

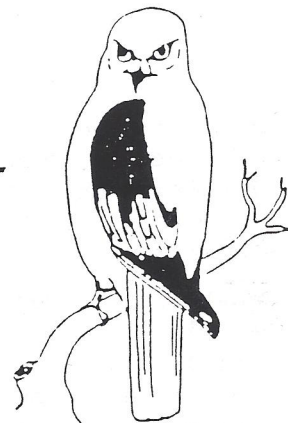
Kite Tales

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REDWOOD REGION ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY

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COMING ATTRACTIONS

October 11, Thursday - 7:30 p.m. General Meeting

In Sonoma County, we have several species of owls, and many birders who are interested in owls. We are fortunate in having Jon Winter, a field biologist who has studied owls for 23 years. Jon will present our program on Owls and their Vocalizations. He is an expert on the Great Gray Owl, having studied this species at Ackerman Meadow near Yosemite National Park.

October 13, Saturday - Field Trip to Limantour Spit

Time: 8:00 a.m.

Dan Nelson and Ruth Rudesill will lead us to look for returning ducks and shorebirds at

Meeting Place: Limantour
Parking Lot

Limantour Spit and Muddy Hollow. Prepare for walking on sandy beaches and damp trails. No restaurants nearby, so lunch is a must.

FIELD TRIP REPORT

Eastern vagrants were disappointingly absent on the Point Reyes field trip. Other species, the alcids and a Jaeger off the Lighthouse kept the group willing to face the brisk wind there. At the Willows, Mike Parmeter and Doug Ellis flushed the Long-eared Owl, providing excellent views of this less common species for the group. Marine mammals seen from the Point were Gray Whale, Harbor Porpoise, Sea Lion, and Harbor Seal. Jack Arnold spotted an obliging Common Snipe preening at Spaletta Ponds. There, too, as expected, was the Pectoral Sandpiper.

Red-throated Loon	American Kestrel	Common Murre	Winter Wren
Pacific Loon	Merlin	Marbled Murrelet	Marsh Wren
Common Loon	California Quail	Rhinoceros Auklet	Loggerhead Shrike
Horned Grebe	Killdeer	Band-tailed Pigeon	European Starling
Western Grebe	Am. Bl. Oystercatcher	Barn Owl	Hutton's Vireo
Clark's Grebe	Willet	Great Horned Owl	Yellow Warbler
Sooty Shearwater	Marbled Godwit	Long-eared Owl	Townsend's Warbler
Brown Pelican	Sanderling	Anna's Hummingbird	Savannah Sparrow
Double-cr. Cormorant	Least Sandpiper	Belted Kingfisher	Fox Sparrow
Pelagic Cormorant	Pectoral Sandpiper	Black Phoebe	Song Sparrow
Great Blue Heron	Common Snipe	Say's Phoebe	White-crowned Sparrow
Mallard	Red-necked Phalarope	Horned Lark	Red-winged Blackbird
Common Scoter	Jaeger sp.	Tree Swallow	Tricolored Blackbird
Surf Scoter	Heermann's Gull	Barn Swallow	Brewer's Blackbird
Turkey Vulture	Ring-billed Gull	Scrub Jay	House Finch
Cooper's Hawk	Western Gull	Common Raven	Pine Siskin
Red-shouldered Hawk	Caspian Tern	Red-breasted Nuthatch	Lesser Goldfinch
Red-tailed Hawk	Elegant Tern	Rock Wren	American Goldfinch

FIELD TRIP REPORT

On September 8th, 22 birders led by Wini Nelson, went to Bodegs Bay. They sighted an impressive list of 102 species. The Parasitic Jaeger was seen in the Bay; the Tufted Puffin off the Head. Wini kindly substituted as leader for Dan Nelson and Ruth Rudesill. Thank you, Wini, and do it again sometime.

Red-throated Loon	Snowy Plover	Marbled Nurrelet	Western Bluebird
Pacific Loon	Semi-palmated Plover	Tufted Puffin	Swainson's Thrush
Common Loon	Killdeer	Band-tailed Pigeon	American Robin
Pied-billed Grebe	Am. Bl. Oystercatcher	Great Horned Owl	Wrentit
Western Grebe	Willet	Anna's Hummingbird	European Starling
Am. White Pelican	Wandering Tattler	Allen's Hummingbird	Warbling Vireo
Brown Pelican	Marbled Godwit	Belted Kingfisher	Orange-crowned Warbler
Double-cr. Cormorant	Black Turnstone	Nuttall's Woodpecker	Yellow Warbler
Brandt's Cormorant	Surfbird	Downy Woodpecker	MacGillivray's Warbler
Pelagic Cormorant	Sanderling	Northern Flicker	Common Yellowthroat
Great Blue Heron	Western Sandpiper	Western Wood Pewee	Wilson's Warbler
Great Egret	Least Sandpiper	Willow Flycatcher	Western Tanager
Snowy Egret	Short-billed Dowitcher	Black Phoebe	Black-headed Grosbeak
Bl.-cr. Night-heron	Red-necked Phalarope	Say's Phoebe	California Towhee
Mallard	Red Phalarope	Western Kingbird	Savannah Sparrow
Surf Scoter	Parasitic Jaeger	N. Rough-w. Swallow	Fox Sparrow
Turkey Vulture	Bonaparte's Gull	Barn Swallow	Song Sparrow
Osprey	Heermann's Gull	Scrub Jay	Lincoln's Sparrow
Northern Harrier	Ring-billed Gull	Common Raven	White-crowned Sparrow
Sharp-shinned Hawk	Western Gull	Chestnut-b. Chickadee	Red-winged Blackbird
Red-tailed Hawk	Glaucous-winged Gull	Bushtit	Brewer's Blackbird
American Kestrel	Caspian Tern	Red-breasted Nuthatch	House Finch
California Quail	Elegant Tern	Bewick's Wren	Lesser Goldfinch
Virginia Rail	Forster's Tern	Winter Wren	American Goldfinch
American Coot	Common Murre	Marsh Wren	House Sparrow
Black-bellied Plover	Pigeon Guillemot		

Participants:

Avis Anderson, Jack Arnold, Dick Ashford, Lee and Terry Babineaux, Carol Brant, Nancy Conzett, Doug Ellis, Betty Groce, David Hofmann, John McDonagh, Wini Nelson, Linda Petrulias, Ed Van Tassel, Jim, Jean and Ruth Tonascia, Jerry and Nikki White, Clarence Wolcott, Cindy Young

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.

SPOTTED OWL STUDY

John Klobas is participating in a study of Spotted Owls. If you have any information on possible locations of these owls, please phone John at 823-4185.

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Participants: Point Reyes Field Trip

Avis Anderson, Jack Arnold, Terry and Lee Babineaux, Olive Corey, Doug Ellis, David Hofmann, Bill Lenarz, Lorraine MacKenzie, Dan Nelson, Mike and Sally Parmeter, Bob and Bertha Rains, Ruth Rudesill, Cindy Young.

OBSERVATIONS

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Water and Shorebirds

Sooty Shearwater (hundreds) 9/23, off McKerricher SP (DT). **Black-vented Shearwater** 9/9, San Diego pelagic (WT). **Fork-tailed Storm-petrel** 9/9, San Diego pelagic (WT). **Least Storm-petrel** 9/9, San Diego pelagic (WT). **Harlequin Duck** 9/15, McKerricher SP (DT). **Solitary Sandpiper** 8/3, Salton Sea (WT). **Lesser Golden Plover** 9/22, Doran Beach (RR). **Lesser Yellowlegs** 9/1, McKerricher SP (DT). **Bar-tailed Godwit** 8/26 through 9/23, McKerricher SP (DT). **Red Knot** 9/5, Bodega Bay (JM) - 9/8, McKerricher SP (DT) - 9/9, Tubbs Is. (B&BR). **Baird's Sandpiper** 8/19, 9/22, McKerricher SP (DT) - 9/5, Bodega Bay (JM). **Pectoral Sandpiper** 9/8, McKerricher SP (DT) - 9/22, Doran (RR). **Ruff** 9/9, 2 at Sunnyvale Sewer Pond (DN). **Sabine's Gull** 9/9, Sunnyvale Sewer Pond (DN). **Cassin's Auklet** 8/21 Fort Bragg (DT). **Rhinoceros Auklet** 9/10, Fort Bragg (DT).

Raptors

Golden Eagle 9/13 Tubbs Island (JM).

Passerines

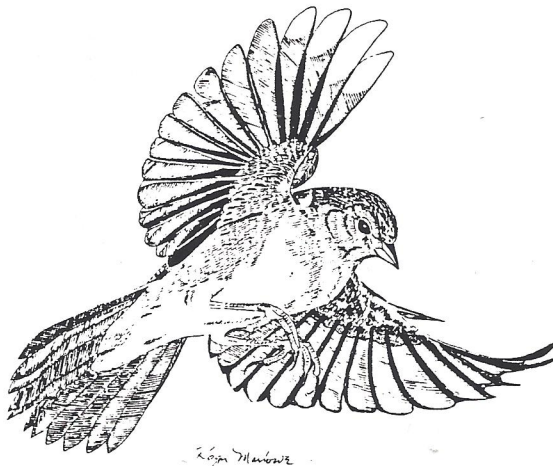
Willow Flycatcher 8/30, Fort Bragg - 9/23, McKerricher SP (DT). **Dusky Flycatcher** 9/22, Owl Canyon, Bodega Bay (RR). **Eastern Kingbird** 9/5, Bodega Bay (JM) - 9/9, Goose Lake (DW). **Purple Martin** 8/26, McKerricher SP (DT). **Yellow-green vireo** 9/22, Middle Lake, Golden Gate Park (DN). **Golden-winged Warbler** 9/23, Moss Beach (DN). **Magnolia Warbler** 9/5; Bodega Bay (JM) - 9/11, Owl Canyon (DN). **Blackpoll Warbler** 9/26, Hole in the Head (DN). **American Redstart** 9/23, Moss Beach (DN). **MacGillivray's Warbler** 9/22, Owl Canyon (RR). **Rose-breasted Grosbeak** 9/25, Middle Lake, Golden Gate Park (DN). **Smith's Longspur** 9/17, Moss Landing (DN). **Bobolink** 9/1, Serena Del Mar (cat kill) (JA). **Hooded Oriole** 9/11, Rail Ponds (DN).

Observers

Jack Arnold, John McDonagh, Dan Nelson, Bob and Bertha Rains, Ruth Rudesill, Wayne Tillay, Dorothy Tobkin, Dan Wilson.

BIRD SONG LECTURE

Dr. Luis Baptista will speak on Song Dialects in White-crowned Sparrows: Stability vs. Change. The lecture, sponsored by the SSU Biology Department, will be at noon, Room 108, Darwin Hall, SSU Campus, October 16.



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