

KITE TALES

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CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

March 10, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.: RROS meeting

March's program will be "Another Arctic Summer with Peter and Carolyn Connors". RROS members Peter and Carolyn Connors, who work at the Bodega Marine Laboratory, have spent another summer at Point Barrow since their excellent RROS program last year. They've taken alot more slides and their presentation should be an exciting continuation of their studies of breeding shorebirds in Alaska.

March 13, Sunday, 10:00 a.m.: Field Trip to Harvey Smith's Game Farm

Carmen Patterson will lead this unusual field trip to Harvey Smith's Game Farm in Sebastopol. We will see rare ducks and pheasants raised on the farm. Birding on the Farm is very good especially where the property adjoins the Laguna de Santa Rosa. In addition, Harvey has a collection of early American farm implements set up like a frontier town. For carpooling, meet at the County Library in Coddington at 9:30 a.m. Others will meet at the Farm at about 10:00 a.m. The address is 4015 Frei Road. If you are coming from Santa Rosa, take Guerneville Road west to Frei Road. Turn left on Frei Road and go to 4015.

March 28, Monday: Deadline for Kite Tales contributions

May 1, Sunday, 7:00 a.m.: Spring Pelagic Boat Trip

The Pelagic Trip boat leaves from the Tides dock in Bodega Bay at 7:00 a.m. The cost is \$15.00 per person paid in advance to Mike Parmeter, 2500 Emerson Street, Napa, CA 94558.

To get an idea of the birds that might be seen look at the summary of pelagic trips below.

PELAGIC TRIP SUMMARY

Mike Parmeter has put together the following summary of all the RROS off-shore trips since the winter of 1973, the last time a similar list was published.

<u>Species</u>	<u>10-20-74</u>	<u>5-4-75</u>	<u>10-19-75</u>	<u>5-9-76</u>	<u>10-17-76</u>
Black-footed albatross			1	26	
Northern Fulmar			2	30	6
Pink-footed Shearwater	75	3	50	10	8
New Zealand Shearwater	125		125		40
Sooty Shearwater	50	25	35	18	1
Fork-tailed Storm Petrel				30	
Leach's Storm Petrel				4	
Ashy Storm Petrel				20	
Black Storm Petrel					25
Red Phalarope				*	4
Northern Phalarope	*	Common	*	*	
Pomarine Jaeger	5		*	5	2 Sp?
Parasitic Jaeger	1		*		
Skua			*		
Black-legged Kittiwake				9	
Sabine's Gull				18	1
Arctic Tern				15	
Black Tern				1	
Common Murre	Many	Common	*	150	*
Pigeon Guillemot	3	fairly common		16	
Cassin's Auklet		2		11	250
Rhinoceros Auklet		10	1	5	15
Tufted Puffin		1			1

*present, numbers not recorded

FEBRUARY FIELD TRIP REPORT

Dr. Arnold led the following participants on the February 12 field trip to Bodega Bay: Gordon Bolander, Mike Parmeter, Adeene Nelligan, Ruth Hawksley, Betty Burrige, Clarence Wolcott, Linda Phillips, Marion Dolgireff, Hal Corey and John R. Arnold.

A total of 82 species were seen that day:

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| Common Loon | Turkey Vulture | Black Phoebe |
| Red-throated Loon | Sharp-shinned Hawk | Scrub Jay |
| Red-necked Grebe | Red-tailed Hawk | Common Raven |
| Horned Grebe | American Kestrel | Common Crow |
| Eared Grebe | Calif. Quail | Bushtit |
| Western Grebe | Ring-necked Pheasant | Winter Wren |
| Double-cr. Cormorant | American Coot | Bewick's Wren |
| Brandt's Cormorant | Black Oystercatcher | Long-billed Marsh Wren |
| Pelagic Cormorant | Killdeer | Mockingbird |
| Cr. Blue Heron | Black-bellied plover | American Robin |
| Great Egret | Ruddy Turnstone | Hermit Thrush |
| Snowy Egret | Black Turnstone | Ruby-crowned kinglet |
| Bl-Cr. Night Heron | Whimbrel | Water Pipit |
| White-fronted Goose | Willet | Starling |
| Mallard | Dunlin | Orange-crowned warbler |
| Pintail | Sanderling | Yellow-rumped warbler |
| Green-winged Teal | Marbled Godwit | Yellowthroat |
| Cinnamon Teal | Glaucous-winged Gull | House Sparrow |
| American Wigeon | Western Gull | Western Meadowlark |
| Northern Shoveler | Herring Gull | Red-winged Blackbird |
| Canvasback | Ring-billed Gull | House Finch |
| Greater Scaup | Mew Gull | Rufous-sided Towhee |
| Common Goldeneye | Bonaparte's Gull | Brown Towhee |
| Bufflehead | Gr. Horned Owl | White-crowned sparrow |
| Wh-winged Scoter | Anna's Hummingbird | Golden-crowned Sparrow |
| Surf Scoter | Belted Kingfisher | Fox Sparrow |
| Ruddy Duck | Common Flicker | Song Sparrow |
| Red-br. Merganser | | |

OBSERVATIONS

Bob McLean reported seeing a Laysan Albatross at the Cordell Banks out of Bodega Bay, while on a fishing expedition.

We (Les and Melanie Perry) have observed a pair of Cooper's Hawks around our property for about 1½ weeks. They appear to be building a nest and we have seen them carrying branches and twigs of various sizes. Unfortunately, they appear to be building their nest in either the Redstart's eucalyptus or the nearby redwood.

Gail Scott saw and heard a Black Rail on Tubbs Island Preserve on February 14 and then again on February 26. She also reported that the Marsh Hawks and Red-tails have begun their courtship displays.

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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, Sonoma State College, 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.

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