

Kite Tales

Redwood Region Ornithological Society

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COMING ATTRACTIONS

Thursday October 9th - GENERAL MEETING Darwin Hall Room 221 Sonoma State University at 7:30 pm

The program will be given by Ken Wilson on "The Birds and Habitat of Costa Rica." Don't miss this exciting program on one of the most popular of foreign birding destinations.

Saturday October 11th - FIELD TRIP to BODEGA BAY meet at 8:00 am (note time change from last month's Kite Tales) at the Rail Ponds. Bring a lunch. We will look for more migrants! Leader: Mike Parmeter. Any questions call Mike at 255-6757.

Saturday November 15th - FIELD TRIP to LOWER RUSSIAN RIVER area meet at 8:00 am at the 1st Bridge on Willow Creek Road out of Bridgehaven. Leader: TBA.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Membership dues are due now for 1997-1998 year. Dues are \$15.00 per family or \$8.00 per individual. Student dues are only \$3.00 year. Bring to meeting or mail to Treasurer Betty Burridge (address on back) Make checks payable to RROS.

KITE TALES DEADLINES

Please observe the following deadlines when providing information for inclusion in the Kite Tales: deadline for observations to Ned Wynn is the 20th of the month and for announcements/ articles to Ruth Rudesill by the 25th of the month. (Addresses and phone numbers on back)

FIELD TRIP REPORT

Point Reyes, September 13, 1997

Mike Parmeter led a trip to Point Reyes National Seashore to the Outer Point area. Interesting birds were 2 Lark Sparrows and Pectoral Sandpiper at Hall Ranch. Total of 59 species were observed:

Pacific Loon; P-b and Western Grebe; White and Brown Pelican; D-c., Brandt's and Pelagic Cormorants; Snowy Egret; Mallard; Gadwall; Am Wigeon; Surf Scoter; Turkey Vulture; Wh-tailed Kite; Nor Harrier; Red-tailed Hawk; Am Kestrel; Am Coot; Killdeer; Bl. Oystercatcher; Willet; Wandering Tattler; Whimbrel; Bl Turnstone; Pectoral Sandpiper; Red-n. Phalarope; Heermann's, Western, Ring-b., Calif. and Glaucous - w. Gulls; Common Murre; Pigeon Guillemot; Barn Owl; Gr Horned Owl; Selasphorus hummingbird, Downy Woodpecker; Say's Phoebe; Horned Lark; Barn Swallow; Steller's Jay; Raven; Bewick's and Winter Wren; Starling; Hutton's Vireo; Yellow Warbler; W. Tanager; Bl-headed Grosbeak; Lark, Savannah; White-cr. and Song Sparrows; Red-winged, Brewer's and Tricolored Blackbird; House Finch; Am Goldfinch.

Participants: Linda Allen, Rich Bertoli, Carol Brant, Ted Eliot, Bill Foster, Mike Parmeter (leader), Bob and Bertha Rains, Rich Rehngren, Carol Sunlight, Jim and Jean Tonascia, Wayne Tillay and Ned Wynn

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FOR SALE: ZEISS 8x30B Binoculars LIKE NEW CONDITION with T* coating and "phase coated" prisms (eliminating the diffraction line) and a soft Zeiss zipper case (no strap.) Only 2 1/2 years old, and hardly been used. Price is only \$375.00. If interested, please call Hans Riedel home 763-7767 or work 525-7392.

OBSERVATIONS

OBSERVATIONS OUTSIDE OF SONOMA COUNTY - 1997

BIRD	#	DATE	LOCATION	OBSERVER(S)	NOTES
Little Blue Heron	1	Aug-Sept.	Marshall MRN		mob.
Brant	3	8/9-23	10 Mile River	MEN	DT
Ferruginous Hawk	1	9/19	Las Gallinas pond	MRN	RM, RL, NW
" "	1	9/20	Pt Reyes	MRN	RM, RL, NW
Pectoral Sandpiper	2	9/6	Speletta Pond	MRN	BDP, TE, DA
Ruff	1	8/30-9/4	Glass Beach	MEN	DT imm male
Semi-palmated Sndpr	1	7/26-27	Ukiah Sewer Ponds	MEN	CV, GC
South Polar Skua	1	8/29	Cordell Bank	MRN	DN, RAR, MOA
Sabine's Gull	450	8/26	beyond Cordell Bank		DN
Arctic Tern	650	8/26	beyond Cordell Bank		DN
Tufted Puffin	1	8/4	offshore	MEN	DT
Parakeet Auklet	2	8/26	Cordell Bank	MRN	DN
Lewis' Woodpecker	3	9/12-18	Hopland Field Sta.	MEN	CV, BK, GC, DE
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	1	8/6	Navarro River Estuary		DT 1st C.R.
Tropical Kingbird	1	9/20	Hall Ranch	MRN	RM, RL, NW, mob.
Western Kingbird	1	9/6	Fish Docks	MRN	BDP
Black&White Warbler	1	9/3	Hostel/Limantour	MRN	BDP adult
Chestnut-s Warbler	1	9/10	Skunk Tracks, Ft Bragg		DT imm m.
Prairie Warbler	1	9/3	Drakes Beach	MRN	BDP
Magnolia Warbler	1	9/20	Fish Docks Pt Reyes	MRN	RS, RM, RL, NW
Nashville Warbler	1	9/20	Mendoza Ranch	MEN	NW
Bobolink	2	9/11-13	Hopland Field Sta.	MEN	CV, BK, DT ad/imm
Bl-throated Sparrow	1	9/20	Pt Reyes Lighthouse	MRN	RS, mob.

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Black-footed Albatross	15	9/14	offshore	DN,MOA	
Northern Fulmar	12	9/14	offshore	DN,MOA	
Flesh-footed Shearwater	1	9/14	offshore	DN,MOA	
Buller's Shearwater	375	9/14	offshore	DN,MOA	
Black Storm-petrel	1	8/29	offshore	DN,RAR	1st C.R.
" "	24	9/14	offshore	DN,MOA	
Ashy Storm-petrel	1750	9/14	offshore	DN,MOA	
Leach's Storm-petrel	1	9/14	offshore	DN,MOA	
Wilson's Storm-petrel	2-3	9/14	offshore	DM,MOA	1st C.R.
White-fronted Goose	4	9/19	SE Bodega Hrbr	BDP	
Hooded Merganser	2	9/22	Carmody Pond	BDP	
Merlin	1	9/23	Bodega Head	DH	female
Prairie Falcon	1	9/11-12	Doran Park	DN,DH	imm
Pacific Golden Plover	1	9/8	Doran Park	DN,DE	
American Golden Plover	3	9/20-22	Carmody Pond	BDP,DA, AW	
Red Knot	2-5	9/12-23	Doran Park	DH, BDP	
Parasitic Jaeger	7	9/14	offshore	DN,MOA	
Pomarine Jaeger	2	9/14	offshore	DN,MOA	
Long-tailed Jaeger	6-10	8/29-31	offshore	DN,RR, MOA	1st C.R.
" "	2	9/14	offshore	DN,BDP,MOA	
Sabine's Gull	70	9/10	offshore	DN,MOA	
Arctic Tern	85	9/14	offshore	DN,MOA	
Common Tern	1	9/19	Porto Bodega	BDP	
Black Skimmer	1	9/10	Salmon Creek	DN, BDP	adult
Xantu's Murrelet	3	9/14	offshore	DN,MOA	2nd C.R.
Spotted Owl	1	9/10	Russian Gulch	DH	
Say's Phoebe	1	9/8	Bodega Dunes	DH,DE, DN	
Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher	1	9/27-	Owl Canyon	Dave McKenzie,	1st CR
Least Flycatcher	1	9/9	Campbell Cove	DN,DH,BDP	1st C.R.
Mountain Chickadee	1	9/6	Annadel S.P.	DE	
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	2	9/9	Campbell Cove	DN,BDP	
Nashville Warbler	1	8/21	Russian Gulch	NW	
" "	1	9/6	Owl Canyon	NW,RR	
Virginia's Warbler	1	9/28	Owl Canyon	DN,DA,RR	
Lucy's Warbler	1	8/19-21	Russian Gulch	Chris Corbin,	mob.
" "	1	8/31	Owl Canyon	RR	adult
Chestnut-sided Warbler	1	9/13-16	Owl Canyon	DN,DH, RR,	mob.
Prothonotary Warbler	1	9/22-25	Canpbell Cove	DN	
Northern Waterthrush	1	9/1	Bodega Dunes	DN,DH	
MacGillivray's Warbler	1	9/1	Spring Lake	Chris Grabill	
Rose-br.Grosbeak	1	9/10	feeder,Larkfield	Chris Kuhn	
Blue Grosbeak	1	9/8	Campbell Cove	DN	
Lincoln's Sparrow	1	9/11	Campbell Cove	DN	
Fox Sparrow	1	9/11	Campbell Cove	DN	
Orchard Oriole	1	9/22-	Canpbell Cove	DN, mob.	2nd C.R.
Hooded Oriole	1	9/6	Petaluma feeder	WN, DN	
Scott's Oriole	1	8/19	Campbell Cove	DN	1st C.R.
Yellow-headed Blackbird	1	9/20	Carmody Road	DA,BDP	female

Observers: Dick Ashford, George Chaniot, Damian Ebert, Ted Eliot, Doug Ellis, David Hofmann, Bob Keiffer, Rick Lebadour, Richard Merriss, MOA-Mollymawk Ocean Adventures, Dan Nelson, Wini Nelson, Mike Parmeter (BDP), Ruth Rudesill, Rich Stallcup, Dorothy (Toby) Tobkin, Chuck Vaughn, Alan Wight, and Ned Wynn

In the past month or so, there has been 6 new County Records for Sonoma County!! This brings the total Sonoma County list to: 410 species!

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 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 to the treasurer shown below.

1997-1998 Officers

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