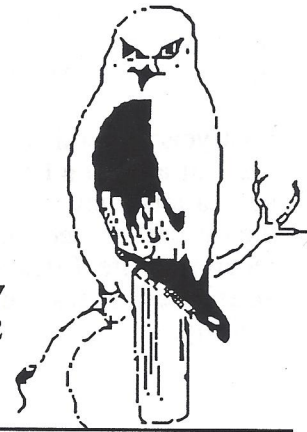


# Kite Tales



REDWOOD REGION ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY  
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## COMING ATTRACTIONS

**General Meeting:** October 8, 1992--Thursday.

Place: Darwin Hall, Sonoma State University

Time: 7:30 PM

**Program:** Vice President **John Winter** will present an illustrated program on identification of fall plumaged Warblers.

**Field Trip:** Sunday October 11. Ruth Rudesill will lead a field trip to Bodega Bay. Meet at 8:00 AM at the rail ponds on the north side of the lagoon.

**Field Trip:** Sunday, October 25, to Cordell Banks (Pelagic Trip). Sold Out.

## FIELD TRIP REPORTS

Report of field trip to Point Reyes on Sept. 12, 1992. The trip was led by David Hofmann substituting for Ruth Rudesill. Areas visited included the Lighthouse, Fish Docks, New Willows, Drakes Beach, Spaletta Plateau and Horseshoe Pond. The weather was foggy early on but cleared with sunshine and some wind later. Highlights included excellent views of two Parasitic Jaegers at the Fish Docks and one at Drake's Beach, several Pectoral Sandpipers at the Spaletta Plateau and Horseshoe Ponds, a Wilson's Phalarope at Horseshoe Pond, a Marbled Murrelet at the Fish Docks, and a Chestnut-sided Warbler at the Fish Dock trees. The trip list follows:

Red-throated Loon, Pacific Loon, Common Loon, Eared Grebe, American White Pelican, Brown Pelican, Double-crested Cormorant, Brandt's Cormorant, Pelagic Cormorant, Great Blue Heron, Mallard, North-

ern Pintail, Northern Shoveler, Gadwall, American Wigeon, Surf Scoter, White-winged Scoter, Ruddy Duck, Turkey Vulture, Cooper's Hawk, Red-shouldered Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, American Kestrel, Virginia Rail, American Coot, Lesser Golden-Plover, Semipalmated Plover, Killdeer, Willet, Wandering Tattler, Whimbrel, Sanderling, Western Sandpiper, Least Sandpiper, Pectoral Sandpiper, Long-billed Dowitcher, Wilson's Phalarope, Red-necked Phalarope, Parasitic Jaeger, Heermann's Gull, Ring-billed Gull, Western Gull, Elegant Tern, Forster's Tern, Common Murre, Pigeon Guillemot, Marbled Murrelet, Rock Dove, Mourning Dove, Great Horned Owl, Anna's Hummingbird, Downy Woodpecker, Pacific-slope Flycatcher, Black Phoebe, N. Rough-winged Swallow, Cliff Swallow, Barn Swallow, Common Raven, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Rock Wren, Bewick's Wren, Winter Wren, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, European Starling, Warbling Vireo, Yellow Warbler, Chestnut-sided Warbler, Black-throated Gray Warbler, Townsend's Warbler, Savannah Sparrow, Song Sparrow, White-crowned Sparrow, Red-winged Blackbird, Tricolored Blackbird, Brewer's Blackbird, American Goldfinch.

## MEMBERSHIP DUES

Please remember to pay your membership dues for the 1992-93 year. Dues are Family, \$15, Individual, \$8, and student \$3. These represent an increase as indicated in the May Kite Tales sent out last Spring and are directly related to an estimated loss in revenue of an \$420 for the 1991-92 year.

Send your check to the RROS treasurer, Jean Smith, 519 Sunnyvale, Healdsburg CA 95448 or bring it to the general meeting on October 8 at Darwin Hall, Sonoma State University campus. Make checks payable to RROS. Dues and contributions are tax deductible.



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 (including county) of the observations.

Last year several members received their Kite Tales in a mangled condition, or did not receive them at all. The Post Office reads the ZIP codes with a machine. I am told that these machines have a tendency to bite or devour mail. If you do not receive your Kite Tales, or it is not legible, please call the editor at (707) 965-2978 for another copy. It also possible that you may not receive a Kite Tales after the **November** issue. The reason is that you have neglected to send in **your dues**. Please send them to Jean and not to the editor so that we can save the cost of another mailing.

## OBSERVATIONS

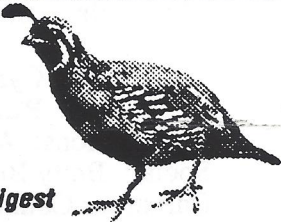
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Aug 21-Sept 24

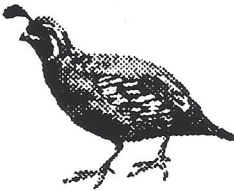
Northern Fulmar	9/06	Pt. Reyes Lighthouse, Marin	1 bird, dark phase	R Rudesill, D Hofmann
Sooty Shearwater	9/06	Pt. Reyes Lighthouse, Marin	"Thousands"	R Rudesill, D Hofmann
Storm-Petrel, sp.	8/29	Abbott's Beach, Pt Reyes, Marin	Possible Black	R Rudesill
Ferruginous Hawk	9/24	Russian Gulch, Sonoma	Single bird	Jean Tonascia
Golden Eagle	9/10	Abbott's Lagoon, Pt Reyes, Mar	Single adult	Jim Smith, J. Troutfetter
	9/24	Russian Gulch, Sonoma	Single immature	Jean Tonascia
<b>Bar-tailed Godwit</b>	8/20	Abbott's Lagoon, Pt Reyes, Mar	Single bird to 9/9	MOB
Red Knot	9/13	Bodega Harbor, Sonoma	5 birds	David Hofmann
Semipalmated Sandpiper	9/09	Abbott's Lagoon, Pt. Reyes, Mar	3 birds; 2 9/10	J & Jim To; JS & JTr
Baird's Sandpiper	8/23	Salmon Creek Beach, Sonoma	8 birds	R Rudesill
<b>Stilt Sandpiper</b>	8/30	Horshoe Cove, Pt Reyes, Marin	Single bird	Alan Wight
Parasitic Jaeger	9/10	Pt Reyes Fish Docks, Marin	2 birds, 1 dark	MOB
	9/10	Abbott's Langon, Marin	1 light phase bird	Jim Smith, J Troutfetter
Common Tern	9/10	Abbott's Lagoon, Marin	Single bird	Jim Smith, J Troutfetter
Black Tern	8/23	Doran Park Beach, Sonoma	Single bird	Ruth Rudesill
Burrowing Owl	9/20	Spaletta Plateau, Marin	Single bird	DA BB RR
Willow Flycatcher	9/09	Pt Reyes Fish Docks, Marin	Single Bird	J&JTo, J Troutfetter
<b>Fork-tailed Flycatcher</b>	9/04	Hwy 1 at Hwy 116, Sonoma	1st Calif. record	MOB
Scrub Jay	9/01	Santa Rosa, Sonoma	Partial albino bird	John McDonagh
Tennessee Warbler	9/09	Abbott's Lagoon area, Marin	2 birds	J & J To, J Tr
Magnolia Warbler	8/31	Bodega Bay, Sonoma	1 yard bird, also 9/2	Nancy Conzett
Townsend's Warbler	9/07	Santa Rosa, Sonoma	1 yard bird	Betty Groce
Blackpoll Warbler	9/19	BML Housing, Bodega Bay, Son.	Single bird	Dan Nelson, etc.
American Redstart	9/19	Campbell Cove, Bodega Bay, Son	Single bird	Betty Groce, etc.
Northern Waterthrush	9/07	Campbell Cove, Bodega Bay, Son	Single bird	Doug Ellis
Mourning Warbler	9/20	Pt Reyes Fish Docks, Marin	Single bird	Ruth Rudesill
Hooded Warbler	8/21	Santa Rosa, Sonoma	2 yard birds to 8/29	Ebba Hillard

A number of observations outside our area were received and will be noted here as space permits. About nine RROS members journeyed to the Moss Landing State Beach on Sept. 19 and 20 where a **Mongolian Plover** and **Wilson's Plover** were both seen. The latter is very rare in California, while the former is rare anywhere in the US (except possibly Alaska). Ruth Rudesill (back with us again after a sojourn in the East) reported a Black Skimmer on 9/19 at Moss Landing Beach area in Monterey Co. This bird is rare this far north, but seen 2-3 times in Orange Co. this year by the editor. Alan Wight and Ruth Rudesill took a pelagic trip out of Monterey, and Ruth reports she saw more birds than she had ever seen before on a pelagic trip. Highlights of the trip were: 2 Sabine's Gulls, Black-footed Albatross, Least Storm-Petrel and about 3,000± Black-vented Shearwaters.

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