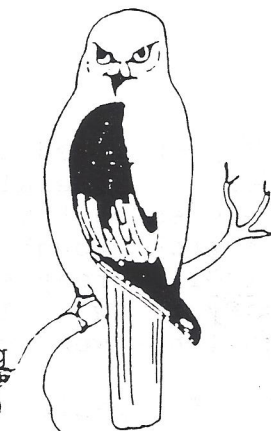


# Kite Tales



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REDWOOD REGION ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY

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## COMING ATTRACTIONS

### September 13, Thursday 6:30 p.m. Potluck and General Meeting

Meeting Place: Shiloh Regional Park      Shiloh Regional Park  
Time: Potluck Dinner: 6:30 p.m.      is a new county park  
Meeting: 7:30 p.m.      dedicated this spring.  
Owl Walk 8:30 p.m.      Directions: Take the  
the Shiloh exit from  
Hwy. 101, proceed east

to the end of the road, take a very short jog right. The entrance to the park is on the left. There is a \$1 parking fee, or free for Gold Cards. For dinner, bring your own service and a main dish, salad or dessert. For the Owl Walk, comfortable shoes and a flashlight are recommended. Wine and beer are permitted, but please comply with the county ordinance prohibiting styrofoam.

Shiloh Regional Park is foothill area with oak woodland, chaparral, some open fields, conifers, and a pond. Bob and Bertha Rains saw 48 species of birds there this spring, and heard Pygmy and Western Screech Owls. The park is to be maintained as a natural area with hiking and horseback riding only permitted.

### September 8, Saturday - Field Trip to Bodega Bay

Time: 8:00 a.m.      We may expect some returning ducks and shorebirds  
Meeting Place: Rail      to be in breeding plumage. Dan Nelson, leader,  
Ponds      will be searching Owl Canyon, the Hole in the  
Head and other areas for early fall vagrants.  
found several species of Eastern warblers there  
year when he did his big year. Please bring  
binocs, lunch, and a warm jacket - just in case  
it is windy at the Head.

### September 15, Saturday - Field Trip to Point Reyes

Time: 7:30 a.m.      Once again we will take our trip to Point  
Reyes for fall vagrants. Allow 1¼ to 1½  
hours to arrive at the meeting place.  
Meeting Place: White House      Reminder: You may need comfortable shoes  
Pool Parking      for walking to the Willows, a warm jacket,  
Lot      and lunch. Leader: Ruth Rudesill.

## MEMBERSHIP DUES

**CORRECTION:** The amount of dues for Family Membership as given in the May Kite Tales is in error. Dues are \$10 per year for Family Membership. We apologize for any inconvenience to members. Several members have already paid their dues at the May meeting. This is a reminder for those who have not yet sent in their check to Clarence Wolcott, treasurer, 4455 Dry Creek Road, Healdsburg, CA 95448. Checks may be made to RROS.

## FIELD TRIP REPORT

Ida Clayton Road - May 12, 1990

The scheduled leader, Mike Parmeter, was unable to come; even so, with the help of several expert birders, pleasant weather, the group enjoyed the 57 species on this traditional field trip. Dan Nelson's tape of the Sage Sparrow brought in a singing male for all to view. As promised, the MacGillivray's Warbler was at the lunch spot. Once again, Doug called in a Pygmy Owl. Two Canadas was at the pond near the meeting place, but no goslings were seen.

The 57 species of the day were:

Canada Goose	Northern Flicker	Brown Creeper	Wilson's Warbler
Wood Duck	Pileated Woodpecker	Bewick's Wren	Western Tanager
Turkey Vulture	Olive-sided Flycatcher	Western Bluebird	Black-headed Grosbeak
Sharp-shinned Hawk	Western Wood Pewee	American Robin	Rufous-sided Towhee
Red-tailed Hawk	Pac. Slope Flycatcher	Wrentit	Rufous-crowned Sparrow
American Kestrel	Black Phoebe	California Thrasher	Chipping Sparrow
Wild Turkey	Ash-thr. Flycatcher	Cedar Waxwing	Sage Sparrow
California Quail	Violet-green Swallow	European Starling	Dark-eyed Junco
Mountain Quail	Cliff Swallow	Solitary Vireo	Red-winged Blackbird
Mourning Dove	Steller's Jay	Hutton's Vireo	Western Meadowlark
Northern Pygmy Owl	Scrub Jay	Warbling Vireo	Brown-headed Cowbird
White-throated Swift	Plain Titmouse	Orange-cr. Warbler	Northern Oriole
Anna's Hummingbird	Bushtit	Bl.-thr. Gray Warbler	Purple Finch
*Belted Kingfisher	White-br. Nuthatch	MacGillivray's Warbler	Lesser Goldfinch
Acorn Woodpecker			

Participants: Richard Bertoli, Cynthia Cannon-Rudick, Chuck Carpy, Doug Ellis, Mary Finn, Dave Hofmann, Don and Louise Johnston, Dan and Wini Nelson, John O'Connor, Bob and Bertha Rains.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

July 1, 1989 - June 30, 1990

Beginning Bank Balance:		\$1,071.94
Income:		
Dues	\$679.50	
Donations	28.00	
Sale of Books	155.72	
Sale of Bird Checklists	13.00	
		<u>876.22</u>
		\$1,948.16
Expenses:		
Kite Tales	\$407.81	
Book Sales Commissions	121.75	
Bird Cards - SSU	30.00	
Program Speaker	50.00	
Stamps, Miscellaneous	<u>12.33</u>	
		<u>\$621.89</u>
Bank Balance, Exchange Bank: July 1, 1990		\$1,326.27

C. M. Wolcott, Treasurer  
July 11, 1990



Water and Shorebirds

**Red-necked Grebe** 5/20, McKerricher SP. **White-fronted Goose** 4/14, McKerricher SP. **Canada Goose** 4/14, minima, McKerricher SP - 7/16, Fort Bragg (DT) - 8/18, Sonoma Nat'l Golf Course (RR). **Brant** 7/14, McKerricher SP (DT) - 7/28, 8/4, Abbott's Lagoon (BDP,JRA) - 7/29, Manchester SB (DT). **Wood Duck** 4/2 - 5/10, Pudding Creek, Fort Bragg (DT). **Gadwall** 7/28, Abbott's Lagoon (BDP,LH,HM). **Greater Scaup** 8/4, Abbott's Lagoon (BDP,JRA). **Harlequin Duck** 8/17, McKerricher SP (DT). **Red-breasted Merganser** 8/4, Abbott's Lagoon. **Virginia Rail** 8/11, Drake's Beach Pond (BDP,JRA). **Lesser Golden Plover** 7/28, Abbott's Lagoon (BDP,LH,HM) - 8/18, Spaletta Plateau (BDP,JRA,BL). **Greater Yellowlegs** 7/28, Abbott's Lagoon (BDP,LH,HM). **Lesser Yellowlegs** 7/29, Manchester SB (DT) - 8/4, Abbott's Lagoon (BDP,JRA) - Bolinas Sewer Pond (BDP,JRA,BL). **Solitary Sandpiper** 5/5, McKerricher SP (DT). **Red Knot** 8/26, Doran Pond (RR,BG). **Semi-palmated Sandpiper** 8/18, Horseshoe Pond (BDP,JRA,BL). **Baird's Sandpiper** 8/12 - 8/19, McKerricher SP (DT) - 8/11 & 8/18, Spaletta Pond - 8/18, Bolinas Sewer Pond & Drake's Beach (BDP,JRA,BL). **Pectoral Sandpiper** 8/11, Spaletta Pond (BDP,JRA) - 8/26, Doran Pond (RR,BG). **Buff-breasted Sandpiper** 8/18, Bolinas Sewer Pond (BDP,JRA,BL). **Northern Phalarope** 8/4, Abbott's Lagoon - Horseshoe Pond (BDP,JRA). **Red Phalarope** 5/12, McKerricher SP (DT) - 8/26, Doran Pond (RR). **Parasitic Jaeger** 8/4, Abbott's Lagoon (BDP, JRA). **Jaeger sp.** 8/26, Bodega Head (RR). **Bonaparte's Gull** 7/28, Abbott's Lagoon (BDP,LH,HM). **Elegant Tern** 7/8, Sea Ranch - 7/9,8/19, McKerricher SP - 7/29, Manchester SB (DT) - 7/18, 100 at Abbott's Lagoon (BDP.LH,HM). **Marbled Murrelet** 8/16, off Westport (DT) - 8/26, 12 off Bodega Head (RR). **Rhinoceros Auklet** 6/10, Sea Ranch - 6/18, McKerricher SP (DT) - 8/26, Bodega Head (RR).

Raptors

**Osprey** 6/4, 10 at mouth of Big River, Mendocino Co. (DT) - 7/28, Abbott's Lagoon (BDP,LH,HM). **Black-shouldered Kite** 8/4, Abbott's Lagoon (BDP,LH,HM) - 8/8, Mt. Kenya (B&BR). **Golden Eagle** 8/8, Mt. Hoffman, Yosemite NP (DT). **Merlin** 4/30, Fort Bragg. **Peregrine Falcon** 8/8, Mt Hoffman, Yosemite NP (DT).

Other Non-Passerines

**Common Nighthawk** 6/1,6/5,6/7, Fort Bragg (DT) - 6/19, Larkfield (DL). **Black Swift** 7/14, Patrick's Point SP (BDP,SP). **Vaux's Swift** 7/13, Prairie Creek SP (SP,BDP).

Passerines

**Horned Lark** 8/4, Abbot's Lagoon (BDP,JRA). **Purple Martin** 8/17, 9 at Fort Bragg (DT) - 8/18, 20 at White House Pool (BDP,JRA,BL) - nesting near Cazadero (BDP). **Sedge Wren** July, Minnesota (RR). **Blackburnian Warbler** 6/25, Fish Docks (DT). **Blue Grosbeak** 8/5, Byron Tract, Delta (JRA). **Indigo Bunting** Sonoma Mt. Rd. (BB). **Tricolored Blackbird** 8/11, Spaletta Ranch (BDP,JRA). **Brown-headed Cowbird** Imm. 8/4, Abbott's Lagoon, being fed by White-crowned Sparrows (BDP,JRA). **Red Crossbill** 7/13, Prairie Creek SP (BDP,SP) - 8/18, Fort Bragg (DT).

Observers: Jack Arnold, Betty Burrige, Betty Groce, Les Hood, David Lawton, Bill Lenarz, Herb McGrew, Mike Parmeter, Sally Parmeter, Bob and Bertha Rains, Ruth Rudesill, Dorothy Tobkin.

**PELAGIC**

Roger Marlowe and Terry Colburn will lead a pelagic trip to Cordell Banks, Saturday, October 20th. Cost is \$47.50 per person. For information and reservations, phone Roger, 829-9125.

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