

Kite Tales

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COMING ATTRACTIONS

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.

General Meeting. Thursday, February 13. Darwin Hall, Room 221. Sonoma State University at 7:30 PM. See the February Kite Tales for program information.

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.

Field Trip to Tule Lake/Klamath Basin Area. Saturday, February 15 to Monday, February 17. Please plan to join us for the annual President's Day trip to this wonderful area. Last year we had some unusual birds on this trip and this year could produce even more unusual ones. Each year we learn more about birding this diverse area. We are planning to stay at the Motel 6 in Klamath Falls, Oregon (503)884-2110. We will meet each morning (Sat., Sun., & Mon.) at 7:45 AM at the Motel 6 to go out for the day. Benjamin D. "Mike" Parmeter will be the leader for this trip. Contact him at (707)255-6757 if you plan to go on this trip.

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

There was no field trip in December.

RROS OBSERVATIONS, DECEMBER 1996 (SONOMA COUNTY)

Species	Number	Date	Location	County	Observers	Notes
Horned Grebe	1	12/22	Willowside Rd/Delta Pond	SON	BL, BDP	
Eared Grebe	4	12/22	Willowside Rd/Delta Pond	SON	BL, BDP	
Red-necked Grebe	1	12/17	Bodega Head State Park	SON	DH, BDP, NW	
Western Grebe	4	12/22	Willowside Rd/Delta Pond	SON	BL, BDP	
Clark's Grebe	1	12/22	Willowside Rd/Delta Pond	SON	BL, BDP	
Black-vented Shearwater	3	11/16	Bodega Head State Park	SON	RR	
American White Pelican	26	12/22	Willowside Rd/Delta Pond	SON	BL, BDP	
Cattle Egret	45	12/22	south of Delta Sewage Pond	SON	BL, BDP	
Tundra Swan	2	12/23	Chileno Valley Lagoon	SON	BDP, J&ES	
Emperor Goose	1	12/15-present	Bodega Harbor/Westside Cty Pk	SON	MOB	
Black Brant	800+	12/23	Bodega Harbor	SON	BDP, J&ES	
Cinnamon Teal	2	12/22	Willowside Rd/Delta Pond	SON	BL, BDP	
Oldsquaw	1	11/16	Bodega Head State Park	SON	RR	
Canada Goose	6	12/17	Bloomfield area	SON	BDP	
Eurasian Wigeon	1	11/24	Bodega Harbor/Spud Point	SON	RR	
Eurasian Wigeon	1	12/13	Doran County Park	SON	JS	
Eurasian Wigeon	1	12/22	Willowside Rd/Delta Pond	SON	BL, BDP	
Eurasian Wigeon	1	12/23	Bodega Harbor	SON	BDP, J&ES	
Barrow's Goldeneye	1	12/23	Bodega Harbor/Owl Canyon	SON	BDP, J&ES	
Common Merganser	104	12/22	Willowside Rd/Delta Pond	SON	BL, BDP	
Ferruginous Hawk	1	12/23	Hwy 1 near Valley Ford	SON	BDP, J&ES	
Cooper's Hawk	1	11/26	Chanslor Ranch	SON	DB	
Merlin	2	12/22	Willowside Rd/Delta Pond	SON	BL, BDP	<i>columbarius</i>
Peregrine Falcon	1	11/26-30	Chanslor Ranch	SON	DB	
Sora	1	12/22	Willowside Rd/Delta Pond	SON	BL, BDP	
Red Knot	2	11/24	Bodega Bay/Spud Point	SON	RR	
Glaucous-winged Gull	5	12/22	Willowside Rd/Delta Pond	SON	BL, BDP	
Marbled Murrelet	2	12/17	Bodega Head State Park	SON	DH, BDP, NW	
Marbled Murrelet	8	12/23	Bodega Head State Park	SON	BDP, J&ES	
Ancient Murrelet	6	12/17	Bodega Head State Park	SON	DH, BDP, NW	
Ancient Murrelet	1	12/23	Bodega Head State Park	SON	BDP, J&ES	
Rhinoceros Auklet	1	12/17	Bodega Head State Park	SON	DH, BDP, NW	
Barn Owl	1	11/30	Chanslor Ranch	SON	DB	
Say's Phoebe	1	11/26-30	Chanslor Ranch	SON	DB	
Northern Waterthrush	1	present	Bodega Bay/"rail ponds"	SON	MOB	
Swamp Sparrow	1	12/22	Willowside Rd/Delta Pond	SON	BL, BDP	
White-throated Sparrow	3	11/24	Kenwood	SON	RR	at feeder

Observers: David Hofmann, Bill Lenarz, Benjamin D. Parmeter, Ruth Rudesill, Jean Smith, Jim & Ellen Strauss, Ned Wynn, Many Observers.

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Laysan Albatross	1	12/27	Point Arena pier	MEN	BDP	
American Bittern	1	12/21	Pt. Reyes Nat'l.Pk/Abbott's Lagoon	MRN	DE, BL, BDP	
Green Heron	1	12/16	MacKerricher St.Pk/Lake Cleone	MEN	DT	
Green Heron	1	12/24	Lake Solano	SOL	BDP	
Tundra Swan	6	12/18	Bolinas/Pine Gulch Creek	MRN	BDP	
Tundra Swan	200+	12/24	Lodi/Woodbridge Road	S.J.	BDP	
Tundra Swan	300+	12/27	Manchester/Garcia River	MEN	BDP	
White-fronted Goose	17	12/27	Manchester/Garcia River	MEN	BDP	
Snow Goose	1	12/18	Bolinas/Pine Gulch Creek	MRN	BDP	
Snow Goose	2	12/21	Pt. Reyes Nat'l.Pk/Abbott's Lagoon	MRN	DE, BL, BDP	
Ross' Goose	1	12/24	Lodi/Woodbridge Road	S.J.	BDP	
Emperor Goose	1	12/6-13	MacKerricher St.Pk/Lake Cleone	MEN	DT	1st county record
Eurasian Wigeon	2	12/14	Manchester/Garcia River flats	MEN	DT	male & female
Eurasian Wigeon	1	12/21	Pt. Reyes Nat'l.Pk/Abbott's Lagoon	MRN	DE, BL, BDP	
Harlequin Duck	9	present	Fort Bragg/Glass Beach	MEN	DT	
Barrow's Goldeneye	1	12/24	Lake Solano	SOL	BDP	male
Hooded Merganser	2	12/24	Lake Solano (near bridge)	SOL	BDP	males
Osprey	1	12/24	Lake Solano	SOL	BDP	
Rough-legged Hawk	1	12/24	across river from Rio Vista	SAC	BDP	
Ferruginous Hawk	4	12/8	Covelo area	MEN	DT	
Golden Eagle	2	12/13	Pt. Reyes Nat'l Pk/Limantour	MRN	BDP	1 adult 1 immature
Peregrine Falcon	1	12/24	Lodi/Woodbridge Road	S.J.	BDP	<i>anatum</i>
Peregrine Falcon	1	12/27	Gualala River mouth	MEN	BDP	
Sora	1	12/21	Pt. Reyes Nat'l.Pk/Abbott's Lagoon	MRN	DE, BL, BDP	
Sandhill Crane	250+	12/24	Lodi/Woodbridge Road	S.J.	BDP	
Pacific Golden Plover	1	12/21	Pt. Reyes Nat'l.Pk/near Johnson's	MRN	DE, BL, BDP	
Rock Sandpiper	1	12/2	MacKerricher St.Pk/Virgin Crk B.	MEN	DT	
Rock Sandpiper	1	12/6	Fort Bragg/Glass Beach	MEN	DT	
Marbled Murrelet	2	12/15	MacKerricher St.Pk/Laguna Pt.	MEN	DT	
Ancient Murrelet	many	12/13-present	Mendocino County coast	MEN	DT	
Horned Puffin	1	12/13	MacKerricher St.Pk/Laguna Pt.	MEN	DT	
Lewis' Woodpecker	1	12/16	Covelo	MEN	DT	
Tree Swallow	40+	12/24	Lodi/Woodbridge Road	S.J.	BDP	
Violet-green Swallow	1	12/24	Lake Solano	SOL	BDP	
Phainopepla	1	12/15	St. Helena	NAPA	RB	male
Northern Shrike	1	12/8	Covelo	MEN	DT	
Loggerhead Shrike	2	12/21	Pt. Reyes Nat'l Park	MRN	DE, BL, BDP	
Wilson's Warbler	1	12/13	Pt. Reyes Nat'l. Pk/Limantour	MRN	BDP	female
White-throated Sparrow	1	12/24	Lake Solano	SOL	BDP	
White-throated Sparrow	1	12/26	Napa	NAPA	BDP	tan striped form
Red Crossbill	6	12/13	Pt. Reyes Nat'l. Pk/Limantour	MRN	BDP	

Observers: Rich Bertoli, Doug Ellis, Bill Lenarz, Benjamin D. Parmeter, Dorothy Tobkin, , Many Observers.

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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