

# Kite Tales

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## COMING ATTRACTIONS

Nov. 8, Thursday, 7:30 p.m. RROS General Meeting

The program will be a slide presentation on "The Birds of Florida" to be given by Dan Nelson. Dan is currently a student at Sonoma State and is the past president of RROS. So, come prepared for a very interesting program.

Nov. 18, Sunday, 8 a.m., Field Trip to Bodega Bay

Meet at LUCAS WHARF (Note: new meeting place) at 8 a.m. Leader for this field trip will be Dr. Jack Arnold. Bring binoculars, lunch and warm clothing and have a great day of birding.

## Christmas Counts are Coming

Announced dates for Christmas Counts so far:

- ✓ Dec. 15 (Sat.) PRBO Pt. Reyes
- ✓ Dec. 16 (Sun.) RROS Santa Rosa
- Dec. 16 (Sun.) Oakland
- Dec. 22 (Sat.) Mono Lake
- Dec. 27 (Thurs) San Francisco - Monterey
- ✓ Dec. 30 (Sun.) Madrone Audubon, Western Sonoma County

Our count will be held on Sunday, Dec. 16. Details will be 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.

## FIELD TRIP RESULTS - Willow Creek Rd., Oct. 14

Approximately 14 RROS birders joined leader Doug Ellis in owling and birding on a day that started out nice and ended up windy. A total of 62 species were seen: Western Grebe, Pied-billed Grebe, Double-crested Cormorant, Mallard, Surf Scoter, Ruddy Duck, Common Merganser, Turkey Vulture, Red-tailed Hawk, Red-shouldered Hawk, Golden Eagle, American Kestrel, California Quail, Virginia Rail, American Coot, Glaucous-winged Gull, Ring-billed Gull, Band-tailed Pigeon, Screech Owl, Great-horned Owl, Pygmy Owl, Spotted Owl, Anna's Hummingbird, Common Flicker, Pileated Woodpecker, Hairy Woodpecker, Downy Woodpecker, Black Phoebe, Stellar's Jay, Scrub Jay, Common Raven, Chestnut-backed Chickadee, Bushtit,

FIELD TRIP RESULTS - Cont.

Red-breasted Nuthatch, Wren, Winter Wren, Bewick's Wren, Long-billed Marsh Wren, Mockingbird, American Robin, Varied Thrush, Hermit Thrush, Golden-crowned Kinglet, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Water Pipit, Cedar Waxwing, Starling, Hutton's Vireo, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Black-throated Gray Warbler, Brewer's Blackbird, Purple Finch, Pine Siskin, American Goldfinch, Lesser Goldfinch, Red Crossbill, Rufous-sided Towhee, Brown Towhee, Rufous-crowned Sparrow, Dark-eyed Junco, White-crowned Sparrow, Golden-crowned Sparrow, Fox Sparrow, Song Sparrow.

OBSERVATIONS -- Hal Corey (542-8429)

9/28, In Pt. Reyes area were several Lawrence's Goldfinches, 2 Blue-gray Gnatcatchers and a Chestnut-sided Warbler near the lighthouse, a Black-throated Blue Warbler and a Tennessee Warbler at Nunes Ranch, and a Solitary Sandpiper at Spaletta Ranch and a Blackpoll Warbler at the Fish Docks (BDP). 9/29, at Hayward Regional Park, a Dusky Warbler, Lark Bunting and Peregrine Falcon. At Pt. Reyes on Spaletta Ranch a Golden Eagle, Ferruginous Hawk, Prairie and Peregrine Falcon, 3 Lesser Golden Plovers and a Solitary Sandpiper, an American Redstart on the Nunes Ranch. Off the coast were 500 Black-vented Shearwaters (BDP). 10/2, Annadel Park, Hermit Thrush (CW,HC). 10/3, Bodega Bay, Spud Point, 2 Lesser Golden Plovers and 3 Elegant Terns (FB,HC). 10/5, a Magnolia Warbler at Road Forks Pond, Bay-breasted Warbler at Nunes Ranch, White-winged Dove and Canada Warbler at the New Willows (DN). A Blackpoll Warbler at Mendoza Ranch and Canada Warbler at the New Willows on 10/6 (DN,W&CN). Also on 10/6 at the Marin Head Ponds 2 Prairie Falcons, Redhead and 2 Canvasbacks (DE). 10/6, Santa Maria, CA a very rare Little Curlew and near Hearst Castle an unusual White Wagtail (BDP). 10/8, Pt. Reyes, Black and White Warbler at Nune's ranch and 4 Lapland Longspurs at Spaletta Ranch (BDP). 10/10, on Skaggs Island were 2 Burrowing Owls, Barn Owl and American Bittern (FB). 10/11, Pt. Reyes Fish Docks, Gray Flycatcher (KC,DE.) 10/14, Willow Creek Rd., 3 Spotted Owls, Red Crossbills, many Varied Thrush, Red-breasted Nuthatches, Golden Eagle, Rufous-crowned Sparrow. Russian River, 3 Common Mergansers (DE,B&BR & RROS Group). 10/15, Cader Lane, Horned Lark, Wilson's Phalaropes, 3 Lesser Yellowlegs, 2 Say's Phoebes (JS,JT). 10/15 & 10/16, an early imm. White-throated Sparrow at a feeder in Petaluma (WN). 10/20, Bodega Bay, Cooper's Hawk, Virginia Rail (FB,HC). 10/20, Warm Springs Dam and Rockpile Rd., Red-breasted Sapsucker, Black-shouldered Kite, 21 Pine Siskins, 8 Blue Grouse, 2 Pileated Woodpeckers, 35 Varied Thrush (JS,JT). 10/25, Willowside Rd. near bridge, Canada Warbler, Swamp Sparrow, Lincoln's Sparrow, Sora, Virginia Rail (DE).

OBSERVATIONS --- (Cont.)

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FLASH: Taken home by mistake from the Sept. potluck: Stainless Steel serving spoon belonging to Faye Beeman. Please bring to meeting.

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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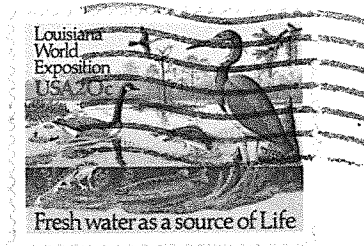
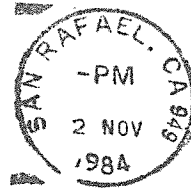
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