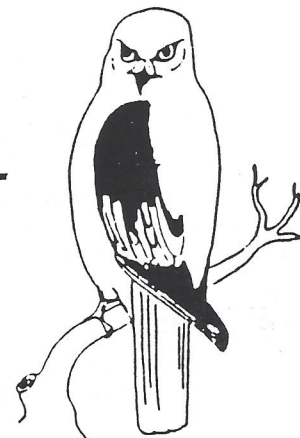


# Kite Tales

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## REDWOOD REGION ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY

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### COMING ATTRACTIONS

#### **Potluck and General Meeting: September 12, 1991--Thursday, 6:00 PM**

Place: Sugarloaf State Park

This is a change of meeting place announced to attendees at our last meeting (at Sugarloaf). The Shiloh Park is no longer available for evening meetings. There will be a short business meeting after the Potluck dinner. Bring your own service, drinks and a main dish, salad or dessert. Comfortable shoes and a flashlight are recommended if you wish to do some owling after the meeting. It should be recalled that there is a \$5.00 entrance fee (\$4 if one passenger is a senior). Carpooling is suggested.

**Field Trip to Bodega Bay.** Ruth Rudesill will lead this trip on Sunday, September 15. Meet at 8:00 AM at the rail ponds on the north side of the lagoon. Be sure to wear warm clothing in case of fog or rainy (we hope) weather. It can also be very chilly when the wind blows, especially on the Head.

**Pelagic Field Trip from Fort Bragg (Noyo harbor).** Sunday, October 6, 7:00 AM to 1:30 PM. Meet at Sportman's Dock, off N. Harbor Dr. where there is lots of free parking. The boat is the TREK II and the leader is Roger Marlowe. Cost is \$40. Send checks to Mendocino Coast Audubon, 130 Dana St., Fort Bragg 95437. Direct questions to RROS member Dorothy Tobkin at (707) 964-6216.

**Pelagic Field Trip to Cordell Banks.** A special pelagic trip aboard the New Sea Angler has been organized for Sunday, November 3. 19 spaces are reserved for RROS members at a discount price of \$41 per person. The trip will be led by Roger Marlowe, but contact Ruth Rudesill (762-6152) for details.

### MEMBERSHIP DUES

Please remember to pay your membership dues for the 1991-92 year. Dues are \$10 per family or \$7.50 per individual per year. Student dues are \$3.00. Send your check to the RROS treasurer, Clarence Wolcott, 4455 Dry Creek Road, Healdsburg, CA 95448, or better, bring it to the potluck meeting or the first general meeting (on October 10) at Darwin Hall, Sonoma State University campus. Make checks payable to RROS. If you are aware of any change of address, spelling errors, or other problems please make it known to the editor (965-2978) and you may be able to add Red-faced Booby to your life list.

The following deadlines for receipt of information must be adhered to in order to get the Kite Tales out on time. Deadline for inclusion of observations (to Avis Anderson), **24th** of the month; deadline for inclusion of announcements (to Wayne Tillay), **27th** of the month. Please be sure to include the date and place of the observation. Be sure to get verification and supporting details on rare birds. Many bird clubs fail to do this thereby losing their good reputations and make printing observations worthless.

## FIELD TRIP REPORTS

### Report Of May 11, 1991 to Ida Clayton Road (North side of Mt. St. Helena)

Twenty two observers led by Dan Nelson recorded 66 species of birds. Highlights of the day included a flock of **Tricolored Blackbirds** near the intersection of Ida Clayton Road and Hwy 128, three **Golden Eagles** (visible at the same time), **Mountain Quail** (seen by many) and **Sage Sparrow**. Also of note were **N. Pygmy Owl**, **White-throated Swift**, **Pileated Woodpecker**, **Blue-gray Gnatcatcher**, **California Thrasher**, and **Black-throated, Townsend's and Hermit Warblers**. Alan Pierson (phone numbers, 942-0598 or 942-4761) of the Sugarloaf Ranch invited us to bird on the ranch during our next visit.

### Report Of May 24-27, 1991 to Lava Beds/Klamath Basin.

Ten observers enjoyed great weather for a weekend trip that resulted in 121 species recorded. Most of the group camped at the Lava Beds National Monument. Sunny mornings involved hiking with afternoons reserved for driving around the Tule Lake and Lower Klamath Wildlife Refuges. Highlights included amazing views of a **Prairie Falcon** nest with six nestlings primed for fledging at the Petroglyph Cliffs, great looks at **Purple Martins** and **Violet-green Swallows**; **Western Grebes** doing their rushing display, good looks at **White-faced Ibis** and soaring **White Pelicans**, a breeding plumaged **Red Knot** was a rare treat, good looks at **Great-horned Owls**, **Mountain Bluebirds**, **Green-tailed Towhees**, and **Canada Geese** families were also reported. Two observers were fortunate to see **Pinyon Jays**, and Pronghorn Antelopes were also seen. Participating were: Ruth Rudesill (leader), Doug Ellis, David Hofmann, Karen Murphy, Bob and Bertha Rains, Cindy, Shirley and Judy Young, and Alan Wight.

### Report of June 14-16, 1991 to Yosemite National Park area.

Six observers led by Ruth Rudesill were blessed with pleasant weather during the three days at Yosemite. The group camped outside the park at Middle Fork Campground on the Tuolumne River. Saturday they drove over Tioga Pass, and on Sunday went to Bridalveil Campground and the Yosemite Valley. Yosemite Falls were spectacular due to late rains. Highlights of the trip included a **Great Gray Owl** perched in daylight in a meadow at Crane Flat and **Yellow-bellied Marmots** and **Pikas** along Tioga Road. Observations included a **N. Pygmy Owl** (called in) being mobbed by other species, **Pine Grosbeak** and **Williamson's Sapsucker** (at Bridalveil), **White-headed Woodpecker**, **Evening Grosbeak**; and **Willow, Hammond's, and Dusky Flycatchers**. A total of 61 species were recorded. Participating were: Ruth Rudesill(leader), Doug Ellis, David Hofmann, Betty Groce, Phyllis Schmitt and Cindy Young.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT (July 1, 1990 to June 30, 1991)

Beginning Bank Balance		\$1,326.27
<u>Receipts:</u> From Dues	\$ 640.50	
From Book Sales	<u>524.00</u>	
		<u>1,154.50</u>
		2,490.77
<u>Expenditures:</u>		
Kite Tales	428.82	
Books Sales Commissions	258.00	
Program speaker	75.00	
Contribution to Sonoma State U.	100.00	
Christmas Count Expenses	12.00	
Taxes & postage	<u>20.00</u>	
		<u>893.82</u>
Ending Exchange Bank Balance June 30, 1991		1,596.95

C. M. Wolcott, Treasurer

## OBSERVATIONS, 6/01 - 8/25

1991

Water & Shorebirds	Date	Location	County	Details	Observer(s)
Horned Grebe	8/02	MacKerricher SP	Mendocino		Dorothy Tobkin
Northern Fulmar	6/09	Bodega Head	Sonoma		R. Rudesill & B. Burrige
Sooty Shearwater	6/09	Bodega Head	Sonoma	20 birds	R. Rudesill & B. Burrige
White Pelican	7/20	Bodega Harbor	Sonoma	100 birds	Ruth Rudesill
Little Blue Heron	8/17	Bodega Harbor	Sonoma		Bob & Bertha Rains
Brant	6/09	Bodega Harbor	Sonoma	14 birds	Dave Hofmann
Blue-winged Teal	6/01	10-mile River	Mendocino	2 males	Dorothy Tobkin
Oldsquaw	6/07	Fish Docks	Marin		B. D. & John Parmeter
Oldsquaw	7/20	Glass Beach	Mendocino	Observed 7/20 & 8/03	Dorothy Tobkin
Common Merganser	6/02	Austin Creek	Sonoma	Female w/22 young	B. D. & John Parmeter
Black Rail	6/30	Hudeman's Slough	Sonoma	3 birds calling	B. D. Parmeter & Alan Wight
Lesser Yellowlegs	8/17	Doran Pond	Sonoma		R. Rudesill
Wandering Tattler	8/03	Bodega Head	Sonoma		David Hofmann
Red Phalarope	6/01	MacKerricher SP	Mendocino		Dorothy Tobkin
Wilson's Phalarope	8/17	Doran Park	Sonoma		R Rudesill
Baird's Sandpiper	8/10	MacKerricher SP	Mendocino		Dorothy Tobkin
Baird's Sandpiper	8/10	Spaletta Slop Ponds	Marin	2 juvenile birds	B. D. Parmeter & Alan Wight
Baird's Sandpiper	8/10	Drakes Beach	Marin	2 juvenile birds	B. D. Parmeter & Alan Wight
Baird's Sandpiper	8/10	Horseshoe Pond	Marin	2 juvenile birds	B. D. Parmeter & Alan Wight
Pectoral Sandpiper	8/17	Bodega Harbor	Sonoma		David Hofmann
Franklin's Gull	6/01	Gualala R. mouth	Son./Mendo	1st Mendocino Co. record	B. D. & John Parmeter
Marbled Murrelet	8/02	N. of Westport	Mendocino		Dorothy Tobkin
Rhinoceros Auklet	6/09	Bodega Head	Sonoma	3 birds	David Hofmann
<i>Sacred Ibis</i>	8/01	Bodega Rail Ponds	Sonoma	Escape??	Deyea Harper & D. Hofmann
<i>Shelduck</i>	8/17	Doran Pond	Sonoma	Escape??	D. H., C. Young, A. Anderson
<b>Raptors &amp; Non-Passerines</b>					
Peregrine Falcon	8/11	Stump Beach	Mendocino		Chris Tarp
Sharp-shinned Hawk	7/27	Santa Rosa	Sonoma	2 imm. in yard	Betty Groce
Barred Owl	6/02	Mendo. Woodlands	Mendocino	Calling bird	Dorothy Tobkin
N. Pygmy Owl	7/27	Oathill Mine Rd.	Napa		B. D. Parmeter
Vaux's Swift	6/01	V. Crossing, Gualala	Son./Mendo.	7 birds at three locations	B. D. & John Parmeter
Vaux's Swift	7/27	Oakmont	Sonoma	2 birds	Betty Groce
Rufous Hummingbird	7/10	Santa Rosa	Sonoma	Feeder bird	Betty Groce
Red-breasted Sapsucker	6/01	Valley Crossing	Sonoma	Calling bird	B. D. & John Parmeter
Wild Turkey	6/02	King Ridge Rd.	Sonoma		B. D. & John Parmeter
Blue Grouse	8/03	King Ridge Rd.	Sonoma		David Hofmann
<b>Passerines</b>					
Dipper	6/02	Austin Creek	Sonoma		B. D. & John Parmeter
Blk.-throated Green Warbler	6/07	Mendoza Ranch	Marin		B. D. & John Parmeter
Magnolia Warbler	6/07	Lighthouse Trees	Marin		B. D. & John Parmeter
N. Parula Warbler	6/08	Near Inverness	Marin		B. D. & John Parmeter
American Redstart	6/09	Owl Canyon	Sonoma	Female	D. Hofmann
Hooded Oriole	6/28	Kenwood	Sonoma		Ruth & Ann Rudesill
Loggerhead Shrike	6/30	Ramal Rd.	Sonoma	Feeding young	
Purple Martin	6/02	Gualala Bridge	Son./Mendo	Six birds	B. D. & John Parmeter
	7/27	Oathill Mine Rd.	Napa	3 separate birds	B. D. Parmeter
	8/02	N. of Westport	Mendocino		Dorothy Tobkin
	8/12	MacKerricher SP	Mendocino		Dorothy Tobkin
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	6/08	Near Inverness	Marin	Singing male w/female	B. D. & John Parmeter
	8/11	Joy Ridge Rd.	Sonoma	Present to 8/15	Suzanne Cogen
Brewer's Sparrow	6/08	Lighthouse Rd.	Marin		B. D. & John Parmeter

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