

Kite Tales

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COMING ATTRACTIONS

Thursday November 13th - GENERAL MEETING Darwin Hall Room 221 Sonoma State University at 7:30 pm

The program is "Ducks Unlimited in California" and will be presented by Steve Ribeau, who is the California State Chairman of Ducks Unlimited. Be sure to attend and learn about this organization and waterfowl.

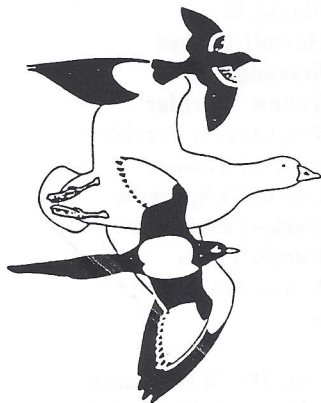
Saturday November 15th - FIELD TRIP to LOWER RUSSIAN RIVER AREA
Meet at the 1st bridge on Willow Creek Road out of Bridgehaven. Bring a lunch. Leader: Mike Parmeter. Any questions call Mike at 255-6757.

Sunday December 21st - Santa Rosa Christmas Count.
This is our (RROS) annual bird count. Your help and participation is needed. Please contact Doug Ellis via PO Box 155 Eldridge CA 95431 if you can help in any way. Details will follow in the next issue.

Central Valley Birding Symposium

HELD AT
THE STOCKTON HILTON HOTEL
AND
SAN JOAQUIN DELTA COLLEGE

DECEMBER 4-7, 1997
STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA



What are Kenn Kaufman, Kimball Garrett, Jan Pierson, Nancy Newfield, Ted Beedy and many other world-class birders going to be doing December 4th through the 7th? They will be helping launch the new Central Valley Bird Club by presenting programs at the Central Valley Birding Symposium in Stockton, California!

Come and join us for fascinating programs covering a wide range of birds as well as photography, field sketching, and even butterflies! Keith Hansen will be among the many talented artists selling their bird and nature artworks. Other vendors will be selling books, optics, birding gear, and more. Explore the area "hot spots" with field trips ranging from Yolo County to the Merced Wildlife Refuge.

The Central Valley is home to more than 200 bird species during its temperate winter, and tens of thousands of ducks, geese, swans and Sandhill Cranes fill our fields and skies. Don't miss out! Space is limited, so register soon. You will NOT be disappointed!

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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 Burrridge (address on back) Make checks payable to RROS. If you haven't paid - this will be your last issue, so please remember to renew.

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
BODEGA HARBOR / SALMON CREEK ROAD
OCTOBER 11, 1997

Fourteen participants enjoyed a partly cloudy and windy day at the coast. Highlights included : one Peregrine Falcon (anatum), 3 Red Phalaropes, 1 Red-necked Grebe, 2 Pacific Golden-plovers, 2 House Wrens, and a migrant flock on Salmon Creek Road with 2 Black-throated Gray Warblers.

Complete list of birds seen and heard:

Common Loon	Pied-billed Grebe	Red-necked Grebe
Eared Grebe	Western Grebe	Clark's Grebe
Am White Pelican	Brown Pelican	Double-cr. Cormorant
Pelagic Cormorant	Brandt's Cormorant	Great Blue Heron
Great Egret	Snowy Egret	Black-cr. Night Heron
Mallard	Northern Pintail	Gadwall
American Wigeon	Greater Scaup	Surf Scoter
White-winged Scoter	Ruddy Duck	Turkey Vulture
White-tailed Kite	Red-shouldered Hawk	Red-tailed Hawk
American Kestrel	Peregrine Falcon	Virginia Rail
Sora	American Coot	Black-bellied Plover
Pacific Golden-plover	Snowy Plover	Killdeer
Black Oystercatcher	American Avocet	Willet
Whimbrel	Marbled Godwit	Black Turnstone
Ruddy Turnstone	Surfbird	Red Knot
Sanderling	Western Sandpiper	Least Sandpiper
Short-billed Dowitcher	Red-necked Phalarope	Red Phalarope
Heerman's Gull	Mew Gull	Ring-billed Gull
California Gull	Herring Gull	Western Gull
Glaucous-winged Gull	Elegant Tern	Forster's Tern
Pigeon Guillemot	Band-tailed Pigeon	Great Horned Owl
Anna's Hummingbird	Nuttall's Woodpecker	Downy Woodpecker
Hairy Woodpecker	Northern Flicker	Black Phoebe
Steller's Jay	Scrub Jay	Common Raven
Chestnut-backed Chickadee	Brown Creeper	Bewick's Wren
House Wren	Winter Wren	Marsh Wren
Golden-cr. Kinglet	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	Hermit Thrush
Wrentit	American Pipit	Starling
Hutton's Vireo	Orange-crowned Warbler	Yellow Warbler
Yellow-rumped Warbler	Black-thr Gray Warbler	Townsend's Warbler
Common Yellowthroat	California Towhee	Spotted Towhee
Fox Sparrow	Song Sparrow	Lincoln's Sparrow
Golden-cr. Sparrow	White-cr. Sparrow	Dark-eyed Junco
Red-winged Blackbird	Brewer's Blackbird	Purple Finch
House Finch	Pine Siskin	Lesser Goldfinch
American Goldfinch	House Sparrow	= 107 species!

Participants: Avis Anderson, Betty Burrridge, Jim DeBoeker, Barbara Gumtow, David Hofmann, Richard Hurley, Ian Morrison, Mike Nelligan, Mike Parmeter (leader), Ruth Rudesill, Jim and Jean Tonascia, Alan Wight, and Mike Windsor.

OBSERVATIONS

OBSERVATIONS - SONOMA COUNTY October 1997

<u>BIRD</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>OBSERVER(S)</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
Buller's Shearwater	12+	10/22	Bodega Head	BDP, DH, DN, NW	
Black-vented Shearwater	3	10/21	Bodega Head	DE, DN	
" "	4-5	10/22	" "	DN, DH, BDP, NW	
Fork-tailed Storm Petrel	3	10/21	Bodega Head	DE, DN	
Hooded Merganser	2	10/6	Carmody Pond	TE	
Redhead	2	10/21	Bodega Farmpond	DE	
Oldsquaw	1	10/14	Doran	DE	
Peregrine Falcon	1	10/22	Doran Park	DN, DH, BDP, NW	
Snowy Plover	135	10/31	Doran Beach	BB	high #s
Red Knot	10	10/22	Doran Park	DN, DH, BDP, NW	
Red Phalarope	1	10/14	Doran Park	DH	
Bonaparte's Gull	1	10/22	Carmody Pond	BDP, DH, DN, NW	imm.
Parasitic Jaeger	6+	10/4	Bodega Head	RAR, NW	
Spotted Owl	1	9/20	Salmon Creek	DB, KW	
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	1	10/2	Campbell Cove	BDP	
Red-throated Pipit	1	10/20	Doran Park	Rich Stallcup	
Black & White Warbler	1	10/14	Campbell Cove	DB	
Prairie Warbler	1	10/30	Doran Park	Rich Stallcup	
Palm Warbler	1	10/21	Rail Ponds	DE, DN	
Indigo Bunting	1 [♂]	10/21	Rail Ponds	DE, DN	
Lincoln's Sparrow	1	10/1	Bodega Bay	DB	
White-throated Sparrow	1	10/18	Wikiup-yard	B&BR	
" "	1	10/22	Pine Flat Rd	LP	
Yellow-headed Blackbird	1	10/14	Hwy 1 & 116	DE, mob	imm.

OBSERVATIONS OUTSIDE OF SONOMA COUNTY - October 1997

<u>BIRD</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>CO</u>	<u>OBSERVERS/NOTES</u>
Flesh-footed Shearwater	4	10/19	Cordell Bank	MRN	BDP, DN
Fork-tailed Storm-petrel	6+	10/12	MacKerricher S.P.	MEN	DT seen from shore
White-faced Ibis	1	9/30	Abbott's Lagoon	MRN	TE
White-fronted Goose	5	10/16	MacKerricher S.P.	MEN	DT
Blue-winged Teal	1	9/21	Hunter's Lagoon	MEN	DT
Harlequin Duck	6	9/20	Glass Beach FB	MEN	DT
Am. Golden-plover	1	9/29	Glass Beach FB	MEN	DT
Pac. Golden-plover	1	9/29	MacKerricher S.P.	MEN	DT
Stilt Sandpiper	1	10/19	Alviso Slough	SCL	AW, NW
South Polar Skua	4	10/18	Cordell Bank	MRN	BDP, DN
Lesser Black-backed Gull	1	10/19	Alviso Slough	SCL	AW, NW lifer for both
Xantu's Murrelet	6	10/18	Cordell Bank	MRN	BDP, DN
Willow Flycatcher	1	9/23	Skunk Tracks FB	MEN	DT
Dusky Warbler	1	10/19	Antonelli Pond	SCZ	AW, NW lifer for both
Palm Warbler	1	9/20	Glass Beach FB	MEN	DT
Palm Warbler	1	10/16	MacKerricher S.P.	MWN	DT
Palm Warbler	3	10/19	So Farallon Isl.	SF	BDP, TE
Black-throated Blue Warbler	1 [♂]	10/18	north Cordell Bank	MRN	BDP circled boat
Nor. Waterthrush	1	10/19	Antonelli Pond	SCZ	
Chipping Sparrow	1	10/19	So Farallon Isl.	SF	BDP, TE
Lark Sparrow	1	10/19	So Farallon Isl.	SF	BDP, TE
Spotted Towhee	1	10/19	So Farallon Isl.	SF	BDP, TE
Clay-colored Sparrow	1	10/18	Reclamation Pond	LAK	JW 1st County Record
Vesper Sparrow	2	10/9	High Valley	LAK	JW
Lapland Longspur	2	10/13	Abbott's Lagoon	MRN	BDP
Lapland Longspur	5	10/13	North Beach Rd	MRN	BDP
Lapland Longspur	1	10/19	So Farallon Isl.	SF	BDP, TE
Lapland Longspur	1	10/11	Glass Beach	MEN	DT
Lapland Longspur	1	10/20	Miner Hole Road	MEN	JW
Orchard Oriole	1	10/20	Miner Hole Road	MEN	JW 2nd County Record
Bobolink	1	10/16	MacKerricher S.P.	MEN	DT

Observers: Dennis Beale, Betty Burrige, Ted Eliot, Doug Ellis, David Hofmann, Dan Nelson, Mike Parmeter (BDP), Linda Petrulias, Rich Stallcup, Bob & Bertha Rains, Ruth Rudesill, Dorothy (Toby) Tobkin, Jerry White, Alan Wight, Ken Wilson, and Ned Wynn.

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

President:	Bertha Rains, 450A Las Casitas, Santa Rosa, CA 95403	528-6785
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