

Kite Tales

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COMING ATTRACTIONS

September 10, Thursday, 6p.m. RROS General Meeting and Potluck Supper

Our first meeting will be held at the group picnic area of Sugarloaf Ridge State Park. Bring food to share and your own plates, cups and utensils. After a short business meeting, we will adjourn to owling and poorwilling. Plan to be there and bring a friend. There will be no admission charge to RROS members and guests.

September 26, Saturday, PRBO Birdathon

Contact PRBO-Mono Lake Birdathon, box 321, Bolinas, Ca 94924, if you are interested in participating or sponsoring someone in this fun fundraising event.

September 27, Sunday, 8am, Field Trip to Marin Headlands

Rick Lebadour will lead this trip to watch for migrating hawks. Meet at Rodeo Lagoon at 8 am. Bring a lunch and something warm-the coast can be cold! (Take Highway 101 south to last Sausalito exit; after exiting, turn right, under freeway, to road going through tunnel out to Fort Cronkite and Rodeo Lagoon.

FIELD TRIP RESULTS

Our annual Ida Clayton trip produced the following results...in addition, the group traveled over to Rockpile Road where they added Blue Grouse (new to the RROS lifelist), Vaux Swift and Yellow-breasted Chat.

Turkey Vulture 4	Cliff Swallow 4	Yellow Warbler 2
White-tailed Kite 1	Steller's Jay 6	Black-throated Gray Warbler 2
* Red-tailed Hawk 1	Scrub Jay 6	McGillivray's Warbler 2
American Kestrel 1	Common Raven 2	Wilson's Warbler 4
California Quail 6	Common Crow 4	Western Meadowlark 4
Mountain Quail 8	Chesnut-backed Chickadee 4	Red-winged Blackbird 20
Band-tailed Pigeon 8	Plain Titmouse 2	Northern Oriole 3
Mourning Dove 5	Bushtit 6	Brewer's Blackbird 20
White-throated Swift 6	White-breasted Nuthatch 2	Brown-headed Cowbird 2
Anna's Hummingbird 8	Brown Creeper 4	Western Tanager 10
Belted Kingfisher 1	Wrentit 6	Black-headed Grosbeak 10
Common Flicker 2	House Wren 2	Lazuli Bunting 2
Pileated Woodpecker 2	Bewick's Wren 8	Purple Finch 10
Acorn Woodpecker 8	California Thrasher 5	House Finch 8
Downy Woodpecker 1	American Robin 12	Pine Siskin 10
Nuttall's Woodpecker 2	Western Bluebird 15	Lesser Goldfinch 20
Ash-throated Flycatcher 4	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher 2	Rufous-sided Towhee 8
Black Phoebe 1	Cedar Waxwing 15	Brown Towhee 6
Western Flycatcher 8	Starling 5	Lark Sparrow 4
Western Wood Pewee 8	Hutton's Vireo 5	Rufous-crowned Sparrow 6
Olive-sided Flycatcher 2	Warbling Vireo 10	Sage Sparrow 5

FIELD TRIP RESULTS (cont)

Violet-green Swallow	10	Orange-crowned Warbler	10	Dark-eyed Junco	10
Rough-winged Swallow	2	Nashville Warbler	6	Chipping Sparrow	2
*Red Shouldered Hawk	1	*Solitary Vireo	4	Song Sparrow	2

A LETTER

Dear Ellen:

Have been a member of the RROS for many years, but I now feel that it is time for me to resign. I made many friends and enjoyed any number of splendid field trips, but living so far from your center of activities I find it increasingly difficult to attend.

In addition, I feel inactive members are of no benefit to any organization. With kindest regards to you and all the members,

Bob Failing

We accept Bob's resignation with regret...and wish him to know that he is welcome as a guest anytime!

DUES

Dues payment can be mailed to Ellen Falconer 1151 Corby Av Santa Rosa 95401 or given to her at the meeting. Dues are: \$6.00 for family, \$4.50 for individuals, &2.00 for students. Ellen also has Sonoma State Field Cards available for 10¢ each.

OBSERVATIONS--Gerry Mugele

Horned Grebe at Lakeville Sewer Ponds on 5-9 (Doug Ellis, Dan Nelson, Betty Burrige). One Canada Goose near Lakeville Sewer Ponds on same date (DE, DN, BB). A Sonoma County breeding record was established on the same day, same place when a hen Pintail was seen with 5 young (DE, DN, BB). Lesser Scaup was at Bodega Bay on 6-5, 6-6--an unusual sighting for June (DE). Harlequin Duck on 6-13 at Sea Ranch (RROS).

Blue Grouse at Olmstead Point in Yosemite on 7-12 (Jean Smith, Hal Corey, Olive Corey). A total of 5 were observed (or heard) on 5-16 near Rockpile Road by RROS.

One Black Rail near the mouth of the Petaluma River on 5-9 (DE). Black Rails (21!) were counted by Doug at Port Chicago on 6-29. Ruddy Turnstone at Bodega Bay on June 7 (John Parmeter, Mike Parmeter, DE). Four Whimbrel at Bodega on 7-21 (Stan Carpenter, HC). Six Lesser Yellowlegs were at Salmon Creek on 7-31 (DE). One Red Knot at Bodega Harbor on 7-28 (SC, HC). One Baird's Sandpiper at Bodega Harbor on 7-28 (SC, HC). American Avocet on nest on 5-31 at west end of Frates Road, Petaluma (DE). Four young Avocets were seen in the same area on 7-1 (DE). This is a new county breeding record. Black-necked Stilts (35) were seen in the same area including many young (DE, JP, Phil Lenna). On July 15, Wilson's Phalaropes were seen at Bridgeport Sewer Ponds (HC, OC, JS). Sixteen were seen at the end of Frates Road on 7-1 (DE, JP, PH).

Elegant Terns were first seen at Bodega Bay on 7-28 (Roger Marlowe, SC, HC). Forty-one were seen on 7-31 (DE) with at least 20 remaining thru 8-17. A Least Tern was at Bodega Bay on 7-13 (DE). A Black Tern was at Salmon Creek on 8-17 (DE). On 6-7, Rhinoceros Auklets were seen off Bodega Head (JP, BDP). One Tufted Puffin was at the same place (JP, BDP). Twenty Tufted Puffins and

10-20 Rhinoceros Auklets were at Fish Rocks in Mendocino County on 6-13 (RROS).

15 Common Nighthawks at Bridgeport Lake on 7-15 (H&OC, JS). Red Breasted, Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers nesting at Gualala River on 6-13 (DE, JP, BDP). Dusky Flycatcher was seen at Yosemite on 7-11 (H&OC, JS). A Gray Flycatcher found by Doug Ellis at Owl Canyon on 7-31 is a county first.

Forty + Bank Swallows were near Glenn on 6-17 (JP, Terry Colborn, David La Follette). 3 Purple Martins 6-1 at Lurcerne (Lake County) (Joel Hornstein). 1 Gray Jay was seen at Van Damme State Park on 5-31 (jh).

Hermit & Wilson's Warblers were at Owl Canyon 7-31 (DE). An Indigo Bunting was on the Fort Ross Road (near Cazadero) on 6-14 (mob). Pine Grosbeaks were seen on 7-11 in Yosemite (H&OC, JS). Gray-Crowned Rosy Finches were at Tioga Pass on 7-12 (H&OC, JS). And Seven Red Crossbills were seen at McKerricker Beach State Park 5-31 (JH).

Send us in your cards and letters and tell us about your sightings. You can contact either Dan Nelson or Gerry Mugele.....and tell us what ya saw this summer.

Organized in 1962, the purpose of the club is to encourage the study and conservation of birds, other wildlife and their habitat.

Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month, September thru May, at 7:30 PM in room #221 of Darwin Hall, Sonoma State University, Rohnert Park.

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