

# Kite Tales

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REDWOOD REGION ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY  
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## COMING ATTRACTIONS

### Nov. 10, Thursday, 7:30 p.m. RROS General Meeting

The program will be by Doug Ellis on his trip this past summer to Southern California, with emphasis on the Salton Sea area.

### Nov. 19, Saturday 7:30 a.m. Field Trip to Sacramento Wildlife Refuge

Meet with field trip leader, Jack Arnold, in the parking lot at the shopping center at Calistoga Rd. and Hwy 12 at 7:30 a.m. Bring binoculars, a lunch and warm clothing.

## Christmas Counts are Coming

Announced dates for Christmas Counts so far:

Dec. 17 (Sat.) PRBO Pt. Reyes

Dec. 18 (Sun.) RROS Santa Rosa

Jan. 1 (Sun.) Madrone Audubon Western Sonoma County

Our count will be held on Sunday, Dec. 18. Details in the Dec. Kite Tales. Be sure to contact Doug Ellis if you are interested in participating. Let him know at the meeting if you have a special territory you would like...

## DUES

Those members whose dues were not paid as of 10-25-83 have a "Notice from the Treasurer" enclosed with this month's Kite Tales. Dues are: \$6.00 for a family; \$4.50 for individuals and \$2.00 for students. Please mail to Clarence Wolcott, 4455 Dry Creek Rd., Healdsburg 95448, or give to him at the next meeting. Keep your Kite Tales coming!!

## FLASH

The Sonoma County Board of Supervisors have honored our own RROS member Clark Nattkemper by changing the name of the trail to Hood Mtn. from Goodspeed to "NATTKEMPER-GOODSPEED". This is in recognition of his 30 years as a SRJC teacher in Environmental Science and other community work. Congratulations!

## FIELD TRIP RESULTS - Point Reyes Oct. 1, 1983

A total of 99 species were seen on the Point Reyes field trip by 9 birders. (Lee & Terry Babineaux, Bob & Bertha Rains, Hal & Olive Corey, Jim & Jean Tonascia & Bob McLean). Species seen:

Common Loon, Red-throated Loon, Eared Grebe, Western Grebe, Pied-billed Grebe, Brown Pelican, Double-crested Cormorant, Great Blue Heron, Mallard, Gadwall, American Widgeon, Surf Scoter, Ruddy Duck, Turkey Vulture, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Cooper's Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, Broad-winged Hawk (?), Marsh Hawk, Sparrow Hawk, California

Quail, Coot, Killdeer, Black-bellied Plover, Black Turnstone, Willet, Pectoral Sandpiper, Least Sandpiper, Western Sandpiper, Marbled Godwit, Glaucous-winged Gull, Western Gull, Ring-billed Gull, Heermann's Gull, Elegant Tern, Common Murre, Rock Dove, Mourning Dove, Barn Owl, Great Horned Owl, Vaux's Swift, Anna's Hummingbird, Belted Kingfisher, Red-shafted Flicker, Downey Woodpecker, Ash-throated Flycatcher, Black Phoebe, Say's Phoebe, Western Flycatcher, Western Wood Pewee, Violet-green Swallow, Tree Swallow, Barn Swallow, Scrub Jay, Common Raven, Common Crow, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Winter Wren, Bewick's Wren, Long-billed Marsh Wren, Varied Thrush, Hermit Thrush, Swainson's Thrush, Western Bluebird, Golden-crowned Kinglet, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Cedar Waxwing, Loggerhead Shrike, Starling, Hutton's Vireo, Warbling Vireo, Orange-crowned Warbler, Yellow Warbler, Audubon's Warbler, Black-throated Blue Warbler, Townsend's Warbler, American Redstart, Blackpoll Warbler, Wilson's Warbler, House Sparrow, Western Meadowlark, Red-winged Blackbird, Tricolored Blackbird, Brewer's Blackbird, Western Tanager, House Finch, Pine Siskin, American Goldfinch, Lesser Goldfinch, Savannah Sparrow, Lark Sparrow, Oregon Junco, Chipping Sparrow, White-crowned Sparrow, Golden-crowned Sparrow, White-throated Sparrow, Fox Sparrow, Lincoln's Sparrow, Song Sparrow.

OBSERVATIONS -- Dan Nelson (762-6152)

A Red-necked Grebe was seen on the Chanslor Ranch ponds on 10/15 (HC, JS, CW). White Pelicans continue to be seen at Bodega Harbor, with at least 25 still present on 10/27 (JA). 17 "Honker" Canada Geese were seen near Bouverie Ranch on 10/7 (RM). A Broad-winged Hawk was noted at Pt. Reyes on the RROS Field Trip on 10/1. Golden Eagle sightings are: 3 (2 ad., 1 imm) along Petaluma Hill Rd. on 10/19, and 1 adult at Bodega Farm Pond on 10/22 (both RL), and 2 adults at Salmon Creek on 10/7 (DN). Merlins reported were 1 at the Pt. Reyes Lighthouse on 10/3 (RM,RL), and 2 at Doran Park on 10/22 (RL, Madrone Audubon). A Sandhill Crane has been seen throughout October near Olema Marsh, Marin Co. (MOB). Two Baird's Sandpipers were seen at Doran Park on 9/27 (LCB,HC,RH). 2-3 Parasitic Jaegers continued their presence at Doran Park throughout the month (MOB). A Rhinoceros Auklet was seen off Bodega Head on 10/27 (JA). As many as 4 White-winged Doves have been seen at the Mendoza Ranch, Pt. Reyes, throughout October (MOB). Yellow-shafted Flickers were seen at the Rail Ponds, 10/7 and the Abandoned Ranch, Pt. Reyes on 10/8 (DN). A Tropical Kingbird graced the hill above Drakes Beach on 10/8 (BDP,JA,WN,DN). On 10/1, Warblers noted at Pt. Reyes were Black-throated Blue, Blackpoll, and an American Redstart (RROS). On 10/3, an American Redstart was at the Nunes Ranch, and a Blackpoll and a Nashville Warbler were at the Fish Docks (RM,RL). On 10/8, Virginia's, Magnolia, Blackpoll and Palm Warblers as well as an American Redstart were seen at Pt. Reyes (BDP,JA,LH,WN,DN), and an Ovenbird, Chestnut-sided Warbler and fem. Blue Grosbeak were found later that day at the Abandoned Ranch (MOB). An Indigo Bunting was also seen this day at the Mendoza Ranch. An Evening Grosbeak was seen well on Sunnyslope Ave. in Petaluma 10/23 (DN,WN,LW).

OBSERVATIONS -- (Cont.)

A White-throated Sparrow was seen at the Fish Docks on 10/16 (RL).

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KITE TALES DEADLINE: 25TH OF EACH MONTH

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

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