

# Kite Tales

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## COMING ATTRACTIONS

### December 10, Thursday, 7:30 p.m. RROS General Meeting

"Birding in Peru" with Mike and John Parmeter...all about their 1981 summer trip to remote areas where new species are still being discovered.

### December 20, Sunday Santa Rosa Christmas Bird Count

This will be our 22nd Christmas Count--and we're going to have a great one! Maybe it will be a little drier this year.

Supper will be potluck--bring a munchie, soup, drinks, cookies etc...and eating utensils. Arrival time for eating should be anytime after 5. Final compilation will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the Mugele home in Glen Ellen.

To get there--follow Highway 12 toward Sonoma, turn right at Madrone Rd--cross the bridge and turn right on to Woodside Court--15420 Woodside Ct.

## Other Christmas Counts

PRBO	December 19	Bob Yutzy	415-868-1221
Southern Marin	December 26	Diane Sierra	415-388-8679
Western Sonoma County	December 27	Betty Burrige	527-0225
Los Banos	December 29	Kurt Campbell	415-526-8328
Angwin	January 1	Wayne Tillay	965-2978
Arroyo Cheap Thrills	January 2	Dave Shuford	
Lake County	January 3	Jim Matzinger	928-5376

## 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 individual, \$2.00 for students. Ellen also has Sonoma State Field Cards for 10¢ each.

## OBSERVATIONS--Dan Nelson--762-6152

November was a fairly wet month, making the birds a little harder to find. None-the-less, many interesting birds were found in the area as winter birding begins.

A Northern Fulmar was seen from Bodega Head on 11-19 (DE). A White Pelican was at Spring Lake on 10-29 (HC).

## ANSERIFORMES

A "Cackling" Canada Goose was at Spring Lake Park on 11-20 (SC,HC). Two Brants were seen at Bodega Harbor on 11-8 (BDP,DE), and 2 were there again on 11-19 (DE). One male and 3 female Wood Ducks were found at Spring Lake on 11-20 (SC,HC), and 9 Ring-necked Ducks were there on 10-29. Hooded Mergansers were seen throughout the month at the Five Brooks Trailhead Pond in Marin County (MOB).

## FALCONIFORMES

Several Rough-legged Hawks were seen with singles at Sugarloaf State Park on

OBSERVATIONS--cont

on 11-18 (B&BR, HC, MOB), and 5 miles west of Petaluma on 11-27 (GM). Two Rough-legged Hawks were west of Valley Ford on 11-29 (DN). One Ferruginous Hawk was at Valley Ford on 11-1 (DN) and another was there on 11-8 (BDP,DE), and 2 Ferruginous Hawks were south of Napa on 11-7 (JM,TL). A sub-adult Golden Eagle was along Middle Two Rock Rd on 11-1 (DN). One Prairie Falcon was at the Clearlake Sewer Ponds on 11-17 (JM) and another was at the Kelseyville Sewer Ponds on 11-22 (JM,BH).

Fourteen Cattle Egrets were along Fulton Rd (RH,SC,HC) and 32 were along Laguna de Santa Rosa on 11-19 (DE). A Louisiana Heron was seen in mid-November at Elkhorn Slough, Monterey County.

CHARADRIIFORMES

On 11-14, 15 Surfbirds were counted at Bodega Head (HC). A Rock Sandpiper was seen at Bodega Head since mid-November (DE, DN, et al). As many as 50 Red Phalaropes were within Bodega Harbor in late November (HC, NC, RH, SC, DN, MOB). Single Red Phalaropes occurred inland at the Clearlake Sewer Ponds on 11-17 and at Kelseyville Sewer Ponds on 11-22 (JM, BH). Five Elegant Terns were at Bodega Harbor on 11-22 (DE, BDP), with one still there on 11-19 (DE). Two Ancient Murrelets were seen from Duncan's Landing on 11-18 (DE, BDP).

Thirty-five Band-tailed Pigeons were at Warm Springs Dam on 10-25 (HC, MOB). The sub-adult Spotted Owl found 9-26 at Russian Gulch remained there through 11-19, but hasn't been seen since. A Black-and-white Warbler was found-where else?-at Russian Gulch on 11-27 (DE). At the Hall Ranch, Marin County, the Skylark and both Chestnut-collared and Lapland Longspurs were seen throughout the month.

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