

Kite Tales

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COMING ATTRACTIONS

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.

General Meeting. Thursday, November 14. Darwin Hall, Room 221. Sonoma State University at 7:30 PM. See November Kite Tales for details.

Field Trip to Bodega Bay. Saturday, October 12. Meet at 8:00 AM at the "rail ponds". The leader will be Doug Ellis.

Field Trip to Willow Creek Road, Jenner to Bodega Bay. Saturday, November 16. Meet at 8:00 AM at the first bridge on Willow Creek Road off Hwy 1. The leader will be announced in the next Kite Tales.



Congratulations to RROS member **Jerry White** of Kelseyville. The **White-winged Tern** seen at the Arcata Marsh on 8/29 was his **600th** ABA Area bird.

REMEMBER YOUR 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.

Field Trip Report

Pt. Reyes, September 14, 1996.

Common Loon	Heermann's Gull	Cedar Waxwing
Sooty Shearwater	Western Gull	European Starling
Brown Pelican	Glaucous-winged Gull	Hutton's Vireo
Double-crested Cormorant	Common Murre	Yellow Warbler
Pelagic Cormorant	Pigeon Guillemot	Townsend's Warbler
Mallard	Rock Dove	2-Prairie Warbler
Surf Scoter	Band-tailed Pigeon	American Redstart
Turkey Vulture	Great Horned Owl	Wilson's Warbler
Northern Harrier	Belted Kingfisher	Western Tanager
Sharp-shinned Hawk	Downy Woodpecker	Savannah Sparrow
Cooper's Hawk	Pacific-slope Flycatcher	Song Sparrow
Red-shouldered Hawk	Black Phoebe	White-crowned Sparrow
Red-tailed Hawk	Say's Phoebe	Red-winged Blackbird
American Kestrel	Horned Lark	Tricolored Blackbird
Peregrine Falcon	Cliff Swallow	Brewer's Blackbird
California Quail	Barn Swallow	Brown-headed Cowbird
Pacific Golden Plover	American Crow	House Finch
American Golden Plover	Common Raven	Pine Siskin
Killdeer	Red-breasted Nuthatch	Lawrence's Goldfinch
Willet	Pygmy Nuthatch	American Goldfinch
Least Sandpiper	Rock Wren	House Sparrow
Pectoral Sandpiper	Bewick's Wren	
Red-necked Phalarope	American Robin	67 Species

Participants: Carol Brant, Betty Burrige, Lew & Marilyn Edmondson, Doug Ellis, Betty Groce, Mary Farr, Richard Merriss, Mike Nelligan, Mike Parmeter(leader), Linda Petrulias, Ruth Rudesill, Lang Stevenson, Ken Wilson, Ned Wynn

REPORT OF FINANCES 1995-1996

Beginning bank balance 7/1/95		\$1499.90
Receipts		
Dues	\$ 850.00	
Book Sales	435.32	
Donations	23.00	
Checklist Sales	35.00	
Interest on Savings Account	33.02	
Total receipts for year		\$1376.34
Disbursements		
Kite Tales	\$ 720.27	
Donation, Sonoma State University Biology Dept.	200.00	
Book sale proceeds to heirs of co-author	144.00	
Guest speaker	75.00	
Meeting place cost, potluck dinner	56.75	
Office supplies, postage	40.25	
Purchase checklists	15.00	
Annual corporation filing	5.00	
Total disbursements for year		-\$1256.27
Ending bank balance 6/30/96		\$1619.97

Michael F. Nelligan, Treasurer

RRROS OBSERVATIONS, SEPTEMBER 1996 (SONOMA COUNTY)

Species	Number	Date	Location	County	Observers	Notes
Buller's Shearwater	500+	9/21	Bodega Head	SON	BDP, DE, DN, AW, & TE	
American Bittern	1	9/9	Tubbs Island	SON	TE	
Tricolored Heron	1	9/17-present	Doran County Park	SON	PC, MOB	adult, 2nd record
Greater White-fronted Goose	2	9/21-25	Petaluma Sewage Ponds	SON	BDP, DE, DN, AW, & TE	
Ross' Goose	1	present	Bridgehaven	SON	MOB	since Nov. 1995
Brant	1	present	Bodega Bay	SON	MOB	all summer
Broad-winged Hawk	1	9/28	Hwy 37 X Hwy 121	SON	JH	
Golden Eagle	3	8/29-9/3	Oakmont	SON	BG	2 adults 1 imm
Ferruginous Hawk	1	9/20	Bodega Head	SON	DE	immature
Common Moorhen	2	9/21	Bridgehaven	SON	BDP, DE, DN, AW, & TE	
Pacific Golden Plover	1	9/2	Doran County Park	SON	DE	
American Golden Plover	1	9/13-17	Doran County Park	SON	DN, MOB	
Mongolian Plover	1	9/2-3	Doran County Park	SON	DE, DN, MOB	1st county record
Lesser Yellowlegs	1	8/27-9/4	Carmody Lane	SON	DN	
Lesser Yellowlegs	1	9/11	Bodega Farm Pond	SON	EB	
Whimbrel	165	4/29	Petaluma/Cader Lane Ponds	SON	AW	large flock
Baird's Sandpiper	2	9/15	Bodega Head/Campbell Cove	SON	RM, DN	
Pectoral Sandpiper	6	9/19	Petaluma/Cader Lane Ponds	SON	AW	
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	1	9/15	Doran County Park	SON	RS, BDP, MOB	juvenile
Ruff	1	9/12-15	Doran County Park	SON	TE, MOB	
Common Tern	1	9/16	Bodega Harbor	SON	DN, BDP, DH, TE	
Black Tern	1	9/2-3	Doran County Park	SON	L&CL, MOB	
Rhinoceros Auklet	3+	9/6	Gualala County Park	SON	DE, DH, BDP	
Rhinoceros Auklet	1	9/25	Bodega Head	SON	BDP	
Barred Owl	1	9/11	Skagg's Spring Road	SON	DE	
Burrowing Owl	1	9/24-29	Bodega Head	SON	DH, DN, DE, BDP	
<i>Selasphorus</i> hummingbird	1	9/17	Oakmont @ feeder	SON	BG	Allen's or Rufous??
Willow Flycatcher	1	8/29-9/20	Petaluma/Lucchesi Park	SON	AW	
Hammond's Flycatcher	1	9/29	Bodega Head/Hole-in-the-Head	SON	DE, BDP, DN	
Tropical Kingbird	1	9/27	Wright's Beach State Park	SON	DE	
Purple Martin	1	9/6	Gualala County Park	SON	DE, DH, BDP	
Purple Martin	1	9/15	Bodega Head/Campbell Cove	SON	EB	female
Purple Martin	1	9/17	Bodega Head/Hole-in-the-Head	SON	RL, DE	
Gray Jay	1	9/6	Gualala County Campground	SON	DE, DH, BDP	
Northern Wheatear	1	9/22-23	Sebastopol/Cooper Road	SON	KM, DN, MOB	2nd county record
Nashville Warbler	1	9/24	Bodega Dunes Campground	SON	DN, DH	
Virginia's Warbler	1	9/29-10/1	Jenner on Hwy 1	SON	ST, BDP, DN, DH, DE	
Northern Parula Warbler	1	9/7-10	Willowside Rd. X Santa Rosa Crk	SON	CS, DN, DE	immature female
Magnolia Warbler	1	9/13	Bodega Dunes Campground	SON	DN, DE	immature female
Black-throated Gray Warbler	1	9/24	Bodega Head/Owl Canyon	SON	DN, DH	
Blackpoll Warbler	1	9/27	Bodega Head/Owl Canyon	SON	DE, DH	
Blackpoll Warbler	1	9/30	Wright's Beach State Park	SON	DN	
Black and White Warbler	1	9/24	Bodega Bay/behind McLaughy's	SON	DH, DN	
Black and White Warbler	1	9/29	Bodega Head/Hole-in-the-Head	SON	SC	
American Redstart	1	9/13	Bodega Head/Owl Canyon	SON	DN, DH	adult male
American Redstart	1	9/24	Bodega Bay/BML housing area	SON	DH, DN	
American Redstart	2	9/25	Bodega Bay/BML housing area	SON	BDP	male, female
Prothonotary Warbler	1	9/8-13	Bodega Head/Campbell Cove	SON	SC, DN, DH, DE, MOB	male
MacGillivray's Warbler	1	8/24	Bodega Head/Owl Canyon	SON	RR, NW	
Canada Warbler	1	9/14	Bodega Head/Owl Canyon	SON	DN, RR, NW	male
Blue Grosbeak	1	9/30	Wright's Beach State Park	SON	BDP, DH	1st year plumage
Rufous-crowned Sparrow	1	9/25	Willow Creek Road	SON	BDP	
Lark Sparrow	1	9/15	Bodega Head	SON	BDP, DE, RL	
Cassin's Finch	1	9/27	Russian Gulch State Beach	SON	DE	
Lawrence's Goldfinch	1	9/13	Bodega Head/Owl Canyon	SON	DN	
Short-tailed Weasel	1	current	resident in wood stove/Cazadero	SON	LP	

Observers: Ellen Bingle, Suzanne Cogan, Peter Connors, Ted Eliot, Doug Ellis, Betty Groce, David Hofmann, Jim Holmes, Leslie & Cindy Lieurance, Roger Marlowe, Ken Murphy, Dan Nelson, Benjamin D. Parmeter, Linda Petrulias, Ruth Rudesill, Claire Shurvinton, Rich Stallcup, Scott Terrill, Alan Wight, Ned Wynn, Many OBservers.

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Laysan Albatross	3-5	9/1	Cordell Banks	MRN	BDP	
Murphy's Petrel	1	8/24	Cordell Banks	MRN	TE	
Dark-rumped Petrel	1	8/24	Cordell Banks	MRN	TE	
Fork-tailed Storm-petrel	10	9/1	Cordell Banks	MRN	BDP	
Wilson's Storm-petrel	2	9/1	Cordell Banks	MRN	BDP	
Harlequin Duck	5	8/25	Fort Bragg/Glass Beach	MEN	DT	3 males 2 females
Northern Goshawk	1	9/8	French Meadows	PLA	RR	immature
Broad-winged Hawk	1	9/15	Twin Bridges Road	MRN	RS, LL, CL	dark morph
Swainson's Hawk	25	9/15	Hwy 99 near Merced	MER	AW	in one "kettle"
American Golden Plover	1	8/17	10-mile Beach	MEN	JW, CV	
Whimbrel	1	8/22	MacKerricher State Park	MEN	DT	<i>variegatus</i> race
Pomarine Jaeger	6	9/15	Ft. Bragg/Viscaino Seamount	MEN	DT, MOB	
Parasitic Jaeger	1	9/14	Tomales Bay/Nick's Cove	MRN	DN	
Parasitic Jaeger	12	9/15	Ft. Bragg/Viscaino Seamount	MEN	DT, MOB	
Long-tailed Jaeger	9	9/1	Cordell Banks	MRN	BDP	
Long-tailed Jaeger	20	9/15	Ft. Bragg/Viscaino Seamount	MEN	DT, MOB	
South Polar Skua	2	9/1	Cordell Banks	MRN	BDP	
South Polar Skua	4	9/15	Ft. Bragg/Viscaino Seamount	MEN	DT, MOB	
Common Tern	25	9/1	Cordell Banks	MRN	BDP	
White-winged Tern	1	8/29-30	Arcata Sewage Ponds/Marsh	HMB	MOB	in area since June?
Black Skimmer	1	8/30-9/8	Vallejo	SOL	Robin Leong, DE	
Xantus' Murrelet	4	8/24	Cordell Banks	MRN	TE	
Least Flycatcher	1	9/24	Pt. Reyes/Fish Docks	MRN	DE	
Hammond's Flycatcher	1	9/24	Pt. Reyes/Fish Docks	MRN	DE	
Tropical Kingbird	1	9/24	Pt. Reyes/Hall Ranch	MRN	DE	
Gray Catbird	1	9/22-25	Pt. Reyes/Fish Docks	MRN	BDP, AW, DH	
Yellow Wagtail	1	8/30	Arcata Sewage Ponds/Marsh	HMB	MOB	
Yellow-throated Vireo	1	9/14	MacKerricher State Pk./Lake Cleone	MEN	CV, JW, DT	1st county record
American Redstart	1	9/14	MacKerricher State Park	MEN	DT	immature male
American Redstart	2	9/25	Pt. Reyes/Fish Docks	MRN	DH, RL	
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	1	9/12	Elk (coming to feeder)	MEN	DT	immature male
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	1	9/6	Miner Hole Road	MEN	JW	

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