTS

December 16, Saturday - Clear Lake	Jerry White	279-4125
December 16, Saturday - Point Reyes	PRBO	(415)868-1221
December 17, Sunday - Santa Rosa	Doug Ellis	539-3443
December 28, Thursday - Napa-Solano	Robin Leong	643-1287
December 30, Saturday - S. Marin	Diane Sierra	(415)654-8124
December 31, Sunday - W. Sonoma	Betty Burridge	527-0225
January 1, Monday - Angwin	Phil Burton	963-5744

DEADLINE: Please report observations and announcements by Tuesday, November 28th for the December Kite Tales

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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