

Kite Tales

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COMING ATTRACTIONS

General Meeting. Thursday, November 9. Darwin Hall, Room 221, Sonoma State University at 7:30 PM. The program will be "Classification of Birds Based on Molecular Methods", given by Charles Sibley. The parking fee at Sonoma State University is \$1.50.

General Meeting. Thursday, December 14. 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 Willow Creek Canyon and Russian River Area. Saturday, November 11. Meet at 8:00 AM at the pullout approximately one half mile down Willow Creek Road from Bridgehaven (near the small bridge over Willow Creek). Bring a lunch. The leader is Dan Nelson.

Santa Rosa Christmas Bird Count. Sunday, December 17, 1995. Well its almost time once again for that annual birding extravaganza called the Christmas Bird Count. As everyone knows this is where for a \$5.00 count fee you get to run around in a given territory on a cold, rainy, or foggy day counting all the birds that you see and at the end of the day get to share your experiences at the annual compilation.

To sign up for the fun you can come to the November or December meetings or write Doug Ellis at P.O. Box 155, Eldridge, CA 95431. Even if you can't help on count day please write or call Doug at 326-2464 if you have an unusual bird in the count circle for us to look for.-----Doug Ellis

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Did you 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 next general meeting (on November 9) 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 20th of the month. The deadline for inclusion of announcements (to David Hofmann) is the 25th of the month.

Field Trip Report

Bodega Bay Area, October 7, 1995

We began the day hoping for vagrants at the usual spots such as Owl Canyon and the willows at Hole-in-the-Head, but favorable weather conditions allowed them to move on. Fifteen birders did manage to find a Willow Flycatcher on Bay Flat Road behind the "rail ponds," and a Peregrine Falcon was located at Doran County Park. Also a couple of flocks of Greater White-fronted Geese were seen flying above us while we were on Bay Flat Road. One of our party at the end of the trip looking out from the jetty at Doran spotted a Red-necked Grebe actively feeding. It was a typically nice day for birding at Bodega Bay. Eighty-three species were located for the trip.

Participants were: Jack Arnold, Lew & Marilyn Edmondson, Ted Eliot, Betty Groce, David A. Hofmann, Richard Merriss, Benjamin D. Parmeter, Bob & Bertha Rains, Ruth Rudesill, Don Toms, Jim Tonascia, Jean Tonascia, and Cindy Young.-----David A. Hofmann

Pacific Loon	Surf Scoter	Western Sandpiper	Winter Wren
Common Loon	Turkey Vulture	Least Sandpiper	Marsh Wren
Pied-billed Grebe	Northern Harrier	Heerman's Gull	Golden-crowned Kinglet
Horned Grebe	Red-shouldered Hawk	Ring-billed Gull	Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Red-necked Grebe	Red-tailed Hawk	California Gull	Swainson's Thrush
Eared Grebe	Peregrine Falcon	Western Gull	American Pipit
Western Grebe	California Quail	Glaucous-winged Gull	European Starling
American White Pelican	Virginia Rail	Forster's Tern	Yellow-rumped Warbler
Brown Pelican	Sora	Common Murre	Common Yellowthroat
Dbl-crstd Cormorant	American Coot	Pigeon Guillemot	California Towhee
Brandt's Cormorant	Black-bellied Plover	Anna's Hummingbird	Savannah Sparrow
Pelagic Cormorant	Snowy Plover	Belted Kingfisher	Fox Sparrow
Great Blue Heron	Black Oystercatcher	Downy Woodpecker	Song Sparrow
Great Egret	Greater Yellowlegs	Northern Flicker	Golden-crowned Sparrow
Snowy Egret	Willet	Willow Flycatcher	White-crowned Sparrow
Blk-crwnd Night Heron	Marbled Godwit	Black Phoebe	Red-winged Blackbird
Grtr Wh-frtd Goose	Ruddy Turnstone	Scrub Jay	Brewer's Blackbird
Mallard	Black Turnstone	Common Raven	House Finch
Cinnamon Teal	Surfbird	Chstnt-backed Chickadee	American Goldfinch
American Wigeon	Red Knot	Bushtit	House Sparrow
Greater Scaup	Sanderling	Bewick's Wren	

RRROS OBSERVATIONS, OCTOBER 1995 (SONOMA COUNTY)

Species	Number	Date	Location	County	Observers	Notes
Buller's Shearwater	500+	10/21	Bodega Head State Park	SON	DH, RM	
Black Scoter	1m	10/28	Bodega Head State Park	SON	DH, BDP, J&ES	
Merlin	1	10/1	Bodega Head/Owl Canyon	SON	DH	
Merlin	2	10/22	Bodega Head State Park	SON	NC	
Peregrine Falcon	1	10/21	Bodega Bay/Doran Cty Park	SON	DH, RM	
Peregrine Falcon	1	10/12	Bodega Head/Hole-in-the-Head	SON	NC	
Black-necked Stilt	5	8/22	Doran Pond	SON	NC	
Pacific Golden Plover	2	10/15	Bodega Bay/Doran Cty Park	SON	RS	
Pacific Golden Plover	1	10/21	Bodega Bay/Doran Cty Park	SON	DH, RM	
Pectoral Sandpiper	1	8/29-30	Doran Pond	SON	NC	
Red Knot	13	10/1	Doran County Park	SON	DH	
Red Knot	2	10/12	Bodega Bay/Spud Point	SON	NC	
Red Knot	13	10/28	Doran County Park	SON	RR	
Elegant Tern	4	10/1	Bodega Bay/Gafney Point	SON	DH	
Elegant Tern	1	10/21	Bodega Head State Park	SON	RM, DH	
Vaux's Swift	31	9/29	Healdsburg	SON	NW	
Willow Flycatcher	1	10/15	Bodega Bay/Bay Flat Road	SON	DH, DN, BDP, J&ES	
Eastern Phoebe	1	10/28	Bodega Bay/Owl Canyon	SON	BDP, J&ES, DT, DH	
Tropical Kingbird	1	10/28	Bodega Bay	SON	DH	
Northern Wheatear	1	9/26	Bodega Bay/Westside Cty Park	SON	LS, SS	1st county record
Tennessee Warbler	1	10/15	Bodega Bay/Westside Cty Park	SON	DN, BDP, DH, J&ES	
Nashville Warbler	1	9/14	Bodega Bay/Ranch Road	SON	NC	
Palm Warbler	1	9/28-10/5	Bodega Head/Hole-in-the-Head	SON	BDP, RA	
Palm Warbler	1	10/15	Shell Beach	SON	RM	
Palm Warbler	1	10/15	Bodega Bay/Westside Cty Park	SON	DN	
Clay-colored Sparrow	1	10/15	Bodega Bay/Doran Cty Park	SON	RS	
White-throated Sparrow	1	10/21	Larkfield	SON	B&BR	

Observers: Russell Agnew, Nancy Conzett, David Hofmann, Richard Merriss, Dan Nelson, Benjamin D. Parmeter, Bob & Bertha Rains, Ruth Rudesill, Lloyd & Sandy Spitalnik, Rich Stallcup, Jim & Ellen Strauss, Don Toms, Ned Wynn.

Phone Wheel

It is time to review the RRROS phone wheel again. Some members of the phone wheel have moved from the area, and there may be some new members of RRROS that want to be included on it. The phone wheel alerts the people on it to the presence of rare birds in the local area (Sonoma County) in a timely manner. When a rare bird shows up, one of the people on the phone wheel calls the next person on the wheel and passes the news along. The second person calls the third person, and so on. In this way, the information is passed to all of the people on the phone wheel. Please call David Hofmann at 546-0325 if you would like to have your name added or removed from the phone wheel. The revised phone wheel and the phone wheel rules will appear in the December Kite Tales. The current phone wheel is as follows:

1. Jack Arnold 539-4544
2. Bob & Bertha Rains 528-6785
3. Richard Merriss 525-8629 (home) 573-3933 (work)
4. Deyea Harper 542-1542
5. David Hofmann 546-0325
6. Ruth Rudesill 833-6026
7. Betty Burrige 527-0225
8. Avis Anderson 539-0470
9. Betty Groce 539-8664
10. John McDonagh 527-9115
11. Cindy Young 585-8826
12. Linda Petruvias 632-5532 (home)
13. Carol Brant 823-2806
14. Alan Wight 763-8572
15. Winnie Nelson 762-6152
16. Dan Wilson 579-3949

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Flesh-footed Shearwater	6	10/14	Cordell Bank	MRN	BDP	
Short-tailed Shearwater	1	10/14	Cordell Bank	MRN	JMc, JR	
Fork-tailed Storm-petrel	4	10/14	Cordell Bank	MRN	BDP	
Leach's Storm-petrel	1	10/14	Cordell Bank	MRN	BDP	
American Bittern	1	10/14	MacKerricher State Park	MEN	DT	
White-fronted Goose	240	10/4	Hawk Hill #129	MRN	BDP	
Harlequin Duck	1	10/6	Fort Bragg/Glass Beach	MEN	JW, NiW	
Broad-winged Hawk	3	10/4	Hawk Hill #129	MRN	BDP	
Swainson's Hawk	1	10/1	Hawk Hill	MRN	RM	
Ferruginous Hawk	1	10/1	Hawk Hill	MRN	RM	
Peregrine Falcon	1	10/1	Hawk Hill	MRN	RM	
Peregrine Falcon	2	10/13	Point Reyes/Abbott's Lagoon	MRN	BDP, DE, GT, BL	
Yellow Rail	1	10/5	Fort Bragg/Glass Beach	MEN	BK	1st county record?
Common Moorhen	1	9/29	Hopland Field Station	MEN	CV	
Solitary Sandpiper	1	9/17	Bridge Arbor Road pond	LAKE	JW	
Bar-tailed Godwit	1	10/11	Point Reyes/Abbott's Lagoon	MRN	RS, BDP, TE	
Bar-tailed Godwit	1	10/13	Point Reyes/Abbott's Lagoon	MRN	BDP, DE, GT, BL	
Bar-tailed Godwit	1	10/14	Point Reyes/Abbott's Lagoon	MRN	RR, DH, RM	
Semi-palmated Sandpiper	1	9/23	Manchester State Beach	MEN	JW	
Semi-palmated Sandpiper	1	10/8	Manchester State Beach	MEN	DeE, BK, CV	
Pectoral Sandpiper	3	10/13	Point Reyes/Abbott's Lagoon	MRN	BDP, DE, GT, BL	
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	1	10/11	Point Reyes/Abbott's Lagoon	MRN	RS	
Parasitic Jaeger	1	10/5	Fort Bragg/Glass Beach	MEN	DeE, BK, CV	
Long-tailed Jaeger	1	10/14	Cordell Bank	MRN	BDP	
South Polar Skua	1-3	10/14	Cordell Bank	MRN	JMc, JR, BDP	
Sabine's Gull	1	10/14	Cordell Bank	MRN	BDP	
Black Tern	1	9/27	Point Reyes/Fish Docks	MRN	RS, BDP	
Tufted Puffin	1	10/14	Cordell Bank	MRN	BDP	
Lewis' Woodpecker	3	10/19	Hopland Field Station	MEN	CV	
Willow Flycatcher	3	9/15-21	Hopland Field Station	MEN	BK, CV	
Tropical Kingbird	1	10/26	Point Reyes/Drakes Beach Road	MRN	BDP, JG, J&ES, RB	
Sage Thrasher	1	10/1	MacKerricher State Park	MEN	DT	
Red-throated Pipit	2	9/27	Point Reyes/Hall Ranch	MRN	BDP	
Red-throated Pipit	1	10/13	Point Reyes/Abbott's Lagoon	MRN	BDP, DE, GT, BL	
Northern Shrike	1	10/5-9	MacKerricher State Park	MEN	DeE, BK, CV, DT	juvenile plumage
Magnolia Warbler	1	10/13	Point Reyes/Mendosa Ranch	MRN	BDP, DE, GT, BL	
Magnolia Warbler	1	10/13	Point Reyes/Fish Docks	MRN	BDP, DE, GT, BL	
Palm Warbler	1	9/27	Point Reyes/Mendosa Ranch	MRN	BDP	
Palm Warbler	1	9/27	Point Reyes/Fish Docks	MRN	BDP	
Palm Warbler	2	10/11	Point Reyes/Fish Docks	MRN	BDP, TE	
Black-and-White Warbler	1	10/13	"Sand Hill" Meadow	MEN	JW	
American Redstart	1	9/29	Miner Hole Road	MEN	JW	
Clay-colored Sparrow	1	9/29	Stonboro Road	MEN	JW, DeE	
Vesper Sparrow	1	10/1	MacKerricher State Park	MEN	DT	
Vesper Sparrow	1	10/13	Miner Hole Road	MEN	JW	
Sharp-tailed Sparrow	1	10/9	MacKerricher State Park	MEN	DT, RI	1st county record
White-throated Sparrow	1	10/6	Lake Cleone (?)	MEN	JW	
White-throated Sparrow	1	10/13	Point Reyes/Fish Docks	MRN	BDP, DE, GT, BL	
McGown's Longspur	1	10/21	Point Reyes/Hall Ranch	MRN	RR, AW	
McGown's Longspur	1	10/25	Point Reyes/N. Beach Road	MRN	RS	
Lapland Longspur	1	10/11	Point Reyes/Mendosa Ranch	MRN	BDP, TE	
Lapland Longspur	1	10/20	Point Reyes/Hall Ranch	MRN	NW	
Lapland Longspur	1	10/21	Point Reyes/Hall Ranch	MRN	RR, AW	
Lapland Longspur	10	10/25	Point Reyes/N. Beach Road	MRN	BDP, NW	
Lapland Longspur	8	10/26	Point Reyes/N. Beach Road	MRN	BDP, JG, J&ES, RB	
Smith's Longspur	1	10/25	Point Reyes/N. Beach Road	MRN	BDP, NW	
Smith's Longspur	1	10/26	Point Reyes/N. Beach Road	MRN	J&ES, JG	
Chstnt-collared Longspur	2	10/20	Point Reyes/Hall Ranch	MEN	NW	
Chstnt-collared Longspur	1	10/21	Point Reyes/Hall Ranch	MRN	RR, AW	
Chstnt-collared Longspur	3	10/25	Point Reyes/N. Beach Road	MRN	BDP, NW	
Chstnt-collared Longspur	3	10/26	Point Reyes/N. Beach Road	MRN	BDP, J&ES, RB, JG	
Snow Bunting	1	10/25	Point Reyes/Hall Ranch	MRN	BDP, NW	
Snow Bunting	1	10/26	Point Reyes/Hall Ranch	MRN	JG, J&ES, BDP, RB	
Bobolink	1	9/30-10/9	"Sand Hill" Meadow	MEN	JW, NiW	

Tri-colored Blackbird	20+	10/9	Fort Bragg/Pudding Crk Marsh	MEN	DT
Lawrence's Goldfinch	1	10/9	Hopland Field Station	MEN	CV

Observers: Rich Bertoli, Demian Ebert, Ted Eliot, Doug Ellis, Jeff Goodwin, Richard Irwin, Bob Keiffer, Bill Lenarz, John McDonagh, Richard Merriss, Benjamin D. Parmeter, Ruth Rudesill, Jack Ryan, Rich Stallcup, Jim & Ellen Strauss, Gill Thompson, Dorothy Tobkin, Chuck Vaughn, Jerry White, Nikki White, Alan Wight, Ned Wynn.

REDWOOD REGION ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY was organized in 1962 "to encourage the study and conservation of birds, other wildlife, and their natural habitat." Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month, September through May. Regular general meetings (October through April) are held at 7:30 PM in Room 221 Darwin Hall, Sonoma State University, Rohnert Park, California. Dues are \$15 per family, \$8 per individual, or \$3 per student for one year membership. Send dues checks to the treasurer shown below.

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