

Kite Tales



Redwood Region Ornithological Society

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Coming Attractions

October 11th, Thursday, 7:30 PM - General Meeting

Administration Building, Laguna Waste Water Treatment Plant - 4300 Llano Road, Santa Rosa

Our program will be Ken Wilson on the Galapagos Islands and Peru.

October 20th, Saturday at 8:00 AM - Field Trip to Bodega Harbor

Meet in the parking area near the rail ponds at the north end of Bodega Harbor at 8:00 AM. We will search for migrants, vagrants, and birds that have returned for the winter. Bring binoculars, spotting scopes, field guides, lunch, water, and warm clothes.

Leader is Alan Wight. Call Alan at 763-8572 (weekdays 7-9 pm or weekends any time) if you have any questions.

October 20th, Saturday - Observations Deadline

The 20th is our deadline for Kite Tales observations. Please forward sightings to Ned Wynn
129-B Powell Ave. Healdsburg, Ca 95448 707 431-8412 or via email: ekwynn@pon.net

October 25th, Thursday - Kite Tales Deadline

Send announcements, articles, complaints, trivia, errata, letters to the editor and such to
Gerry Mugele PO Box 813 Glen Ellen, Ca 95442 or via email: mewgull@mugele.net NOTE new Email address

November 8th, Thursday, 7:30 PM - General Meeting

Administration Building, Laguna Waste Water Treatment Plant - 4300 Llano Road, Santa Rosa

This month's program presentation will be by Mike Parmeter, reporting on his trip this summer to Papua New Guinea.

November 10th, Saturday at 7:30 AM - Field Trip to Willow Creek Canyon

Meet at Bridgehaven Pond (at the intersection of Highways 1 and 116) at 8:30 am. Park off the road in the dirt area. We will scope the Russian River mouth and then head up into Willow Creek Canyon for a day of landbirding. Bring binoculars, scopes, field guides, lunch, water, and warm clothes.

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Field Trip Report

**Point Reyes
September 22, 001**

The fog was bad and the birds were good. We saw nine species of warblers, including a Connecticut Warbler at the lighthouse trees, a Blackburnian Warbler at Mendoza Ranch, three Chestnut-sided Warblers, three Blackpoll Warblers, and four American Redstarts (including one adult male).

Also at the Mendoza Ranch was a Philadelphia Vireo that was found by Steve Howell. It was a nice example of the drab extreme of this species, showing only a hint of yellow on the throat.

The field trip participants were Bob Battagin, Joan Dranginis, Deborah Fitzpatrick, Betty Groce, Ian Morrison, Mike Parmeter, Bill Payne, Bob and Bertha Rains, Rhio Reigh, Don Reinberg, Don Toms, Alan Wight, and Ken Wilson.

Birds observed: Common Loon, Mallard, Turkey Vulture, White-tailed Kite, Red-tailed Hawk, Black-bellied Plover, Killdeer, Great Horned Owl, Anna's Hummingbird, Rufous/Allen's Hummingbird, Downy Woodpecker, Hairy Woodpecker, Western Wood-Pewee, Pacific-slope Flycatcher, Black Phoebe, Say's Phoebe, Horned Lark, Common Raven, Winter Wren, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, European Starling, Warbling Vireo, Philadelphia Vireo, Yellow Warbler, Chestnut-sided Warbler, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Townsend's Warbler, Hermit Warbler, Blackburnian Warbler, Blackpoll Warbler, American Redstart, Connecticut Warbler, Western Tanager, Savannah Sparrow, Fox Sparrow, Song Sparrow, White-crowned Sparrow, Dark-eyed Junco, Bobolink, Red-winged Blackbird, Tricolored Blackbird, Western Meadowlark, Brewer's Blackbird, Lesser Goldfinch, American Goldfinch.

~ Alan Wight

RROS Dues

If you haven't already done so, be sure to get your check in the mail to treasurer Betty Burrige at the address on the masthead of this issue of *Kite Tales*. Check you address label now.

Santa Rosa Christmas Bird Count

Another reminder here; don't forget to reserve December 16th for RROS' own bird count. Co-compilers Bob Evans and Ted Eliot will be contacting those who have participated in the past. Be ready to say "yes!"

Social Chair Needed

President Ken is seeking a volunteer to fill the role of Social Chair at our monthly meetings. The position is open due to the recent passing of Barbara Gumtow. Duties include bringing the coffee and tea supplies to the meetings and garnering a list of folks to bring cookies to each of the meetings. Give Ken a call at 707 795-7547.

Davidson Sea Mount 24 hr Pelagic Trip

Monterey Peninsula Audubon Society has scheduled their 2nd annual 24-hour deep water pelagic trip from Monterey for October 21-22, 2001. The new 65 foot "Sea Wolf II", will leave from Monterey's Fisherman's Wharf at 7 pm Sunday, Oct. 21, returning at 7 pm Oct. 22, weather permitting. The destination will be the deep waters beyond the Davidson Sea Mount.

The cost is \$135 for a bunk and just \$120 without a bunk. We have only 11 bunks, so if you are not among the first eleven to request a bunk, you will receive the discounted price. We hope for good weather but conditions can be moderately rough; this trip is for experienced sea-birders and not a 1st-time trip.

This trip may venture 100 miles from Monterey, and is limited to 21 observers. Those without bunks will be guaranteed indoor sleeping space, so cold and wet outdoor sleeping will not detract from the adventure. You will need to bring a sleeping bag plus your own food. Leaders include Don Roberson, Steve Bailey, and Nancy Black.

Questions may be addressed to Don Roberson at creagrus@montereybay.com or Nancy Black at trips@montereybaywhalewatch.com. Using the credit card service on-line is the most convenient for all. Send an email to Don Roberson stating an intention to book a spot and send a check to MPAS for \$135 to Box 985, Pacific Grove CA 93950.

Observations

Species	#	Date	Place	County	Who	Notes
✓ Brant	9	9/12	Bodega Harbor	SON	DN, BDP, DH	
Merlin	1	9/14	Bodega Head	SON	DN, DH	
Peregrine Falcon	1	8/19	Lakeville Sewer Ponds	SON	DN	
✓ Black Rail	1	9/10	Doran Marsh	SON	BDP	heard
✓ Pacific Golden Plover	1	8/19	Shollenberger Park	SON	DN	
Lesser Yellowlegs	12	8/19	Lakeville Sewer Ponds	SON	DN	
" "	1	9/4	Carmody Road pond	SON	DA, TE	
✓ Common Greenshank	1	Aug+	Mad River	HUM	M.ob AW, BDP,	'til least mid. Sept.
✓ Spotted Sandpiper	1	8/19	Porto Bodega	SON	DN, J&CB	
✓ Red Knot	15	9/3	Doran mudflats	SON	AW	
" "	12	9/8	Doran Park	SON	DN	
✓ Semipalmated Sandpiper	1	9/4	Doran Beach	SON	DA, TE	
✓ Baird's Sandpiper	2	8/20-1	Shollenberger Park	SON	DN	
" "	2	9/8	Doran Park	SON	DN	
" "	2	9/14	Salmon Creek mudflat	SON	TE, DN	
✓ Pectoral Sandpiper	1	8/19	Carmody Road pond	SON	DN	
" "	1	9/4	Doran Beach	SON	DA, TE	
" "	2	9/13	Doran Park	SON	DN	
" "	1	9/14	Las Gallinas Sewer ponds	MAR	GG Audubon	
✓ Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	1	9/23	Doran mudflats	SON	LC	
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	1	9/2	Abbott's Lagoon Trailhd	MAR	AW	
Ruff	1	9/1	Mad River	HUM	AW, RR, BDP	
✓ " "	1	9/8-9	Doran Park	SON	DN	juv.
✓ Wilson's Phalarope	8	8/19	Lakeville Sewer Ponds	SON	DN	
Red-necked Phalarope	1	9/23	Doran Pond	SON	LC	
✓ Long-tailed Jaeger	55!	9/11	Off shore Sonoma Cnty	SON	DN	
✓ Elegant Tern	3	9/23	Spud Point, Bodega	SON	LC	
✓ Common Tern	1	9/8+	Bodega Harbor	SON	M.ob	
✓ Arctic Tern	9	9/11	50 miles off Sonoma Cnty	SON	DN	
Sooty Tern	1	8/26	off Marin Cnty	MAR	RS, BDP, et al	adult
✓ Vaux's Swift	8+	9/13	Bodega Head	SON	DN, BDP, TE	
✓ Black-chinned Hummer	1	9/12	Campbell Cove	SON	DN, BDP, DH	imm. or fem.
Western Wood-Pewee	12	9/14	West side Bodega Harbor	SON	DH, DN	
Willow Flycatcher	1	9/14	Las Gallinas Sewer ponds	MAR	GG Audubon	
" "	1	9/23	Hole in the Head	SON	LC	
✓ Philadelphia Vireo	1	9/23	Hole in the Head	SON	LC	
✓ Purple Martin	3	9/13	Bodega Head	SON	BDP, DN, TE	
Phainopepla	1	9/17	Lake Solano	YOL	GM	
✓ Tennessee Warbler	1	9/9+	Owl Canyon, Bodega	SON	DN, KG, JB, RM	
" "	1	9/23	Diekman's Store	SON	LC	
✓ Nashville Warbler	1	9/23	Diekman's Store	SON	LC	drab
✓ Chestnut-sided Warbler	2	9/14	Bodega Marine Lab entr.	SON	DN, DH, BDP	
✓ Hermit Warbler	2-3	9/13	Bodega Marine Lab entr.	SON	DN, TE, BDP	
" "	6-7	9/14	Bodega Marine Lab entr.	SON	DN, DH	
✓ Blackburnian Warbler	1	9/9	South of Hole in the Head	SON	DN, KG, JB, RM	ad. male
✓ Blackpoll Warbler	1	9/13	Marine Lab Residences	SON	DN, TE, BDP	
✓ American Redstart	1	9/11	Campbell Cove	SON	BDP, DH	
" "	1	9/13+	Bodega Marine Lab entr.	SON	DN, TE, BDP	
" "	1	9/23	Hole in the Head	SON	LC	
✓ Northern Waterthrush	1	9/12+	Bodega Rail Ponds	SON	DN, BDP, DH	
Clay-colored Sparrow	1	9/7	Clear Lake State Park	LAK	MB, JW, BW, DW	3rd county record
" "	1	9/8	South of Hole in the Head	SON	DN	probable
✓ Lincoln's Sparrow	1	9/13	Bodega Marine Lab entr.	SON	DN, BDP	
✓ Rose-breasted Grosbeak	1	9/14	Petaluma Yard feeder	SON	CC	
✓ Bobolink	1	9/10	Bodega Head	SON	DN	
✓ Bullock's Oriole	1	9/10	Doran Park	SON	DN, BDP, TE	imm. female

Observers:

Dick Ashford, Margaret Barson, Les Chibana, Jim and Chris Blackburn, Julie Blumenthal, Christine Cohen, Ted Eliot, Kevin Guse, David Hoffman, Roger Marlowe, Gerry Mugele, Dan Nelson, Mike Parmeter (BDP), Ruth Rudesill, Rich Stallcup, Jerry White, Alan Wight, Brian Woodward, Dave Woodward

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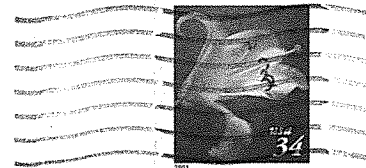
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