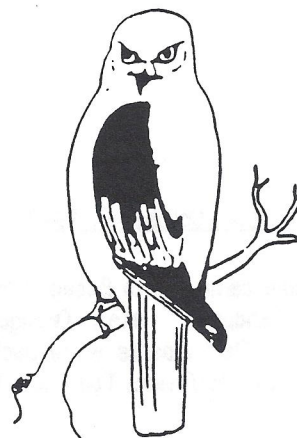


Kite Tales

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Coming Attractions

General Meeting. November 11, 1993 - Thursday, 7:30 PM at Room 221, Darwin Hall, Sonoma State University. The program will be a slide presentation by Dan Nelson. Dan will show us a variety of his bird slides, including some recent ones and some older ones that he has not shown before.

Field Trip to Willow Creek Road and other places. Sunday, November 14. Meet at 4:30 AM in downtown Occidental across from Negri's. We will go owling from here and continue to bird Willow Creek Road a little bit in the morning and then return to Occidental for breakfast. We will then regroup around 8:30 - 9:00 AM and proceed to look for birds wherever our whims take us. We did this last year and found 129 species of birds. Bring a lunch. Leader is Doug Ellis. For further information, call Doug at 539-3443 evenings Tuesday - Saturday.

Field Trip to Sacramento Valley. Friday, November 26 (day after Thanksgiving). This is the annual joint trip with the Davis Audubon Society. The trip usually includes birding stops near Davis, at Nimbus Dam, in the Sierra foothills, and ends at Woodbridge Ecological Preserve where Sandhill Cranes fly in to roost for the night. Meet at the Burger King near the Mace Boulevard exit in Davis at 8:00 AM. Bring warm clothes and a lunch. Leader is Terry Colburn. An optional trip to Sacramento Wildlife Refuge is planned for Saturday. For further information, call Terry at (916) 758-0689.

Membership Dues

If your mailing label has the words "Last issue" on it, then you need to pay your dues by November 27 or you will not receive the December issue of the Kite Tales. Dues are \$15 per family or \$8 per individual per year. Student dues are \$3. Send your check to the RR0S treasurer, Jean Smith, 519 Sunnyvale, Healdsburg, CA 95448. Make checks payable to RR0S.

Local Christmas Bird Counts

The dates of some of this winter's upcoming local Christmas Bird Counts are as follows:

Point Reyes Peninsula	12/18/93	Saturday
Santa Rosa	12/19/93	Sunday
Benicia	12/20/93	Monday
Southern Marin County	12/31/93	Friday
Angwin	1/1/94	Saturday
Western Sonoma County	1/2/94	Sunday

Field Trip Report

Bodega Harbor, October 9, 1993.

Ten people came out to Bodega Harbor and observed 84 species of birds. Highlights included Red Knot; Baird's Sandpiper (late); Orange-crowned, Yellow, and Townsend's Warblers; and Rose-breasted Grosbeak. Participants were Jack Arnold, Nancy Conzett, Suzanne Gooch, Barb Guntow, Catherine Hickey, David Hofmann, Ted Eliot, Terry Law, Dan Nelson (leader), and Ruth Rudesill.

World Birdwatch 1993

On the weekend of October 9 and 10, there was a World Birdwatch weekend sponsored by BirdLife International. The purpose was to get as many people out birding as possible. The American Birding Association asked that we send in a list of the weekend's birding events. Ruth Rudesill compiled a list of the birds observed and how many people participated in the field trips of the weekend. There were two pelagic trips as well - one out of Monterey and one out of Bodega Bay. A total of 78 people participated in the events. The area covered included Bodega Bay, Point Reyes, Bolinas Lagoon, and the above-mentioned pelagic trips. The complete bird list of 152 species is as follows:

Common Loon	Black-bellied Plover	Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher
Pacific Loon	American Golden-Plover	Western Flycatcher
Red-throated Loon	Pacific Golden-Plover	Scissor-tailed Flycatcher
Eared Grebe	Killdeer	Steller's Jay
Western Grebe	Surfbird	Scrub Jay
Clark's Grebe	Black Turnstone	Common Raven
Black-footed Albatross	Ruddy Turnstone	American Crow
Northern Fulmar	Long-billed Curlew	Chestnut-backed Chickadee
Pink-footed Shearwater	Whimbrel	Plain Titmouse
Buller's Shearwater	Willet	Bushtit
Sooty Shearwater	Greater Yellowlegs	Red-breasted Nuthatch
Short-tailed Shearwater	Pectoral Sandpiper	Brown Creeper
Flesh-footed Shearwater	Least Sandpiper	Wrentit
Black-vented Shearwater	Western Sandpiper	Winter Wren
Leach's Storm-Petrel	Dunlin	Bewick's Wren
Ashy Storm-Petrel	Long-billed Dowitcher	Marsh Wren
Black Storm-Petrel	Marbled Godwit	Northern Mockingbird
White Pelican	Sanderling	American Robin
Brown Pelican	American Avocet	Hermit Thrush
Double-crested Cormorant	Red Phalarope	Western Bluebird
Pelagic Cormorant	Red-necked Phalarope	Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Brandt's Cormorant	Parasitic Jaeger	Golden-crowned Kinglet
Great Blue Heron	Pomarine Jaeger	American Pipit
Great Egret	South Polar Skua	Cedar Waxwing
Snowy Egret	Glaucous-winged Gull	European Starling
Black-crowned Night-Heron	Western Gull	Red-eyed Vireo
Canada Goose	California Gull	Philadelphia Vireo
Brant	Ring-billed Gull	Orange-crowned Warbler
Mallard	Mew Gull	Yellow-rumped Warbler
Gadwall	Heermann's Gull	Palm Warbler
Northern Pintail	Sabine's Gull	Townsend's Warbler
Green-winged Teal	Forster's Tern	Black-throated Gray Warbler
Cinnamon Teal	Arctic Tern	Common Yellowthroat
Eurasian Wigeon	Elegant Tern	Rufous-sided Towhee

American Wigeon
Northern Shoveler
Canvasback
Greater Scaup
Harlequin Duck
White-winged Scoter
Surf Scoter
Ruddy Duck
Turkey Vulture
Osprey
Peregrine Falcon
American Kestrel
California Quail
Virginia Rail
American Coot
Black Oystercatcher
Semipalmated Plover

Common Murre
Pigeon Guillemot
Xantus' Murrelet
Cassin's Auklet
Rhinoceros Auklet
Tufted Puffin
Rock Dove
Mourning Dove
Great Horned Owl
Anna's Hummingbird
Belted Kingfisher
Northern Flicker
Acorn Woodpecker
Downy Woodpecker
Nuttall's Woodpecker
Red-breasted Sapsucker
Black Phoebe

Savannah Sparrow
Song Sparrow
Fox Sparrow
Lincoln's Sparrow
White-crowned Sparrow
Golden-crowned Sparrow
White-throated Sparrow
Dark-eyed Junco
Lapland Longspur
Brewer's Blackbird
Tricolored Blackbird
Red-winged Blackbird
Western Meadowlark
House Finch
American Goldfinch
House Sparrow

RROS Observations, October 1993 (+)

Northern California

Species	Number	Date	Location	County	Observers	Notes
Pacific Loon	1	10/23	Ellery Lake	Mono	LP, RR, AW	9500' elevation
Short-tailed Shearwater	2-3	9/26	Off Fort Bragg	MEN	DT	
Black-vented Shearwater	several	10/24	Point Reyes	MRN	DH	
White-faced Ibis	1	10/2	Abbott's Lagoon	MRN	DT	
Snow Goose	75	10/29	Angwin	NAP	WT	1500' elevation, yard bird
— Snow Goose	28	late October	Owl Canyon	SON	CW	
Blue-winged Teal	1 female	10/6	Caspar Pond	MEN	DT	
Eurasian Wigeon	2 males	10/9	Bolinas Lagoon	MRN	many	
Harlequin Duck	2 females	9/22	Glass Beach	MEN	DT	
Harlequin Duck	1 male	October	Fish Docks, Point Reyes	MRN	many	
Northern Goshawk	1	10/24	Bridalveil Campground	MAR	LP, RR, AW	Yosemite NP
— Broad-winged Hawk	1 adult	9/25	Bridgehaven	SON	CW	
Golden Eagle	1	10/26	Willow Creek Road	SON	JM	
Merlin	1	9/27	Mackerricher SP	MEN	DT	also 10/5
Merlin	1	10/8	Pine Gulch Creek	MRN	RR	
Merlin	2	10/14	Ukiah Sewer Ponds	MEN	DT	
Merlin	1	10/24	Bridalveil Campground	MAR	LP, RR, AW	Yosemite NP
Peregrine Falcon	1	9/22	Glass Beach	MEN	DT	
— Peregrine Falcon	1	10/18	Bodega Bay	SON	DE	
Peregrine Falcon	1	10/20	Mackerricher SP	MEN	DT	
American Golden-Plover	1	10/2	Limantour	MRN	DT	
American Golden-Plover	1	10/7	Mackerricher SP	MEN	DT	
Pacific Golden-Plover	6-7	10/17	Spaletta Plateau	MRN	RR, AW	
Pacific Golden-Plover	2	10/21	Mackerricher SP	MEN	DT	
American Avocet	2	10/18	Mackerricher SP	MEN	DT	rare in area
South Polar Skua	1	10/9	Cordell Bank	MRN	BG, many	
South Polar Skua	1	10/10	Off Monterey Bay	MNT	RR, many	
— Common Tern	2	10/3	Bodega Harbor	SON	AW	1 adult, 1 juvenile
Xantus' Murrelet	1	10/9	Cordell Bank	MRN	BG, many	
Tufted Puffin	1	10/9	Cordell Bank	MRN	BG, many	
— Northern Saw-whet Owl	6	10/25	Willow Creek Road	SON	DE	
Nuttall's Woodpecker	1	10/23	Near Tioga Pass	Mono	LP, RR, AW	10,500' elevation!!
Black-backed Woodpecker	1 female	10/24	Bridalveil Campground	MAR	LP, RR, AW	Yosemite NP
Ash-throated Flycatcher	1	10/17	Willowside Road	SON	B&BR	late
Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher	1	10/7-11	Pine Gulch Creek	MRN	many	
Tropical Kingbird	1	10/17	Point Reyes	MRN	CL, LL, RR, AW	
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	1	October	Nicasio	MRN	many	
Red-throated Pipit	1-3	9/28-10/23	Hall Ranch, Point Reyes	MRN	many	
Yellow-throated Vireo	1	10/23	Limantour Road	MRN	JM, many	
Philadelphia Vireo	1	10/13-18	Pine Gulch Creek	MRN	DE, JM, many	
— Red-eyed Vireo	1	10/5	Owl Canyon	SON	DN	
Red-eyed Vireo	1	10/9-19	Pine Gulch Creek	MRN	many	
Yellow-green Vireo	1	10/18-21	Pine Gulch Creek	MRN	LP, many	
— Northern Parula	1-2	10/3-5	Campbell Cove	SON	DB, DH, many	2 on 10/5
Chestnut-sided Warbler	2	10/7,10/19	Puttling Creek	MEN	DT	

RROS Observations, Continued

Species	Number	Date	Location	County	Observers	Notes
Magnolia Warbler	1	10/3-5	Campbell Cove	SON	DN, BB, CW, many	
Magnolia Warbler	1	10/18	Russian Gulch	SON	DE	
Blackburnian Warbler	1	9/30	Point Reyes	MRN	DT	
Blackburnian Warbler	1	10/2	Fish Docks, Point Reyes	MRN	DH, many	
Palm Warbler	dozens	October	coastal areas of	MEN, MRN, SON	many	banner year
Blackpoll Warbler	1	10/2	Mendoza Ranch	MRN	DH, RR	
American Redstart	1	10/3	Bodega Harbor	SON	AW	
American Redstart	1	10/13	PRBO	MRN	BG, JT	
Prothonotary Warbler	1	10/24-27	Mendoza Ranch	MRN	DH, DN, RR, AW	
Ovenbird	1	10/17	Drake's Beach	MRN	RR, AW	
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	1	9/25	Bodega Harbor	SON	NC	male at feeder
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	1	9/27	Bodega Harbor	SON	NC, many	fem. or juv. at feeder
Clay-colored Sparrow	1	10/5	Bodega Harbor	SON	CW	
Vesper Sparrow	1	10/2	Hall Ranch, Point Reyes	MRN	BL, BDP, AW	
Black-throated Sparrow	1	10/1-3	Nunes Ranch, Point Reyes	MRN	many	
Swamp Sparrow	2	10/17	Pine Gulch Creek	MRN	AW	
White-throated Sparrow	several	October	various locations in	MRN, SON	many	at coast and feeders
Lapland Longspur	4	10/9	Drake's Corners	MRN	RR, many	
Bobolink	1-2	10/2	Nunes Ranch, Point Reyes	MRN	DH, JW	also at Fish Docks
Great-tailed Grackle	1	10/7-?	Fort Bragg	MEN	DT	same bird as last month
Red Crossbill	3	10/23	Cazadero	SON	DB	
Red Crossbill	several	October	coastal areas of	MRN, SON	many	
American Goldfinch	1	10/23	Ellery Lake	Mono	LP, RR, AW	9500' elevation

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