

# Kite Tales

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## COMING ATTRACTIONS

November 11, Thursday, 7:30 P.M. RROS General Meeting

Program: "Wildlife of Tanzania and the Ascent of Mt. Kilimanjaro", pictures and narration by Clark Nattkemper, well known backpacker and Mountaineer.

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

Rick LeBaudour has gotten "The Crystal Sea" for our offshore trip. Meet at the Tides dock at 6:30 a.m. The cost is \$24.00 per person, the limit is 20 people with a minimum of 16. If you are planning to go, call Rick (525-9158) no later than Nov. 7th. Bring lunch, warm clothes, chum and sea sickness medication, if necessary. Please call as soon as possible!!

## Christmas Counts are Coming...

Announced dates for Christmas Counts are:

Dec. 18	PRBO	Point Reyes	
		Mt. Diablo	
		Lake County	
Dec. 19	RROS	Santa Rosa	
		Santa Clara	
		Oakland	
		Napa, Solano	
Dec. 25	Arroyo Cheap Thrills	(Dave Shuford)	
Dec. 30	Mono Lake		
Jan. 1	Southern Marin		
Jan. 2	Madrone Audubon	Western Sonoma County	
		Markleyville	

Our count will be held on Sunday, Dec. 19. The potluck supper will be held at the Wikiup Greens Clubhouse - thanks to Bob and Bertha Rains. Look for directions in the December Kite Tales. Be sure to contact Doug Ellis if you are interested in participating (P.O.Box 155, Eldridge, 95431). Let him know at the meeting if you have a special territory you would like..

## FIELD TRIP RESULTS

There were about 12 birders who enjoyed a beautiful, warm day at Bodega Bay on Saturday, October 16th. There was a total of 90 species:

Common Loon, Arctic Loon, Eared Grebe, Western Grebe, Pied-billed Grebe, White Pelican, Brown Pelican, Double-crested Cormorant, Brandt's Cormorant, Pelagic Cormorant, Great Blue Heron, Great

FIELD TRIP RESULTS (Cont.)

Snowy Egret, Black-crowned Night Heron, Pintail, Green-winged Teal, American Wigeon, Greater Scaup, Bufflehead, White-winged Scoter, Surf Scoter, Ruddy Duck, Turkey Vulture, White-tailed Kite, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Cooper's Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, Red-shouldered Hawk, Marsh Hawk, American Kestrel, California Quail, Virginia Rail, Sora, American Coot, Black Oystercatcher, Semipalmated Plover, Killdeer, Black-bellied Plover, Ruddy Turnstone, Black Turnstone, Wimbrel, Wandering Tattler, Willet, Dunlin, Long-billed Dowitcher, Western Sandpiper, Sanderling, Marbled Godwit, Red Phalarope, Glaucous-winged Gull, Western Gull, California Gull, Ring-billed Gull, Heermann's Gull, Forster's Tern, Elegant Tern, Common Murre, Marbled Murrelet, Ancient Murrelet, Barn Owl, Great Horned Owl, Belted Kingfisher, Common Flicker, Black Phoebe, Say's Phoebe, Scrub Jay, Common Raven, Chestnut-backed Chickadee, Bushtit, Wren-tit, Winter Wren, Bewick's Wren, Long-billed Marsh Wren, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Cedar Waxwing, Starling, Hutton's Vireo, Yellow-rumped Warbler, House Sparrow, Western Meadowlark, Red-winged Blackbird, Brewer's Blackbird, House Finch, American Goldfinch, Rufous-sided Towhee, Savannah Sparrow, White-crowned Sparrow, Golden-crowned Sparrow, Fox Sparrow, Song Sparrow.

OBSERVATIONS -- Dan Nelson (762-6152)

NON-PASSERINES

2 Red-necked Grebes were seen off Doran Beach on 10/20 (RL). 1 Brandt was seen at Doran Park on 10/6 (HC,RH,SC). A female Eurasian Widgeon was seen in Marin Co. at the Five Brooks Trailhead pond on 10/20 (BDP). A Ferruginous Hawk was seen near Temelec on 10/27 and a Merlin was at Salmon Creek on 10/20 (both RL). A Common Gallinule was at Salmon Creek Pond on 9/26 (BB) and another was at the Five Brooks Trailhead pond on 10/9 (RL). 6 Lesser Golden Plovers were along the road to the Fish Docks at Pt. Reyes on 10/3 (BDP). Pectoral Sandpipers were reported from several areas as follows:

- 1 at Mendoza Ranch Pond - 10/3 (BDP)
- 3 at Doran Pond - 10/6 (HC,RH,SC)
- 1 at Doran Pond - 10/20 (RL)
- 6 at Mendoza Ranch Pond - 10/19 (BDP)
- 4 at Mendoza Ranch Pond - 10/24 (DN,WN)

2 Baird's Sandpipers were at Doran Park on 9/28, and 2 were also there on 10/6 (HC,RH,SC). Elegant Terns remained fairly common throughout October at Bodega Bay, Salmon Creek and the mouth of the Russian River (Mob). A Spotted Owl was noted at Nicasio Reservoir on 10/20 (BDP). A Tropical Kingbird graced the trees above the Bodega Bay Sewer ponds on 10/23 (JM,NC). A Sage Thrasher was seen at Road Forks Pond at Pt. Reyes on 10/23 (JP,BDP). This pond is located where the Fish Docks road intersects with the Pt. Reyes Lighthouse road. A Brown Thrasher was at the Lighthouse on 10/17 (BDP).

OBSERVATIONS (Cont.)

Many observers saw vagrant warblers along the coastal areas this month, reports as follows:

<u>Black and White</u>	-	10/17, 1 sub-adult male-	
		Mendoza Rch. Pt. Reyes	(BDP)
<u>Nashville</u>	-	10/19, Mendoza Ranch	(BDP)
	(2)	10/19, Road Forks Pond	(BDP)
<u>Northern Parula</u>	-	10/3, Fish Docks	(BDP)
<u>Black Throated Blue</u>	-	10/9, Nunes Ranch	(RL)
		10/17, Mendoza Ranch	(BDP)
<u>Blackpoll</u>	-	10/3, Pt.Reyes Lighthouse	(BDP)
<u>Palm</u>	-	10/3, Fish Docks	(BDP)
	(5)	10/19, Fish Docks	(BDP)
	(2)	10/24, Mendoza Ranch	(DN, WN)
		10/23, Nunes Ranch	(JP, BDP)
	(3)	10/23, Fish Docks	(JP, BDP)
<u>Canada</u>	-	10/23, Pt.Reyes Lighthouse	(BDP, JP)
<u>American Redstart</u>	-	10/24, Fish Docks	(DN, WN)

A single Bobolink was seen at the Nunes Ranch on 10/17 (BDP).

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A Tree Sparrow was found behind the Barns at Nunes Ranch on 10/23 (JP, BDP). 2 Clay-colored Sparrows were at Road Forks Pond on 10/17, and one remained there until 10/23 (both BDP, JP). White-throated Sparrows were seen twice at Nunes Ranch, on 10/17 and again on 10/23 (both JP, BDP). A single Swamp Sparrow was seen at the mouth of Pine Gulch Creek (on the west side of Bolinas Lagoon) on 10/20 (BDP).

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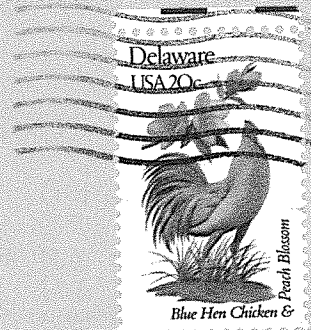


Organized in 1962, the purpose of the club is to encourage the study and conservation of birds, other wildlife and their habitat. Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month, Sept. thru May, at 7:30 pm in Rm 221 of Darwin Hall, Sonoma State College, Rohnert Park.

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