

KITE TALES

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CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

October 14, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.: RROS meeting.

Ann and Keith Tiemann both worked as tour guides for the National Park System in Alaska. For our October meeting they will present a program on "The Wildlife of Mt. McKinley National Park in Alaska".

October 17, Sunday: Bodega Offshore Trip

REMINDER: If you haven't signed up yet for the offshore trip, there are still a few spaces available. The boat leaves from the Tides Restaurant in Bodega Bay at 6:30 a.m. The trip costs \$14.00 per person payable in advance to Mike Parmeter, 2500 Emerson Street, Napa, CA, 94558, (255-6757).

October 18, Monday: Deadline for November Kite Tales contributions.

October 23, Saturday, 7:30 p.m.: Audubon Wildlife Film

"Papua New Guinea: Twilight of Eden" will be presented by Greg and Linda McMillan in Burbank Auditorium at Santa Rosa Junior College. Admission prices are \$1.50 for adults, \$.75 for students with gold cards and \$.25 for children. Season tickets are \$4.50 for adults and \$9.00 for families. Four films will be shown this season.

October 24, Sunday, 8:00 a.m.: Field Trip to Marin County

For October's field trip we will tour Rodeo Lagoon and the Marin Headlands - all part of the new Golden Gate National Recreation Area. For carpooling meet in the parking lot of Safeway on Rohnert Park Expressway in Rohnert Park at 7:00 a.m. Others will meet at 8:00 a.m. at Rodeo Lagoon.

TEAR OFF AND MAIL TO TREASURER ADEENE NELLIGAN

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DUES REMINDER

Enclosed are RROS dues (1976/77) for: Family (\$6.00) Individual (\$4.50) Student (\$2.00)

Name

Mailing Address

Phone

City

Zip

SEPTEMBER FIELD TRIP REPORT

A good turnout of birders, cooperative weather and a good birding locale, Bodega coastal area, combined to produce a highly successful trip enjoyed by all. A later run to the Petaluma tidal ponds by some, added more toward our final total of 106 species.

Shearwaters, Alcids, Loons, and other ocean species were enjoyed in the early morning light from Bodega Head. A move to the "hole-in-the-head" was very rewarding due to the presence of a highly cooperative young male American Redstart. The canyon produced a Tennessee Warbler and a beautiful Barn Owl as well as a rather late Ash-throated Flycatcher. The show of the day was put on by an immature Parasitic Jaeger who flushed a great cloud of shorebirds as it relentlessly pursued an unfortunate Forrester Tern which finally had to relinquish its recently captured fish. Excellent views were obtained of a Pectoral Sandpiper in the Doran Park pond.

Observed species: Asterisk indicates Petaluma additions

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| Common Loon | Willet | Willow Flycatcher |
| Arctic Loon | *Greater Yellowlegs | Western Flycatcher |
| Red-throated Loon | Red Knot | Western Wood Pewee |
| Western Grebe | Pectoral Sandpiper | Barn Swallow |
| Pied-billed Grebe | Least Sandpiper | Scrub Jay |
| Pink-footed Shearwater | Short-billed Dowitcher | Common Raven |
| Sooty Shearwater | *Long-billed Dowitcher | *Common Crow |
| Brown Pelican | Western Sandpiper | Chestnut-backed Chickadee |
| Double-crested Cormorant | Sanderling | Bushtit |
| Brandt Cormorant | Marbled Godwit | Brown Creeper |
| Pelagic Cormorant | *American Avocet | Winter Wren |
| Great Blue Heron | *Black-necked Stilt | Bewick Wren |
| Snowy Egret | *Wilson Phalarope | Swainson Thrush |
| Blk-cr. Night Heron | Northern Phalarope | Loggerhead Shrike |
| *Mallard | Parasitic Jaeger | *European Starling |
| *Pintail | Glaucous-winged Gull | Warbling Vireo |
| White-winged Scoter | Western Gull | Tennessee Warbler |
| Surf Scoter | Herring Gull | Orange-crowned Warbler |
| Turkey Vulture | *California Gull | Yellow Warbler |
| White-tailed Kite | Ring-billed Gull | MacGillivray Warbler |
| Sharp-shinned Hawk | Herrmann Gull | Wilson Warbler |
| Red-tailed Hawk | Forster Tern | American Redstart |
| Marsh Hawk | Caspian Tern | House Sparrow |
| Osprey | Common Murre | Western Meadowlark |
| *American Kestrel | Pigeon Guillemot | Red-winged Blackbird |
| California Quail | *Rock Dove | Brewer Blackbird |
| Ring-necked Pheasant | Mourning Dove | Western Tanager |
| American Coot | Barn Owl | House Finch |
| Black Oystercatcher | Great Horned Owl | Pine Siskin |
| *Semi-palmated Plover | Anna Hummingbird | American Goldfinch |
| Killdeer | Allen Hummingbird | Brown Towhee |
| Black-bellied Plover | Belted Kingfisher | Savannah Sparrow |
| Ruddy Turnstone | Downy Woodpecker | White-crowned Sparrow |
| Black Turnstone | Ash-throated Flycatcher | Song Sparrow |
| *Long-billed Curlew | Black Phoebe | |
| Wandering Tattler | *Lesser Yellowlegs | |

G.L. Bolander
Leader & Historian

RECENT SIGHTINGS

August 28, 1976 - Mouth of Salinas River, Monterey County - Mike and John Parmeter

- (1) Pectoral Sandpiper 1 bird
- (2) Baird's Sandpiper 12 birds
- (3) Dunlin 1 bird (early date)
- (4) Northern Phalarope 200 birds
- (5) Buff-breasted Sandpiper: 2 birds (6th state record)
- (6) Elegant Tern 6 birds

September 4, 1976 - various locations - Mike and John Parmeter, Gordon Bolander,

- John Sterling
- (1) Red-necked Grebe 6 birds - Drake's Bay
 - (2) Baird's Sandpiper 1 bird - Point Reyes
 - (3) Gray Flycatcher 1 bird - Point Reyes
 - (4) Tennessee Warbler 1 bird - Point Reyes
 - (5) Yellow-Throated Warbler 1 bird - Fish docks, Point Reyes (7th state record)

September 6, 1976 - Bodega Bay - Mike and John Parmeter, Gordon Bolander,

- John Sterling
- (1) Sooty Shearwater common offshore at Bodega Head
 - (2) American Golden Plover 3 birds at SE corner of Bodega Lagoon
 - (3) Lesser Yellowlegs 3 birds at same spot
 - (4) Red Knot 1 bird on west side of lagoon
 - (5) Red Phalarope several birds from Bodega Head, single bird at SE corner of the lagoon
 - (6) Northern Phalarope Common

SONOMA COUNTY ADDITION:

On September 15 and 16 Dr. John Arnold and Gordon Bolander observed a Northern Waterthrush on the Sea Ranch properties in Northwestern Sonoma County. This is the first known sighting of that species within the county and adds yet another to our growing list of county birds.

TUBBS ISLAND NATURE PRESERVE

Ralph Frazier and Gail Scott, members of the RIOS and the new land stewards of Tubbs Island Preserve, welcome all birders to Tubbs Island!

The preserve, owned by The Nature Conservancy, contains 332 acres with levees and trails throughout. Presently there are numerous small potholes as well as large areas of standing brackish water. The dominant plant is pickleweed and the preserve is essentially a marsh habitat.

Located at the northern edge of San Pablo Bay, the preserve is an important wintering ground for migrating ducks, geese, and shorebirds. Even now pintails and various shorebirds are taking advantage of these sheltered waters.

Individuals and groups are welcome. To obtain the new combination for the locked gate write or call The Nature Conservancy, 425 Bush St., San Francisco, CA, 94108, (415) 989-3056 or contact Ralph or Gail at the next RROS meeting. The following birds were seen on Tubbs Island between July 1 and September 15 of this year:

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| Pied-billed Grebe | Northern Phalarope |
| Brown Pelican | Western Gull |
| White Pelican - 11 sighted 8/29/76 | Herring Gull |
| 8 sighted 9/16/76 | Ring-billed Gull |
| Pintail | Bonaparte's Gull |
| Scaup | Forester's Tern |
| Turkey Vulture | Caspian Tern |
| White-tailed Kite | Mourning Dove |
| Marsh Hawk | Great Horned Owl |
| Red-tailed Hawk | Short-Eared Owl |
| Osprey | Barn Owl |
| American Kestrel | Allen's Hummingbird |
| Ring-necked Pheasant | Black Phoebe |
| Great Egret | Say's Phoebe |
| Snowy Egret | Barn Swallow |
| Great Blue Heron | Cliff Swallow |
| Black-crowned Night Heron | Common Bushtit |
| Sora | Bewick's Wren |
| American Avocet | Long-billed Marsh Wren |
| Black-bellied Plover | Mockingbird |
| Semi-palmated Plover | Loggerhead Shrike |
| Killdeer | Starling |
| Long-billed Curlew | Yellowthroat |
| Marbled Godwit | Western Meadowlark |
| Spotted Sandpiper | Red-winged Blackbird |
| Willet | Brewer's Blackbird |
| Greater Yellowlegs | House Finch |
| Dowitcher | Brown Towhee |
| Pectoral Sandpiper (22 July) | Savannah Sparrow |
| Dunlin | Lincoln's Sparrow |
| Least Sandpiper | Song Sparrow |
| Western Sandpiper | |

The address of the preserve is 4201 Sears Point Road on Highway 37 near Tolay Creek.

. Redwood Region Ornithological Society

Organized in 1962, the purpose of the club is to encourage the study and conservation of birds, other wildlife and their habitats.

Meetings are held the second Thursday of each month, Oct. through May, at 7:30 p.m. in Room 221 of Darwin Hall, California State College, Sonoma, Rohnert Park.

Membership dues are \$6.00 for a family, \$4.50 for an individual, and \$2.00 for a student. This includes the subscriptions to the KITE TALES. Dues may be mailed to Adeene Nelligan, at the address below, or presented to her at the meetings.

We welcome guests at our meetings and on our field trips.

OFFICERS:

- PRESIDENT Carmen Patterson, 5577 Inverness, Santa Rosa, 95404 (544-7031)
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