

# Kite Tales

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## COMING ATTRACTIONS

### October 14, Thursday, 7:30 p.m. RROSGeneral Meeting

Bring-your-own-slides night is here again. This is one of our best and most fun programs. Bring 10-12 of your favorite slides of birds, places and people...we have had some real puzzlers in the past so be ready for a good show!

### October 16, Saturday, 8 a.m. Field Trip to Bird Bodega Bay

Meet at the upper parking lot of the Tides Restaurant. Bring lunch, a jacket and friends to spend the day looking for fall migrants. If you are planning to go, contact field trip chairman, Rick LeBaudour. (525-9158)

### November 14, Sunday, 6:30 a.m., Offshore Trip to Cordelle Banks

See next months Kite Tales for details or contact Rick LeBaudour (525-9158) if you are interested in this offshore trip.

**\*\*NOTE:** There is still a slim possibility there may be a boat available in October!!

## DUES

Those members whose dues were not paid as of 9-20-82 have a "Notice from the Treasurer" enclosed with this months Kite Tales. Dues are: \$6.00 for a family; \$4.50 for individuals and \$2.00 for students. Please mail to Roy Webb, 24 LaVista Way, San Rafael 94901, or give to him at the next meeting. Keep your Kite Tales coming!!

## FIELD TRIP RESULTS

The September 18th field trip had a small turnout. The birding ranged from Pt. Diablo to Richardson Bay to Vallejo with the following results: (from a total of 90 species) a Rough-legged Hawk, 2 Peregrine Falcons, 2 Pectoral Sandpipers, a Northern Phalarope, a White-throated Swift and a flock of 300-400 White Pelicans.

## CHRISTMAS COUNTS ARE COMING

Announced dates (more to be announced)

Dec. 18 PRBO Pt. Reyes

Dec. 19 RROS Santa Rosa

Jan. 2 Madrone Audubon Western Sonoma County

KITE TALES DEADLINE: 25TH OF EACH MONTH

OBSERVATIONS -- Dan Nelson (762-6152)

While land birding has been fairly calm so far this fall, offshore birding on Monterey has been rewarding. Good numbers of New Zealand Shearwaters have been seen, and the very rare Streaked Shearwater has also been noted. This bird breeds in Japan, Korea and China and has been found only 3 times off California. Also on Monterey Bay, Wilson's and Least Storm Petrels have been found in the large flocks of Black & Ashy's. 56 White Pelicans were seen in Bodega Harbor on 9/7 (HC,RH,CW,SC). A single White-fronted Goose was at Bridgehaven on 9/25 (RL,RM). One Snow Goose was seen on Bodega Harbor on 9/24 (HC,CW,SC,RH). A Bar-headed Goose has been at Salmon Creek throughout the month, and is undoubtedly an escapee. A single Rough-legged Hawk was seen on the field trip to Pt. Diablo on 9/18 (RROS). A Prairie Falcon has been seen for the last few weeks near the Santa Rosa airport (RL,RM), and two Peregrine Falcons were seen near Tubbs Is. on 9/18 (RROS). A Merlin was seen at Duncan's Landing on 9/26 (DN,WN). Two Lesser Golden Plovers were seen in Bodega Harbor on 8/29 (DN,LCB). Most exciting was the Buff-breasted Sandpiper found at the Cader Ln. ponds on 9/2, which remained for several days (LCB, et.al). 2 Pectoral Sandpipers were at Salmon Creek on 9/26 (DN,WN). 9 Pectorals were at Richardson Bay on 9/25, and 2 more were at Bridgehaven the same day (both RL,RM). A single Baird's Sandpiper was at the north end on Bodega Harbor on 9/25 (RL,RM), and 3 Baird's were at the Cader Ln. Ponds on 9/2 (DN). Elegant Terns have been numerous along the coast, and 12 were at Salmon Cr. on 9/26 (DN,WN). Two Spotted Owls were heard in Willow Cr. Canyon on 9/25 (RL,RM). Two Screech Owls were noted after the RROS potluck at Sugarloaf State Park on 9/9 (RROS). Two imm. Pileated Woodpeckers were found at Jack London Park on 9/27 (HC,RH,SC,CW).

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The following is an excerpt from the Mt. Diablo Audubon bulletin "The Quail"

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THE QUAIL

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LUMPS, SPLITS, NAME CHANGES are many in the 34th Supplement to the AOU Checklist and the 6th edition AOU due next year. This updated list contains all documented species of Canada and the U.S., including Hawaii.

Lumps: Tundra (Whistling & Bewick's) Swan, Dark-Eyed (now includes Gray-Headed) Junco, Rosy (Black, Brown-Capped, Black-Crowned Rosy) Finch.

Splits: Manx & Black-Vented Shearwater, Yellow-Footed & Western Gull, Eastern & Western Screech-Owl, Common & Antillean Nighthawk, Yellow-Bellied (includes Red-Naped) & Red-Breasted Sapsucker, Tropical & Couch's Kingbird.

New names: Buller's (New Zealand) Shearwater, Tricolored (Louisian) Heron, Green-Backed (Green) Heron, Black-Shouldered (White-Tailed) Kite, Common Moorhen (Gallinule), Red-Necked (Northern) Phalarope, (Northern) 3-Toed Woodpecker, Black-Backed (3-Toed) Woodpecker, (Long-Billed) Marsh Wren; many others have American, Eurasian, Common or Northern added to old names, still other old names are now hyphenated.

Changes have been made in many other species which are lesser known to many of our members. Taxonomic order and scientific names are also greatly changed. Copies of the Supplement are available at \$3.00 each from G E Woolfenden, Biology, Univ. of South Florida, Tampa, FL 33620. I strongly urge you to send for one.

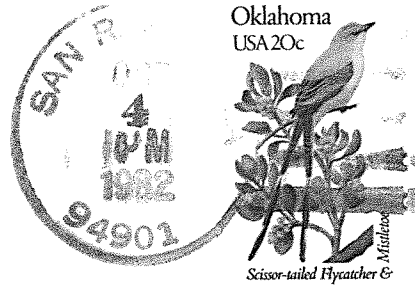
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Organized in 1962, the purpose of the club is to encourage the study and conservation of birds, other wildlife and their habitat. Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month, Sept. thru May, at 7:30 pm in Rm 221 of Darwin Hall, Sonoma State College, Rohnert Park.

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