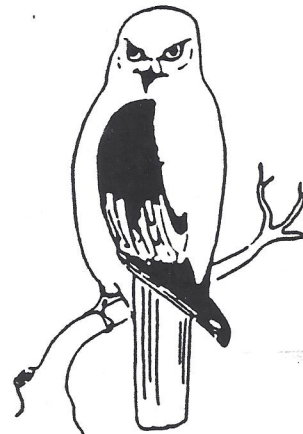


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Coming Attractions

General Meeting. Thursday, November 10 - 7:30 PM at Room 221, Darwin Hall, Sonoma State University. Lynn Stafford will present his thesis study, Bird Distribution and Habitat Relationships in the Russian River Flood Plain Riparian Zones. This study is part of his Master's Degree in Biology program at Sonoma State University. Lynn has been an amateur naturalist for 45 years. After 22 years as a high school science and math teacher, Lynn began a field biology career five years ago. Since then he has worked for state agencies, for a wildlife consulting firm, and as an independent consultant. During this time, he has worked on Spotted Owl habitat studies, raptor mortality at wind power facilities, riparian restoration monitoring, and various natural habitat assessment projects.

Field Trip to Willow Creek Road. Saturday, November 12. Doug Ellis will lead us on an owling trip to Willow Creek Road on Saturday morning. Meet at the Occidental parking lot at 3:45 AM. We will go owling early, return for breakfast at about 8:00 AM, and then go out for a morning of birding. Please arrive promptly for owling and wear quiet clothes.

Pelagic Trip to Cordell Bank. Sunday, November 13. The October 29 trip was turned back by high seas. The trip was rescheduled to November 13. Spaces are still available at this time. Cost is \$40. Call Robin Leong for information at (707) 643-1287.

Santa Rosa Christmas Bird Count

The 34th annual Santa Rosa Christmas Bird Count will take place on Sunday, December 18, 1994. This bird count is sponsored by RROS. All are invited to help count birds on this day. If you would like to participate or get more information, please call either Mike Parmeter at 255-6757 or Doug Ellis at 585-0226 or write to one of them at the corresponding address given on the back of this newsletter. You may also sign up for the count at the November RROS general meeting on November 10. Please come out and help count birds on December 18. Your efforts will be greatly appreciated!

Field Trip Reports

Bolinas Lagoon, October 15, 1994.

A very blustery day. We met at Bolinas Lagoon and went into Pine Gulch Creek. Despite the wind, we saw several warblers. We then went to the Bolinas sewer ponds to look for a Little Stint, which did not show up. The best bird of the day was a male Blue-winged Teal at the sewer ponds. After there, several people went to Five Brooks where they saw a Red-breasted Sapsucker. A total of 84 species were sighted. Participants were Doug Ellis, David Hofmann, John and Virginia McDonagh, Dan Nelson, and Ned Wynn. (The over-tired leader Ruth left early.)

Ruth Rudesill

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| Pied-billed Grebe | Greater Yellowlegs | Red-breasted Nuthatch |
| Great Blue Heron | Willet | Marsh Wren |
| Great Egret | Whimbrel | Winter Wren |
| Snowy Egret | Marbled Godwit | Golden-crowned Kinglet |
| Mallard | Ruddy Turnstone | Ruby-crowned Kinglet |
| Northern Pintail | Western Sandpiper | Hermit Thrush |
| Blue-winged Teal | Least Sandpiper | American Robin |
| Northern Shoveler | Short-billed Dowitcher | Varied Thrush |
| Gadwall | Common Snipe | Wrentit |
| American Wigeon | Heermann's Gull | American Pipit |
| Lesser Scaup | Ring-billed Gull | European Starling |
| Bufflehead | Western Gull | Hutton's Vireo |
| Ruddy Duck | Forster's Tern | Orange-crowned Warbler |
| Turkey Vulture | Mourning Dove | Yellow Warbler |
| White-tailed Kite | Anna's Hummingbird | Yellow-rumped Warbler |
| Northern Harrier | Red-breasted Sapsucker | Townsend's Warbler |
| Sharp-shinned Hawk | Downy Woodpecker | Common Yellowthroat |
| Cooper's Hawk | Northern Flicker | Fox Sparrow |
| Red-tailed Hawk | Black Phoebe | Song Sparrow |
| American Kestrel | Tree Swallow | Lincoln's Sparrow |
| Merlin | Violet-green Swallow | Golden-crowned Sparrow |
| California Quail | Barn Swallow | White-crowned Sparrow |
| Virginia Rail | Steller's Jay | Red-winged Blackbird |
| Sora | Scrub Jay | Brewer's Blackbird |
| American Coot | American Crow | Western Meadowlark |
| Black-bellied Plover | Common Raven | House Finch |
| Killdeer | Chestnut-backed Chickadee | Pine Siskin |
| American Avocet | Bushtit | American Goldfinch |

Miscellaneous

Dick Ashford saw his North American bird #600 on September 25 when he saw a Manx Shearwater on a pelagic trip out of Monterey. Congratulations!!

RROS Observations, October 1994

| <u>Species</u> | <u>Number</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>County</u> | <u>Observers</u> | <u>Notes</u> |
|-------------------------------|---------------|-------------|-------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| Flesh-footed Shearwater | 6 | 10/8 | Cordell Bank | MRN | DH, BDP, AW, NW | |
| Flesh-footed Shearwater | 1 | 10/29 | En route to Cordell Bank | MRN | RM, many | |
| Short-tailed Shearwater | 3 | 10/8 | Cordell Bank | MRN | DH, BDP, AW, NW | |
| Manx Shearwater | 1 | 10/3 | Off Monterey | MON | DH, BDP | |
| Cattle Egret | 1 | 9/28 | Fort Bragg | MEN | DT | |
| White-faced Ibis | 2 | 10/3 | Crespi Pond, Monterey | MON | DH, BDP | |
| ✓ Eurasian Shelduck | 2 | 9/3 | Laguna de Santa Rosa | SON | JM, DN | Escapes |
| ✓ Greater White-fronted Goose | 7 | 9/27 | Bodega Harbor | SON | DH | |
| Blue-winged Teal | 1 | 10/15 | Bolinas Sewer Ponds | MRN | many | Male |
| Broad-winged Hawk | 1 | 9/28 | Hawk Hill | MRN | JM, JiT, JeT, JTr, BG | |
| Broad-winged Hawk | 9 | 10/2 | Hawk Hill | MRN | DH, BDP, AW | 1 dark phase |
| Ferruginous Hawk | 1 | 10/4 | Manchester area | MEN | DT | |
| Ferruginous Hawk | 3 | 10/22 | Point Reyes | MRN | DH, BDP, AW | |
| ✓ Merlin | 1 | 10/20 | Doran County Park | SON | TE, BH, DH | |
| Merlin | 1 | 10/22 | Point Reyes | MRN | DH, BDP, AW | |
| Peregrine Falcon | 2 | 10/9 | Drake's Beach, Point Reyes | MRN | RS, DH, BDP, AW | |
| ✓ Peregrine Falcon | 1 | 10/20 | Doran County Park | SON | TE, BH, DH | |
| Peregrine Falcon | 1 | 10/22 | Point Reyes | MRN | DH, BDP, AW | |
| ✓ Peregrine Falcon | 2 | 10/24 | Doran County Park | SON | DH, BDP | |
| ✓ Common Moorhen | 6 | 10/24 | Bridgehaven | SON | DH, BDP | |
| ✓ American Golden-Plover | 1 | 10/13 | Doran County Park | SON | DA | |
| American Golden-Plover | 3 | 10/22-25 | Spaletta Plateau, Point Reyes | MRN | BH, DH, BDP, AW | |
| Pacific Golden-Plover | 14 | 10/8 | Spaletta Plateau, Point Reyes | MRN | JM, VM | |
| Pacific Golden-Plover | 4 | 10/14 | Spaletta Plateau, Point Reyes | MRN | DA | |
| Pacific Golden-Plover | 14 | 10/19 | Spaletta Plateau, Point Reyes | MRN | JM, JiT, JeT | |
| Pacific Golden-Plover | 9 | 10/9-25 | Spaletta Plateau, Point Reyes | MRN | BH, DH, BDP, AW | |
| South Polar Skua | 15 | 10/8 | Cordell Bank | MRN | DH, BDP, AW, NW | |
| Common Tern | 4 | 9/28-10/7 | Lake Mendocino | MEN | CV, BK | |
| Common Tern | 1 | 10/8 | Fish Docks, Point Reyes | MRN | JM, VM | |
| Craveri's Murrelet | 2 | 10/8 | Cordell Bank | MRN | DH, BDP, AW, NW | |
| White-winged Dove | 1 | 10/8 | Point Reyes | MRN | JM, VM | |
| White-headed Woodpecker | 1 | 10/3 | Mendocino Pass | MEN | DT | |
| ✓ Pacific-slope Flycatcher | 1 | 10/20,24 | Westside County Park | SON | DH, BDP | |
| ✓ Tropical Kingbird | 1 | 10/1 | Bodega Harbor | SON | DH, DN, BDP, AW | |
| Tropical Kingbird | 1 | 10/7 | Fort Bragg | MEN | DT | |
| ✓ Townsend's Solitaire | 10 | 10/23 | Mt. St. Helena | SON | DH, BDP, AW | |
| Red-throated Pipit | 1 | 9/26 | Lake Mendocino | MEN | many | |
| Red-throated Pipit | 1 | 10/9 | Horrick Ranch, Point Reyes | MRN | RS, DH, BDP, AW | |
| ✓ Chestnut-sided Warbler | 1 | 10/1 | Campbell Cove, Bodega Harbor | SON | AW, DH, BDP, DN | |
| ✓ Magnolia Warbler | 1 | 10/5 | Hole-in-the-Head | SON | DN, DH, many | |
| ✓ Magnolia Warbler | 1 | 10/5 | Campbell Cove, Bodega Harbor | SON | DN | |
| Magnolia Warbler | 1 | 10/11 | Fish Docks, Point Reyes | MRN | DA | |
| ✓ Black-throated Blue Warbler | 1 | 10/1 | Owl Canyon | SON | many | Male |

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| Blackburnian Warbler | 1 | 9/26 | Lighthouse, Point Reyes | MRN | DH | |
| Blackburnian Warbler | 1 | 10/19 | Fish Docks, Point Reyes | MRN | JM, JiT, JeT, many | |
| Yellow-throated Warbler | 1 | 10/3 | Pescadero Creek | SMA | DH, BDP | |
| ✓ Prairie Warbler | 1 | 9/27 | Bodega Harbor | SON | DN, many | |
| ✓ Palm Warbler | 1 | 9/28 | Rodeo Lagoon | MRN | BG, many | |
| ✓ Palm Warbler | 4 | 10/1 | Bodega Harbor | SON | DH, BDP, AW, CW | |
| Palm Warbler | 7 | 10/4, 10/11 | Several locations | MEN | DT | |
| ✓ Palm Warbler | 1 | 10/5 | Bodega Harbor | SON | DH, DN | |
| Palm Warbler | 1 | 10/19 | Nunes Ranch, Point Reyes | MRN | many | |
| Palm Warbler | 1 | 10/21 | Bolinas Sewer Ponds | MRN | NW, DW | |
| Palm Warbler | 1 | 10/22 | Horrick Ranch, Point Reyes | MRN | DH, BDP, AW | |
| Blackpoll Warbler | 1 | 10/3 | Pacific Grove | MON | DH, BDP | |
| ✓ Blackpoll Warbler | 1 | 10/5 | Hole-in-the-Head | SON | DN, DH, many | |
| ✓ Black-and-white Warbler | 1 | 10/1-2 | Owl Canyon, Bodega Harbor | SON | DN, many | |
| American Redstart | 1 | 9/26 | Fish Docks, Point Reyes | MRN | DH | Female |
| ✓ American Redstart | 1 | 10/5 | Bodega Dunes Campground | SON | DN | Male |
| Clay-colored Sparrow | 1 | 9/26 | Fish Docks, Point Reyes | MRN | DH | |
| Clay-colored Sparrow | 2 | 10/22 | Horrick Ranch, Point Reyes | MRN | DH, BDP, AW | |
| ✓ Brewer's Sparrow | 1 | 9/27 | Bodega Harbor | SON | DH | |
| vesper Sparrow | 1 | 10/30 | MCI Field, Point Reyes | MRN | AW | |
| Lincoln's Sparrow | 6 | 10/16 | Santa Rosa Sewer Ponds | SON | DN, JM, NW | |
| Swamp Sparrow | 1 | 10/12 | Pine Gulch Creek | MRN | DA | |
| White-throated Sparrow | 1 | 10/9 | Fort Bragg | MEN | DT | |
| ✓ White-throated Sparrow | 1 | 10/22 | Wikiup | SON | BoR, BeR | |
| Lapland Longspur | 1 | 10/22 | MCI Field, Point Reyes | MRN | DH, BDP, AW | |
| Lapland Longspur | 2 | 10/30 | Drake's Corners, Point Reyes | MRN | AW | |
| Chestnut-collared Longspur | 2 | 10/22 | MCI Field, Point Reyes | MRN | DH, BDP, AW | |
| Bobolink | 2 | 10/3 | Pigeon Point Lighthouse | SMA | DH, BDP | |
| Rusty Blackbird | 1 | 10/22-25 | Spaletta Ranch, Point Reyes | MRN | many | |

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