

# Kite Tales

Redwood Region Ornithological Society  
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## COMING ATTRACTIONS

**General Meeting.** Thursday, December 12. Darwin Hall, Room 221. Sonoma State University at 7:30 PM. The program will be "bring your own slides" night. If you have any "mystery" slides bring them and we will attempt to identify them.

**General Meeting.** Thursday, January 9. Darwin Hall, Room 221. Sonoma State University at 7:30 PM. The program will be presented by Robin Leong on Madagascar. If anyone has slides of this area please bring them to the meeting, they will be appreciated.

**Santa Rosa Christmas Bird Count.** Sunday, December 22, 1996. It's almost time once again for the annual Santa Rosa Christmas Bird Count. This will be the 37th annual count which started in 1960. You may sign up at the November or December meetings or write Doug Ellis at P.O. Box 155, Eldridge, CA 95431. As usual, preferences for territories are given to previous counters, but this year we do need at least one new leader to step in. If you can lead an area of your own let us know ASAP. We do need extra volunteers, because many areas are undermanned. 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. There is a \$5.00 fee to participate on the count. At the end of the day everyone gets together for compilation of the count and a potluck dinner.

**Field Trip to West Butte Road to Gray Lodge WMA.** Saturday, January 11, 1996. Meet at 9:00 AM at the intersection of Pass Road and West Butte Road in Sutter County. Car pooling is advised. The leader for this bird rich field trip will be Benjamin D. "Mike" Parmeter. If you have questions regarding this field trip call Mike at (707)255-6757.

*Season's Greetings and Best Wishes  
for the New Year*

The Staff of the Kite Tales

### Kite Tale Deadlines

Please observe the following deadlines when providing information for inclusion in the Kite Tales. The deadline for inclusion of observation (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

Willow Creek Road, and Jenner, November 16, 1996.

Pacific Loon	California Quail	Golden-crowned Kinglet
Common Loon	Virginia Rail	Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Pied-billed Grebe	Sora	Hermit Thrush
Horned Grebe	American Coot	American Robin
Double-crested Cormorant	Killdeer	Wrentit
Brandt's Cormorant	Ring-billed Gull	American Pipit
Pelagic Cormorant	Western Gull	European Starling
Great Blue Heron	Northern Pygmy Owl	Hutton's Vireo
Ross' Goose	Anna's Hummingbird	Yellow-rumped Warbler
Canada Goose (Cackling)	Downy Woodpecker	Spotted Towhee
Mallard	Hairy Woodpecker	Fox Sparrow
Greater Scaup	Northern Flicker	Song Sparrow
Bufflehead	Black Phoebe	Lincoln's Sparrow
Turkey Vulture	Steller's Jay	Swamp Sparrow
White-tailed Kite	Western Scrub-Jay	Golden-crowned Sparrow
Northern Harrier	Common Raven	White-crowned Sparrow
Cooper's Hawk	Chestnut-backed Chickadee	Dark-eyed Junco
Red-shouldered Hawk	Bushtit	Red-winged Blackbird
Red-tailed Hawk	Bewick's Wren	Purple Finch
Ferruginous Hawk	Marsh Wren	House Finch
American Kestrel	Belted Kingfisher	Pine Siskin
		<b>Species: 63</b>

Participants: Carol Brant, Ken Burton, Lew Edmonson, Marilyn Edmonson, Ted Eliot, Doug Ellis, Bob Evans, Rick Lebaudour, Benjamin D. Parmeter, Bertha Rains, Bob Rains, Jean Tonascia, Jim Tonascia, and Corinne Williams.

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

Species	Number	Date	Location	County	Observers	Notes
Cattle Egret	7	11/13	south of Delta Sewage Pond	SON	DH	
Buller's Shearwater	1	11/3	Bodega Head	SON	RR	
Wood Duck	8	11/8	Dry Creek/Warm Springs Dam	SON	NW	
Peregrine Falcon	1	11/5	Bodega Bay/Gafney Point	SON	DH	
Sora	1	thru period	Bodega Bay/"rail ponds"	SON	MOB	
Thayer's Gull	1	11/9	Bodega Head/Campbell Cove	SON	BD	
Burrowing Owl	1	11/8	Santa Rosa/north of Elsie Allen H.S.	SON	JG	
Tropical Kingbird	1	11/3	Bodega Head/Campbell Cove	SON	LL, CL, RR, NW	
House Wren	1	thru period	Bodega Head/Owl Canyon	SON	DH	
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	1	11/12-13	Willowside Rd X Santa Rosa Crk	SON	DH	
Phainopepla	1	11/14	Sebastopol/Ferguson Road	SON	KW	male
Northern Shrike	1	11/1	Westside County Park	SON	JW	immature
Black-throated Gray Warbler	1	10/24	Salmon Creek Road	SON	BDP	
Northern Waterthrush	1	thru period	Bodega Bay/"rail ponds"	SON	MOB	
White-throated Sparrow	1	10/20-11/4	Healdsburg	SON	DR, LR	
White-throated Sparrow	1	10/23	Kenwood	SON	RR	
White-throated Sparrow	3	11/-	Larkfield	SON	BeR, BR	
Harris' Sparrow	1	11/19	Healdsburg	SON	DR, LR	
Red Crossbill	28	11/8	Bodega Bay (above Spud Point)	SON	DH, DE	
Evening Grosbeak	4	11/20	Willowside Rd X Santa Rosa Crk	SON	BeR, BR	

Observers: Doug Ellis, Jack Guggolz, David Hofmann, Les Lieurance, Cindy Lieurance, Benjamin D. Parmeter, Bertha Rains, Bob Rains, Don Richert, Laverne Richert, Ruth Rudesill, Jeff Walters, Ken Wilson, Ned Wynn, Many OBservers.

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Cattle Egret	1	10/30	Van Damme Beach	MEN	DT	
Canada Goose	1	11/12	MacKerricher State Park	MEN	DT	cackling race
Hooded Merganser	2	10/28	Caspar	MEN	DT	
Hooded Merganser	8	11/2	Caspar	MEN	DT	
Hooded Merganser	5	11/15	Talmadge	MEN	DT	
Bald Eagle	2	11/10	Garcia River area	MEN	DT	immatures
Ferruginous Hawk	1	10/28	north of Elk	MEN	DT	
Ferruginous Hawk	1	11/10	Hwy 1 between Elk & Manchester	MEN	DT	
Rough-legged Hawk	1	11/8	Hunter's Lagoon	MEN	JW	
Rough-legged Hawk	1	11/15	Mendocino Nat'l Forest	MEN	CV, BK, JW	
Golden Eagle	2	11/12	Pt. Reyes/Muddy Hollow	MRN	BDP	adults
Peregrine Falcon	1	11/2	Cordell Banks pelagic trip	MEN	DE	killed & devoured a Bonaparte's Gull on the wing 24 miles off shore!!
Pacific Golden Plover	1	11/12	MacKerricher State Park	MEN	DT	
Pectoral Sandpiper	21	10/19	Pt. Reyes/Abbott's Lagoon	MRN	BDP	
Black-legged Kittiwake	1	10/19	Laguna Point	MEN	JW	
Black-legged Kittiwake	1	10/27	MacKerricher State Park	MEN	DT	immature
Band-tailed Pigeon	20-40	10/27	Mt. St. Helena	NAPA	BDP, AW	
Horned Lark	1	11/1	MacKerricher State Park	MEN	DT	
Horned Lark	7	11/3	Fort Bragg/Glass Beach	MEN	DT	
Clark's Nutcracker	6	11/2	Mendocino Nat'l Forest	MEN	JW	
Nashville Warbler	1	11/8	Stoneboro Road	MEN	JW	
Palm Warbler	1	11/9	Caspar	MEN	DT	
Palm Warbler	1	11/9	Navarro River near bridge	MEN	DT	eastern race
LeConte's Sparrow	10-15	11/3	Columbia	Missouri	BDP	a lifer!!
Swamp Sparrow	1	11/6	Pt. Reyes/Muddy Hollow	MRN	BDP	
Swamp Sparrow	4	11/12	Pt. Reyes/Muddy Hollow	MRN	BDP	
White-throated Sparrow	1	10/28	Napa	NAPA	BDP	
Smith's Longspur	2	11/13	Columbia	Missouri	BDP	
Bobolink	1	10/19	Sandhill Meadow	MEN	JW	
Red Crossbill	many	11/6-11/12	Pt. Reyes/Muddy Hollow	MRN	BDP	
Red Crossbill	1	10/28	Napa	NAPA	BDP	
Evening Grosbeak	1	10/28	Napa	NAPA	BDP	
Evening Grosbeak	10	11/6	Pt. Reyes/Muddy Hollow	MRN	BDP	

Observers: Bob Keiffer, Benjamin D. Parmeter, Dorothy Tobkin, Chuck Vaughn, Jerry White, Alan Wight, Many OBservers.

### Corrections for the September Kite Tales:

Ted Eliot informs me that the Murphy's Petrel tentively identified on the pelagic trip of 8/24/96 to the Cordell Banks has been confirmed to be a **Great-winged Petrel**. This is reportedly the **first northern hemisphere** record of this bird.

### Corrections for the November Kite Tales:

Ted Eliot was not the observer of the Sage Thrasher or the three Red-throated Pipits on 10/12/96 at Pt. Reyes.

**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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