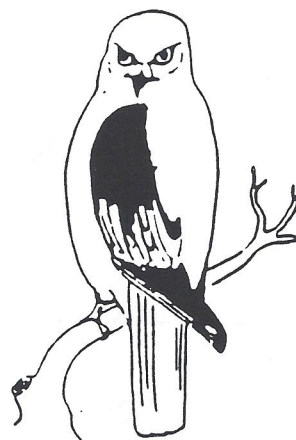


Kite Tales

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Coming Attractions

General Meeting. January 13, 1994 - Thursday, 7:30 PM at Room 221, Darwin Hall, Sonoma State University. Bob and Bertha Rains will present the Great British Experience. Their slide show will include birds, culture, and history from their recent trip to Great Britain.

Field Trip to Bolinas Lagoon Area. Saturday, January 15. Meet at 7:30 AM at the Petaluma 101/116 Park and Ride for carpooling. Leader is Ruth Rudesill. Call Ruth at 833-6026 for further information on this trip and the others that she is leading.

Field Trip to Panoche Valley and Los Banos Wildlife Area. Saturday, January 22 to Sunday, January 23. Join us for a half day of birding at Los Banos Wildlife Area and a day and a half in the Panoche Valley area. The Panoche Valley area supports an interesting collection of wintering birds. Target species for the trip include Sandhill Crane, Mountain Plover, Mountain Bluebird, Phainopepla, Lewis' Woodpecker, Vesper Sparrow, Greater Roadrunner, and wintering raptors. Leader is Alan Wight. We will be staying in the Bonanza Motel ((209) 826-3871, discount rate for birders) in Los Banos on Saturday night. Please call Alan at 763-8572 (evenings) or 763-4181 ext. 514 (days) for details.

Field Trip to Lower Russian River Area. Sunday, February 6. Meet at 8:00 AM at Bridgehaven (Highway 1 at Highway 116). Leader is Ruth Rudesill.

Field Trip to Klamath Basin Area. Saturday, February 19 to Monday, February 21. Please plan to join us for the annual Presidents' Day trip to this wonderful area. So far this winter is looking like a good one for northern invaders and this is a good area to look for them. Leader is Ruth Rudesill. Further information will be included in the February Kite Tales.

Field Trip Reports

Palo Alto Baylands, December 12, 1993.

we went to the Baylands to observe rails at the extreme high tide. Several of us were lucky to see two Black Rails flush to cover. Clapper Rails were everywhere and easy to observe. There were several Sharp-tailed Sparrows but they were elusive. The highlight of the trip was a Yellow Rail that was flushed in front of most members of the group!!! A total of 72 bird species were encountered. Highlights included Redhead, Peregrine Falcon, Yellow Rail, Black Rail, Clapper Rail, Virginia Rail, Sora, Swamp Sparrow, and Sharp-tailed Sparrow. Participants were Ted Elliot, Doug Ellis, David Hofmann, Louise Johnston, Linda Petruvias, Bob and Bertha Rains, Ruth Rudesill, Alan Wight, Ned Wynn, and Cindy Young.

RROS Observations, December 1993 (+)

Northern California

Species	Number	Date	Location	County	Observers	Notes
Red-necked Grebe	1	12/5. 9	Bodega Harbor	SON	RR, AW	
Clark's Grebe	12+	December	Mare Island	SOL	DA	
Black-vented Shearwater	many	10/31	off Mendocino Coast	MEN	DT	first sighting in 15 years
Black-vented Shearwater	several	12/5	off Bodega Head	SON	AW	
Northern Fulmar	many	10/31	off Mendocino Coast	MEN	DT	
Northern Fulmar	3	12/5	off Bodega Head	SON	AW	
Cattle Egret	1	10/24	Highway 1 near Caspar	MEN	DT	
Ross' Goose	1	early Dec.	Stafford Lake	MRN	many	
Redhead	2	12/5	Salmon Creek	SON	AW	
Redhead	1	12/9	Oakmont, Santa Rosa	SON	BG	
Barrow's Goldeneye	50+	early Dec.	Mare Island	SOL	DA	
Hooded Merganser	18	11/27-12/5	Carmody Road	SON	JP, AW	
Ferruginous Hawk	1	10/30	Garcia River	MEN	DT	
Ferruginous Hawk	1	11/13	Manchester SP	MEN	DT	
Merlin	1-4	10/24-11/13	Various MEN locations	MEN	DT	
Peregrine Falcon	1	10/24	Ukiah Sewer Ponds	MEN	DT	
Peregrine Falcon	1	11/7	Mendocino Headlands	MEN	DT	
Peregrine Falcon	1	12/19	Rohnert Park	SON	CY	
Gyr Falcon	1	12/27	Crescent City	DNO	DE	gray phase
Pacific Golden-Plover	1	11/11	Mackerricher SP	MEN	DT	
Rock Sandpiper	1	11/6	Mackerricher SP	MEN	DT	
Glaucous Gull	1	10/31-11/8	Mackerricher SP	MEN	DT, JW	first winter bird
Black-legged Kittiwake	6	11/2-11/8	Off Mackerricher SP	MEN	DT	
Pigeon Guillemot	1	11/2	Off Mackerricher SP	MEN	DT	
Lewis' Woodpecker	1	12/19	Yuba Road, Santa Rosa	SON	RM	
Gray Jay	1	11/21	Big River	MEN	DT	
Black-throated Green Warbler	1	12/25-26	Eureka	HUM	DE, LP	
Palm Warbler	9+	10/26-11/20	Various coastal locations	MEN	DT	widespread
Mountain Bluebird	1	early Dec.	Altamont Pass	ALA	DE	
Swamp Sparrow	1	11/18	Ukiah Sewer Ponds	MEN	DT	
White-throated Sparrow	1	December	Petaluma	SON	WN	
White-throated Sparrow	3	December	Santa Rosa	SON	B+BR	
White-throated Sparrow	5	December	Kenwood	SON	RR	
White-throated Sparrow	3	December	Healdsburg	SON	NW	
Great-tailed Grackle	1	10/23 on	Fort Bragg	MEN	DT	
Snow Bunting	1	12/27	Crescent City	DNO	DE	

Observers: Dick Ashford, Doug Ellis, Betty Groce, Richard Merriss, Wini Nelson, John Parmeter, Linda Petrulias, Bob and Bertha Rains, Ruth Rudesill, Dorothy Tobkin, Jerry White, Alan Wight, Ned Wynn, Cindy Young.

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