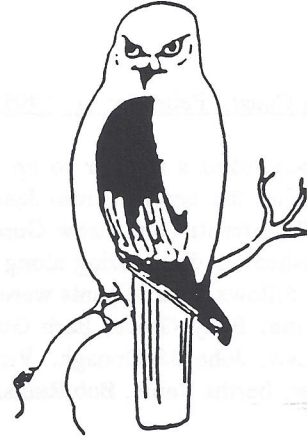


Kite Tales

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Coming Attractions

General Meeting. Thursday, March 9 - 7:30 PM at Room 221, Darwin Hall, Sonoma State University. Jeff Goodwin will present slides on "Birds and Birding in Southern Florida". Jeff came to California last year, joined RROS, and has been busy adding to his life list here.

Field Trip to Susanville Area for Sage Grouse. Saturday-Sunday, March 25-26, 1995. Please join us on this trip to see Sage Grouse and other birds of this area. We will meet at 2 PM Saturday in Susanville and spend the remainder of the day birding. On Sunday morning, we will get up very early and go to an active Sage Grouse lek (courtship area) where we will hopefully see displaying Sage Grouse. We will be staying at the River Inn in Susanville at 1710 Main Street. The phone number is (916) 257-6051. There will be a mandatory meeting at 6 PM Saturday in the parking lot of the River Inn to plan Sunday morning's activities. Please call Ruth Rudesill at 833-6026 if you plan to go. Leader is Linda Petrulias.

Spring Migration Arrival Dates

Please remember to keep track of those early arrival dates for our returning spring birds. Please call Alan Wight at 763-8572 or Ned Wynn at 431-8412 to report your first encounters this spring with the birds listed in the February Kite Tales. Please only report bird observations that are within Sonoma County and that might be early arrival dates. Report species, number of individuals, date, location, and your name. The earliest record of each species will be included in the May Kite Tales.

Field Trip Report

Sonoma Coast, February 11, 1995.

The group hiked a mile or so up Willow Creek Road during the somewhat overcast morning. While overlooking the beaches from Jenner, a Black-legged Kittiwake was spotted resting among the gulls. Both White-fronted and Snow Geese were nearby on Penny Island. We had lunch at Goat Rock Beach and finished the day birding along Bay Flat Road at Bodega Bay. 91 bird species were observed. The trip list follows. Participants were Avis Anderson, Lew Edmondson, Marilyn Edmondson, Doug Ellis, Mary Finn, Betty Groce, Barb Gumtow, David Hofmann, Don Johnston, Louise Johnston, Ken Law, Terry Law, John McDonagh, Virginia McDonagh, Clyde Nelson, Dan Nelson, Wini Nelson, Mike Parmeter, Bertha Rains, Bob Rains, Bill Smith, Jean Tonascia, Jim Tonascia, and Ned Wynn.

Dan Nelson

Red-throated Loon	Red-shouldered Hawk	Common Raven
Pacific Loon	Red-tailed Hawk	Chestnut-backed Chickadee
Common Loon	American Kestrel	Bushtit
Pied-billed Grebe	Virginia Rail	Brown Creeper
Horned Grebe	Common Moorhen	Winter Wren
Red-necked Grebe	American Coot	Marsh Wren
Eared Grebe	Killdeer	Golden-crowned Kinglet
Western Grebe	Black Oystercatcher	Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Double-crested Cormorant	Willet	Western Bluebird
Brandt's Cormorant	Wandering Tattler	American Robin
Pelagic Cormorant	Marbled Godwit	Varied Thrush
Great Blue Heron	Black Turnstone	Wrentit
Great Egret	Sanderling	American Pipit
Snowy Egret	Dunlin	Cedar Waxwing
Greater White-fronted Goose	Mew Gull	European Starling
Snow Goose	Ring-billed Gull	Hutton's Vireo
Brant	California Gull	Orange-crowned Warbler
Mallard	Herring Gull	Yellow-rumped Warbler
American Wigeon	Thayer's Gull	Fox Sparrow
Lesser Scaup	Western Gull	Song Sparrow
Black Scoter	Glaucous-winged Gull	Golden-crowned Sparrow
Surf Scoter	Black-legged Kittiwake	White-crowned Sparrow
White-winged Scoter	Rock Dove	Red-winged Blackbird
Common Goldeneye	Anna's Hummingbird	Brewer's Blackbird
Bufflehead	Allen's Hummingbird	Purple Finch
Common Merganser	Belted Kingfisher	House Finch
Red-breasted Merganser	Hairy Woodpecker	Pine Siskin
Ruddy Duck	Northern Flicker	Lesser Goldfinch
Turkey Vulture	Black Phoebe	House Sparrow
Osprey	Steller's Jay	
Northern Harrier	Scrub Jay	

RROS Observations, February 1995

Other Places

<u>Species</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Observers</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Yellow-billed Loon	1	2/21	Nick's Cove, Tomales Bay	Mrn	DH, LP, RS	
Yellow-billed Loon	1	2/25	Nick's Cove, Tomales Bay	Mrn	DH, DBP, AW	
Laysan Albatross	1	2/19	Arena Cove	Men	DH, BDP, AW	
Flesh-footed Shearwater	1-2	2/5	Cordell Bank boat trip	Mrn	KG, RM, BDP, AW	
Harlequin Duck	2	2/25	Tomales Bay	Mrn	DH, BDP, AW	Females
American White Pelican	1	2/18	Lake Mendocino	Men	PS	Flying
Ross' Goose	1	February	Redwood Valley	Men	BL, DE, CV	Vineyard pond
Oldsquaw	1	2/8	Borax Lake	Lake	JW	
Oldsquaw	1	2/21	Marshall, Tomales Bay	Mrn	DH, LP	
Oldsquaw	2	2/25	Tomales Bay	Mrn	DH, BDP, AW	Males
Hooded Merganser	3	2/9	Rush Creek Marsh, Novato	Mrn	JMc, many	
Bald Eagle	2	2/12	Lake Berryessa	Napa	DH, BDP	Adults near nest
Bald Eagle	1	2/19	Near Ukiah	Men	CV	Adult
Ferruginous Hawk	2	February	Hopland Field Station	Men	BK, CV	
Prairie Falcon	1	1/25	Hopland Field Station	Men	BK, CV	
Prairie Falcon	1	2/12	Lake Berryessa	Napa	DH, BDP	
Turkey	20	2/12	Highway 128 near Lake Berryessa	Napa	DH, BDP	
Pacific Golden-Plover	1	2/4	Miner's Hole Road	Men	GC, BD, DE, CV	
Glaucous Gull	4	2/4	Point Arena to Fort Bragg	Men	GC, BD, DE, CV	
Glaucous Gull	1	2/5	Cordell Bank boat trip	Mrn	KG, RM, BDP, AW	
Ancient Murrelet	> 1	2/5	Cordell Bank boat trip	Mrn	KG, RM, BDP, AW	
Tufted Puffin	1	2/5	Cordell Bank boat trip	Mrn	KG, RM, BDP, AW	
Burrowing Owl	1	2/25	Spaletta Plateau, Point Reyes	Mrn	DH, BDP, AW	
Short-eared Owl	1	2/25	Millerton Point, Tomales Bay	Mrn	DH, BDP, AW	
Lewis' Woodpecker	7	2/12	Lake Berryessa	Napa	DH, BDP	
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	1	2/25	Laguna Lake	Mrn	DH, BDP, AW	
Yellow-billed Magpie	1	2/11	East slope of Sierra Nevada	Alp	RR, LP	Unusual location
House Wren	1	2/12	Lake Solano County Park	Sol	DH, BDP	
Phainopepla	1	2/12	Lake Solano County Park	Sol	DH, BDP	Female
Northern Shrike	1	2/12	Near Mono Lake	Mono	LP, AW	Immature
Swamp Sparrow	1	February	Hopland Field Station	Men	BK, CV	
Harris' Sparrow	1	2/12	Lake Crowley	Mono	LP, RR, AW	Immature
Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch	> 125	2/12	Aspendell, near Bishop	Inyo	LP, RR, AW	At feeder
Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch	1	2/12	Aspendell, near Bishop	Inyo	LP, RR, AW	Hepburn's race
Black Rosy-Finch	1	2/12	Aspendell, near Bishop	Inyo	LP, RR, AW	Female

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Sonoma County

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Red-necked Grebe	>2	2/1	Bodega Harbor	Son	DH, JMc, many	
Red-necked Grebe	1	2/11	Bodega Harbor	Son	JMc, many	
Clark's Grebe	1	2/9	Petaluma turning basin	Son	AW	
✓ Harlequin Duck	1	2/1	Bodega Harbor	Son	DH, many	Male
✓ Cattle Egret	25	2/26	High School Road, Sebastopol	Son	BB, AW, KW, CW	
Greater White-fronted Goose	2	2/26	Russian River mouth	Son	BB, AW, KW, CW	
Ross' Goose	1	2/11	Bodega farm pond	Son	DH, BDP, NW	
Emperor Goose	1	2/11, 2/18	Salmon Creek Road	Son	DH, BDP, NW	
Eurasian Wigeon	1	2/1	Bodega Harbor	Son	JMc, DH, many	Male
✓ Redhead	2	2/1	Bodega Harbor	Son	JMc, DH, many	Male, female
Golden Eagle	3	2/11	Korbel Winery	Son	NW	
Golden Eagle	2	2/11	Near Bodega	Son	BDP, DH, NW	
Peregrine Falcon	1	2/4	Doran County Park	Son	DH	
Blue Grouse	1	2/19	King Ridge Road	Son	DH, BDP, AW	
✓ Thayer's Gull	10	2/11	Jenner	Son	DN, many	
Glaucous Gull	1	2/19	Gualala River mouth	Son	DH, BDP, AW	
✓ Glaucous Gull	1	2/26	Russian River mouth	Son	BB, AW, KW, CW	
Black-legged Kittiwake	1	2/11	Jenner	Son	DN, many	
✓ Black-legged Kittiwake	1	2/26	Duncan's Landing	Son	AW, CW	Adult
✓ Marbled Murrelet	2	2/18	Bodega Head	Son	DH	
✓ Marbled Murrelet	3-5	2/26	Duncan's Landing	Son	BB, AW, KW, CW	
✓ Marbled Murrelet	2	2/26	Bodega Head	Son	BB, AW, KW, CW	
✓ Allen's Hummingbird	1	2/1	Bodega Harbor	Son	JMc, many	Behind rail ponds
✓ Eastern Phoebe	1	2/26	Owl Canyon	Son	CL, LL	
Tree Swallow	25	2/9	Spring Lake	Son	NW	
Violet-green Swallow	5	2/9	Spring Lake	Son	NW	
Barn Swallow	1	2/18	Cader Lane, Petaluma	Son	AW	
Townsend's Solitaire	2	2/20	Mt. St. Helena	Son	DH, BDP, AW	
✓ Black-headed Grosbeak	2	1/29	Occidental	Son	CS	Early
White-throated Sparrow	1	2/11	Monte Rio	Son	DH, BDP, NW	
White-throated Sparrow	1	2/15	Howarth Park/Lake Ralphine	Son	DH, JMc, many	
White-throated Sparrow	3	February	Kenwood	Son	RR	Feeder
Dark-eyed Junco	1	February	Kenwood	Son	RR	Slate-colored

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