

Kite Tales

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COMING ATTRACTIONS

November 13, Thursday, 7:30 p.m. RROS General Meeting

Bring-your-own slides night is here again. This is one of our best and most fun programs. Bring 10-15 of your favorite bird-related slides and be ready for a good show!

November 15, Saturday, Field Trip to Willow Creek Canyon

Meet leader Mike Parmeter at 5 a.m. at the Coleman Valley Overlook (2.3 miles west of the intersection of Coleman Valley and Joy Roads). As many as 5 species of owls can be heard from this point. Meet in Occidental at 8 a.m. if you can't make the early bird session. Then out Coleman Valley and Willow Creek Canyon to the Russian River Mouth.

ATTENTION!

This is the November Kite Tales. It is the last issue you will receive if you have not paid your dues. (There is an asterisk on your address label if our records show that your dues have not been paid.) Please send your dues to Ellen Falconer 1151 Corby Av Santa Rosa, Ca 95401 (Family--\$6.00, Individual--\$4.50, Student--\$2.00)

CHRISTMAS

Plan ahead to attend your favorite Christmas Count(s). They need all the help they can get!

Point Reyes	Dec 20	Jules Evans
Santa Rosa (RROS)	Dec 21	Gerry Mugele 938-2134
Golden Gate	Dec 21	Doug Gomke
Western Sonoma Cty	DEc 28	Betty Burridge 527-0225
		Deyea Harper 542-1542
So. Marin County	Jan 3	
Lake County	Jan 4	Jim Matzinger 928-5376
		Mary Manning 263-4433
Arroyo Cheap Thrills	Jan 4	Dave Shuford

Contact Gerry Mugele if you'd like to help with our (RROS') Christmas Count.

THE BOOK

Birds of Sonoma County is still available. Send a check for \$4.74 (\$4.00 + .24 tax + .50 handling) to Dr John Arnold 199 Calistoga Rd Santa Rosa, Ca 95404, or contact Dr Arnold or Deyea Harper at a meeting. New members should be interested in this informative book by Gordon Bollander and Benjamin D Parmeter.

FIELD TRIP RESULTS

Betty Burridge led 16 birders to Pt Reyes on October 12th to observe 78 species including Blackpoll Warbler and American Redstart.

Common Loon
Horned Grebe

Willet
Least Sandpiper

Golden-crowned Kinglet
Ruby-crowned Kinglet

Eared Grebe	Western Sandpiper	Starling (boo hiss)
Western Grebe	Marbled Godwit	Yellow-rumped Warbler
Pied-billed Grebe	Northern Phalarope	(Myrtle & Audubon's)
Brown Pelican	Glaucous-winged Gull	Townsend's Warbler
Double-crested Cormorant	Western Gull	Bl.-throated Green Warbler
Pelagic Cormorant	Ring-billed Gull	Hermit Warbler
Great Blue Heron	Heermann's Gull	Blackpoll Warbler
American Wigeon	Common Murre	American Redstart
White-winged Scoter	Pigeon Guillemot	House Sparrow
Surf Scoter	Rock Dove	Western Meadowlark
Ruddy Duck	Great-horned Owl	Red-winged Blackbird
Turkey Vulture	Anna's Hummingbird	Tricolored Blackbird
Cooper's Hawk	Belted Kingfisher	Brewer's Blackbird
Red-tailed Hawk	Common Flicker	House Finch
Ferruginous Hawk	Black Phoebe	Pine Siskin
Northern Harrier	Say's Phoebe	American Goldfinch
American Kestrel	Horned Lark	Red Crossbill
California Quail	Scrub Jay	Rufous-sided Towhee
Sora	Common Raven	Brown Towhee
American Coot	Common Crow	White-crowned Sparrow
Black Oystercatcher	Winter Wren	Golden-crowned Sparrow
Killdeer	Rock Wren	Fox Sparrow
Black-bellied Plover	Western Bluebird	Lincoln's Sparrow
Spotted Sandpiper	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	Song Sparrow

The Bodega offshore trip on October 19th was blessed with good weather, good birds and a good turnout. Twenty-five species were seen from the boat including 4 Humpback Whales and 2 Dall Porpoises.

Red-necked Grebe (1)	Herring Gull (4)
Northern Fulmar (2)	California Gull (50)
Pink-footed Shearwater (10)	Mew Gull (1)
New Zealand Shearwater (75)	Bonaparte's Gull (1)
Sooty Shearwater (15)	Sabine's Gull (1)
Ashy Storm Petrel (1)	Common Murre (25)
Pintail (25)	Pigeon Guillemot (2)
Red Phalarope (500)	Xantu's Murrelet (2)
Pomarine Jaeger (12)	Cassin's Auklet (500)
Skua (1)	Rhinoceros Auklet (6)
Glaucous-winged Gull	Humpback Whale (4)
Western Gull (150)	Dall Porpoises

OBSERVATIONS--by Mike Parmeter

A Common Loon was heard calling at Bodega Harbor on Oct 9 (Susanne Luther). Two Northern Fulmars were seen at the Cordelle Banks on Oct 19 (RROS). On the same trip ten Pink-footed Shearwaters, 75 New Zealand and 15 Sooty Shearwaters were seen (RROS). An Ashy Storm Petrel was near the Cordelle Banks also (Jon Winter, Benjamin D Parmeter). On Oct 6 at Monterey Bay, both Ashy and Black Storm Petrels were seen (BDP). An adult Green Heron was at the Rail Ponds at Bodega Bay on Oct 11 (Doug Ellis). Three Am. Bitterns were present in the east arm of Abbotts Lagoon on Oct 21 (BDP), as was a single Cackling-type Canada Goose (BDP). Dan Nelson saw a European Wigeon at the Muddy Hollow Pond at Limantour on Oct 10. The Cassini Pond at Duncan Mills had 3 male and 8 female Wood Ducks on Sept 25 (DE, BDP). A single Redhead was Bridgehaven on Sept 25 (DE, BDP) and 8 were seen along Black Point Cutoff on Oct 15 (Rick Lebadour). Tje Tufted Duck was seen at the Muddy

Hollow Pond on Oct 3 (DE). It was not there when looked for on Oct 20. Black Scoters had arrived at Salmon Creek on Oct 15 (DE). Common Mergansers were at Bridgehaven on Sept 25 (DE, BDP). An immature Ferruginous Hawk was studied at the Mendoza Ranch on Oct 12 (RROS). Two adult Golden Eagles were at Bridgehaven On Sept 25 (DE, BDP); one adult and one immature were at Salmon Creek on Oct 12 (Gerry Mugele); and one adult was at Novato on Oct 7 (RL). A single Black Rail was heard calling at the Port Chicago marsh on Oct 8 (DE). On Oct 4, a Piping Plover was present in a flock of Snowy Plovers on the beach at Morro Bay (John Parmeter, John Sterling, BDP). A single Mountain Plover was in the same flock. Golden Plovers were seen in the field at the RCA Station on Oct 12 (Dave Shuford).

Three Red Knots were at Doran Park on Oct 10 (Sean Carpenter, Ruth Hawksley, Hal Corey). Five hundred Red Phalarope were present on the offshore trip on Oct 19 (RROS). Twelve Pomarine Jaegers were seen on the same trip, two with long central tail feathers (RROS). A single Sabine's Gull was seen on this trip (BDP) as well as a single Skua (JW). Three Elegant Terns were seen at Black Point Cutoff on Oct 6 (RL), and subsequently 50 birds were present there (DE). Two Xantus's Murrelets were seen on the Oct 19 trip (JW, DS, BDP). On Oct 6, 2 Craveri's Murrelets were seen on a Monterey offshore trip (JP, BDP).

A White-winged Dove at the new Willows on Oct 13 is an excellent record (GM). It had been seen earlier this fall on two occasions. Three Saw-whet Owls were heard in the early a.m. on the Limantour Road on Sept 27 (DE, BDP). A Poorwill was seen near Palomarin on Oct 19 (DS, BDP). Three Poorwills were heard calling on Cave-dale Rd on Sept 27 (DE). There were several sightings for Pileated Woodpecker, all from Sonoma County. A Tropical Kingbird was at Goleta, Santa Barbara Cty on Oct 16 (JS). A North Am. Dipper was seen along Austin Creek about 4 miles north of Cazadero on Sept 25 (BDP, DE). Birds have been seen at this location many times in the past. Two Red-throated Pipits were at the Santa Maria River mouth in Ventura Co. on Oct 18 (JS). A Philadelphia Vireo was at the Carmel River on Oct 21 (JS). Black-and-white Warblers were reported from the Carmel River on Oct 6 (JP, BDP) and from Goviota State Park on Oct 16 (JS). A Lucy Warbler was at Goleta on Oct 15 (JS). A single Tennessee Warbler was reported at the Nunes Ranch on Sept 27 (BDP, DE). An immature Magnolia Warbler was well studied at the lighthouse living quarters at Pt Reyes on Sept 27 (JW, BDP, DE). A Black-throated Green Warbler was seen at the Fish Docks on Oct 12 (RROS) and an adult male was at the Mendoza Ranch on Oct 19, 20, 21 (BDP). A Bay-sided Warbler was seen at the Mendoza Ranch on Oct 12 (DN). A male Black-throated Blue Warbler was at the Fish Docks on Sept 27 (JW, BDP, DE) and a female was there on Oct 20 (BDP). There were multiple reports of Blackpoll Warblers, with one being seen at Bodega Harbor on Oct 11 (Glenn Clifton). Palm Warblers were at Bodega on Oct 11 (GC) and another on Oct 11 and Oct 15 (DE). An adult male American Redstart was singing in the canyon on the west side of Bodega Harbor on Oct 9 (SL). A Blackburnian Warbler was seen at the Nunes Ranch on Sept 27 (BDP, JW, DE). A Red Crossbill was at the Pt Reyes Lighthouse living quarters on Oct 12 (RROS). Lapland Longspurs are back at the Hall Ranch in good numbers, up to 15 birds. They are easily seen, with the bulls' permission.

Write or call Mike Parmeter with any interesting sighting. (2500 Emerson St
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