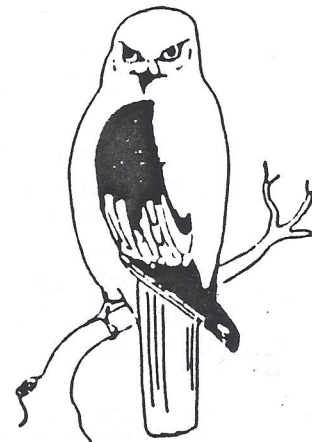


Kite Tales



REDWOOD REGION ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY

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COMING ATTRACTIONS

General Meeting: November 14, 1991--Thursday, 7:30 PM

Place: Darwin Hall, Sonoma State University

Time: 7:30 PM

Program: Birding Adventures in South Texas with Ruth Rudesill.

Field Trip: Ruth Rudesill will lead a field trip to Bodega Bay on Saturday, November 23. Meet at the Rail ponds at the North end of the Bodega Lagoon at 8:00 AM. We will look for shorebirds and wintering water birds.

Field Trip: Friday, November 29th to the Sacramento Valley area. We are once again invited to join the Davis Audubon Society for a trip to areas around Davis, Sacramento and Lodi. This trip always produces surprises!! Meet at the **Burger King** restaurant at the **Mace Blvd.** off ramp on I-80 (last Davis exit) at 8:00AM.

Santa Rosa Christmas Bird Count, Sunday, December 15th. See the attached sign-up form.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

THIS MAY BE YOUR LAST ISSUE OF KITE TALES if you have not paid your membership dues for the 1991-92 year by the November meeting we can no longer send you the Kite Tales. Check the mailing label of this issue. The word **DUE** indicates that you are delinquent. Please send dues (\$10 per family or \$7.50 per individual) to the RRROS treasurer, Clarence Wolcott, 4455 Dry Creek Road, Healdsburg, CA 95448. Student dues are \$3.00.

FIELD TRIP REPORTS

Report of the pelagic field trip from Fort Bragg, Oct. 6, 1991. 29 species highlighted by sightings of Flesh-footed and Short-tailed Shearwaters, South Polar Skua, Sabine's Gull and Tufted Puffin. 20 Black-footed Albatross were also observed on this trip lead by Roger Marlowe and Greg Granham on an overcast day with little wind and calm sea.

Pacific Loon	Brown Pelican	Herring Gull
Common Loon	Brandt's Cormorant	Western Gull
Pied-billed Grebe	Pelagic Cormorant	Glaucous-winged Gull
Eared Grebe	Scoter, sp.	— Sabine's Gull
Black-footed Albatross	Phalarope, sp.	Caspian Tern
Pink-footed Shearwater	Pomarine Jaeger	Common Murre
— Flesh-footed Shearwater	Parasitic Jaeger	Cassin's Auklet
Buller's Shearwater	— South Polar Skua	Rhinoceros Auklet
Sooty Shearwater	Heermann's Gull	— Tufted Puffin
— Short-tailed Shearwater	California Gull	

Also seen were a Gray Whale close to the boat, Harbor Porpoises passed within easy sightings and Dall's Porpoises played around the bow for nearly 20 minutes.

FIELD TRIP REPORTS, continued.

Report of Field Trip to Pt. Reyes, October 12, 1991. A cold, foggy morning greeted seven participants at Drake's Beach. However there was sunshine by noon followed by more fog in the PM. Participants were: Carol Brant, Clarence Wolcott, Doug Ellis, David Hofmann, Bob and Bertha Raines, and leader Ruth Rudesill. 69 species were recorded with most notable being: Red-throated Pipit, Magnolia, Blackpoll, Palm and Prairie Warblers, American Redstart, Clay-colored Sparrow and Lapland Longspur.

Trip List

Common Loon	Virginia Rail	Common Raven	Clay-colored Sparrow
Pied-billed Grebe	American Coot	Rock Wren	Savannah Sparrow
Horned Grebe	Black-bellied Plover	Bewick's Wren	Fox Sparrow
Eared Grebe	Killdeer	Marsh Wren	Song Sparrow
Western Grebe	Willet	Gldn-crowned Kinglet	Lincoln's Sparrow
Clark's Grebe	Marbled Godwit	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	Golden-cr. Sparrow
Dbl.-crested Cormorant	Black Turnstone	Western Bluebird	White-cr. Sparrow
Brandt's Cormorant	Sanderling	Red-throated Pipit	Dark-eyed Junco
Pelagic Cormorant	Short-billed Dowitcher	American Pipit	Lapland Longspur
Mallard	Heermann's Gull	European Starling	Red-winged Blackbird
Surf Scoter	Ring-billed Gull	Orange-cr. Warbler	Tricolored Blackbird
Ruddy Duck	Western Gull	Magnolia Warbler	Western Meadowlark
Turkey Vulture	Glaucous-winged Gull	Yellow-rmp. Warbler	Brewer's Blackbird
Northern Harrier	Common Murre	Prairie Warbler	House Finch
Sharp-shinned Hawk	Rock Dove	Palm Warbler	Pine Siskin
Red-tailed Hawk	Hairy Woodpecker	Blackpoll Warbler	American Goldfinch
American Kestrel	Northern Flicker	American Redstart	House Sparrow
California Quail	Horned Lark		

PHONE WHEEL

Plans for a revised Phone Wheel were circulated at the October meeting. The group present offered a number of suggestions for the revision. It does appear that some people on the present wheel are not getting information to persons they are supposed to contact. For that and other reasons a revision will be made. Members are urged to **contact the editor or secretary** as soon as practical if they wish to continue getting phone messages of rare or unusual birds.

The purpose of the phone wheel is to alert "hard core" birders, who are dedicated RROS members, of rare bird sightings in the counties of the Bay Area especially including Sonoma, Marin, Napa and Mendocino counties. The person who first gets information on a rarity will call a person whose name appears below his/hers on the wheel. The information will be passed on to others whose names appear on the wheel until everyone has been called.

In order to properly set up our new phone wheel, we ask you to be sure that **you are interested in chasing birds** (that are not too far distant), and that **you will feel obliged** to pass on the information to an acquaintance. If you are interested but not an avid chaser, or you sometimes neglect sending on the message, we are asking you to find someone on the wheel who will give you the information without your having to worry about continuance of the message..

Please send us a note that will give:

- (1) Your name, phone number, and whether or not you have an answering machine.
- (2) The name and phone number of the person you would like to contact.
- (3) The name and phone number of the person you would like to have contact you.

REDWOOD REGION ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY

SANTA ROSA CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

Sunday, December 15, 1991

We invite you to join us in this, the 32nd Santa Rosa Christmas Bird Count. We are asking everyone to sign up early, so we may plan for adequate coverage of all areas.

Please fill in the form below and either bring to the November meeting or mail to Ruth Rudesill by November 15th. (You may fold and staple this page and save an envelope).

The fee this year will be \$5.

The Count-down Potluck will be at the Wikiup Greens Clubhouse.

Time: Clubhouse open after 4:30 p.m.
Dinner: 6:00 p.m.
Count: 7:00 p.m.

Your Compilers

Ruth Rudesill

Douglas A. Ellis

Ruth Rudesill
P. O. Box 371
Kenwood, CA 95452
Phone: 833-6026

Doug Ellis
P. O. Box 155
Eldridge, CA 95431
Phone: 539-3443 (work, evening)

I would like to participate in the Christmas Count: Yes NO

I would like to count in the same area as last year: Yes No

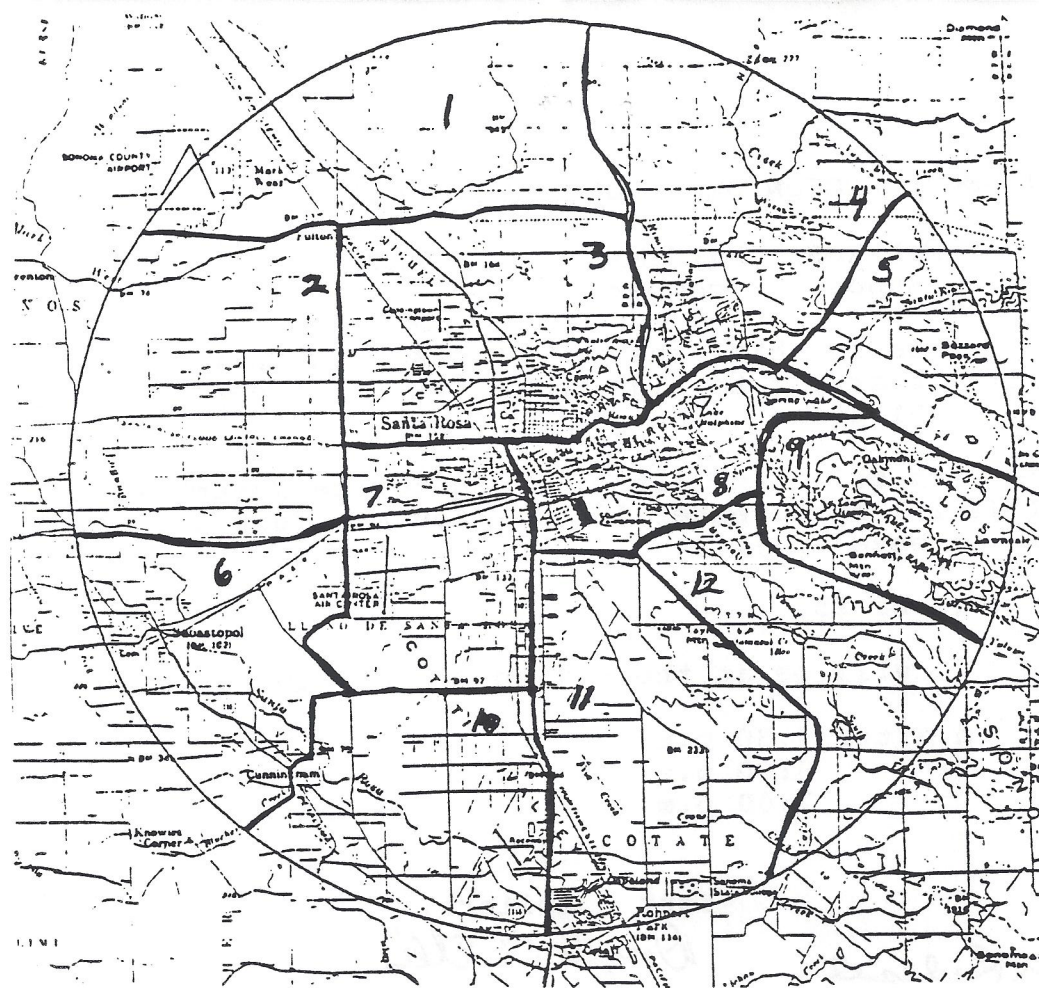
Glad to help anywhere needed: Yes No

I would be willing to be area leader: Yes No

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone No: _____



MAP OF
COUNT CIRCLE

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To: RUTH RUDESILL
PO BOX 371
KENWOOD CA 95452

PHONE WHEEL, continued

A number of people have already signed up for the wheel. Their names and positions in the wheel are tentatively given here using their wishes as much as possible. Please do not think that this is the final line-up. Please advise the editor of revisions you think are necessary. An effort was made to try to fit in those who returned the form.

To persons who wish to add their names to the list: Please be sure you wish to be on the primary wheel which obligates you to contact someone else. If you wish to be a secondary party who can find a person on the primary wheel to contact you without you having to do anything else (unless you wish to), please do your own contacting.

1. Bob & Bertha Rains
2. Jean Smith
3. Deyea Harper
4. Ruth Rudesill
5. Dick Ashford
6. Avis Anderson
7. Betty Groce
8. John McDonagh
9. Cindy Young
10. Betty Burrige
11. Nancy Conzett

Would someone volunteer to call your editor and president? He would be happy to reciprocate even though it is a toll call (both ways).

Hopefully the new phone wheel with explicit directions for its use should be ready by the next Kite Tales issue.

SCHEDULE of CBCs

Christmas Bird Counts begin this year with Saturday, Dec. 14, and run through Jan. 2. The following count dates are already set:

Dec 14	Sat	Pt. Reyes
Dec 15	Sun	Santa Rosa
Dec 28	Sat	Southern Marin
Dec 29	Sun	Western Sonoma
Jan 1	Wed	Angwin

TRIVIA

The editor (wishing to fill up some space) thought some of you would like to see a list of the fall warbler list of Dr. Mike Parmeter, who as much as anyone else, is responsible for the origin of the RRROS. Mike also has seen two additional warblers for a total year list of 30 (all within California). **Quiz question:** Which warblers has he seen that are not on his fall list?

Tennessee Warbler
Orange-crowned Warbler
Nashville Warbler
Yellow Warbler
Chestnut-sided Warbler
Magnolia Warbler
Cape May Warbler
Black-throated Blue Warbler
Yellow-rumped Warbler
Black-throated Gray Warbler

Townsend's Warbler
Hermit Warbler
Black-throated Green Warbler
Blackburnian Warbler
Yellow-throated Warbler
Prairie Warbler
Palm Warbler
Blackpoll Warbler
Black-and-White Warbler

American Redstart
Prothonotary Warbler
Ovenbird
Northern Waterthrush
Mourning Warbler
MacGillivray's Warbler
Common Yellowthroat
Hooded Warbler
Wilson's Warbler

Avis Anderson and Cindy Young were on their very first pelagic trip with the Ft. Bragg boat trip. Although they have birded many times from shore, you can imagine their excitement at being out for the first time. Perhaps they should be prepared to share this at our next meeting. **Quiz question #2:** Can you name five of the "lifers" seen by Avis and Cindy?

Observations for September-October

SPECIES NAME	DAY	LOCATION, COUNTY	DETAILS	OBSERVERS
Gr. White-fronted Goose	10/19	Pudding Cr., Ft. Bragg, Mendo.	Single bird	Dorothy Tobkin
Blue-winged Teal	10/05	Caspar, Mendocino	Single bird	Dorothy Tobkin
Steller's Eider	10/28	Bodega Bay, Sonoma	Subadult; also 10/29	BDP; DN; et. al.
Harlequin Duck	9/28	Drake's Beach, Marin	Male bird w/scoters	Parmeters, Bill Lenarz
	10/20	Fish Docks, Pt. Reyes, Marin	Single female	Avis Anderson, et. al.
Oldsquaw	9/29	Fish Docks, Pt. Reyes, Marin	Single bird	David Hofmann
	10/19	Fish Docks, Pt. Reyes, Marin	Single bird	CY, LP, AA
Ferruginous Hawk	9/25	Hwy 1 & Bay Hill Rd., Sonoma	One chased by Red-tails	John McDonagh
	10/07	N. of Ft. Bragg, Mendocino	Single bird	Dorothy Tobkin
	10/20	Lighthouse, Pt. Reyes, Marin	Single bird	L Petrulias, A Anderson
Broad-winged Hawk	9/27	Hill 129, Marin	Single immature bird	BD, J & S Parmeter
	10/06	Drake's Beach		BD Parmeter
Rough-legged Hawk	9/25	Russian Gulch, Sonoma	4 birds	John McDonagh
	9/29	Lighthouse, Pt. Reyes, Marin	Single bird	Ruth Rudesill
Golden Eagle	9/25	Russian Gulch, Sonoma	Two adults	John McDonagh
	10/17	Lytton Lake, Sonoma	Single bird	John McDonagh
Merlin	10/05	Pudding Cr., Ft. Bragg, Mendo.	Single bird	Dorothy Tobkin
	10/21	MacKerricher SP, Mendocino	Single bird	Dorothy Tobkin
Peregrine Falcon	10/19	Fish Docks, Pt. Reyes, Marin	Single bird circling	David Hofmann
Wild Turkey	9/28	L. Mendocino area, Mendocino	6 birds	J Troutfetter, J Smith
Lesser Golden-Plover	9/28	Spalleta Plateau, Pt. Reyes, Marin	Flock of 9, fulva	Parmeters, Bill Lenarz
	10/06	Spalleta Plateau, Pt. Reyes, Marin	11 fulva, 2 dominca	Ruth Rudesill
Lesser Yellowlegs	9/26	Pudding Cr., Ft. Bragg, Mendo.	Single bird	Dorothy Tobkin
Baird's Sandpiper	9/23	MacKerricher SP, Mendocino	Single bird	Dorothy Tobkin
Semipalmated Sandpiper	9/21	Spaletta Ponds, Pt. Reyes, Marin	Single juvenile w/Pecs	BD & S. Parmeter, BL
Pectoral Sandpiper	9/21	Spaletta Pond, Pt. Reyes, Marin	27 birds; 11 9/28	Parmeters, B. Lenarz
	9/22	Nunes Ranch, Pt. Reyes, Marin	16 birds	BD Parmeter, A Wight
	9/23	MacKerricher SP, Mendocino	7 birds; 5,10/7; 2,10/21	Dorothy Tobkin
	10/05	Ft. Bragg area, Mendocino	2 birds; 1,10/9	Dorothy Tobkin
Red-necked Phalarope	9/28	Horseshoe Pond, Pt. Reyes, Marin	Est. 300 birds	Parmeters, Bill Lenarz
Marbled Murrelet	10/21	N of Westport, Mendocino	8 birds	Dorothy Tobkin
Common Poorwill	10/03	Tubbs' Island, Sonoma	Single bird	Dan Nelson, et. al.
Vaux's Swift	9/25	Willow Cr. area, Sonoma	Single bird	John McDonagh
Black-ch. Hummingbird	9/28	Lake Mendocino area, Mendocino		J Smith, J Troutfetter
	9/29	Lighthouse, Pt. Reyes, Marin		Ruth Rudesill
Willow Flycatcher	9/21	Fish Docks, Pt. Reyes, Marin	1 bird; also 9/22	Parmeters, B Lenarz
	9/22	Bodega Bay, Sonoma	1 Cypress Trees, W. side	Parmeters, Dan Nelson
Tropical Kingbird	9/29	Abndned Ranch, Pt. Reyes, Marin	Single bird	CY, LP, AA
	9/29	Mendoza Ranch, Pt. Reyes, Marin	Single bird	Ruth Rudesill
	10/13	Pt. Reyes, Marin		Dorothy Tobkin
Red-throated Pipit	9/28	Doran Park, Sonoma (Co. record)	1 flyby calling	Ruth Rudesill
	9/29	Bolinas Sewer Pond, Marin		D Hofmann, R Rudesill
	10/06	Drake's Beach Corner, Marin	12 birds; 5 on 10/8	RR; JS, JT

Observations, continued

Tennessee Warbler	10/13 Lighthouse trees, Marin	Mike's 27th fall warbler	BD Parmeter
Chestnut-sided Warbler	9/23 Bodega Dunes, Sonoma	2 immatures	Parmeters, D Nelson
Magnolia Warbler	10/13 Pt. Reyes, Marin	Single bird	Dorothy Tobkin
	10/19 Fish Docks, Pt. Reyes, Marin	Single bird	David Hofmann
Cape May Warbler	9/22 Lighthouse trees, Pt. Reyes, Marin	1 Subadult male	BD Parmeter, A Wight
Black-th. Blue Warbler	9/22 Drake's Beach willows, Marin	One female	BD Parmeter, A Wight
	10/20 Nunes Ranch, Pt. Reyes, Marin	Single female	David Hofmann
Black-th. Gray Warbler	9/21 Lighthouse trees, Pt. Reyes, Marin	2 birds	Parmeters, Bill Lenarz
	10/19 Lighthouse, Pt. Reyes, Marin	Single bird	David Hofmann
Black-th. Green Warbler	9/21 Lighthouse trees, Pt. Reyes, Marin	Single immature bird	Parmeters, Bill Lenarz
Blackburnian Warbler	10/19 Nunes Ranch, Pt. Reyes, Marin	1 immature; also 10/20	DH; AA, LP
Prairie Warbler	10/13 Lighthouse trees area, Marin	Mike's 28th fall Warbler	BD Parmeter; D Tobkin
	10/19 Lighthouse, Pt. Reyes, Marin	Single bird	David Hofmann
Palm Warbler	9/28 Fish Docks, Drakes Beach, Marin	Single birds; also 9/29	BDP, SP, BL, CY, LP
	9/28 Hole-in-Head, Bodega Bay Sonoma	Single bird	Ruth Rudesill
	10/19 Lighthouse,	Single bird	David Hofmann
Blackpoll Warbler	9/21 Lighthouse trees, Pt. Reyes, Marin	1; 1,9/22 Drake's Beach	Parmeters, Bill Lenarz
	9/23 Bodega Dunes, Sonoma	Single fall plumaged bird	Parmeters, Bill Lenarz
	10/13 Pt. Reyes, Marin	Single bird	Dorothy Tobkin
Black-and-White Warbler	9/28 New Willows, Pt. Reyes, Marin	Single bird; also 9/29	Parmeters; LP, AA
American Redstart	9/23 Hole-In-Head Willows, Sonoma	Young male	Parmeters, D Nelson
	9/22 Lighthouse trees, Pt. Reyes, Marin	Single bird	BD Parmeter, A Wight
Prothonotary Warbler	9/28 Nunes Ranch, Pt. Reyes, Marin	Single bird; also 9/29	BDP et. al
Ovenbird	9/21 Lighthouse trees, Pt. Reyes, Marin	Single bird	Parmeters, Bill Lenarz
Northern Waterthrush	9/22 Fish Docks, Pt. Reyes, Marin	Single bird	BD Parmeter, A Wight
MacGillivray's Warbler	9/28 New Willows, Pt. Reyes, Marin	Single bird	Parmeters, Bill Lenarz
Hooded Warbler	9/23 Bodega Dunes, Sonoma	Single female, also 9/26	Parmeters, D Nelson
Green-tailed Towhee	9/21 Fish Docks, Pt. Reyes, Marin	Single bird	Parmeters, Bill Lenarz
Clay-colored Sparrow	9/28 MacKerricher SP, Mendocino	First Mendocino record	Dorothy Tobkin
Lincoln's Sparrow	9/21 Outer Pt. Reyes, Marin	Single bird	Parmeters, Bill Lenarz
	10/19 New Willows, Pt. Reyes, Marin		David Hofmann
Swamp Sparrow	10/19 Fish Docks, Pt. Reyes, Marin		David Hofmann
White-throated Sparrow	10/14 Yard bird, Kenwood, Sonoma		Ruth Rudesill
	10/20 Yard bird, Santa Rosa, Sonoma		Bob & Bertha Rains
Zonotrichia Sparrow	10/02 Kenwood, Sonoma	Song of GC and WC	Ruth Rudesill
Lapland Longspur	10/06 Drake's Corner, Marin	1-2 birds; also 10/17	BDP, RR; JS, JT
	10/20 Spaletta Plateau		David Hofmann
Smith's Longspur	10/06 Drake's Corner, Pts. Reyes, Marin	Single bird; also 10/8	RR; JS, JT
Chestnut-col. Longspur	10/13 Spalletta Plateau	1-2 birds, also 10/20	BDP; DT, DH
Hooded Oriole	9/28 Lake Mendocino area, Mendocino	2 birds	J Smith, J Troutfetter

RROS Observers: Avis Anderson, David Hofmann, John McDonagh, Dan Nelson, Benjamin D (Mike), Sally and John Parmeter, Linda Petrulias, Bob and Bertha Rains, Ruth Rudesill, Jim Smith, Dorothy Tobkin, Jim Troutfetter, Alan Wight and Cindy Young.

REDWOOD REGIONAL ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY was organized in 1962 to encourage the study of local birds and other wildlife and their habitats. Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month, September through May. Regular general meetings are held at 7:30PM in Room 221 Darwin Hall, Sonoma State University, Rohnert Park, California.

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