

Kite Tales

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COMING ATTRACTIONS

Oct. 13, Thursday, 7:30 pm, RROS General Meeting

The program will be Betty Burridge and "Birds of Northern Germany".

Oct. 15, PRBO/Mono Lake Birdathon

November 5, BML Pelagic Trip from Bodega Bay

Contact Craig Hohenberger at 415-935-7294.

Nov. 19, Saturday, Field Trip to Sacramento Wildlife Refuges

Time and meeting place to be announced--leader: Jack Arnold.

NATURES WINDOW--a correction

The 10% discount on binocs and scopes to RROS members announced in last month's KT's is still in effect, but there is a time limit. It will be good only through the month of October, so get your Xmas shopping done early!

FIELD TRIP RESULTS

Twelve people enjoyed a cool day of fine birding at Bodega Bay on Sept 10. No warm clothes were needed-beautiful, clear, calm day with temperatures in the high 70's. (Remember, it was 100 $\frac{1}{2}$ inland). Highlights were a Jaeger (species) and a Virginia Rail and 2 chicks. The rails were really calling...about 6 rails (including 3 sighted). (Terry Babineaux (leader), Betty Burridge, Hal & Olive Corey, Jim & Jean Tonascio, Jean Smith, Dan Nelson, Loren Hudson, Faye Beeman, Bob & Bertha Rains)

Common Loon	Virginia Rail	Caspian T Tern
Arctic Loon	Black Oystercatcher	Common Murre
Western Grebe	Snowy Plover	Pigeon Guillemot
Sooty Shearwater	Killdeer	Anna's Hummingbird
White Pelican	Black-bellied Plover	Allen's Hummingbird
Brown Pelican	Ruddy Turnstone	Downy Woodpecker
Double-crested Cormorant	Black Turnstone	Black Phoebe
Pelagic Cormorant	Long-billed Curlew	Barn Swallow
Great Blue Heron	Wandering Tattler	Cliff Swallow
Common Egret	Willet	Scrub Jay
Snowy Egret	Least Sandpiper	Ch.-backed Chickadee
Black-crowned Night Heron	Short-billed Dowitcher	Common Bushtit
Mallard	Western Sandpiper	Bewick's Wren
Pintail	Marbled Godwit	Long-billed Marsh Wren
American Widgeon	Sanderling	Robin
White-winged Scoter	American Avocet	Starling
Surf Scoter	Northern Phalarope	Orange-crowned Warbler
Turkey Vulture	Jaeger, sp	Audubon's Warbler
Marsh Hawk	Western Gull	House Sparrow
Osprey	Ring-billed Gull	Red-winged Blackbird
California Quail	Heermann's Gull	Brewer's Blackbird
	Forster's Tern	House Finch
	Elegant Tern	American Goldfinch

Field Trip (cont)

Lesser Goldfinch
Savannah Sparrow
White-crowned Sparrow
Song Sparrow

NOTICE

This is the last Kite Tales for those who have not paid their dues: \$6.00 for family, \$4.50 for individual, \$2.00 for student...to Clarence Wolcott, 4455 Dry Creek Rd, Healdsburg, 95448.

OBSERVATIONS--by Dan Nelson

Four Red-necked Grebes were in Bodega Harbor near the Owl Canyon on 9-11 (DN). 2 Lesser Golden Plovers were at Doran Park on 9-6 (HC,RH,SC), and 1 continued there through 9-18 (RL). 4 Red Knot were at Bodega Bay 10-2 (RM,RL). A Pectoral Sandpiper was on the west side of Bodega Harbor on 9-7 (HC,RH,SC). A Sharp-tailed Sandpiper first found on 9-7 was apparently seen again on 9-22 along the SE side of Bodega Harbor (HC, et al). A Rufous-necked Stint was seen at the Bolinas Sewer Ponds on 9-25 (LCB,BB,DH). This bird is extremely rare in Calif and can be very difficult to identify in fall. At Bodega Bay, as many as 3 Parasitic Jaegers, 4 Common Terns, plus many Elegant Terns continue to be seen throughout the month (MOB). A Rhinoceros Auklet was seen off Bodega Head on 9-24 (BB). A Willow Flycatcher was in Owl Canyon on 9-25 (RL). A Yellow Wagtail was seen near Davenport in early Sept. This will probably become the first accepted record for this species in Calif. Two different Philadelphia Vireos were seen at the "New Willows" at Pt Reyes on 9-26 & 27 (LCB). Other birds LCB saw at Pt Reyes on 9-26 are: Prairie Warbler, Northern Parula, Black&White Warbler, 2 American Redstarts, Chesnut-sided & Blackpoll Warblers, Tropical Kingbird, Least Flycatcher(!) and Connecticut Warbler!! (Whew!ed.) An Ovenbird graced the trees near the Pt Reyes Lighthouse on 9-25 (TB). At the Sebastopol Sewer Ponds, a female Bobolink was seen on 9-22 (CT).

LATE REPORTS: At Pt Reyes (10-3), a Philadelphia Vireo, Ovenbird, Palm Warbler (BDP). On 10-4, at Owl Canyon, a Broad-winged Hawk, and at Salmon Creek 4 Parasitic Jaegers and a White-faced Ibis!! (JA,BDP).

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