

# Kite Tales

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## COMING ATTRACTIONS

### October 7, Saturday: PRBO Bird-a-thon

This is just a reminder of the date. Hopefully, lots of RROS members have already signed up their sponsors or signed as sponsors themselves. This should be a fun and successful fund raised for PRBO.

### October 8, Sunday, 8 a.m. Field Trip to Point Reyes

Bring binoculars, field guides, lunch and a jacket and meet leader Mike Parmeter at the "fish docks" at Point Reyes. As you can see from the observations list, Point Reyes is the place to be at this time of year. (Ye Olde Editore humbly offers apologies over last months goof and wishes you to know that the proofreader has promised to be more careful!)

### October 12, Thursday, 7:30: RROS General Meeting

Bill Grummer, a ranger with the Napa Valley State Parks, will present a program on the raptors of Northern California. Dr. Arnold will give a short presentation on his continuing study of mockingbird distribution in the state.

### November 5, Sunday, 8 a.m. Field Trip to Bodega Bay

The leader of this trip will be Peter Connors of the Bodega Marine Lab. Meet at the Tides at 8 a.m. for an interesting trip.

### November 9, Thursday, 7:30 p.m. : RROS General Meeting

Lynn Lozier, Larry Serpa, Gail and Ralph Frazier will give a slide presentation of their summer trip. They spent three weeks traveling through Arizona, New Mexico, and along the Gulf Coast to the Okefenokee Swamp where they spent their time canoeing and taking photographs. The return trip took them through the Great Smoky Mountains and the Colorado Rockies.

### January 14-January 20: Marine and Terrestrial Biology of Baja California

Jack Arnold is co-instructor of an extension class offered by Cal State Chico. It is a "study voyage from San Diego to Cedros Island, San Benito Island, San Martin Island, Baja California." The total cost is \$495 for the week. Interested persons should contact Dr. Arnold at 707-664-2189.

## SEPTEMBER FIELD TRIP REPORT

Saturday got things going with some great finds at the mouth of the Carmel River. (see list) Of course, the point of the trip was going out to sea. Sunday, the sky was clear, temperatures mild and the seas were ah....er....not too calm. A few did manage to keep their breakfast. The birds did not fail us and we had some entertainment from both porpoise and dolphins. It was a fun trip with some good birds.

Common Loon	Whimbrel	Short-eared Owl
Arctic Loon	Spotted Sandpiper	Saw-whet Owl
Eared Grebe	Wandering Tattler	Poorwill
Western Grebe	Willet	Anna's Hummingbird
Pied-billed Grebe	Greater Yellowlegs	Acorn Woodpecker
Black-footed Albatross	Red Knot	Downy Woodpecker
Pink-footed Albatross	Surfbird	Nuttall's Woodpecker
Flesh-footed Albatross	Pectoral Sandpiper	Black Phoebe
Sooty Shearwater	Least Sandpiper	Western Flycatcher
Ashy Storm Petrel	Baird's Sandpiper	Barn Swallow
Black Storm Petrel	Dunlin	Stellar's Jay
Brown Pelican	Short-billed Dowitcher	Scrub Jay
Double-crested Cormorant	Western Sandpiper	Yellow-billed Magpie
Brandt's Cormorant	Sanderling	Common Crow
Pelagic Cormorant	Marbled Godwit	Chesnut-backed Chickadee
Great Blue Heron	American Avocet	Bushtit
Green Heron	Black-necked Stilt	Pygmy Nuthatch
Snowy Egret	Red Phalarope	Wrentit
Black-crowned Night Heron	Wilson's Phalarope	Winter Wren
Black Brant	Northern Phalarope	Bewick's Wren
Mallard	Pomarine Jaeger	Long-billed Marsh Wren
Pintail	Parasitic Jaeger	Swainson's Thrush
Green-winged Teal	Glaucous-winged Gull	Cedar Waxwing
Cinnamon Teal	Western Gull	Loggerhead Shrike
American Widgeon	Herring Gull	Starling
Surf Scoter	California Gull	Hutton's Vireo
Ruddy Duck	Ring-billed Gull	Red-eyed Vireo
Turkey Vulture	Heermann's Gull	Warbling Vireo
White-tailed Kite	Black-legged Kittiwake	Orange-crowned Warbler
Red-tailed Hawk	Sabine's Gull	Yellow Warbler
Marsh Hawk	Forster's Tern	McGillivray's Warbler
Merlin	Arctic Tern	Common Yellowthroat
American Kestrel	Elegant Tern	Wilson's Warbler
California Quail	Caspian Tern	House Sparrow
Virginia Rail	Common Murre	Western Meadowlark
Sora	Pigeon Guillemot	Red-winged Blackbird
American Coot	Xantu's Murrelet	Brewer's Blackbird
Black Oystercatcher	Cassin's Auklet	Brown-headed Cowbird
Semipalmated Plover	Rhinoceros Auklet	House Finch
Snowy Plover	Band-tailed Pigeon	Pine Siskin
Killdeer	Rock Dove	American Goldfinch
Black-bellied Plover	Mourning Dove	Lesser Goldfinch
Ruddy Turnstone	Screech Owl	Brown Towhee
Black Turnstone	Great-horned Owl	Savannah Sparrow
Long-billed Curlew	Pygmy Owl	Dark-eyed Junco
		White-crowned Sparrow
		Song Sparrow

#### SEPTEMBER MEETING AND POTLUCK

The potluck was a success with lots of good food and good friends and birds: Pygmy Owl, Screech Owl, Great-horned Owl, and Poorwill...a great way to start the year.

OBSERVATIONS

As Fall progresses, the migrants and vagrants are pouring in. It looks like a good year for the birds.

Sept. 14-Lewis Woodpecker over Highway 121, north of Sears Point. (CT,ET)

Sept. 23-Least Terns at Limantour. (JM)

Sept. 24-Golden Plovers and Rose-breasted Grosbeak at Point Reyes.

Sept. 24-Blackpoll Warbler, Red-eyed Vireo, Magnolia Warbler, Lewis Woodpecker at Point Reyes. (MP,JP,DE)

Oct. 1-Large numbers of White Pelicans in the salt ponds along hiway 37. (KM,GM)

Summer Tanager at Nicasio Baseball Field.

(Observers: Clarence Tucker, Eleanor Tucker, Mike Parmeter, John Parmeter, Doug Ellis, Jim Matzinger, Gerry Mugele, Kathy Mugele.) Beginning with the November Kite Tales, John Parmeter will be the observations editor. Please call him with any and all sightings of interest:

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Remember, the input must come from you! The more we get, the better this will be!

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING

Christmas Count time is just around the corner. Our compilers this year are:

John Parmeter (255-6757) and

John Sterling (963-7352)

Let's give them all the support we can!

Christmas Count Dates

Dec. 16- Point Reyes

Dec. 17- RROS

Dec. 23- ?

Dec. 24- Lake County (Jim Matzinger (707-928-5376) and Gerry Mugele (707-938-2134).

Dec. 30- Southern Marin County (Phil Schaeffer (415-388-2524).

Dec. 31- Western Sonoma County (Betty Burr ridge (707-527-0225).

BIRDS OF SONOMA COUNTY

Mike Parmeter's book is available now! We've persuaded him to bring copies to the next RROS meeting. It will be possible to obtain an autographed copy if you come to the meeting. You can also mailorder copies from Mike. Send a check for \$4.74 (\$4.00 + \$.24 tax + \$.50 postage and handling) to:

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ONE LAST TIME

As of this mailing, we have 31 paid up members in RROS. We have a mailing list of 75. Please pay your dues if you have not already done so. Mail them to: Ruth Hawksley

51 Shadyleaf Ct.

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Dues are: \$6.00 family, \$4.50 individuals, \$2.00 students.)

