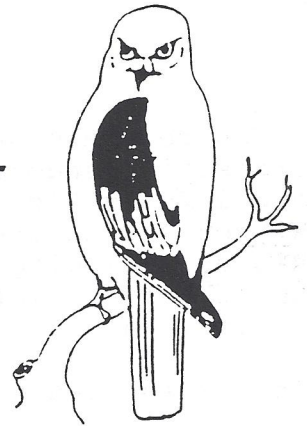


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COMING ATTRACTIONS

November 8, Thursday - 7:30 p.m. General Meeting

Bob and Bertha Rains saw over 600 species of birds on their trip to Africa this past summer, and Bob was able to photograph some of them. They will show their slides including ones of the smallest and the largest birds in Africa. Their trip took them to Kenya, Rwanda and Zaire.

November 10, Saturday - Field Trip to Bodega Bay

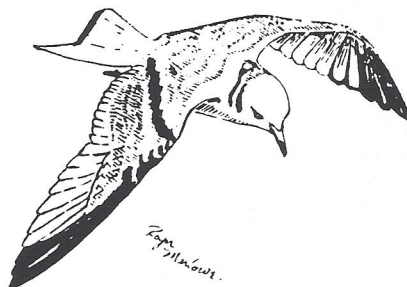
Time: 7:30 a.m. The shorebirds have returned to Bodega Bay in large numbers. This year, Jaegers have been seen in the Bay, and Dan Nelson may find a vagrant warbler or two. While we may hope for mild fall weather, be prepared for wind and cold. Bring lunch, binocs, and a scope if you have one. Leaders: Dan Nelson and Ruth Rudesill.

Sunday, December 16 - Santa Rosa Christmans Bird Count

With varied habitat and dedicated observers, we have sighted 130 to Over 150 species on Christmas Bird Counts in past years. Once again, we will be out, rain or shine, to join in this yearly event. Doug Ellis, compiler, has asked for assistance in setting up the count, and Ruth Rudesill has offered to help. Please fill out and mail the attached form so that Ruth will be able to offer participants their choice of area, and to provide adequate coverage for the entire circle. We welcome expert birders, just-for-fun birders, and be-glad-to-record birders.

For the count-down potluck, please bring a hot dish, salad, or desert. No need to bring your own table service, as those are provided.

Deadline: December Kite Tales: Tuesday, November 27th.



FIELD TRIP REPORT
Saturday, October 13 - Limantour

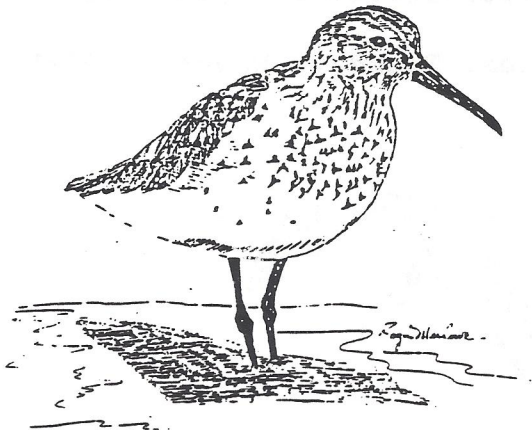
Offshore there were hundreds of gulls, and chasing them, at least 3 Parasitic Jaegers. A Red-necked Grebe and a Common Murre were there and a Snowy Plover was on the beach. At Muddy Hollow, the Eurasian Wigeon was spotted among a large number of ducks. On Inverness Ridge, a feeding flock provided good sightings of a Hermit Warbler and the first Varied Thrush for some in the group. Dan Nelson, trip leader, called attention to Red Crossbills flying over.

The 92 species seen were:

Pied-billed Grebe	Ruddy Duck	Heermann's Gull	Western Bluebird
Horned Grebe	Turkey Vulture	Ring-billed Gull	Hermit Thrush
Red-necked Grebe	Osprey	California Gull	American Robin
Western Grebe	Northern Harrier	Western Gull	Varied Thrush
Shearwater sp.	Sharp-shinned Hawk	Glaucous-winged Gull	Wrentit
Am. White Pelican	Red-tailed Hawk	Forster's Tern	American Pipit
Brown Pelican	American Kestrel	Common Murre	Hutton's Vireo
Double-cr. Cormorant	California Quail	Rock Dove	Yellow-rumped Warbler
Great Blue Heron	Virginia Rail	Anna's Hummingbird	Townsend's Warbler
Great Egret	Sora	Hairy Woodpecker	Hermit Warbler
Snowy Egret	American Coot	Northern Flicker	Palm Warbler
Mallard	Black-bellied Plover	Black Phoebe	Common Yellowthroat
Northern Pintail	Snowy Plover	Steller's Jay	Fox Sparrow
Cinnamon Teal	Killdeer	Scrub Jay	Song Sparrow
Northern Shoveler	Greater Yellowlegs	American Crow	White-crowned Sparrow
Gadwall	Willet	Common Raven	Red-winged Blackbird
Eurasian Wigeon	Long-billed Curlew	Chestnut-b. Chickadee	Western Meadowlark
American Wigeon	Marbled Godwit	Red-breasted Nuthatch	Brewer's Blackbird
Canvasback	Sanderling	Bewick's Wren	Purple Finch
Ring-necked Duck	Western Sandpiper	Winter Wren	House Finch
Lesser Scaup	Least Sandpiper	Marsh Wren	Red Crossbill
Surf Scoter	Long-billed Dowitcher	Golden-cr. Kinglet	Pine Siskin
White-winged Scoter	Parasitic Jaeger	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	American Goldfinch

Participants:

Betty Burrige, David Hofmann, Cindy and Leslie Lieurance, Dan Nelson, Bob and Bertha Rains, Cindy Young.



OBSERVATIONS

Water and Shorebirds

Red-necked Grebe 10/14, off McKerricher State Park (DT). **Black-vented Shearwater** 10/6, Bodega Head (DN). **Virginia Rail** 10/25, Salmon Creek (LJ). **Sora** 10/25, Salmon Creek (LJ). **Lesser Golden Plover** (dominica) 9/24, Fort Bragg - (fulva) 10/3, McKerricher SP (DT) - 10/21, Spaletta Plateau (DA). **Baird's Sandpiper** 9/29, 10/6, MacKerricher SP (DT). **Pectoral Sandpiper** 10/3, McKerricher SP (DT) - 10/11, Spalletta Ranch (JM). **Ruff** 10/14, Binford Rd, Novato (DA). **Bonaparte's Gull** 10/23, LLana Rd, Sewer Pond (JM). **Parasitic Jaeger** 9/30, New Willows Trail (DA). **Mew Gulls** 10/23, 80 at Llano Rd. Sewer Ponds (JM). **Common Murre** 9/30, New Willows Trail (DA). **Pigeon Guillemot** 9/30, New Willows Trail (DA). **Rhinoceros Auklet** 9/30, New Willows Trail (DA). **White-faced Ibis** 9/30, 12 at White House Pool (DA). **Black Scoter** 10/21, 17 at Fish Docks (DA).

Raptors

Cooper's Hawk 10/21, Fish Docks (DA). **Bald Eagle** (adult) 10/17, Lake Hennesey (JM). **Golden Eagle** 10/14, Abandoned Ranch (DA). **Merlin** 10/13, McKerricher SP (DT) - 10/18, Bodega Bay (JA). **Ferruginous Hawk** 10/21, Spaletta Plateau (DA). **Peregrine Falcon** 10/23, Llano Sewer Ponds (JM). **Burrowing Owl** 10/21, Spaletta Plateau (DA).

Other Non-Passerines

White-throated Swift 10/17, many at Lake Hennesey (JM).

Passerines

Tropical Kingbird 10/6, Spaletta Ranch (DE, JM) - 10/21, Drake's Beach Road (DA). **Red-breasted Nuthatch** fall, ubiquitous (MOB). **Cedar Waxwing** 10/5, Oakmont (BG). **Red-eyed Vireo** 10/1, Owl Canyon (DN). **Golden-winged Warbler** 10/5, Moss Beach (DN). **Virginia's Warbler** 10/1, Bodega Dunes SP near Rail Ponds (DN, NC, LJ). **Magnolia Warbler** 9/30, New Willows (DA) - 10/1, Bodega Dunes SP near Rail Ponds (DN). **Palm Warbler** 10/14, Fish Dock trees and Mendoza's Ranch (DA). **Blackpoll Warbler** 10/5, w1 Canyon (DN). **Northern Waterthrush** 10/5, Diekmann's Store (DN). **Clay-colored Sparrow** 10/5, Owl Canyon (DN). **Lincoln's Sparrow** 10/23, Llano Road Sewer Ponds (JM) - 10/25, yard, Wikiup (BR). **White-throated Sparrow** 10/14, Nunez Ranch (DA) - 10/17, yard, Wikiup (B&BR) - 10/25, yard, Santa Rosa (JA). **Chestnut-collared Longspur** 10/11, Spaletta Plateau (JM) - 10/14, Spaletta Plateau (DA). **Red-crossbill** 10/21, Manchester Beach SP (DT).

Pelagic Trip

Ruth Rudesill reported highlights of the October 20th Pelagic Trip from Bodega Bay led by Roger Marlowe and Terry Colburn. Among the birds seen were: **Laysan Albatross** and many **Black-footed Albatross**, **Northern Fulmar**, **Pink-footed**, **Flesh-footed**, **Buller's** and **Sooty Shearwaters**, **Red** and **Red-necked Phalaropes**, **Pomarine Jaeger**, many **Bonaparte's Gulls**, and three **Sabine's Gulls**.

Also seen were an **Elephant Seal**, and about ten **Blue** and **Humpback Whales**.

Observers:

Jack Arnold, Dick Ashford, Doug Ellis, Louise Johnston, John MacDonagh, Dan Nelson, Bob and Bertha Rains, Ruth Rudesill, Dorothy Tobkin.

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