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Kite Tales

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COMING ATTRACTIONS

Potluck and General Meeting. Thursday, May 9. Sugarloaf Ridge State Park at 6:00 PM. We will meet at the Group Campground (end of the road past the stables). The potluck dinner will begin at 6:00 PM, followed by the business meeting, and then the owl/poorwill walk. Comfortable shoes, a warm coat, and a flashlight are recommended if you wish to go on the owl/poorwill walk. The parking fee is \$5 per vehicle, so carpool if you can.

Potluck and General Meeting. Thursday, Sept. 12. See the September Kite Tales for details.

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.

Field Trip to Lava Beds/Klamath Basin Area. Thursday, July 4 through Sunday, July 7. We will be camping at Lava Beds National Monument. These campgrounds have running water, but no showers. Motels are available in Tulelake (Ellis Motel) and Klamath Falls, Oregon (Motel 6). Weather should be dry and warm and cooler at night. We will visit the Lava Beds, Medicine Lake, Tule Lake and Lower Klamath NWR, Upper Klamath Lake area (Oregon), and Sky Lakes Wilderness (Oregon). Birds seen or heard in past trips include nesting Prairie Falcons, Yellow Rail, Franklin's Gull, Flammulated Owl, Three-toed Woodpecker, Black-backed Woodpecker, Cordilleran Flycatcher, Gray Jay, Pinyon Jay, Green-tailed Towhee, and Black-throated Sparrow. Well over **200 species** are possible in this area at this time of year!! We have tallied over 170 species in the last two years. Mike Parmeter will be the leader. If you are going to attend, you need to call Mike at (707)255-6757. If you are staying at a motel, please let Mike know which one. Also, anyone willing to go up on the Wednesday before to hold campsites would be helpful. Carpool if you can.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Membership dues are **now being accepted** for the 1996-1997 year. Dues are \$15 per family or \$8 per individual per year. Student dues are \$3 per year. Send your check to the RROS treasurer, Mike Nelligan, 124 Wikiup Drive, Santa Rosa, CA 95403. 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.

SPRING ARRIVALS--1996

The 1996 spring early arrival dates for Sonoma County's returning birds are listed below. Thank you for reporting your sightings.

Common Poorwill	No report	
Vaux's Swift	4/17	Healdsburg/Rio Linda Academy
Allen's Hummingbird	2/10	Penngrove
Olive-sided Flycatcher	No report	
Western Wood-Pewee	No report	
Pacific-slope Flycatcher	3/7	Annadel State Park/Channel Drive
Ash-throated Flycatcher	4/25	Sugarloaf Ridge State Park
Western Kingbird	4/5	W. Sonoma Mountain Road
Purple Martin	No report	
Violet-green Swallow	2/21	Skagg's Island Road
No. Rough-winged Swallow	3/7	Duncan's Mills
Cliff Swallow	3/10	Petaluma/Cader Lane Ponds
Barn Swallow	3/7	Sebastopol Community Center
House Wren	3/17	south Sonoma Mountain
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	3/23	Sugarloaf Ridge State Park
Swainson's Thrush	No report	
Solitary Vireo	4/6	King's Ridge Road
Warbling Vireo	3/18	Trinity Road
Yellow Warbler	4/18	Santa Rosa Creek X Willowside Road
Black-throated Gray Warbler	4/14	Ida Clayton Road
Hermit Warbler	4/6	King's Ridge Road
MacGillivray's Warbler	No report	
Wilson's Warbler	3/24	Annadel State Park/Channel Drive
Yellow-breasted Chat	No report	
Western Tanager	No report	
Black-headed Grosbeak	4/6	King's Ridge Road
Lazuli Bunting	4/12	Bennett Valley Road
Chipping Sparrow	4/6	Pine Flat Road
Grasshopper Sparrow	No report	
Hooded Oriole	3/20	Healdsburg
Bullock's Oriole	3/30	Healdsburg/Rio Linda Academy

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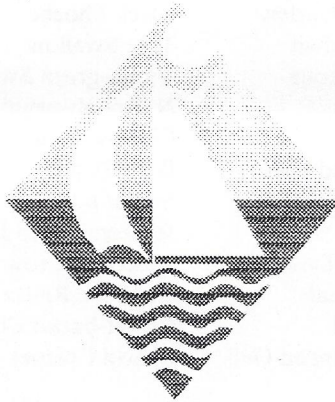
PRBO ANNUAL BIRDATHON

Point Reyes Bird Observatory is holding its annual birdathon on Sept. 21st. PRBO does considerable ornithological research and publishes articles regularly in scientific journals. It is an organization well worth supporting. Several members of RROS will be counting for this birdathon. Those include Betty Burrige, Richard Merriss, Bob & Bertha Rains, and the Sonoma County Gray Jays team (Doug Ellis, David Hofmann, Dan Nelson, Alan Wight, and Mike Parmeter). All counters are looking for persons to sponsor them on the count. If you wish to sponsor one of the counters, notify that person. Lets help PRBO raise some funds for its research programs.

RROS OBSERVATIONS, APRIL 1996 (SONOMA COUNTY)

Species	Number	Date	Location	County	Observers	Notes
American Bittern	1	4/14	Laguna de Santa Rosa/Alpha Pds	SON	RM	
Cattle Egret	1	4/6	Sebastopol/High School Road	SON	DAH, BDP	
Eurasian Wigeon	1	4/24	Petaluma/Cader Lane Ponds	SON	AW	male
Tufted Duck	1	4/17	Petaluma Sewage Ponds	SON	DN, RLB	male
Golden Eagle	2	4/6	Pine Flat Road	SON	NW	immatures
Golden Eagle	1	4/7	Salmon Creek Road	SON	DAH	adult
Golden Eagle	1	4/14	Ida Clayton Road	SON	DAH, BDP, NW	adult
Blue Grouse	1	4/6	Kings Ridge Road	SON	DAH, BDP	
Mountain Quail	1	4/14	Ida Clayton Road	SON	NW, DAH, BDP	
Mountain Quail	1	4/20	King's Ridge Road	SON	RLB, RM	
Common Moorhen	1	3/30	Petaluma/Cader Lane Ponds	SON	AW	
Common Moorhen	1	4/6	Bridgehaven pond	SON	DAH, BDP	
Long-billed Curlew	15	4/24	Petaluma/Cader Lane Ponds	SON	AW	
Red Phalarope	1	4/27	Bodega Head/Hole-in-the-Head	SON	TL, DAH	
Bonaparte's Gull	57	4/10	Petaluma/Cader Lane Ponds	SON	AW	
Calliope Hummingbird	1	4/18	Penngrove/Goodwin Avenue	SON	RLB, MOB	male
Rufous Hummingbird	1	4/14	Santa Rosa/Hearn Avenue	SON	RM	
Rufous Hummingbird	1	4/19	Penngrove/Goodwin Avenue	SON	RLB	
Dipper	1	4/6-4/20	Austin Crk above Cazadero	SON	DAH, BDP, RLB, RM	
Nashville Warbler	1	4/6	Pine Flat Road	SON	NW	
Nashville Warbler	3	4/14	Ida Clayton Road	SON	BDP, DAH, NW	
Rufous-crowned Sparrow	3	4/9	Sonoma Mountain Road	SON	RLB	
Clay-colored Sparrow	1	1/7-4/17	Sebastopol/Cooper St.	SON	RLB	

Observers: David A. Hofmann, Terry Law, Rick LeBaudour, Richard Merriss, Dan Nelson, Benjamin D. Parmeter, Alan Wight, Ned Wynn. Many Observers.



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Species	Number	Date	Location	County	Observers	Notes
Merlin	1	4/6	Ukiah Sewer Ponds	MEN	CV	
Blue Grouse	4	3/29	4 miles west of Ukiah	MEN	BK	booming
White-throated Swift	many	4/7	Lake Berryessa/Monticello Dam	NAPA	RM	
Hammond's Flycatcher	1	4/13	Mt. Diablo/Mitchell Canyon	C.C.	AW	
Ash-throated Flycatcher	1	4/13	Snell Canyon Road	NAPA	DAH, BDP	
Western Kingbird	1	4/7	Lake Berryessa/north end	NAPA	RM	
Yellow-billed Magpie	1	4/7	Lake Berryessa/north end	NAPA	RM	
Nashville Warbler	1	4/13	Mt. Diablo/Mitchell Canyon	C.C.	AW	
Palm Warbler	1	4/11	Pt. Reyes/Mendoza Ranch	MRN	BG, MOB	
Worm-eating Warbler	1	4/4	San Francisco/Golden Gate Park	S.F.	RLB	
Bullock's Oriole	1	4/7	Lake Berryessa/north end	NAPA	RM	
Grasshopper Sparrow	1	4/4	Hopland Field Station	MEN	CV	
Lawrence's Goldfinch	1	4/7	Lake Berryessa/north end	NAPA	RM	
Lawrence's Goldfinch	1	4/12	Hopland Field Station	MEN	CV	

Observers: Betty Groce, David A. Hofmann, Bob Keiffer, Rick LeBaudour, Richard Merriss, Benjamin D. Parmeter, Chuck Vaughn, Alan Wight, Many Observers.

Field Trip Report

Bodega Bay/Salmon Creek Road, April 20, 1996. Five birders enjoyed nice weather and birds at Bodega Harbor. Highlights included two Wandering Tattlers at Bodega Head, one Red-necked Grebe, a pair of Black Scoters, and a Peregrine Falcon in the harbor off Owl Canyon, and two Long-billed Curlews at Spud Point. Red Knots were searched for but not seen. The shorebirds were in nice breeding plumage. After Bodega Harbor, we continued on to Salmon Creek Road in search of spring migrants. Highlights here included 2-3 Golden Eagles and a Northern Pygmy-Owl. One Black-headed Grosbeak was heard. Participants were David A. Hofmann, Rick LeBaudour, Richard Merris, Don Toms, and Alan Wight.

Alan Wight

Red-throated Loon	Red-tailed Hawk	Caspian Tern	Bewick's Wren
Common Loon	Golden Eagle	Common Murre	Winter Wren
Horned Grebe	Peregrine Falcon	Pigeon Guillemot	Marsh Wren
Red-necked Grebe	Wild Turkey	Band-tailed Pigeon	Western Bluebird
Eared Grebe	California Quail	Mourning Dove	Wrentit
Western Grebe	Virginia Rail	Great Horned Owl	European Starling
Double-crsted Cormorant	American Coot	Northern Pygmy-Owl	Hutton's Vireo
Brandt's Cormorant	Black-bellied Plover	Anna's Hummingbird	Warbling Vireo
Pelagic Cormorant	Semipalmated Plover	Allen's Hummingbird	Orange-crowned Warbler
Great Blue Heron	Black Oystercatcher	Belted Kingfisher	Yellow-rumped Warbler
Great Egret	Greater Yellowlegs	Downy Woodpecker	Wilson's Warbler
Snowy Egret	Willet	Hairy Woodpecker	Black-headed Grosbeak
Blck-crwnd Night-Heron	Wandering Tattler	Northern Flicker	California Towhee
Brant	Whimbrel	Pacific-slope Flycatcher	Savannah Sparrow
Mallard	Long-billed Curlew	Black Phoebe	Song Sparrow
Cinnamon Teal	Marbled Godwit	Tree Swallow	White-crowned Sparrow
Greater Scaup	Black Turnstone	Violet-green Swallow	Dark-eyed Junco
Black Scoter	Surfbird	N. Rough-wngd Swallow	Red-winged Blackbird
Surf Scoter	Sanderling	Cliff Swallow	Brewer's Blackbird
White-winged Scoter	Western Sandpiper	Barn Swallow	Brown-headed Cowbird
Bufflehead	Least Sandpiper	Steller's Jay	Purple Finch
Red-breasted Merganser	Dunlin	Western Scrub Jay	House Finch
Ruddy Duck	Short-billed Dowitcher	American Crow	American Goldfinch
Turkey Vulture	California Gull	Common Raven	House Sparrow
Osprey	Western Gull	Chstnt-backd Chickadee	
Northern Harrier	Glaucous-winged Gull	Brown Creeper	102 species

1996-1997 Officer Elections

The following officers for the 1996-1997 year were elected at the April meeting.

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

Changes to the 6th Edition of the AOU Checklist of North American Birds

The following are some of the changes adopted by the Committee on Classification and Nomenclature that may have an effect on your bird lists. For further details see *The Auk* (Vol. 112, No. 3): 28 February 1996.

<u>Was formerly:</u>	=	<u>Change to:</u>
Great Egret <i>Casmerodius alba</i>	=	Great Egret <i>Ardea alba</i>
American Swallow-tailed Kite <i>Elanoides forficatus</i>	=	Swallow-tailed Kite <i>Elanoides forficatus</i>
American Golden Plover <i>Pluvialis dominica</i>	=	American Golden Plover <i>Pluvialis dominicus</i>
Rufous-necked Stint <i>Calidris ruficollis</i>	=	Red-necked Stint <i>Calidris ruficollis</i>
Common Black-headed Gull <i>Larus ridibundus</i>	=	Black-headed Gull <i>Larus ridibundus</i>
Northern Flicker <i>Colaptes auratus</i>	=	Northern Flicker <i>Colaptes auratus</i> & Gilded Flicker <i>Colaptes chrysoides</i>
Eurasian Skylark <i>Alauda arvensis</i>	=	Skylark <i>Alauda arvensis</i>
Scrub Jay <i>Aphelocoma californica</i>	=	Western Scrub-Jay <i>Aphelocoma californica</i> & Island Scrub-Jay <i>Aphelocoma insularis</i> & Florida Scrub-Jay <i>Aphelocoma coerulescens</i>
Gray-breasted Jay <i>Aphelocoma ultramarina</i>	=	Mexican Jay <i>Aphelocoma ultramarina</i>
Gray-cheeked Thrush <i>Catharus minimus</i>	=	Gray-cheeked Thrush <i>Catharus minimus</i> & Bicknell's Thrush <i>Catharus bicknelli</i>
Rufous-sided Towhee <i>Pipilo erythrophthalmus</i>	=	Eastern Towhee <i>Pipilo erythrophthalmus</i> & Spotted Towhee <i>Pipilo maculatus</i>
Sharp-tailed Sparrow <i>Ammodramus caudacutus</i>	=	Saltmarsh Sharp-tailed Sparrow <i>Ammodramus caudacutus</i> & Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow <i>Ammodramus nelsoni</i>
Northern Oriole <i>Icterus galbula</i>	=	Baltimore Oriole <i>Icterus galbula</i> & Bullock's Oriole <i>Icterus bullockii</i> & Black-backed Oriole <i>Icterus abeillei</i>

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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Secretary:	Wini Nelson, 400 Sunnyslope Avenue, Petuluma, CA 94952	762-6152
Treasurer:	Mike Nelligan, 124 Wikiup Drive, Santa Rosa, CA 95403	576-1475

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