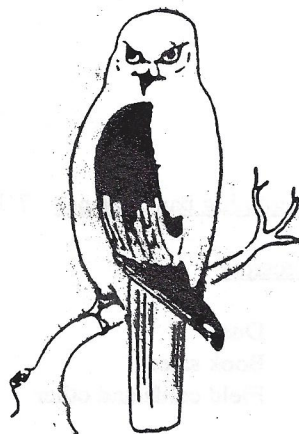


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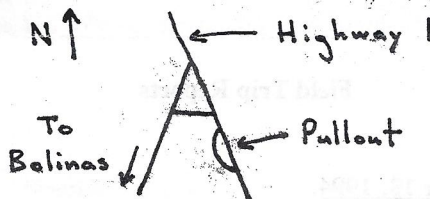
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Coming Attractions

General Meeting. Thursday, October 13 - 7:30 PM at Room 221, Darwin Hall, Sonoma State University. Debbie Shearwater will present a video and slides on life at sea - birds and cetacea. Debbie has led more than 1000 pelagic trips off the California coast over the past 18 years. She has done research on Blue Whales and on dolphins. Perhaps not as well known, she is an experienced land bird trip leader. She participated in the Monterey County Breeding Bird Atlas covering remote areas of the county. To pelagic birders Debbie is a familiar friend; to those who do not brave the seas, Debbie will bring the sea and its inhabitants to you. The parking fee at Sonoma State University is \$1.50. There is no longer any metered parking.

Field Trip to Bolinas Lagoon Area. Saturday, October 15. Among our destinations will be Pine Gulch Creek and the Bolinas Sewer Ponds. Meet at the Petaluma Park-and-Ride (Highway 101 at Highway 116) at 7:00 AM or at the pullout on Highway 1 south of the turn to Bolinas (see map below) at 8:15 AM. Leader is Ruth Rudesill.



Pelagic Trip to Cordell Bank. Saturday, October 29. This trip is sponsored by Napa-Solano Audubon Society. The leaders will be Roger Marlowe, Keith Hansen, and a special guest. The boat will leave from Porto Bodega at 7:00 AM. Cost is \$40. Send check made out to Napa-Solano Audubon to Robin Leong, 336 Benson Avenue, Vallejo, CA 94590. Include SASE. Call Robin Leong for further information at (707) 643-1287.

Future Field Trips. November - Owling on Willow Creek Road with Doug Ellis. December - Palo Alto Baylands at high tide.

Members' Vacations

Terry Babineaux went to northeastern Italy in May and June of this year. While there he saw Little Grebe, Moorhen, Woodpigeon, Collared Dove, Swift, Kingfisher, Swallow, White Wagtail, Nightingale, Redstart, Stonechat, Blackbird, Blackcap, Long-tailed Tit, Marsh Tit, Jay, Magpie, Hooded Crow, Raven, Golden Oriole, Tree Sparrow, Chaffinch, Brambling, Greenfinch, Siskin, Goldfinch, Reed Bunting, Buzzard, Cuckoo, House Martin, and House Sparrow.

Wayne Tillay went on a pelagic trip off Cape Hatteras, North Carolina on September 17. Among the birds that he saw were Black-capped Petrel, Cory's Shearwater, Greater Shearwater, Brown Booby (1), Bridled Tern, and Wilson's Storm-Petrel.

Report of Finances 1993-1994

Beginning bank balance 7/1/93 \$870.89

Receipts

Dues	\$998.00
Book sales	238.00
Field cards and other	37.50

Total receipts for year 1273.50

Disbursements

Kite Tales (newsletter)	595.66
Meeting place fee (Spring Lake)	15.00
Purchase field cards from SSU	9.00
State of California, annual corporation fee	5.00

Total disbursements for year -624.66

Ending bank balance 6/30/94 \$1,519.73

Michael F. Nelligan, Treasurer

Field Trip Reports

Fort Bragg Pelagic Trip, September 18, 1994.

The highlight species for this trip was Long-tailed Jaeger, which provided a first record for Mendocino County. Four Long-tailed Jaegers were seen, including one with full length central tail feathers. The species seen are listed below. The Mourning Dove was seen one hour out to sea and the Wilson's Warbler was seen one and a-half hours out to sea. Also seen were Harbor Seal and Dall's Porpoise.

Common Loon	Red-necked Phalarope	Sabine's Gull
Black-footed Albatross	Red Phalarope	Arctic Tern
Pink-footed Shearwater	Pomarine Jaeger	Common Murre
Sooty Shearwater	Parasitic Jaeger	Cassin's Auklet
Ashy Storm-Petrel	Long-tailed Jaeger	Rhinoceros Auklet
Brandt's Cormorant	Heermann's Gull	Mourning Dove
Pelagic Cormorant	Western Gull	Wilson's Warbler
Western Grebe	California Gull	

Bodega Harbor, September 10, 1994.

There were 28 participants! We sighted 80 species including the following highlights - Wandering Tattler, early American Wigeon, several Willow Flycatchers, MacGillivray's Warbler, Peregrine Falcon, and a juvenile Reeve (which we finally located after lunch and which was very cooperative). Participants were: Avis Anderson, Jack Arnold, Terry Babineaux, Nancy Conzett, Ted Eliot, Doug Ellis, Jeff

Goodwin, Barb Gumtow, David Hofmann, Terry Law, Bill Lenarz, John and Virginia McDonagh, Gloria Markowitz, Dan Nelson, Wini Nelson, Mike Parmeter, Linda Petruvias, Bob and Bertha Rains, Ruth Rudesill, Pam Selvarj, Jeremy Stephens, Jim and Jean Tonascia, Alan Wight, Chris Wood, and Ned Wynn.

Ruth Rudesill

Point Reyes, September 24, 1994.

The day started out foggy and breezy but turned out nicer. We birded Point Reyes and then after lunch several of the group went to the Bolinas Sewer Ponds. The highlights were White-winged Dove and Magnolia, Palm, and Blackpoll Warblers. Unfortunately, the Bobolinks were not cooperative. Participants were Avis Anderson, Doug Ellis, Jeff Goodwin, Barb Gumtow, David Hofmann, Richard Hurley, Bill Payne, Linda Petruvias, Ruth Rudesill, Bob and Bertha Rains, Sandy Settle, Alan Wight, and Cindy Young.

Ruth Rudesill

Horned Grebe	Least Sandpiper	Barn Swallow
Western Grebe	Pectoral Sandpiper	Steller's Jay
Common Loon	Dunlin	Scrub Jay
Brown Pelican	Long-billed Dowitcher	Common Raven
American White Pelican	Short-billed Dowitcher	American Crow
Double-crested Cormorant	Willet	Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Brandt's Cormorant	Marbled Godwit	American Robin
Pelagic Cormorant	Black-bellied Plover	Hermit Thrush
Great Blue Heron	Killdeer	Northern Mockingbird
Great Egret	American Avocet	European Starling
Snowy Egret	Ring-billed Gull	Winter Wren
Surf Scoter	Western Gull	Warbling Vireo
White-winged Scoter	Glaucous-winged Gull	Yellow-rumped Warbler
Black Scoter	California Gull	Black-throated Gray Warbler
Mallard	Heermann's Gull	Yellow Warbler
Northern Shoveler	Forster's Tern	Orange-crowned Warbler
Northern Pintail	White-winged Dove	Magnolia Warbler
Greater Scaup	Mourning Dove	Blackpoll Warbler
Ruddy Duck	Band-tailed Pigeon	Palm Warbler
Red-tailed Hawk	Rock Dove	Fox Sparrow
Sharp-shinned Hawk	Barn Owl	Song Sparrow
Red-shouldered Hawk	Great Horned Owl	White-crowned Sparrow
Northern Harrier	Anna's Hummingbird	Golden-crowned Sparrow
American Kestrel	Belted Kingfisher	Red-winged Blackbird
Merlin	Northern Flicker	Tricolored Blackbird
Turkey Vulture	Downy Woodpecker	Brewer's Blackbird
California Quail	Western Wood-Pewee	Western Meadowlark
American Coot	Say's Phoebe	Bobolink
Sora	Black Phoebe	House Finch
Virginia Rail	Pacific-slope Flycatcher	American Goldfinch
Western Sandpiper	Willow Flycatcher	House Sparrow

RROS Observations, September 1994

<u>Species</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Observers</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Brown Booby	1	9/3	Southeast Farallon Island	MRN	DH,BDP,RR,AW,NW	Immature
White-tailed Kite	22	9/21	Cypress Grove, ACR	MRN	JM	
✓ Prairie Falcon	1	9/21	Lakeville Road	SON	CV	
Pacific Golden-Plover	1	8/29	Glass Beach	MEN	DT	
American Golden-Plover	1	8/27	Abbott's Lagoon, Point Reyes	MRN	RR	
American Golden-Plover	2	9/4	Abbott's Lagoon, Point Reyes	MRN	DH, BDP, AW	
Lesser Yellowlegs	6-8	8/26	Novato	MRN	RS, DH, DW, NW	
Lesser Yellowlegs	2	9/1	Doran Park	SON	DH	
Little Curlew	1	9/11	Carmel River mouth	MON	RR, AW	
Little Curlew	1	9/22	Carmel River mouth	MON	DH, WT	
Semipalmated Sandpiper	1	8/27	Horseshoe Pond, Point Reyes	MRN	RS, RR	
Semipalmated Sandpiper	1	8/28	Horseshoe Pond, Point Reyes	MRN	DH	
Semipalmated Sandpiper	1	8/28	Abbott's Lagoon, Point Reyes	MRN	AW	
Baird's Sandpiper	1	9/4	Abbott's Lagoon, Point Reyes	MRN	DH, BDP, AW	
Pectoral Sandpiper	1	9/4	Abbott's Lagoon, Point Reyes	MRN	DH, BDP, AW	
✓ Pectoral Sandpiper	2	9/19	Doran Park	SON	NW, DN	
Ruff	1	9/4	Abbott's Lagoon	MRN	DH, BDP, AW	
✓ Ruff	1	9/6-10	Doran Park	SON	many	Immature female
Wilson's Phalarope	20-30	8/26	Novato	MRN	RS, DH, DW, NW	With Mallards
Pomarine Jaeger	>10	9/18	Off Fort Bragg	MEN	many	
Parasitic Jaeger	2	9/18	Off Fort Bragg	MEN	many	
Long-tailed Jaeger	4	9/18	Off Fort Bragg	MEN	many	First county record
Sabine's Gull	>18	9/18	Off Fort Bragg	MEN	many	
Common Tern	1	8/27	Abbott's Lagoon, Point Reyes	MRN	RR	
Common Tern	1	9/4	Abbott's Lagoon, Point Reyes	MRN	DH, BDP, AW	
Arctic Tern	>3	9/18	Off Fort Bragg	MEN	many	
Tufted Puffin	>6	9/3	Southeast Farallon Island	MRN	DH,BDP,RR,AW,NW	Breeding plumage
White-winged Dove	1	9/24	Hall Ranch, Point Reyes	MRN	many	
Burrowing Owl	1	9/17	Lighthouse, Point Reyes	MRN	DH, BDP, RR, AW	
✓ Burrowing Owl	1	9/17	Bodega Head	SON	DN, DH, NW	
Long-eared Owl	1	9/26	Mendoza Ranch, Point Reyes	MRN	AW, RR	
✓ Willow Flycatcher	several	various	Bodega Harbor	SON	many	
Least Flycatcher	1	9/19	Fish Docks, Point Reyes	MRN	DH, BDP	
Common Raven	>50	9/21	Cypress Grove, ACR	MRN	JM	
Black-capped Chickadee	2	9/5	Eureka	HUM	many	
✓ Red-throated Pipit	1	9/2	Doran Park	SON	DE	
Solitary Vireo	1	9/7	Owl Canyon	SON	DA	Plumbeus form
✓ Red-eyed Vireo	1	9/6	Bodega Harbor	SON	many	
Tennessee Warbler	1	9/20	Mendoza Ranch, Point Reyes	MRN	RR, AW	
Chestnut-sided Warbler	1	9/17	Lighthouse, Point Reyes	MRN	DH, BDP, RR, AW	
✓ Chestnut-sided Warbler	1	9/12-21	Bodega Dunes Campground	SON	many	
Magnolia Warbler	1	9/1	Rodrow Slough	LAK	JW	First county record
Magnolia Warbler	1	9/24	Lighthouse, Point Reyes	MRN	many	

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Black-throated Blue Warbler	1	9/19-20	Mendoza Ranch, Point Reyes	MRN	many	Female
Blackburnian Warbler	1	9/17	Lighthouse, Point Reyes	MRN	DH, BDP, RR, AW	
Prairie Warbler	1	9/4	Fish Docks, Point Reyes	MRN	DH, BDP, AW	
✓ Prairie Warbler	1	9/23	Bodega Harbor	SON	many	
Palm Warbler	1	9/24	Fish Docks, Point Reyes	MRN	many	
Blackpoll Warbler	1	9/4	Lighthouse, Point Reyes	MRN	DH, BDP, AW	
✓ Blackpoll Warbler	1	9/21,23	Bodega Harbor	SON	many	
Blackpoll Warbler	1	9/24	Fish Docks, Point Reyes	MRN	many	
Black-and-white Warbler	1	8/31	Rodrow Slough	LAK	JMa, JW	
American Redstart	1	8/31	Rodrow Slough	LAK	JW	First county record
American Redstart	1	9/17	Lighthouse, Point Reyes	MRN	DH, BDP, RR, AW	
American Redstart	2	9/20	Mendoza Ranch, Point Reyes	MRN	RR, AW	1 male, 1 female
Northern Waterthrush	1	9/11	Carmel River	MON	RR, AW	
✓ MacGillivray's Warbler	1	9/1	Bodega Harbor	SON	DB, many	
✓ MacGillivray's Warbler	1	9/22	Lucchesi Park, Petaluma	SON	AW	
Summer Tanager	1	9/18	Little River	MEN	many	Male
✓ Rose-breasted Grosbeak	1	9/14	Bodega Harbor	SON	DN, CW, DH	
✓ Clay-colored Sparrow	1	9/17,21	Bodega Head	SON	DN, BDP, DH, AW	
Clay-colored Sparrow	1	9/21	MacKerricher State Park	MEN	DT	
Black-throated Sparrow	1	9/4	Lighthouse, Point Reyes	MRN	BDP, DH, AW	
Lark Bunting	1	9/19	Mendoza Ranch, Point Reyes	MRN	DH, BDP, CT	
Orchard Oriole	1	9/17-18	Glass Beach, Fort Bragg	MEN	JW, many	

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