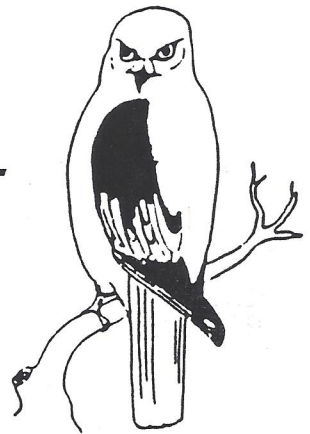


# Kite Tales



**REDWOOD REGION ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY**  
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## COMING ATTRACTIONS

**General Meeting:** October 10, 1991--Thursday, 7:30 PM

Place: Darwin Hall, Sonoma State University

Time: 7:30 PM

Program: Birding in Saudi Arabia with David Hofmann.

**Field Trip:** Saturday, October 12, Pt. Reyes. Meet at Drake's Beach parking lot at 8:00 AM. Ruth Rudesill, leader.

**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 (833-6026) for details.

## MEMBERSHIP DUES

If you have not paid your membership dues for the 1991-92 year, please do so by the November meeting (Nov. 14, 1991). We cannot send you Kite Tales unless your dues are paid before the next mailing date (Nov. 29). We have inserted a reminder in this Kite Tales issue if you are delinquent (as of Sept 26).

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. Kite Tales will not be sent out for the December meeting unless this is done.

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), 23th 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 (including county). Observations that involve counties other than Marin, Sonoma, Mendocino and Napa, will be included only as space is available.

## New Members

Richard A. and Mary Ann Cuneo of Vineburg  
Catherine E. Hickey of Occidental  
Kathy Scherzer of Rohnert Park

Linda Petrulias of Cazadero  
Nancy Abreu of Rutherford  
Felipa Errecart of Corning

## FIELD TRIP REPORT

Report Of September 15, 1991 to Bodega Bay. Ruth Rudesill (with an assist from Dan Nelson) led the trip that resulted in the sighting of about 91 species. Highlights of the trip included: a Chestnut-sided Warbler at Hole-in-the-Head; four American Redstarts; 2 early Dunlin at Doran Park; an adult Parasitic Jaeger and a Cassin's Auklet off Bodega Head; and numerous Elegant Terns. Participants included: Avis Anderson, Nancy Conzett, Mary Finn, Betty Groce, David Hofmann, Louise Johnston, Dan Nelson, Wini Nelson, Bill Payne, June Persson, Lars-Olaf Persson, Bob and Bertha Rains, Ruth Rudesill, Sandra Settle, Ralph Sherman, Wayne Tillay, Chris Wood, Cindy Young.

### Species List:

Common Loon	Willet	Willow Flycatcher
Pied-billed Grebe	Whimbrel	Black Phoebe
Sooty Shearwater	Marbled Godwit	Rough-w. Swallow
A. White Pelican	Ruddy Turnstone	Barn Swallow
Brown Pelican	Black Turnstone	Scrub Jay
Double-crested Cormorant	Sanderling	Common Raven
Brandt's Cormorant	Western Sandpiper	Chestnut-backed Chickadee
Pelagic Cormorant	Least Sandpiper	Bushtit
Great Blue Heron	Dunlin	Bewick's Wren
Great Egret	Short-billed Dowitcher	American Robin
Snowy Egret	Phalarope, sp.	European Starling
Black-crowned Night Heron	Parasitic Jaeger	Solitary Vireo
Green-winged Teal	Bonaparte's Gull	Warbling Vireo
Cinnamon Teal	Heermann's Gull	Orange-crowned Warbler
Northern Shoveler	Ring-billed Gull	Yellow Warbler
Northern Shelduck	Western Gull	Chestnut-sided Warbler
Greater Scaup	Glaucous-winged Gull	Yellow-rumped Warbler
Surf Scoter	Caspian Tern	American Redstart
Turkey Vulture	Elegant Tern	Common Yellowthroat
Black-shouldered Kite	Forster's Tern	Wilson's Warbler
Northern Harrier	Common Murre	Western Tanager
Sharp-shinned Hawk	Pigeon Guillemot	Black-headed Grosbeak
Red-tailed Hawk	Cassin's Auklet	California Towhee
American Kestrel	Rhinoceros Auklet	Song Sparrow
California Quail	Band-tailed Pigeon	White-cr. Sparrow
Virginia Rail	Mourning Dove	Red-winged Blackbird
American Coot	Great Horned Owl	Brewer's Blackbird
Black-bellied Plover	Anna's Hummingbird	House Finch
Semipalmated Plover	Selasphorus Hummingbird	Lesser Goldfinch
Black Oystercatcher	Belted Kingfisher	American Goldfinch
Greater Yellowlegs	Western Wood-Pewee	

Several were sure at least one Selasphorus hummer was a male Rufous. There were several females, presumably Allen's. A Black-chinned Hummingbird was also reportedly seen. Please note that the observations section does not include species noted on field trips.



## Observations: August-September 1991

SPECIES NAME	DATE	LOCATION, COUNTY	DETAILS	OBSERVERS
Brant	8/17	Limatour Spit, Marin	Single, pale bird	BD & Sally Parmeter, Jack Arnold
Harlequin Duck	9/05	MacKerricher SP, Mendocino	Single female to 9/15	Dorothy Tobkin
Swainson's Hawk	8/29	Sears Point, Sonoma		Dick Ashford
Lesser Golden-Plover	8/25	Spaletta Plateau, Marin	7 birds; 10 on 9/8; 3 fulva	BD Parmeter & Alan Wight
Lesser Golden-Plover	9/14	MacKerricher SP, Mendocino	3 birds	Dorothy Tobkin
Mountain Plover	9/18	Road to Fish Docks		Bob & Bertha Rains
Solitary Sandpiper	8/25	Bolinas Ponds, Marin	Single bird	BD Parmeter & Alan Wight
Red Knot	9/14	MacKerricher SP, Mendocino	One bird	Dorothy Tobkin
Semipalmated Sandpiper	9/21	Spaletta Stock Ponds, Marin	Single juvenile	Dick Ashford & Alan Wight
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	9/08	Spaletta Plateau, Marin	1 w/ Golden Plovers	BD Parmeter & Bill Lenarz
Parasitic Jaeger	9/15	Fish Docks, Marin	Single Bird also 9/21	J. & V. McDonagh; Dick Ashford
Western Screech-Owl	9/12	Sugarloaf Ridge SP, Sonoma	Single calling bird	Potluck RROS members
Common Poorwill	9/12	Sugarloaf Ridge SP, Sonoma	Single calling bird	Potluck RROS members
Vaux's Swift	9/10	Rio Linda Academy, Sonoma	5,000(±) Birds at Roost	Gottfried Fritz, M. Ob.
Willow Flycatcher	9/02	10-Mile R.; 9/20 Ukiah, Mendo	3 birds at Ukiah	Dorothy Tobkin
Least Flycatcher	9/08	New Willows, Pt. Reyes, Marin	Single bird, calling	BD Parmeter & Bill Lenarz
Least Flycatcher	9/15	Lighthouse, Marin	Single bird	John McDonagh
Pacific-slope Flycatcher	9/07	Lighthouse Trees, Marin	Ten birds	BD & Sally Parmeter, Bill Lenarz
Ash-throated Flycatcher	8/26	Glass Beach, Mendo	Scarce coastal bird	Dorothy Tobkin
Purple Martin	8/17	Limantour; Sea. Hqtrs., Marin	Single Male; 2 Birds	BD & Sally Parmeter, Jack Arnold
Purple Martin	9/07	Lighthouse, Pt. Reyes, Marin	Two Birds	BD & Sally Parmeter, Jack Arnold
Bank Swallow	8/31	Bolinas Ponds, Marin	Two birds	Dick Ashford
Rock Wren	9/07	Lighthouse Trees, Marin	Single bird	BD & Sally Parmeter, Bill Lenarz
Swainson's Thrush	9/07	Lighthouse Trees, Marin	Two birds	BD & Sally Parmeter, Bill Lenarz
Solitary Vireo	9/12	Fish Docks, Nunes R. 9/15, Marin	Single birds of E. race	B. Groce, C. Young; J & V McDonagh
Chestnut-sided Warbler	9/07	Lighthouse Trees, Marin	1 immature w/chestnut	BD & Sally Parmeter, Bill Lenarz
Chestnut-sided Warbler	9/19	Rodea Lagoon, Marin		John McDonagh
Magnolia Warbler	9/07	Lighthouse Trees, Marin	1 fall male	BD & Sally Parmeter, Bill Lenarz
Cape May Warbler	9/12	Lighthouse Trees, Marin	9/12 & 9/15	B. Groce & B. Gumtow; D. Ashford
Black-thr. Blue Warbler	9/15	Lighthouse Trees, Marin		D. Ashford & J. McDonagh
Yellow-rumped Warbler	9/18	Owl Cyn, Bodega, Sonoma	Single female	Dan Nelson
Townsend's Warbler	9/07	Lighthouse Trees, Marin	Ten birds	BD & Sally Parmeter, Bill Lenarz
Hermit Warbler	9/07	Lighthouse Trees, Marin	Single fall male, 1 9/8	BD & Sally Parmeter, Bill Lenarz
Blackburnian Warbler	9/07	Lighthouse Trees, Marin	1 fall adult male; also 9/1:	BDP, SP, BL, BG, CY, JM
Blackburnian Warbler	9/07	Nunes Ranch, Pt. Reyes, Marin	1 young, fall abird	BD & Sally Parmeter, Bill Lenarz
Yellow-throated Warbler	9/12	Mendoza Ranch, Marin	Single bird also 9/14	BDP, SP, B Groce, B Gumtow
Black-and-White Warble	9/12	Nunes Ranch, Marin		Betty Groce & Barbara Gumtow
American Redstart	9/07	Lighthouse Trees, Marin	1 adult male	BD & Sally Parmeter, Bill Lenarz
Ovenbird	9/21	Lighthouse, Marin		David Hofmann
Northern Waterthrush	9/07	New Willows, Pt. Reyes, Marin	One calling repeatedly	BD & Sally Parmeter, Bill Lenarz
Mourning Warbler	9/14	Lighthouse Rd., Pt. Reyes, Marin	Single bird; also 9/15-16	BD Parmeter, Bill Wright, Alan Wight
Hooded Warbler	9/23	Dunes SP, Sonoma		Dan Nelson
Clay-colored Sparrow	9/07	Lighthouse, Pt. Reyes, Marin	One adult	BDP, SP, BL, BG, CY
Brewer's Sparrow	9/15	Lighthouse, Pt. Reyes, Marin		Dick Ashford
Red Crossbill	8/25	Ft. Bragg, Mendocino	2 on 8/25; flock 9/16	Dorothy Tobin

In addition to the above mentioned birds, there were numerous sightings of the following: Lesser Yellowlegs, five reports; Baird's Sandpiper, six reports; Pectoral Sandpiper, 9 reports; Merlin, three reports, Black-throated Warbler, six reports; Blackpoll Warbler, 6-8 reports; American Redstart 7-8 reports.

