

Kite Tales

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COMING ATTRACTIONS

Potluck Dinner and General Meeting. Thursday, September 10. Sugarloaf Ridge State Park at 6:00 PM. The potluck dinner will begin at 6:00 PM, followed by a business meeting, and an owl/poorwill walk. The parking fee is \$5 per car. Carpooling is suggested. Bring your own service, drinks, and a main dish, salad, or dessert. Comfortable shoes, a warm coat, and a flashlight are recommended if you wish to go on the owl walk.

General Meeting. Thursday, October 12. Darwin Hall, Room 221, Sonoma State University at 7:30 PM. The parking fee at Sonoma State University is \$1.50. The program will be announced in the next Kite Tales.

Field Trip to Point Reyes. Saturday, September 23. We will look for all of the migrant, vagrant, and resident birds that occur in this premiere birding area. Meet at White House Pool County Park at 7:30 AM. Carpooling will be at the Petaluma Park & Ride (Lakeville Hwy X Hwy 101) at 7:00 AM. Bring a lunch. The leader is Mike Parmeter. Call Mike at 255-6757 for further directions/details.

Field Trip to Bodega Bay. Saturday, October 7. Last year this area was outstanding for its fall vagrants. We will meet at the Rail Ponds at 8:00 AM. Bring a lunch. The leader is David Hofmann. Call David at 546-0325 for directions/details.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Please remember to pay your membership dues for the 1995-1996 year. Dues are \$15 per family or \$8 per individual per year. Student dues are \$3. Send your check to RROS treasurer Mike Nelligan, 124 Wikiup Drive, Santa Rosa, CA 95403 or bring it to the potluck meeting or the first general meeting (on October 12) at Darwin Hall, Sonoma State University. Make checks payable to RROS.

KITE TALES DEADLINES

Please observe the following deadlines when providing information for inclusion in the Kite Tales. The deadline for inclusion of observations (to Ned Wynn) is the 24th of the month. The deadline for inclusion of announcements (to David Hofmann) is the 27th of the month.

Field Trip Report

Pine Flat Road, May 13, 1995

Thirteen eager birders were ready to brave a cloudy and rainy day. Many were rewarded with great looks at a male Mountain Quail that ran down the road towards us as Mike Parmeter called it in. Thanks Mike! Good looks of California Thrashers, Lazuli Buntings, and Rufous Crowned Sparrows were also enjoyed by many. David Hofmann subed as the trip leader for Ruth Rudesill who became ill the night before.

Participants were: Jed Cooper, Lew & Marilyn Edmondson, David A. Hofmann, John McDonagh, Richard Merriss, Benjamin D. Parmeter, Bob & Bertha Raines, Jim & Jean Tonascia, Cindy Young

David A. Hofmann

Turkey Vulture	Common Raven	Black-throated Gray Warbler
Wild Turkey	Plain Titmouse	Wilson's Warbler
Mountain Quail	Bewick's Wren	Western Tanager
Mourning Dove	House Wren	Black-headed Grosbeak
Anna's Hummingbird	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	Lazuli Bunting
Acorn Woodpecker	Western Bluebird	Rufous-sided Towhee
Nuttall's Woodpecker	American Robin	California Towhee
Hairy Woodpecker	Wrentit	Rufous-crowned Sparrow
Northern Flicker	Northern Mockingbird	Chipping Sparrow
Pacific-slope Flycatcher	California Thrasher	Lark Sparrow
Black Phoebe	European Starling	Dark-eyed Junco
Ash-throated Flycatcher	Solitary Vireo	Western Meadowlark
Violet-green Swallow	Hutton's Vireo	Brown-headed Cowbird
Steller's Jay	Warbling Vireo	Northern Oriole
Scrub Jay	Orange-crowned Warbler	Purple Finch
American Crow	Nashville Warbler	Lesser Goldfinch



Congratulations go to **Ned Wynn**, and **Alan Wight**, both were named **Birder of the Month** this summer by Wild Bird magazine. Ned won in July and Alan in August. They recieved along with this honor a new pair of binoculars.

Best wishes go to **Dick Ashford**. Dick is moving to Ventura to pursue opportunities that have opened up to him there. Dick has resigned his position as Vice-President. We all wish Dick the very best of luck in his new venture. We are looking for someone to fill the vacancy of Vice-President.

Field Trip Report

Klamath Basin Area, July 1-4 1995

We had 21 (!) participants in our joint field trip with Napa/Solano Audubon. It was great having them join us for nearly five days of birding!

Some of the group camped at Lava Beds and others stayed in motels but everyone did enjoy hiking around the Lava Beds, owling up by Medicine Lake, traveling around Tule Lake and Lower Klamath NWRs, birding in Oregon at Sky Lakes Wilderness, Upper Klamath Lake, Ft. Klamath, and a few even ventured up to snowy Crater Lake NP. There was water everywhere, the refuges were green and wildflowers were blooming everywhere.

The weather was beautiful and only had an afternoon thundershower, which actually cooled the temperature down. The nights were bright, with the Milky Way and Jupiter shining brightly. We even saw the Space Shuttle go over at dusk one evening.

Oh, we saw some wildlife too. There were 16 mammals sighted including Townsend's Big-eared Bats leaving their nursery caves and lots of California Kangaroo Rats on the roads at night.

The grand total of birds was 161 species! Unfortunately, we were unable to locate a few of the most sought after species but we did see some great birds. Highlights included: babies everywhere at Lower Klamath - ducklings, goslings, coots, grebes, avocets, stilts, and phalaropes. Prairie Falcons in aerial combat over a rabbit. A rather uncooperative Cordilleran Flycatcher. We heard Flammulated Owl and Saw-whet Owl (thanks Doug!) and saw Great Horned Owls and Barn Owls, including a baby. There were over a dozen Franklin's Gulls at Lower Klamath and a rare Western-type Gull too. Another rare sighting was a Northern Mockingbird at Lava Beds. Also, a Black-backed Woodpecker at Cold Springs Camp. Several people saw a huge flock of noisy Pinyon Jays while leaving Lava Beds.

Participants included: John Boyd, Joanne Castro, Doug Ellis, Jack & Betty Groce, Donna Heim, David A. Hofmann, Carmen Karr, Robin Leong, John & Virginia McDonagh, Richard Merriss, Linda Petruvias, Don & Laverne Rickert, Ruth Rudesill, Fran Scarlett, Gary Sheldon, David Takeuchi, Alan Wight, and Cindy Young. ----- Ruth Rudesill

Pied-billed Grebe	Yellow Rail (H)	White-headed Woodpecker	Marsh Wren	Tricolored Blackbird
Horned Grebe	Virginia Rail	Black-backed Woodpecker	Golden-cr. Kinglet	W. Meadowlark
Eared Grebe	Sora (H)	Northern Flicker	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	Yellow-hd Blkbird
Western Grebe	American Coot	Pileated Woodpecker	Mountain Bluebird	Brewer's Blackbird
Clark's Grebe	Sandhill Crane	Olive-sided Flycatcher	Townsend's Solitaire	Brwn-hd Cowbird
Am. White Pelican	Killdeer	Western Wood Pewee	Hermit Thrush	Northern Oriole
Double-cr. Cormorant	Black-necked Stilt	Willow Flycatcher	American Robin	Purple Finch
Great Blue Heron	Am. Avocet	Hammond's Flycatcher	N. Mockingbird	Cassin's Finch
Great Egret	Greater Yellowlegs	Dusky Flycatcher	Sage Thrasher	House Finch
Snowy Egret	Willet	Gray Flycatcher	Cedar Waxwing	Red Crossbill
Black-cr. Night Heron	Spotted Sandpiper	Cordilleran Flycatcher	Loggerhead Shrike	Pine Siskin
White-faced Ibis	Long-billed Curlew	Say's Phoebe	Solitary Vireo	Evening Grosbeak
Canada Goose	Least Sandpiper	Ash-throated Flycatcher	Hutton's Vireo	House Sparrow
Mallard	Common Snipe	Western Kingbird	Warbling Vireo	
Northern Pintail	Wilson's Phalarope	Horned Lark	Orange-cr. Warbler	
Cinnamon Teal	Franklin's Gull	Purple Martin	Nashville Warbler	
Northern Shoveler	Ring-billed Gull	Tree Swallow	Yellow Warbler	
Gadwall	California Gull	Violet-green Swallow	Yellow-rumped Warbler	
Redhead	Western-type Gull sp.	Bank Swallow	Black-thrtd Gray Warbler	
Ring-necked Duck	Caspian Tern	Cliff Swallow	Townsend's Warbler	
Lesser Scaup	Forster's Tern	Barn Swallow	Hermit Warbler	
Bufflehead	Black Tern	Gray Jay	Common Yellowthroat	
Hooded Merganser	Mourning Dove	Steller's Jay	MacGillivray's Warbler	
Ruddy Duck	Barn Owl	Pinyon Jay	Wilson's Warbler	
Turkey Vulture	Flammulated Owl (H)	Black-billed Magpie	Black-headed Grosbeak	
Osprey	Great Horned Owl	Common Raven	Lazuli Bunting	
Bald Eagle	Saw-whet Owl (H)	Mountain Chickadee	Green-tailed Towhee	
Northern Harrier	Common Nighthawk	Plain Titmouse	Rufous-sided Towhee	
Swainson's Hawk	Common Poorwill	Red-breasted Nuthatch	California Towhee	
Red-tailed Hawk	Vaux's Swift	White-breasted Nuthatch	Chipping Sparrow	
Golden Eagle	Anna's Hummingbird	Pygmy Nuthatch	Brewer's Sparrow	
American Kestrel	Rufous Hummingbird	Brown Creeper	Vesper Sparrow	
Prairie Falcon	Belted Kingfisher	Rock Wren	Lark Sparrow	
Ring-necked Pheasant	Lewis' Woodpecker	Canyon Wren	Savannah Sparrow	
Blue Grouse (H)	Red-breasted Sapsucker	Bewick's Wren	Song Sparrow	
California Quail	Downy Woodpecker	House Wren	Dark-eyed Junco	
Mountain Quail (H)	Hairy Woodpecker	Winter Wren	Red-winged Blackbird	

RROS OBSERVATIONS, SUMMER 1995 (SONOMA COUNTY)

Species	Number	Date	Location	County	Observers	Notes
Arctic Loon	1	5/6-6/10	Bodega Harbor	SON	AW, BDP, SP, MOB	1st county record 3rd for California
Red-necked Grebe	1	5/20	Bodega Bay off Doran Beach	SON	BDP, AW, NW	
Fork-tailed Storm Petrel	1	5/14	Bodega Head	SON	ST, DH, AW	
Fork-tailed Storm Petrel	8+	5/18-20	Bodega Harbor	SON	MOB	
Cattle Egret	6	5/6	Sebastopol/High School Road	SON	DH	
Emperor Goose	1	thru 6/3	Salmon Creek Road	SON	MOB	
Golden Eagle	4	5/16	end of Salmon Creek Road	SON	LE, JMc, MOB	nest w/(2) young
Merlin	1	4/30	Gualala County Park	SON	DH, BDP	
Peregrine Falcon	1	thru 5/16	Petaluma	SON	AW	
Peregrine Falcon	1	6/4	Near Gualala River mouth	SON	RR, AW	
Common Moorhen	3	7/22	Bridgehaven pond	SON	DH, BDP	2 young w/adult
Sandhill Crane	1	5/19-7/8	Bodega Harbor	SON	MOB	very tame/bold
Pacific Golden Plover	1	5/8	Bodega Marine Laboratory	SON	PC, DH, BDP, NW	
Lesser Yellowlegs	5	8/6	Petaluma/Cader Lane ponds	SON	AW	
Red Knot	14	5/7-14	Bodega Harbor/Gafney Point	SON	AW, DH, JMc, BDP, NW	
Baird's Sandpiper	1	8/13	Petaluma/Cader Lane ponds	SON	AW	
Wilson's Phalarope	6	8/12	Petaluma/Cader Lane ponds	SON	BDP, AW	
Black Tern	1	5/21	Petaluma/Cader Lane ponds	SON	AW	breeding plumage
Crested Auklet	1	6/24	Bodega Marine Laboratory	SON	BDP, MOB	1st county record, 2nd for California
Marbled Murrelet	4	7/15	off Bodega Head from boat	SON	AW, MOB	
Barred Owl	1	5/26	Stewarts Point Road	SON	DN, DE, DH, BDP, AW, NW	1st record con- firmed for county
Common Nighthawk	1	8/3	between Willow Creek Rd & Coleman Valley Road	SON	CW	
Vaux's Swift	5	5/10	Healdsburg	SON	NW	
Vaux's Swift	2	7/4	Larkfield	SON	BoR, BeR	
Gray Jay	2	thru 6/4	Gualala County Pk Campground	SON	DAH, BDP, RR, AW, NW	
Gray Jay	2	8/7	Gualala County Pk Campground	SON	RS	adult feeding a fledgling
Yellow-rumped Warbler	1 male	6/17	Bodega Head/Hole-in-the-Head	SON	AW	Myrtle race, singing
Macgillivray's Warbler	1 male	4/28-6/4	twin bridges e. of Sea Ranch	SON	DH, BDP, AW, NW	
Yellow-breasted Chat	1	4/28-6/4	twin bridges e. of Sea Ranch	SON	DH, BDP	
Yellow-breasted Chat	1	5/21	Salmon Creek Road	SON	DH, BDP	
Yellow-breasted Chat	1	7/9	Santa Rosa Crk X Willowside Rd	SON	DH	
Hooded Oriole	4	7?-8/?	Healdsburg	SON	NW, DW	at feeder
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	1 male	6/1	Cazadero	SON	Pam Conley	at feeder
Blue Grosbeak	4	7/25	Tubbs Island	SON	DE, DH, DN, BDP, SP, RR, AW, NW	1st county breeding record
Grasshopper Sparrow	1	5/21-6/3	Salmon Creek Road	SON	NC, DH, BDP, AW	
Evening Grosbeak	1 male	7/7	Santa Rosa	SON	DHi	coming to feeder

Observers: Pam Conley, Peter Connors, Nancy Konzett, Doug Ellis, Lew Edmondson, Diane Hichwa, David Hofmann, John McDonagh, Dan Nelson, Benjamin D. Parmeter, Sally Parmeter, Bob Rains, Bertha Rains, Ruth Rudesill, Rich Stallcup, Scott Terrill, Alan Wight, Chris Wood, Ned Wynn

RRROS OBSERVATIONS, SUMMER 1995

Species	Number	Date	Location	County	Observers	Notes
Fork-tailed Storm Petrel	2	4/19	south end of Dillon Beach	MRN	CV	strong NW winds
Blue-winged Teal	1	4/1	Ukiah sewer ponds	MEN	GC, MOB	
Harlequin Duck	1 male	6/3	Pt. Reyes/Fish Docks	MRN	DH, BDP, RR, AW	
Swainson's Hawk	1	6/11	Road 94B X Cache Creek	YOLO	DH, BDP, AW	
Blue Grouse	1	4/2	Ukiah, Low Gap Road	MEN	DE	"booming"
Lesser Yellowlegs	1	4/8	Ukiah sewer ponds	MEN	GC	
Long-eared Owl	1	3/31	Hopland Field Station	MEN	DE, BK	
Lesser Nighthawk	2	6/11	Road 94B X Cache Creek	YOLO	DH, BDP, AW	
Black Swift	20+	7/4	McArthur-Burney Falls St. Pk	SHA	DH, LP, AW	
Costa's Hummingbird	1 male	5/7	Del Puerto Canyon Road	S.J.	DH, LP	
Bank Swallows	40+	7/4	Fall River Mills	SHA	DH, LP, AW	
Townsend's Solitaire	1	4/10	Hopland Field Station	MEN	CV	in oaks @ 1500'
Northern Shrike	1	3/25	Ukiah sewer ponds	MEN	GC, CV	
Yellow-throated Warbler	1	6/3	Pt. Reyes/Mendoza Ranch	MRN	DH, BDP, RR, AW	
Blackpoll Warbler	1 fem	6/10	Pt. Reyes/Mendoza Ranch	MRN	BDP, AW	
Blue Grosbeak	1 male	6/11	Road 94b X Cache Creek	YOLO	DH, BDP, AW	
Dark-eyed Junco	1	thru 4/20	Hopland Field Station	MEN	BK, CV	slate-colored race
Tricolored Blackbird	1	3/27	Hopland Field Station	MEN	BK, CV	
Black Rosy-finch	1	7/5 & 6	Ellery Lake	MONO	JMc, BG	
Lawrence's Goldfinch	4+	5/7	San Antonio Junction	S.CL.	DH, LP	

Observers: George Chaniot, Demian Ebert, Betty Groce, David Hofmann, Bob Kieffer, John McDonagh, Benjamin D. Parmeter, Linda Petrulias, Chuck Vaughn, Alan Wight

REPORT OF FINANCES 1994-1995

<u>Beginning bank balance</u>	7/1/94	\$1, 519.73
<u>Receipts</u>		
Dues		\$ 580.00
Book Sales		352.62
Donations		<u>70.00</u>
Total receipts for year		1, 002. 62
<u>Disbursements</u>		
Kite Tales (newsletter)		683.89
Donation, Point Reyes Bird Observatory, Gordon Bolander Fund		200.00
Donation, Sonoma State University		31.56
Guest speaker fees		100.00
Annual corporation fee and miscellaneous		<u>7.00</u>
Total disbursements for year		<u>-1,022.45</u>
<u>Ending bank balance</u>	6/30/95	<u>\$1,499.90</u>

Michael F. Nelligan, Treasurer

Breeding Bird Atlas Pre-publication Sale

After six years of intensive field work, and four years of screening data, and writing and editing the text, Madrone Audubon Society proudly announces the impending publication of the *Sonoma County Breeding Bird Atlas*, edited by Betty Burridge. And Madrone Audubon Society is making a special pre-publication offer to you to purchase this exciting new book at a reduced price.

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The *Sonoma County Breeding Bird Atlas* provides:

159 nesting distribution maps, one for each of the county's 159 breeding birds.

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The *Sonoma County Breeding Bird Atlas* will be officially released at the Madrone Audubon Society's October General Meeting, October 16. Between now and then you can reserve your copy for only \$15.00 plus tax, *shipping and handling (if required)*.

Many RROS members have contributed to the success of the *Sonoma County Breeding Bird Atlas*.

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