

# KITE TALKS

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## CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS . . . . .

October 8, Saturday, 8:00 a.m.: Field Trip to Marin Headlands,  
"Hawk Lookout", Rodeo Lagoon

Terry Babineaux and Betty Burridge will lead a field trip to southwestern Marin County. The fall migration will be in full swing and ANYTHING can appear. The Hawk lookout can be expected to produce most of our usual raptors with an excellent possibility of a sighting of broad-winged hawks. The trees at Battery Wallace regularly shelter rare eastern warblers at this time of year. Bring a picnic lunch. Meet at the 2nd Sausalito Exit of Hwy. 101 South (the last exit before going onto the Golden Gate Bridge) or carpool at 7:00 a.m. at the Safeway Parking lot on Rohnert Park Expressway.

October 13, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.: RROS meeting.

Dr. John Arnold and Benjamin (Mike) D. Parmeter will show slides of their summer trip to Costa Rica - a program you won't want to miss.

October 16, Sunday: Fall Pelagic Trip

Set this day aside for a boat trip from Bodega Bay to the Cordell Banks, some 30 miles out on the "Finback". Early reservations are recommended for this trip which traditionally fills up rapidly once the word is out. Make checks payable to RROS in the amount of \$17.00 per person and send to: Adeene Nelligan, 5424 Alta Monte Drive, Santa Rosa, CA, 95404. If making more than one reservation please include name and address of each additional participant.

October 22, Saturday, 9:30 a.m.: Peregrine Falcon Symposium

The National Audubon Society is sponsoring a symposium on "The Current Status of Peregrine Falcon Populations in North America", to be held at the Oakland Museum. Representatives of both private organizations and public agencies will present a discussion on current population trends and recovery efforts to restore Peregrine Falcon populations. Registration for the symposium will be by mail only. No tickets will be sold at the door. To register, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope and a check made payable to the National Audubon Society for \$3.50 per person to:

Peregrine Falcon Symposium  
National Audubon Society  
376 Greenwood Beach Rd.  
Tiburon, CA 94920

SEPTEMBER FIELD TRIP REPORT . . . . .

Forty-six species were seen on Tubbs Island and one species, the Northern Phalarope, was seen on Lakeville Highway. Twenty-two observers saw the following on the Island:

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| Double-crested Cormorant  | Marbled Godwit       |
| Great Blue Heron          | American Avocet      |
| Great Egret               | Black-necked Stilt   |
| Snowy Egret               | California Gull      |
| Black-crowned Night Heron | Ring-billed Gull     |
| Pintail                   | Forster's Tern       |
| Lesser Scaup              | Mourning Dove        |
| Turkey Vulture            | Violet-green Swallow |
| White-tailed Kite         | Rough-winged Swallow |
| Red-tailed Hawk           | Barn Swallow         |
| Marsh Hawk                | Cliff Swallow        |
| Am. Kestrel               | Common Crow          |
| Ring-necked Pheasant      | Bushtit              |
| Black Rail                | Mockingbird          |
| Semipalmated Plover       | Loggerhead Shrike    |
| Killdeer                  | Common Yellowthroat  |
| Black-bellied Plover      | Western Meadowlark   |
| Long-billed Curlew        | Red-winged Blackbird |
| Willet                    | Brewer's Blackbird   |
| Least Sandpiper           | House Finch          |
| Dunlin                    | American Goldfinch   |
| Short-billed Dowitcher    | Savannah Sparrow     |
| Western Sandpiper         | Song Sparrow         |

OBSERVATIONS . . . . .

A number of exciting fall migrants were seen this month - from a blackpoll and a waterthrush to a tree full of American Redstarts by Benjamin D. Parmeter and others. (Sorry I don't have more details - I received no written reports). Lynn Stafford was able to find quite a few screech owls to answer his calls after the September potluck at Sugarloaf. From August 28 until about September 15, a subadult male Hooded Warbler resided in our yard in Forestville and was seen by myself, Les Perry and Dr. John Arnold.

CALIFORNIA BIRDS

(From Monterey Bay to Condor Country)

The National Audubon Society's Whittell Education Center is sponsoring a natural history tour of several California habitats emphasizing the bird life unique to each of these areas.

This special six day tour will be highlighted by a pelagic trip out to Monterey Bay and a campout in the heart of condor country

BROS member Jon Winter, who has birded throughout the United States, Mexico and South America over the past 25 years, will lead this special California adventure.

The cost of this tour is \$295 per person and includes all meals, lodging and transportation. The trip will begin in Monterey on October 6, 1977 and return there on October 11. This newsletter may not reach you in time - if it does, call the Whittell Education in Tiburon at (415) 388-2524.

REMEMBER: Please send me items for KITE TALES, especially your observations so I can make a complete report. Articles and other information is also needed. This month's deadline is Monday, October 24.

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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, Sonoma State College, Rohnert Park.

Membership dues, payable in May, 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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