

# Kite Tales

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REDWOOD REGION ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY  
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## COMING ATTRACTIONS

Oct. 11, Thursday, 7:30 p.m. RROS General Meeting

Imagine if you can 260 species in 20 days in northeastern Australia! Mike Parmeter will share his trip with us in slides and story. He visited several national parks there last June (which is their winter) and with the help of local birders got 233 life birds. Don't miss this one!!

Oct. 13, PRBO/Mono Lake Bird-a-thon

Oct. 14, Sunday, 5 a.m. & 8 a.m., Field Trip-Willow Creek Rd/Jenner

Meet in downtown Occidental in front of the Union Hotel at 5 a.m. for those who wish to go owling and 8 a.m. for the normal people. Leader: Doug Ellis. Bring binoculars, lunch and warm clothing. Field trip will end in the Jenner area.

Oct. 21, Sunday, Fall Seabirds & Whale Trips

Refer to Sept. Kite Tales for details.

## DUES

Those members whose dues were not paid as of 9/25/84 have a "Notice from the Treasurer" enclosed with this months Kite Tales. Dues are: \$7.00 for a family; \$5.50 for individuals and \$3.00 for students. Please mail to the Treasurer, Don Johnston, 475 Vine Ave., Sebastopol, CA 95472 or give to him at the next meeting in order to keep your Kite Tales coming.

## FOR SALE

SPECIAL - to young ornithologists of RROS. Auk. 1971-84. Make offer. Jack Arnold 539-4544

## FIELD TRIP RESULTS - Pt. Reyes, Sept. 23

Leader Mike Parmeter was joined by about a dozen RROS birders who tallied a total of 89 species. Species seen: Common Loon, Arctic Loon, Eared Grebe, Western Grebe, Pied-billed Grebe, Brown Pelican, Brandt's Cormorant, Great Blue Heron, Great Egret, Snowy Egret,

FIELD TRIP RESULTS - Cont.

Mallard, Pintail, Green-winged Teal, Cinnamon Teal, American Wigeon, Northern Shoveler, White-winged Scoter, Surf Scoter, Black Scoter, Ruddy Duck, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Cooper's Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, Golden Eagle, Marsh Hawk, American Kestrel, California Quail, American Coot, Semipalmated Plover, Killdeer, Black-bellied Plover, Willet, Greater Yellowlegs, Pectoral Sandpiper, Least Sandpiper, Long-billed Dowitcher, Western Sandpiper, Sanderling, Marbled Godwit, Glaucous-winged Gull, Western Gull, California Gull, Ring-billed Gull, Heermann's Gull, Elegant Tern, Rock Dove, Barn Owl, Great Horned Owl, Anna's Hummingbird, Common Flicker, Downey Woodpecker, Tropical Kingbird, Black Phoebe, Say's Phoebe, Violet-green Swallow, Tree Swallow, Rough-winged Swallow, Barn Swallow, Common Raven, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Bewick's Wren, Long-billed Marsh Wren, Swainson's Thrush, Western Bluebird, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Loggerhead Shrike, Starling, Hutton's Vireo, Orange-crowned Warbler, Yellow Warbler, Common Yellowthroat, American Redstart, House Sparrow, Red-winged Blackbird, Tricolored Blackbird, Brewer's Blackbird, Brown-headed Cowbird, House Finch, Pipe Siskin, American Goldfinch, Red Crossbill, Savannah Sparrow, White-crowned Sparrow, Golden-crowned Sparrow, Fox Sparrow, Song Sparrow, Lapland Longspur, Prairie Warbler.

OBSERVATIONS -- Hal Corey (542-9429)

Fall is here! Returning Golden-crowned Sparrows reported in many parts of Sonoma County. 9/3, Monterey Pelagic Trip: many Shearwaters - 50 Pink-footed, 1 Flesh-footed, 2 Buller's, 100 Manx, 7 Black-vented. Also, 2 Fulmars, 3 Ashy Storm-Petrels, 25 Black Storm-Petrels, 1 Long-tailed Jaeger, 1 South Polar Skua, 15 Sabine's Gulls, 15 Arctic Terns (BDP&JP). 9/5, Bodega Bay - Rough-legged Hawk, Marbled Murrelet, 5 Virginia Rails, Black Shouldered Kite, Osprey, 2 Western Grebes & 57 Elegant Terns (Madrone Group). 9/2, Hwy 37 - 150 White Pelicans, 135 Long-billed Curlews (DE). 9/5, off Duncan's Landing - 100,000 Sooty Shearwaters (DE). 9/6, Limantour Estero, Good News! After 2 years the road is reopened. Red Crossbills, Baird's Sandpiper, Greater and Lesser Yellowlegs (B&BR). 9/8, Pt. Reyes Lighthouse - Fox Sparrow, 75,000 Sooty Shearwaters (LCB,BDP). Annadel - Western Tanager, pair Wood Ducks, Yellow and Wilson's Warblers (B&BR). 9/9, Cader Lane - 2 Baird's Sandpipers (BDP). 9/11, Bolinas Lagoon - 2 Pectoral Sandpipers. Five Brooks - Wilson's, Yellow, Townsend's Orange-crowned & Black-throated Gray Warblers (B&BR). 9/12, Owl Canyon - Winter Wren, Fox Sparrow. Off Bodega Head - Parasitic Jaeger (DE). 9/13, Wikiup - Willow Flycatcher (B&BR). 9/16, Bodega Bay to Cordell Banks Pelagic Trip - 10 Pink-footed, 4 Buller's and 50 Sooty Shearwaters, 1 Fork-tailed Storm-Petrel, 10 Pomarine and 2 Parasitic Jaegers, 3 Sabine's Gulls and 1 Arctic Tern (Boat full of birders). 9/18, Bodega Harbor - 75-2 year Heermann's Gulls, 1 Whimbrel (CW&HC). 9/19, Annadel - 5 Wood Ducks, 2 Pileated Woodpeckers, 5 Cedar Waxwings, Winter Wren,

OBSERVATIONS --- (Cont.)

Hairy Woodpecker (FB,HC). Pt. Reyes - 2 Prairie Warblers, American Redstart and Connecticut Warbler (DN). 9/22, Pt. Reyes - Green-tailed Towhee, 5 male Black Scoters (BDP). 9/23, Pt. Reyes - RROS Field Trip. Most interesting birds seen: Cooper's Hawk, Golden Eagle, Pectoral Sandpiper, Elegant Terns, Tropical Kingbird, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Prairie Warbler, 2 American Redstarts, Lapland Longspur and Black Scoters (BDP & MOB). 9/29, Hayward Regional Shoreline Park - Dusky Warbler - one of the very few North American records for this Old World Species (DN,LCB,BDP & MOB).

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SUMMER TRIP TO YOSEMITE in August. Doug Ellis and Rick LeBaudour watched and photographed some unusual birds. Peregoy Meadow : Black-shouldered Kite, 2 Northern Goshawks. Siesta Lake: Pine Grosbeak. Along Hetch-Hetchy Road, 8/21, 1 Great Gray Owl, 8/23, 2 Great Gray Owls at dusk, 8/24, 3 Great Gray Owls, well seen and photographed! Other birds seen in this same area were Red Crossbills, 3 Nuthatch species, White-headed and Pileated Woodpeckers, Cassin's Finch and Lincoln Sparrow.

KITE TALES DEADLINE: 25TH OF EACH MONTH

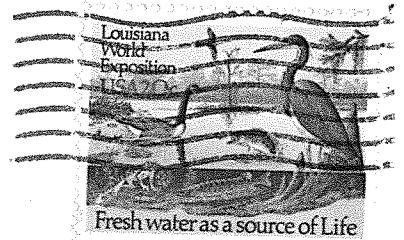
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Organized in 1962, the purpose of the club is to encourage the study and conservation of birds, other wildlife and their habitat. Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month, Sept. through May, at 7:30 p.m. in Rm 221 of Darwin Hall, Sonoma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

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