

# Kite Tales

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REDWOOD REGION ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY  
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## COMING ATTRACTIONS

### Sept. 9, Thursday, 6 p.m. RROS General Meeting & Potluck Supper

Our first meeting will be held at the group picnic area of Sugarloaf Ridge State Park. Bring your favorite food to share and your own silverware, plates and cups. Plan to come and bring a friend. There will be no admission charge to RROS members and guests.

### Sept. 18, Saturday, 8 a.m. Field Trip to Marin Headlands-Pt. Diablo

Meet at Rodeo Lagoon at 8 a.m. Bring a lunch and warm clothing - 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.) Come watch for migrating hawks. No leader yet - volunteers are welcome. Call Rick LeBaudour, 525-9158.

### September 25, Saturday, PRBO Birdathon

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

## DUES

Your Treasurer is accepting your dues payment NOW. Please mail to Roy Webb, 24 LaVista Way, San Rafael 94901, or give to him at the next meeting. Dues are: \$6.00 for a family, \$4.50 for individuals and \$2.00 for students. You must pay your dues in order to receive your Kite Tales!!

## ATTENTION...THERE'S A NEW 'NATURAL' GIFT SHOP

"Nature's Window", a retail gift store with an emphasis on nature opened this month at 2417 Magowan in the Montgomery Village Shopping Center. The owners are Deyea Harper and Adeene Nelligan. The shop will feature natural history books, binoculars, telescopes, china, daypacks, bird feeders, magnifying glasses, topo maps, globes, jewelry, stationery and many other nature oriented gifts. Store personnel will also provide trail maps, information and referrals on birding and hiking areas in Sonoma and Marin Counties, and will offer information on rare birds in northern California.

OBSERVATIONS -- Dan Nelson (762-6152)

A large flock of 250 plus Loons, mostly Red-throated, were seen in Bodega Bay on 8/3. A colony of 17 active Great Blue Heron nests were found at Lake Hennessey on 5/28. On 6/1, a Wood Duck with 11 young was seen on Spring Lake (all HC). A Fem. Oldsquaw was present at Bodega Harbor throughout June and early July (HC,DE). 50 Common Mergansers were seen near Bridgehaven on the Russian River on 7/8 (DE). A Virginia Rail with a young chick was seen at the Rail Ponds on 6/9 (HC). 2 Lesser Golden Plovers were in the south-east corner of Bodega Harbor on 8/29 (DN,LCB). 2 Wimbrel were at Gualala County Park on 6/4&5 (RROS). A Wandering Tattler was seen on Bodega Head on 7/8 (DE). A possible Semipalmated Sandpiper was seen at the Bodega Farm Pond on 7/17 (DE). 2 Elegant and 2 Common Terns were seen in Bodega Harbor on 8/29 (LCB, DN). 2 Marbled Murrelets were seen off Bodega Head on 8/29 (DN,LCB), and 1 Cassin's Auklet was seen from there on 7/17 (DE). A single Tufted Puffin was seen off Pt. Reyes on 6/25 (LCB, BDP, JA, DN). Several Flammulated Owls were heard on Hennessey Ridge, Mariposa Co. in early June (DN, DE). 3 Spotted Owls were heard along Annapolis Rd. on 6/4 (DE). 2 Great Grey Owls were observed at Peregoy Meadow in Yosemite on 7/24 (DE, HC). 4 Saw-whet Owls were also noted along Annapolis Rd. on 6/4 (DE). A Lesser Nighthawk graced Pt. Reyes on 6/18 (KVV). An apparent White-collared Swift was seen at Pt. St. George in Del Norte Co. in late May. If verified, this will be the 1st California record for this large Mexican Swift. Several Broad-tailed Hummingbirds were observed and probably nesting at Tollhouse Springs, Inyo Co. in late May (DN, DE). This is probably the best place to see this hard-to-find species in California. Black-backed Three-toed Woodpeckers were noted at Bridalveil Campground and Westfall meadow in Yosemite N.P. on 7/24 (DE, HC).

PASSERIFORMES

An Eastern Kingbird was seen at Pt. Reyes on 6/18 (KVV). Many RROS members saw good birds at Pt. Reyes throughout July. A list of Warblers is as follows:

Black and White (2)	(KVV, JP, BDP)
Tennessee	(BDP, JP)
Magnolia	(KVV)
Black-throated Blue	(BDP, JP)
Chestnut-sided	(KVV, JP, BDP)
Palm	(KVV)
Mourning	(DN, LCB, JP, BDP)
Ovenbird	(JA, LCB, DN, JP, BDP)

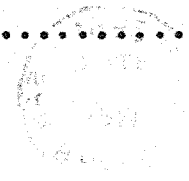
A Veery was seen on outer Pt. Reyes in mid June by some observers, but was probably only seen for a few days despite the fact it was reported later. A North American Dipper was noted along Austin Cr. on 7/11 (DE). Singing Virginia's Warblers were heard and seen at Cottonwood Creek, Inyo Co. in late May (DN, DE)

Observations -- Cont.

An imm. male American Redstart and a fem. Hooded Warbler were at Deep Springs, Inyo Co. on 5/31 (DE, DN). Several Rose-breasted Grosbeaks visited outer Pt. Reyes in early June (MOB). An Indigo Bunting was at Pt. Reyes on 6/18 (KVV). An Indigo X Lazuli Bunting was singing a scrambled song at Cottonwood Cr. on 6/1 (DN, DE). An Evening Grosbeak was heard and seen flying near Wohler Bridge along the Russian River on 6/26 (DN). 3 Red Crossbills were noted at Sea Ranch on 6/6 (DE). Rufous-crowned Sparrows have been discovered only Hwy #1 north of Jenner along the ocean on 5/29 (DE).

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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 habitat. Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month, Sept. thru May, at 7:30 pm in Rm 221 of Darwin Hall, Sonoma State College, Rohnert Park.

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