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COMING ATTRACTIONS

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

The leader of this trip will be Pete Connors of the Bodega Marine Lab. Meet at the Tides upper parking lot at 8 a.m. Bring all the usual amenities.

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 time canoeing and taking photographs. The return trip took them through the Great Smoky Mountains and the Rockies.

November 20, Monday, 7:30 p.m. Madrone Audubon General Meeting

"What's that bird?"...Experienced birders will describe techniques focusing upon "naming that bird" for the Christmas counts. This was an interesting and fun meeting last year...there is always something new to learn. Non-members are welcome. Meeting is held at the First Presbyterian Church, 1550 Pacific Ave. Santa Rosa.

December 2, Saturday, 8 a.m. Napa County Loop Trip

Dr Jack Arnold will lead a trip starting from St. Francis Shopping Center at the corner of Highway 12 and Calistoga Road. It will cover Trinity Road, Conn Dam-Lake Hennessey, Pope Valley, Middletown and return. Meet at the St. Francis parking lot to carpool.

Christmas Count Dates (Plan ahead to get your favorite territories!)

Dec. 16--Point Reyes

Dec. 17--RROS(Santa Rosa) Territories will be assigned at the Nov. 9 RROS meeting or call John Parmeter (255-6757) or John Sterling (963-7352).

Dec. 23--Lake County Both compilers of this coun belong to RROS. There will be Lake County people helping on our count. Let's return the favor. Call Jim Matzinger (707-928-5376) or Gerry Mugele (938-2134).

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

Dec. 31--Western Sonoma County--Betty Burr ridge (527-0225) This is a count we should all help with, too...a great way to end the year.

Monterey Pelagic Excursions

Due to an ever-increasing demand for pelagic trips, the following excursions are offered:

Nov. 12 Sunday--tickets available--Herb Clark, leader

Dec. 10 Sunday-- " " --to be announced

Jan. 6 Saturday-- " " "

Jan. 13 Saturday-- " " "

Feb. 11 Sunday-- " " "

All trips depart from Fisherman's Wharf aboard Benji's "Spirit of 76" at 8 a.m. and return about 3 p.m. A prominent leader, familiar with seabirds, will accompany each trip. Each trip is \$15 per person. Reservations can be made by sending a check payable to Debi Robinson 935 Lighthouse Av #2 Pacific Grove, Ca. 93950. Please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope for confirmation. Additional information may be obtained from Debi at 408-375-0767.

OCTOBER FIELD TRIP---Point Reyes---Mike Parmeter, leader

Common Loon	Western Gull	Red-throated Pipit
Western Grebe	California Gull	Starling
Brown Pelican	Ring-billed Gull	Nashville Warbler
Brandt's Cormorant	Rock Dove	Yellow Warbler
Pelagic Cormorant	Great Horned Owl	Black-throated Gray Warbler
Great Blue Heron	Burrowing Owl	Worm-eating Warbler
Snowy Egret	Anna's Hummingbird	Blackpoll Warbler
Mallard	Common Flicker	House Sparrow
Surf Scoter	Black Phoebe	Western Meadowlark
Ruddy Duck	Horned Lark	Red-winged Blackbird
Turkey Vulture	Scrub Jay	Tricolored Blackbird
Red-tailed Hawk	Common Raven	Brewer's Blackbird
American Kestrel	Winter Wren	House Finch
American Coot	Bewick's Wren	Brown Towhee
Killdeer	Marsh Wren	Savannah Sparrow
Black-bellied Plover	Rock Wren	Dark-eyed Junco
Willet	Western Bluebird	Clay-colored Sparrow
Least Sandpiper	Golden-crowned Kinglet	White-crowned Sparrow
Sanderling	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	Golden-crowned Sparrow
Glaucous-winged Gull	Water Pipit	Fox Sparrow
		Song Sparrow

PRBO Bird-a-thon

The official results aren't available yet, but if everyone did as well as RROS members, it must have been a success. David Lowe of Lake County had 90 species at \$3 per species. John and Mike had a big day of 156 species at \$5 per.

SANDERLINGS

Peter and Carolyn Connors have been color banding Sanderlings at Bodega Bay. They would appreciate reports of birds seen outside the Bodega area. They need to know the exact color of the bands and where and when the bird was seen. (Bodega Marine Lab P.O. Box 247 Bodega, Ca. 94923)

ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS

The following are revisions that should be made to the Napa County Check List as compiled by Wayne Tillay:

I. Additions

1. Arctic Loon*
2. Parasitic Jaeger*
3. Townsend's Warbler
4. Summer Tanager (hypothetical)
5. Green-tailed Towhee (hypo)

II. Deletions

1. Oldsquaw

III. Change of Status

1. Whimbrel
2. Short-billed Dowitcher (more than 5 records)
3. Thayer's Gull (more than 5 records)
4. Vermilion Flycatcher (hypo to accidental)
5. Pinon Jay (accidental to hypo)

AVOID THE CHRISTMAS RUSH

What better present for your birder friends than a copy of BIRDS OF SONOMA COUNTY by Mike Parmeter and Gordon Bollander. Order your copies now by sending a check for \$4.74 (\$4.00 +\$.24 tax + \$.50 handling) to:

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OCTOBER SIGHTINGS---edited by John Parmeter

After a rather dull September, this October proved to be one of the most exciting in northern California history. Vagrants were reported in abundance. Most of the month's best finds were from Point Reyes, but several "goodies" were seen closer to home at Bodega Bay.

About 15 Sooty and 4 Pink-footed Shearwaters were seen from shore at the Pt. Reyes Lighthouse (hereafter PRL) on 10-21 (JP,JS,DE). A flock of 35 Canada Geese flew over Bodega Bay on 10-28 (DE). A Prairie Falcon was seen over the north end of Bodega Bay on 10-19 (DE) and a Single Peregrine was at Nunes Ranch, Pt. Reyes (NR) on 10-21 (JP, JS, DE) and at PRL on 10-28 (JP,MP). A single Am. Golden Plover was at the SE corner of Bodega Bay on 10-21 (BB). Six Lesser Yellowlegs were at the St. Helena sewer ponds 10-15 (JS)/ An adult Thayer's Gull was at the dump on Stage Gulch Road, Sonoma 10-15 (BM).

A late Ash-throated Flycatcher was at Sonoma State College on 10-18 (DE). At least 1 Red-throated Pipit remained at the Hall Ranch, Pt Reyes (HR) until 10-24 (DE) and was seen by many. A Yellow-green Vireo was at the north end of Lake Merced, S.F. 10-23 (JP,MP). A probable Red-eyed Vireo was at the Fish Docks, Pt. Reyes, on 10-21 (TB), however descriptions suggest the possibility of a Yellow-green.

Three Tennessee Warblers were reported from Pt. Reyes (JP, JS,MP,DE). A Female Black-throated Blue was at Middle Lake, Golden Gate Park 10-15 (DE), and a male was in the "owl canyon" at Bodega Bay 10-19 (DE). The latter represents the first Sonoma County record. A Cerulean Warbler was near the Mendoza Ranch, Pt Reyes 10-15 (JW) and was still present on 10-16 (DH, DE, HC, MS, JP). A Chesnut-sided was at NR on 10-14 (JP, MP, DE). A single Blackpoll was at Mendoza Ranch 10-14 (MP, JP, DE). Nine Palm Warblers were reported from Pt. Reyes 10-14 to 10-28 MP, JP, DE, JS). Three were reported from Bodega Bay: 1 on the Head 10-21 (JW) and 2 at the "rail ponds" on 10-28 (DE). A Northern Waterthrush, the 2nd Sonoma County record, was at the "rail ponds" 10-18 (DE) and remained at least until 10-28 (DE). It was seen by many (JW, BB, HC).

An Orchard Oriole was at NR 10-24 (DE, HC, MS) and again on 10-28 (JP, MP)
A "Baltimore" Oriole and a "Bullocks" were together there 10-28 (JP, MP).
A "Slate-colored" Junco was at NR 10-28 (JP). A Tree Sparrow was PRL (10-28) (JP, MP). A Clay-colored Sparrow was at NR 10-21 (JP, JS, DE) and

again on 10-28 (JP, MP). Single White-throated Sparrows were at NR 10-14 (MP, JP) and 10-21 (JP, DE). A Swamp Sparrow was at Olema Marsh Marin County 10-28 (MP, JP). A McCown's Longspur, found by Joe Morlan was at HR 10-16 (JP) and 10-28 (MP, JP). Chesnut-collared Longspurs and Lapland Longspurs were present at HR from 10-14 on; high counts were of 6 Chesnut-collared 10-24 (DE,HC,MS) and 4 Laplands on 10-28 (JP,MP).

Observers: Ted Beedy, Betty Burrridge, Hal Corey, Doug Ellis, Deyea Harper, Bob McLean, John Parmeter, Mike Parmeter, Marisela de Santa Ana (MS), John Sterling, Jon Winter.

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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.

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