

# Kite Tales

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REDWOOD REGION ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY  
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## COMING ATTRACTIONS

### Sept. 8 Thursday, 6 pm, RROS General Meeting & Potluck Supper

Once again it is time for the first meeting of the season...our annual potluck! The location will be the North Campground in Sugarloaf Ridge State Park. Bring a favorite goodie and your own utensils. There will be no admission charge to RROS members and guests. Plan on dinner at 6pm with owling/poorwilling to follow.

Directions: Take Hwy 12 from Santa Rosa or Sonoma areas and follow signs to Kenwood. About ½ mile north of Kenwood, turn onto Adobe Canyon Rd. Follow this road to the group picnic area at North Campground.

### Sept. 10, Saturday, 8am, Field Trip To Bodega Bay

Meet at the upper Tides parking lot at 8 am to start the Fall off right. Bring binoculars, lunch, warm clothes and a friend.

### Sept. 11, Sunday, 2pm-8pm, Benefit Art Show

Jacque Marie Vaux, wildlife artist and active conservationist, is doing a benefit art show for Madrone Audubon Society. This will be a champagne reception held at the Luther Burbank Center for the Performing Arts, 50 Mark West Springs Rd, Santa Rosa. Please RSVP to 707-584-0438.

### Oct. 15 Saturday, All Day, PRBO/Mono Lake Birdathon

Contact PRBO/Mono Lake Birdathon 4990 Shoreline Hwy, Stinson Beach, Ca 94970 if you're interested in this worthy and fun endeavor. California Gulls are really the most!

## DUES

Your 1983-1984 dues were due and payable on June 1st. Payment should be made to continue receiving the Kite Tales. \$6.00 for family; \$4.50 for individual and \$2.00 for students. Please mail to Clarence Wolcott 4455 Dry Creek Rd Healdsburg 95448.

## FALL PELAGIC TRIPS--Bodega Marine Laboratory

The BML is sponsoring three all-day pelagic trips; the destination is Cordelle Banks approx. 28 miles off Bodega Head. The three scheduled trips will be leaving from Porto Bodega, Bodega Bay at 7 am on the following dates: September 10; October 1; and November 5. The late summer and fall are excellent times for pelagic trips leaving from Bodega Bay, unlike the spring! We can count on good weather, calm seas, and a greater diversity of seabirds. We hope to see loons, Blk-footed Albatross, Northern Fulmar, Pink-footed, New Zealand and Sooty Shearwaters, Jaegers, Skua and Alcids. Of course, there is always possibilities of rarities, ie Laysan Albatross, Arctic Tern etc. Fee \$30. Leaders: Mike Parmeter and Craig Hohenberger. Limited to 20 persons. Contact Craig at 42 Vista Ln Walnut Creek, Ca 94595 415-935-7294.

FIELD TRIP RESULTS--Bodega Bay May 14, 1983

Faye Beeman, Hal Corey, Roy Webb, Jean Tonascin, Jim Tonascin, Jack Arnold

Common Loon	Black Oystercatcher	Allen's Hummingbird
Red-throated Loon	Semipalmated Plover	Black Phoebe
Horned Grebe	Killdeer	Western Flycatcher
Western Grebe	Black Turnstone	Barn Swallow
Double-crested Cormorant	Wandering Tattler	Scrub Jay
Brandt's Cormorant	Least Sandpiper	Common Raven
Pelagic Cormorant	Western Sandpiper	Bushtit
Great Blue Heron	Sanderling	Swainson Thrush
Great Egret	Glaucous-winged Gull	Starling
Black Brandt	Western Gull	Hutton's Vireo
Cinnamon Teal	Bonaparte's Gull	House Sparrow
White-winged Scoter	Black-legged Kittiwake	Red-winged Blackbird
Surf Scoter	Forster's Tern	Northern Oriole
Red-breasted Merganser	Caspian Tern	Brewer's Blackbird
Turkey Vulture	Common Murre	House finch
Marsh Hawk	Pigeon Guillemot	American Goldfinch
California Quail	Band-tailed Pigeon	Savannah Sparrow
American Coot	Rock Dove	White-crowned Sparrow
	Mourning Dove	Song Sparrow

NATURE'S WINDOW

As promised, Deyea and Adeene are presenting a special 10% discount on all binoculars and scopes to RROS members only! Nature's Window is located in Montgomery Village in Santa Rosa (2417 Magowan). Thank you Deyea and Adeene!

FIELD TRIPS

Terry Babineaux and Mike Nelligan welcome any suggestions for locations or volunteers for leaders.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Field Trip</u>	<u>Meeting place &amp; Time</u>	<u>Leader</u>
Sept 10 (Sat)	Bodega Bay	Upper Tides Parking Lot 8:00am	open
Oct 1 (Sat)	Pt Reyes	Fish Docks 9:00 am	open
Nov 19 (Sat)	Sac. Wildlife Ref	TBA	Jack Arnold
Jan TBA	open	TBA	open
Feb TBA	open	TBA	open
March 17 (Sat)	Tennessee Vly-Marin Cty	TBA	Betty Burridge
April TBA	Rockpile Rd	TBA	open
May 19 (Sat)	Ida Clayton Rd	TBA	Mike Parmeter
June TBA	Pine Flat Rd	TBA	Terry Babineaux

OBSERVATIONS--Dan Nelson

124 Sooty Shearwaters were counted from Bodega Head on 8/14 and 2 Ashy Storm-petrels were seen from there on 8/24 (KC). A Magnificent Frigatebird graced the Goat Rock area on 8/7 (BMCD). A single Cattle Egret was noted at the Cader lane ponds, Petaluma on 8/23 (BDP,JP). 12 Brant were at Bodega Harbor on 7/4, a good count for over-summering birds (KC). A female Shoveler and 4 young seen at the Petaluma Sewer Ponds established Sonoma County's 1st nesting record on 7/6 (WN,DN). 3 Lesser Golden Plover (all adults in moult) were found at the Cader Lane Ponds on 7/23 (LCB,JP,BDP), and 3-4 birds were seen

Observations--cont.

here thru August (KC). 5 Whimbrels were found at Doran Park on 7/5 (HC,RH,SC). A list of Lesser Yellowlegs reported is as follows: 1 juv at Cader Ln on 7/31; 4 at Bodega Harbor on 8/10; 2 at Cader Lane on 8/13; 1 at Cader Ln on 8/23 ( all KC). Other shorebirds reported:

Pectoral Sandpiper

7/20--5 birds at Cader Ln (KC)  
 7/23--2 at Cader Ln (LCB)  
 7/25--9 at Cader Ln (KC)  
 7/31--2 at Cader Ln (KC)  
 8/4--1 at Cader Ln (KC)  
 8/5--1 at Bodega Harbor (RH)  
 8/14--1 at Bodega (KC)  
 8/23--1 at Cader Ln (KC)

Baird's Sandpiper

7/9--1 at Cader Ln (KC)  
 7/23--2 at Doran Park (LCB)  
 8/4--1 at Cader Ln (KC)  
 8/13--4 at Cader Ln (KC)  
 8/14--2 at Bodega Harbor (KC)  
 8/23--2 at Doran Park (DN)  
 8/23--1 at Cader Ln (KC)

Semipalmated Sandpiper

7/4--1 at Bodega Harbor (KC)  
 7/13--1 juv at Cader Ln (KC)  
 7/14--1 juv at Bodega Harbor (KC)  
 7/18--1 juv at Bodega Harbor (KC,RH)  
 7/19--1 juv at Bodega Harbor (KC,RH)  
 7/23--2 at Doran Park (LCB)

An adult Pomarine Jaeger was seen off Bodega Head on 8/19, and a Franklin's Gull was at the Bodega Bay sewer ponds on 6/20 (KC). 4 Common Terns were seen at Bodega Harbor on 8/19 (KC,RH). Elegant Terns have been reported in large numbers from the coast throughout August, especially Bodega Bay where they have been common thru and thru (MOB). An Eastern Phoebe was found on territory at the end of Salmon Cr Rd in early May. This bird remained quite awhile and appeared to be making a nesting attempt, but no mates arrived. A Willow Flycatcher was noted at Bodega Harbor on 8/24 (KC). 2 House Wrens at Bodega on 8/10 were definitely migrants (KC). A male American Redstart was singing behind the Rail Ponds on 6/14 (DN). 2 Lawrence's Goldfinches were noted in the grassy hills east of Rohnert Park this summer (KC) and were also present at several suitable places along Sonoma Mt Rd (DN).

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CELEBRITIES

Did everyone see the wonderful story "The Great California Birdathon" starring Mike & John Parmeter and Laurie Binford and Friends (including RT Petersen) in the July issue of DISCOVER magazine?

SPECIAL NOTE

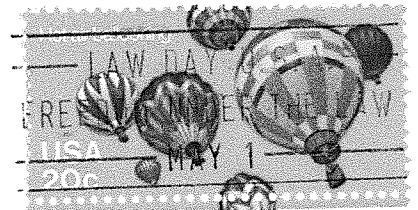
Wini Nelson is currently recovering from a broken wing. Your substitute editor is Kathy Mugele PO Box 790 Sonoma 95476 938-2134. Call or write with any newsworthy contributions.

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. through May, at 7:30 p.m. in Rm 221 of Darwin Hall, Sonoma State College, Rohnert Park.

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