

Kite Tales



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COMING ATTRACTIONS

General Meeting:

November 12, 1992--Thursday.

Place: Darwin Hall, Sonoma State University

Time: 7:30 PM

Program: Ruth Rudesill will present an illustrated program entitled "Birding the Mid-Atlantic Region". Ruth spent last year living in Maryland and has a wealth of slides and experience birding the region.

Field Trip: Sunday, November 15. Doug Ellis will lead an Owling trip to Willow Creek Rd. Meet at 4:15AM at Occidental, main parking area. The group will eat breakfast at Howard Station Cafe in Occidental and continue the day's birding at 8:15 AM (for those not wishing to arise quite so early). Owlers are advised to wear "quiet clothes".

Field Trip: Friday, November 27 (day after Thanksgiving). The annual trip to the Sacramento Valley area, joint with Davis and Madrone Audubon Societies. Meet at the Burger King in Davis. Take the Mace Ave. exit from I-80. The trip usually involves birding from Davis to the El Dorado Hills area and Boy's Ranch Road. Warm clothes and a lunch are advised.

FIELD TRIP REPORTS

Report of field trip to Bodega Bay, Sunday October 11, 1992. Eighteen birders led by Ruth Rudesill enjoyed a warm, sunny day (after early morning fog) of birding around the Bodega Harbor from the Rail Ponds to Bodega Head, then to Campbell Cove, Owl Canyon and finally Doran Park. 100 species were seen including those seen by Cindy, Doug and Ruth

after the fog rolled in later in the PM, and a Vesper Sparrow seen by only by Dan Nelson.

Participants: Avis Anderson, Jack Arnold, Mike and Sharon Blouin, Janet Bosshard, Nancy Conzett, John and Virginia McDonagh, Dan Nelson, Wini Nelson, Bob and Bertha Rains, Miles Rains, Ruth Rudesill, Jim and Jean Tonascia, Ruth Tonascia, Cindy Young.

Trip list: Pacific Loon, Common Loon, Pied-billed Grebe, Horned Grebe, Eared Grebe, Western Grebe, Sooty Shearwater, Black-vented Shearwater, American White Pelican, Brown Pelican, Double-crested Cormorant, Brandt's Cormorant, Pelagic Cormorant, Great Blue Heron, Great Egret, Snowy Egret, Green-backed Heron, Black-crowned Night Heron, Brant, Mallard, Northern Pintail, American Wigeon, Scaup sp., Surf Scoter, Bufflehead, Turkey Vulture, Accipiter sp., Red-shouldered Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, American Kestrel, California Quail, Virginia Rail, Sora, American Coot, Black-bellied Plover, Semipalmated Plover, Killdeer, Black Oystercatcher, Willet, Marbled Godwit, Black Turnstone, Surfbird, Sanderling, Western Sandpiper, Least Sandpiper, Dunlin, Ruff, Dowitcher, sp., Phalarope, sp., Jaeger, sp., Heermann's Gull, Ring-billed Gull, California Gull, Herring Gull, Western Gull, Glaucous-winged Gull, Forster's Tern, Common Murre, Pigeon Guillemot, Band-tailed Pigeon, Mourning Dove, Anna's Hummingbird, Downy Woodpecker, Northern Flicker, Pacific-slope Flycatcher, Black Phoebe, Scrub Jay, American Crow, Chestnut-backed Chickadee, Bushtit, Bewick's Wren, Winter Wren, Marsh Wren, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Hermit Thrush, American Pipit, European Starling, Nashville Warbler, Yellow Warbler, Black-throated Blue Warbler, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Palm Warbler, American Redstart, Ovenbird, Common Yellowthroat, California Towhee, Clay-colored Sparrow, Vesper Sparrow, Savannah Sparrow, Fox Sparrow, Song Sparrow, Golden-crowned Sparrow, White-crowned Sparrow, Dark-eyed Junco, Red-winged Blackbird, Western Meadowlark, Brewer's Blackbird, House Finch, American Goldfinch, House Sparrow.

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Report of pelagic trip to Cordell Banks, Sunday, October 25. According to Ruth Rudesill, good weather was encountered with calm seas and some fog. Highlights of the trip included: Flesh-footed Shearwater, Pomerine Jaeger, Black-footed Albatross, Black and Ashy Storm-petrel and Marbled Murrelet. Also seen were Risso Dolphin, Right-whale Dolphin and Dall Porpoise. A complete trip and participant list was not available at the time of this publication.

Report of pelagic trip from Noyo Harbor, Fort Bragg, on October 18. It produced large numbers of Northern Fulmar and Pomarine Jaeger, plus Black-footed Albatross, three species of shearwaters, three species of alcid, Parasitic Jaeger, Black-legged Kittiwake, and Sabine's Gull. Most unusual was a Peregrine Falcon which zipped past the boat, headed East about 16 miles from shore. Cetacean-lovers had a great day. Among other treats were a Blue Whale and four Baird's Beaked Whales, an extremely rare mammal. Thanks to Dorothy Tobkin for this report.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Please remember to pay your membership dues for the 1992-93 year. Dues are Family, \$15, Individual, \$8, and Student \$3. Send your check to the RROS treasurer, Jean Smith, 519 Sunnyvale, Healdsburg CA 95448 or bring it to the general meeting on November 12 at Darwin Hall, Sonoma State University campus. Make checks payable to RROS. Dues and contributions are tax deductible. If you have not paid your dues as of Nov. 27, you will not receive the December issue of Kite Tales. Check for an included note indicating that you are delinquent.

ET CETERA

Jean Smith, Treasurer, received a note from Carmen Pattersen: "I'm looking forward to moving back "home" to CA in ±18 months. Hope to see the old gang at a meeting". If you don't know or remember Carmen, you are not an "old" member.

The editor receives some publications in his role that members may not know about. This includes the bulletin of the Mt. Diablo

Audubon Society, as well as some national magazines. These are available for your perusal should you attend the regular meetings. Jim Lomax, president of Mt. Diablo AS has brought to the editor's attention that several important issues should cause environmentally sensitive people to consider going to the polls on November 3. He reminds us that there are attempts to "detooth the Endangered Species Act", and "to relax the protections against old growth forest logging", as well as "to decrease the amount of wetlands by redefining them". One candidate is quoted as saying "Protection of the environment should be the responsibility of private enterprise". . . Lomax closes by saying "this election is probably the most critical one of our lifetime". We live in a world that is getting too small, and the most pressing issue is probably not those expressed by any of the candidates that has been heard from, except that attributed to a birder named Mike Rippey, running for supervisor in Napa Co. There are just too many of us humans with all our problems and hang-ups. Don't delay taking that trip to see that rare bird you just heard about!!!

A note from a birder in Corning, Felipa Errecart, is of interest. She reports a possible Yellow Wagtail at Black Butte Dam near Orland (no date given). Felipa has a daughter who lives in Sonoma, and she hopes to join us some day in the future.

The editor apologizes to those faithful observers whose sightings may have been deleted from that given to our faithful observations editor, Avis Anderson. There were 15 too many sightings, so those that seemed less interesting had to end up being left out. Also due to the lack of space, the names of contributors could not be put on the observation sheet. However, they can be listed here (alphabetically): Avis Anderson, Nancy Conzett, Lew Edmondson, Doug Ellis, Betty Groce, Barbara Gumtow, Ebba Hilliard, David Hofmann, Terry & Ken Law, John & Virginia McDonagh, Dan Nelson, Linda Petrulias, Benjamin D Parmeter, Eldon Ramsland, Ruth Rudesill, Jack Ryan, Jim Smith, Rich Stallcup, Dorothy Tobkin, Jean & Jim Tonascia, Jack Troutfetter, Allen Wight and Chris Wood. The observations list is to be found on page 5 after the insert for the Christmas Count. We hope you can remove the insert without destroying your Kite Tales. Please note the date, December 20.

SPECIES NAME	DATE	LOCATION, COUNTY	DETAILS	OBSERVERS
Red-necked Grebe	9/21	Pt. Reyes, Marin	Single bird	Dorothy Tobkin
	10/12	Bodega Harbor Entrance, Sonoma	Single Bird	BG, NC, AA
	10/17	MacKerricher SP, Mendocino	Single bird	Dorothy Tobkin
Black-vented Shearwater	10/11	Fish Docks, Pt Reyes, Marin	30 birds on the water	David Hofmann
	10/18	Lighthouse, Pt Reyes, Marin	Single bird	D Hofmann et. al.
Greater White-fronted Goose	10/11	Manchester SB, Mendocino	6 birds	Dorothy Tobkin
Eurasian Wigeon	10/18	Bolinas Lagoon, Marin	Single adult male	BD Parmeter
Harlequin Duck	10/15	Fish Docks, Pt Reyes, Marin	Single bird; also 10/18	JM; DH
Hooded Merganser	9/13	Caspar Pond, Mendocino	Single bird	Dorothy Tobkin
Broad-winged Hawk	10/03	Pt Reyes	Single bird	BD Parmeter
Merlin	10/15	Drake's Beach, Pt Reyes, Marin	Sing bird	J McDonagh, et al
Peregrine Falcon	10/04	Campbell Cove, Bodega Bay, Son	One very dark bird	J McDonagh, L Petruvias
Sandhill Crane	10/18	Spaletta Plateau, Marin	Flyover	DE, DH, et al
Lesser Golden-Plover	10/15	Spaletta Plat & Drakes Cor, Marin	Both races present	MOB
	9&10	MacKerricher SP, Mendocino	1-2 fulva for 2 months	Dorothy Tobkin
Eurasian Dotterel	10/17	Spaletta Ranch, Marin	Also 10/18 Drake's Corner	BDP, DH, MOB
Baird's Sandpiper	9&10	MacKerricher SP, Mendocino	2 to 5 birds 9/12-10/3	Dorothy Tobkin
Pectoral Sandpiper	10/03	Mendoza Ranch, Pt Reyes, Marin	Single bird	MOB
	9/28	Coastal Mendocino Co.	1-5 birds, to 10/4	Dorothy Tobkin
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	10/24	Doran Park, Bodega Bay, Sonoma	Two birds 10/25	DH, DN, JM, MOB
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	10/15	Spaletta Plateau, Marin	Single bird, also 10/18	JM, DH, MOB
Ruff	9/20	Pt Reyes, Marin	Single bird	Dorothy Tobkin
Pomarine Jaeger	9/27	Hwy 1 near Pt Arena, Mendocino	Single bird	Dorothy Tobkin
Parasitic Jaeger	9/21	Tomales Bay, Marin	2 birds	Dorothy Tobkin
	10/01	Doran Park Beach, Sonoma	Single bird	Terry & Ken Law
	10/04	Bodega Head, Sonoma	2 birds, 1 dark, 1 light	BD Parmeter
	10/18	Fish Docks, Pt Reyes, Marin	2 birds	D Hofmann, et al
Black-legged Kittiwake	10/17	MacKerricher SP, Mendocino	Single bird	Dorothy Tobkin
Marbled Murrelet	10/04	Bodega Head, Sonoma	Two birds	BD Parmeter
White-winged Dove	10/17	Lighthouse Rd., Marin	Single bird	BD Parmeter
Williamson's Sapsucker	10/17	Tomales Bay SP, Marin	Single bird; also 10/18	BD Parmeter; D Ellis, MO
Gray Flycatcher	10/03	Lighthouse, Pt Reyes, Marin	Single bird	Rich Stallcup, MOB
Tropical Kingbird	10/01	Salmon Creek, Sonoma	Single bird, to 10/4	J&J Tonascia, MOB
	10/17	Bodega Coast Inn, Bodega Bay	Single bird	Nancy Conzett
Gray-cheeked Thrush	10/15	Fish Docks, Pt Reyes, Marin	Single bird	J Ryan, J McDonagh, et al
Yellow-throated Vireo	10/12	Stinson Beach Park, Marin	Single bird; also 10/18	BG, AA; BDP
Golden-winged Warbler	10/12	Stinson Beach Park, Marin	Single bird	B Gumtow, A Anderson
Virginia's Warbler	10/03	Campbell Cove, Bodega Bay, Son.	1 bird; also 10/4-5	D Hofmann; D Nelson
Northern Parula Warbler	10/03	Fish Docks, Pt Reyes, Marin	Single male	MOB
Chestnut-sided Warbler	10/12	Stinson Beach Park, Marin	Immature bird; also 10/18	BG, AA; BDP
Magnolia Warbler	10/11	Owl Cyn, Bodega Bay, Sonoma	Single bird	Doug Ellis
Cape May Warbler	10/03	Pt Reyes	1st fall male	CY, BDP, AW, MOB
Black-throated Blue Warbler	10/06	Owl Cyn, Bodega Bay, Sonoma	1 bird; til 10/17	D N, DE, JM, MOB
Ovenbird	10/11	Owl Cyn, Bodega Bay, Sonoma	Single bird; to 10/17	Doug Ellis, MOB
Northern Waterthrush	10/02	Willow Creek Rd, Sonoma	Single bird	Chris Wood
Connecticut Warbler	10/03	Owl Cyn, Bodega Bay, Sonoma	First Sonoma Co. record	Ruth Rudesill, MOB
Hooded Warbler	10/03	Lighthouse area, Pt Reyes, Marin	Adult male	BDP, RS, MOB
Clay-colored Sparrow	10/03	Abbott's Lagoon Parking area, Mar		BD Parmeter, A Wight
	10/07	Bay Flat Rd, Bodega Bay, Sonoma	Single bird	Dan Nelson, et al
Vesper Sparrow	10/03	Lighthouse, Pt Reyes, Marin	Single bird	Rich Stallcup, et al
	10/11	Bay Flat Rd, Bodega Bay, Sonoma	Single bird	Dan Nelson
Orchard Oriole	10/03	Lighthouse area, Pt Reyes, Marin	Single female	BDP, RS, MOB
	10/05	Owl Cyn, Bodega Bay, Sonoma	Single bird	JT, JS, ER

REDWOOD REGIONAL ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY was organized in 1962 "to encourage the study and conservation of birds, other wildlife, and their natural habitat." 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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