

Kite Tales

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COMING ATTRACTIONS

General Meeting. Thursday, April 11. Darwin Hall, Room 221, Sonoma State University at 7:30 PM. The program will be given by Gerry Mugele on his study of the Sebastiani Vineyards. The parking fee at Sonoma State University is \$1.50.

Potluck and General Meeting. Thursday, May 9. See the May Kite Tales for details.

Field Trip to Bodega Bay/Salmon Creek Road. Saturday, April 20. Meet at 8:00 AM at the "rail ponds" in Bodega Bay. This is a good time to see late wintering birds along with the new spring migrants that are just arriving. The leader will be Alan Wight. If you have questions, Alan can be reached at 763-8572.

Field Trip to Pine Flat Road. Saturday, May 18. Meet at 8:00 AM at the bridge on Pine Flat Road. We will be looking for all the species that make this an exciting area to bird. Bring a lunch and dress appropriately. The leader will be Benjamin D. "Mike" Parmeter. Mike can be reached at 255-6757 if you have questions regarding this trip.



Congratulations to Ruth Rudesill on her **600th** specie for North America. Ruth travelled over to the Susanville area on March 16th with Linda Petrulias to find the **Sage Grouse** displaying on their lek.

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/Salmon Creek Road, March 16, 1996

No report was filed for this trip.

RROS OBSERVATIONS, MARCH 1996 (SONOMA COUNTY)

Species	Number	Date	Location	County	Observers	Notes
Great Blue Heron	20	3/18	Healdsburg/Fitch Mountain	SON	DR, LR	10 nests @ roost
Osprey	1	3/8	Sugarloaf Ridge State Park	SON	RLB	
Red-tailed Hawk	1	3/5	Bodega Bay	SON	BB	"Kriders" form
Rough-legged Hawk	1	3/19	Lakeville Hwy	SON	RR	
Golden Eagle	1	3/9	Sonoma Dump	SON	RLB	adult
Golden Eagle	2	3/24	Penngrove	SON	RLB	
Merlin	1	3/11	Kenwood	SON	RLB	
Merlin	1	3/16-23	Penngrove	SON	RLB	
Peregrine Falcon	1	3/8	Sugarloaf Ridge State Park	SON	RLB	
Peregrine Falcon	1	3/11	Sonoma Valley Regional Park	SON	RLB	
Mountain Quail	4+	3/23	Sugarloaf Ridge State Park	SON	RM, DAH	
Black-necked Stilt	4	3/7	Sears Point	SON	BDP	
American Avocet	200	3/7	Tubbs Island	SON	BDP	
Pigeon Guillemot	1	3/13	Bodega Head State Park	SON	DR, LR	
Broad-billed Hummingbird	1	3/2	Santa Rosa/W. Hearn Ave.	SON	RM	immature male
Rufous Hummingbird	1	3/12	Wikiup	SON	BR, BeR	
Eastern Phoebe	1	present all winter	Bodega Head State Pk/Owl Cyn	SON	MOB	
Townsend's Solitaire	1	2/29	south end of Sonoma Mountain	SON	TE	
California Thrasher	1	3/22	Penngrove	SON	RLB	
Rufous-crowned Sparrow	2	3/23	Sugarloaf Ridge State Park	SON	RM, DAH	
White-throated Sparrow	4	present all winter	Kenwood	SON	RR	
Lawrence's Goldfinch	1	2/27-3/10	Santa Rosa/Gambel's Way	SON	GS, DR, LR, JT, CK	

Observers: Betty Burridge, Ted Eliot, David A. Hofmann, Rick LeBadour, Richard Merriss, Benjamin D. Parmeter, Bertha Rains, Bob Rains, Don Richert, LaVerne Richert, Ruth Rudesill, Jack Troutfetter, Many OBservers.

1996-1997 Officer Nominations

The nominating committee have made the following nominations for the 1996-1997 year:

President	Jeff Goodwin
Vice-President	Bertha Rains
Secretary	Wini Nelson
Treasurer	Mike Nelligan

The election of officers will occur at the April meeting. Nominations from the floor may be made at that time.

The current chairpersons have agreed to serve during the 1996-1997 year.

RROS OBSERVATIONS, MARCH 1996

Species	Number	Date	Location	County	Observers	Notes
Snow Goose	1	Feb. thru Mar.	Garcia Flats	MEN	DT	
Snow Goose	2	3/16	Honey Lake	LAS	RR, LP	"blue" form
Canada Goose	27	2/20	Garcia Flats	MEN	DT	
Eurasian Wigeon	1	Feb. thru Mar.	Garcia Flats	MEN	DT	
Eurasian Wigeon	1	3/5	Las Gallinas Sewage Ponds	MRN	RLB	male
Harlequin Duck	2	Feb. thru Mar.	Glass Beach/Ft. Bragg	MEN	DT	male & female
Oldsquaw	1	3/17	Arcata Marsh	HMB	DT	female
Golden Eagle	1	3/9	Pt. Reyes/Limantour Road	MRN	TE	
Golden Eagle	1	3/9	Skagg's Island Road	NAPA	RLB	immature
Golden Eagle	3	3/11	Silverado Trail X Hwy 128	NAPA	RLB	adult
Merlin	1	3/16	Hopland	MEN	BK	
Peregrine Falcon	1	3/11	Pt. Reyes/Fish Docks	MRN	DR, LR	
Sage Grouse	30+	3/16	Honey Lake	LAS	RR, LP	
Wild Turkey	6	3/17	Petaluma Road to Pt. Reyes	MRN	DR, LR	
Pigeon Guillemot	1	3/17	Pt. Reyes/Chimney Rock	MRN	DR, LR	
Ancient Murrelet	many	Feb. thru Mar.	Pt. Arena Cove	MEN	DT	
Burrowing Owl	2	3/11	Pt. Reyes/Abbott's Lagoon	MRN	DR, LR	
Rufous Hummingbird	1	3/20	Pt. Reyes/Palomarin (PRBO)	MRN	BDP	female
Lewis's Woodpecker	12+	3/16	Honey Lake	LAS	RR, LP	
Pacific-slope Flycatcher	1	3/29	Pt. Reyes/Palomarin (PRBO)	MRN	BDP	
Rough-winged Swallow	1	3/9-3/11	Pt. Reyes/Abbott's Lagoon	MRN	TE, DR, LR	
Barn Swallow	1	3/20	Pt. Reyes/Palomarin (PRBO)	MRN	BDP	
Canyon Wren	4	3/19	Mt. George	NAPA	BDP	
Warbling Vireo	1	3/21	Pt. Reyes/Muddy Hollow	MRN	BDP	
Palm Warbler	1	2/25	Ukiah	MEN	CV	
Wilson's Warbler	1	3/20	Pt. Reyes/Palomarin (PRBO)	MRN	BDP	
Western Tanager	1	3/12	Hopland Field Station	MEN	CV	male
Chipping Sparrow	1	3/19	Mt. George	NAPA	BDP	
Sage Sparrow	12+	3/19	Mt. George	NAPA	BDP	
White-throated Sparrow	1	2/19	Potter Valley	MEN	DT	
Rustic Bunting	1	Dec. thru Mar.	Hoopa	MEN	MOB	

Observers: Ted Eliot, Bob Kieffer, Rick LeBadour, Benjamin D. Parmeter, Linda Petruvias, Don Richert, LaVerne Richert, Ruth Rudesill, Dorothy Tobkin, Chuck Vaughn, Many OBservers.

PELAGIC TRIP OFF MENDOCINO COAST

The Peregrine Audubon Chapter in Mendocino County is organizing a pelagic trip to the Vizcaino Sea Mount, 30 miles off Fort Bragg, for Sunday, May 5. The cost is a reasonable \$60.00. Reservations are a first come basis, limited to 27 people. Departure is 7:00 AM from Noyo (Fort Bragg) Harbor. Dr. Stan Harris/birds, and Greg Grantham/mammals will be the leaders. Last years trip produced Ashy, Leach's, and Fork-tailed Storm-petrels, South Polar Skua, and (10) species of marine mammals. For further details contact Bob Keiffer at (707)744-1160 or e-mail to cevaughn@ucdavis.edu. A check made payable to **Peregrine Audubon Chapter** for \$60.00 should be mailed to:

**Pelagic Field Trip
c/o Bob Keiffer
P.O. Box 354
Hopland, CA 95449**

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.

1995-1996 Officers

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Vice-president:	Jeff Goodwin, 3768 Mocha Lane, Santa Rosa, CA 95403	578-6986
Secretary:	Wini Nelson, 400 Sunnyslope Avenue, Petuluma, CA 94952	762-6152
Treasurer:	Mike Nelligan, 124 Wikiup Drive, Santa Rosa, CA 95403	576-1475

1995-1996 Chairpersons

Field Trips:	Benjamin D. Parmeter, 2500 Emerson Street, Napa, CA 94558	255-6757
Observations:	Ned Wynn, 129-B Powell Avenue, Healdsburg, CA 95448	431-8412
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