

# Kite Tales

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## COMING ATTRACTIONS

**Potluck and General Meeting.** Thursday, September 12. Shiloh Ranch Regional Park at 5:00 PM. The potluck dinner will begin at 6:00 PM, followed by the business meeting, and then the owl/poorwill walk. The walk will be on the Big Leaf Trail - mostly fairly level. Two years ago we saw Great Horned Owls and Western Screech Owls. Comfortable shoes, a warm coat, and a flashlight are recommended if you wish to go on the owl walk. The parking fee is \$2 per vehicle, free with a Gold Card or County Regional Park Pass.

**General Meeting.** Thursday, October 10. Darwin Hall, Room 221. Sonoma State University at 7:30 PM. The program will be given by David Cothran on the studies being done in the Mt. Vision burn area on Pt. Reyes.

**Field Trip to Pt. Reyes.** Sunday, September 22. Meet at 7:30 AM at the White House Pool parking lot. If you are late you can join us at the Lighthouse parking lot. Benjamin D. "Mike" Parmeter will be the leader of this trip. Call Mike at (707)255-6757 for further details.

**Field Trip to Bodega Bay.** Saturday, October 12. Meet at 7:30 AM at the "rail ponds". The leader will be announced in the next Kite Tales.



**Congratulations** to RROS member **Eugenia Larson** of San Ramon who recorded her **600th** Lower 48 bird. A **Northern Fulmar** seen off the Northern California coast provided this milestone for her.

## MEMBERSHIP DUES---DON'T PROCRASTINATE!!

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.

## Field Trip Report

Pine Flat Road, May 18, 1996.

Canada Goose	Ash-throated Flycatcher	American Robin	Rufous-crwnd Sparrow
Turkey Vulture	N. Rough-wngd Swallow	Wrentit	Chipping Sparrow
Sharp-shinned Hawk	Steller's Jay	European Starling	Lark Sparrow
Red-tailed Hawk	Western Scrub Jay	Solitary Vireo	Gldn-crnd Sparrow
Golden Eagle (adult)	American Crow	Hutton's Vireo	Dark-eyed Junco
American Kestrel	Common Raven	Warbling Vireo	Red-winged Blackbird
Mountain Quail	Chstnt-bckd Chickadee	Orange-crowned Warbler	Western Meadowlark
Anna's Hummingbird	Bushtit	Nashville Warbler	Brewer's Blackbird
Acorn Woodpecker	Brown Creeper	Yellow-rumped Warbler	Brwn-headed Cowbird
Nuttall's Woodpecker	Bewick's Wren	Western Tanager	Bullock's Oriole
Downy Woodpecker	House Wren	Black-headed Grosbeak	Purple Finch
Hairy Woodpecker	Gldn-crwnd Kinglet	Lazuli Bunting	House Finch
Northern Flicker	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	Spotted Towhee	
Pacific-slope Flycatcher	Western Bluebird	California Towhee	<b>54 species</b>

Lava Beds/Klamath Basin Area, July 4 through July 7, 1996.

Pied-billed Grebe	Killdeer	Willow Flycatcher	American Robin
Eared Grebe	Black-necked Stilt	Hammond's Flycatcher	Sage Thrasher
Western Grebe	American Avocet	Dusky Flycatcher	Loggerhead Shrike
Clark's Grebe	Greater Yellowlegs	Gray Flycatcher	European Starling
American White Pelican	Willet	<b>Pacific-slope Flycatcher</b>	Solitary Vireo
Dbl-crested Cormorant	Spotted Sandpiper	Say's Phoebe	Warbling Vireo
Great Blue Heron	Western Sandpiper	Ash-throated Flycatcher	Orange-crowned Warbler
Great Egret	Least Sandpiper	Western Kingbird	Nashville Warbler
Snowy Egret	Long-billed Dowitcher	Cordilleran Flycatcher	Yellow Warbler
Blk-crnd Night-heron	Common Snipe	Horned Lark	Yellow-rumped Warbler
White-faced Ibis	Wilson's Phalarope	Purple Martin	Blk-thrtd Gray Warbler
Canada Goose	Bonaparte's Gull	Tree Swallow	Hermit Warbler
Green-winged Teal	Ring-billed Gull	Violet-green Swallow	MacGillivray's Warbler
Mallard	California Gull	N. Rgh-winged Swallow	Common Yellowthroat
Northern Pintail	Caspian Tern	Bank Swallow	Western Tanager
Cinnamon Teal	Forster's Tern	Cliff Swallow	Black-headed Grosbeak
Northern Shoveler	Black Tern	Barn Swallow	Lazuli Bunting
Gadwall	Rock Dove	Gray Jay	Green-tailed Towhee
American Wigeon	Mourning Dove	Steller's Jay	Spotted Towhee
Canvasback	Barn Owl	Western Scrub Jay	Chipping Sparrow
Redhead	Flammulated Owl	Pinyon Jay	Brewer's Sparrow
Ring-necked Duck	Great Horned Owl	Clark's Nutcracker	Vesper Sparrow
Lesser Scaup	Northern Pygmy Owl	Black-billed Magpie	Lark Sparrow
Bufflehead	Northern Saw-whet Owl	Common Raven	Savannah Sparrow
Ruddy Duck	Common Nighthawk	Mountain Chickadee	Song Sparrow
Turkey Vulture	Common Poorwill	Chstnt-bcked Chickadee	Dark-eyed Junco
Osprey	White-throated Swift	Plain Titmouse	Red-winged Blackbird
Northern Harrier	Anna's Hummingbird	Bushtit	Tricolored Blackbird
Cooper's Hawk	Calliope Hummingbird	Red-breasted Nuthatch	Western Meadowlark
Northern Goshawk	Rufous Hummingbird	White-breasted Nuthatch	Yellow-headed Blackbird
Swainson's Hawk	Belted Kingfisher	Pygmy Nuthatch	Brewer's Blackbird
Red-tailed Hawk	Lewis' Woodpecker	Rock Wren	Brown-headed Cowbird
Golden Eagle	Red-breasted Sapsucker	Canyon Wren	Northern Oriole
American Kestrel	Williamson's Sapsucker	Bewick's Wren	Cassin's Finch

## RROS OBSERVATIONS, SUMMER 1996

Species	Number	Date	Location	County	Observers	Notes
<b>Yellow-billed Loon</b>	1	5/1-?	Albion River	MEN	DT, DW, RW, MOB	
Laysan Albatross	3	7/21	Cordell Banks	MRN	RS, BDP, AW, NW, MOB	
Laysan Albatross	1	7/22	Cordell Banks	MRN	DN	
Laysan Albatross	8	8/6	Cordell Banks	MRN	DN, DE	
<b>Short-tailed Albatross</b>	1	8/5	Cordell Banks	MRN	DN	
<b>Murphy's Petrel</b>	1	7/21	Cordell Banks	MRN	RS, BDP, AW, NW, MOB	
Wilson's Storm-petrel	15	8/6	Cordell Banks	MRN	DN, DE	
Black Rail	1	6/13-7/31	Pine Gulch Creek	MRN	BDP, PRBO	
Black Rail	1	6/13	Pt. Reyes/Muddy Hollow	MRN	BDP	
Lesser Yellowlegs	2	8/17	Pt. Reyes/Abbott's Lagoon	MRN	RS, TE	
<b>Solitary Sandpiper</b>	1	4/21	Ukiah Sewage Ponds	MEN	JD	
<b>Long-toed Stint</b>	1	8/10	Pt. Reyes/Abbott's Lagoon	MRN	RR, NW, MOB	
Baird's Sandpiper	2	8/2	Pt. Reyes/Abbott's Lagoon	MRN	BDP	
Baird's Sandpiper	4	8/17	Pt. Reyes/Abbott's Lagoon	MRN	RS, TE	
<b>Stilt Sandpiper</b>	1	8/17	Pt. Reyes/Abbott's Lagoon	MRN	RS, TE	
Stilt Sandpiper	1	8/26	Hwy 37/1st pond w. of Sonoma Crk Bridge	NAPA	DE	
Long-tailed Jaeger	2	7/29	Cordell Banks	MRN	DN	
Long-tailed Jaeger	1	8/25	Bitter Lakes NWR/Roswell	New Mexico	BDP, JP, SP	
South Polar Skua	1	7/31	Cordell Banks	MRN	DN	
Royal Tern	1	6/8	Santa Cruz Island	S.BB.	BDP	
Royal Tern	6	6/9	Bolsa Chica	ORN	BDP	
<b>Sooty Tern</b>	1	6/9	Bolsa Chica	ORN	BDP	
<b>White-winged Black Tern</b>	1	6/24-27	Aracata Sewage Ponds/Marsh	HMB	MOB	1st Calif. record
Xantus' Murrelet	1	8/6	Cordell Banks	MRN	DN, DE	
Greater Roadrunner	1	4/27	Hopland Field Station	MEN	JD	
Williamson's Sapsucker	1	6/9	Yosemite N.P./White Wolf	TUO	RR, DE	
<b>Eastern Phoebe</b>	1	5/21-6/4	North of Lake Berryessa	NAPA	BDP, DAH	
Purple Martin	1	8/6	Pt. Reyes/Muddy Hollow	MRN	BDP	
Island Scrub Jay	10	6/8	Santa Cruz Island	S.BB.	BDP	
Pinyon Jay	2	6/8	E. Mono County	MNO	RR, DE	
Virginia's Warbler	2	6/9	E. Mono County	MNO	RR, DE	
MacGillivray's Warbler	2	7/16	Pt. Reyes/Muddy Hollow	MRN	BDP, PRBO	
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	1	6/14	Pine Gulch Creek	MRN	BDP, PRBO	hybrid
Great-tailed Grackle	1m	5/2	W. end of Miner Hole Road	MEN	DT	
Red Crossbill	2+	8/6	Pt. Reyes/Muddy Hollow	MRN	BDP	
Lawrence's Goldfinch	9+	4/29-5/16	Hopland Field Station	MEN	JD, BK, CV	
Lawrence's Goldfinch	4	6/3-17	Pt. Reyes/Muddy Hollow	MRN	BDP, PRBO	
Lawrence's Goldfinch	3	6/9	Ackerson Meadow	TUO	RR, DE	
Evening Grosbeak	many	May	Mendocino County	MEN	MOB	"ubiquitous"

Observers: Jeff Dayton, Ted Eliot, Doug Ellis, David A. Hofmann, Bob Keiffer, Dan Nelson, Benjamin D. Parmeter, Point Reyes Bird Observatory, Ruth Rudesill, Rich Stallcup, Dorothy Tobkin, Chuck Vaughn, Dave & Ruth Wiebe, Alan Wight, Ned Wynn, Many Observers.

### 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, Dan Nelson, and Alan Wight). 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.

## Field Trip Report cont'd

Lava Beds/Klamath Basin Area, July 4 through July 7, 1996

Prairie Falcon	Downy Woodpecker	House Wren	House Finch
Ring-necked Pheasant	Hairy Woodpecker	Marsh Wren	Red Crossbill
Blue Grouse	White-headed Woodpecker	Golden-crowned Kinglet	Pine Siskin
California Quail	Blk-backed Woodpecker	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	Evening Grosbeak
Mountain Quail	Northern Flicker	Western Bluebird	House Sparrow
Virginia Rail	Pileated Woodpecker	Mountain Bluebird	
American Coot	Olive-sided Flycatcher	Townsend's Solitaire	
Sandhill Crane	Western Wood Pewee	Hermit Thrush	<b>165 species</b>

Participants were: Les Gearhart, Lynn Gearhart, Doug Ellis, Rick Lebadour, Richard Merriss, & Benjamin D. Parmeter.

### RROS OBSERVATIONS, SUMMER 1996 (SONOMA COUNTY)

Species	Number	Date	Location	County	Observers	Notes
<del>Laysan Albatross</del>	1	7/21	followed boat from Marin county	SON	BDP, AW, NW, RS	2nd city record
<del>Snowy Egret</del>	2	6/16	Bodega Head/Hole-in-the-Head	SON	BDP	nesting attempt
<del>Brant</del>	10	6/21	Bodega Head/Campbell Cove	SON	BDP	
<del>Peregrine Falcon</del>	1	8/19	Bodega Bay	SON	DN, DH	
<del>Peregrine Falcon</del>	1	8/20	Duncan's Mill/Cassini's	SON	DB	
<del>Pacific Golden Plover</del>	1	8/25	Doran County Park	SON	TE	
<del>Lesser Yellowlegs</del>	1	8/20	Carmody Road Pond	SON	DN	
<del>Least Tern</del>	1	8/25	Doran County Park	SON	TE	
<del>Ancient Murrelet</del>	2	8/13	Bodega Head	SON	JR	
<del>Yellow-billed Cuckoo</del>	1	7/2	Bodega/Salmon Creek Road	SON	fide BB	window killed
<del>Barred Owl</del>	1	6/?	Stewart's Point Road	SON	DN	
<del>Common Poorwill</del>	1	7/13	Pine Flat Road	SON	NW	heard only
<del>Vaux's Swift</del>	4+	6/-?	Larkfield (@ the Rains' house)	SON	B&BR	2 nests
<del>Olive-sided Flycatcher</del>	1	4/29	Bodega Bay/Ranch Road	SON	NC	
<del>Olive-sided Flycatcher</del>	1juv	7/29	Bodega Bay/Puerto Bodega	SON	DN	
<del>Willow Flycatcher</del>	1	8/9-21	Bodega Head/Owl Canyon	SON	BDP, DH, DN	
<del>Ash-throated Flycatcher</del>	1	5/8	Bodega Bay/Ranch Road	SON	NC	
<del>Purple Martin</del>	4	5/31	Gualala River Bridge	SON	BDP	
<del>Purple Martin</del>	3	6/30	Pine Flat Road	SON	AW, NW	
<del>Gray Jay</del>	1	5/30	Gualala County Campground	SON	BDP	
<del>Brown Thrasher</del>	1	6/20-26	Bodega Head/Owl Canyon	SON	DN, MOB	
<del>MacGillivray's Warbler</del>	1	5/31	Valley Crossing near Sea Ranch	SON	BDP	
<del>Yellow-breasted Chat</del>	1	5/30	Valley Crossing near Sea Ranch	SON	BDP	
<del>Rose-breasted Grosbeak</del>	1m	5/23	Bodega Head/Owl Canyon	SON	DN	
<del>Rose-breasted Grosbeak</del>	1	6/16-17	Sebastopol/at a feeder	SON	AA	
<del>Rufous-crowned Sparrow</del>	6	6/30	Pine Flat Road	SON	AW, NW	
<del>Black-chinned Sparrow</del>	1	6/30	Pine Flat Road	SON	AW, NW	
<del>Sage Sparrow</del>	3	6/30	Pine Flat Road	SON	AW, NW	
<del>Golden-crowned Sparrow</del>	1	6/5-8/10	Larkfield/@ the Rains' yard)	SON	B&BR	
<del>Bobolink</del>	1m	6/27	Timber Cove/Reef Campground	SON	RH	

Observers: Annette Avia, Dennis Beal, Betty Burrige, Nancy Conzett, Todd Esterla, Ray Hedgepeth, David A. Hofmann, Dan Nelson, Benjamin D. Parmeter, Bob & Bertha Rains, Jean Richmond, Rich Stallcup, Alan Wight, Ned Wynn, Many Observers.

## UPCOMING PELAGIC TRIPS

<u>Date</u>		<u>Amount</u>
9/15	Peregrine Audubon of Mendocino County out of Noyo Harbor @ 7:00 AM to Viscaino Seamount. Expert birder on board will be Stan Harris. Call Bob Keiffer (707)744-1160, or David (707)463-3938 during evening hours.	\$65
9/15	Shearwater Journeys out of Bodega Bay to Cordell Banks. Call Debra Shearwater (408)637-8527.	\$78-95
9/21	Dan Nelson out of Bodega Bay to Cordell Banks on the New Sea Angler. Call Dan (707)762-5167 for further information.	\$60
10/5	Shearwater Journeys out of Bodega Bay to Cordell Banks. Call Debra Shearwater (408)637-8527.	\$78-95
10/13	Dan Nelson out of Bodega Bay to Cordell Banks on the New Sea Angler. Call Dan (707)762-5167 for further information.	\$60
10/19	Shearwater Journeys out of Bodega Bay to Cordell Banks. Call Debra Shearwater (408)637-8527.	\$78-95
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11/2	Shearwater Journeys out of Bodega Bay to Cordell Banks. Call Debra Shearwater (408)637-8527.	\$78-95
12/7	Shearwater Journeys out of Bodega Bay to Cordell Banks. Call Debra Shearwater (408)637-8527.	\$78-95



### For Sale

Criterion 4000 spotting scope w/tripod (like the one Karen Nagle has). Asking \$300. Contact her at (707)829-2219.

**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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