



Kite Tales

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Coming Attractions

October 3rd, Thursday, 7:30 pm – General Meeting (moved a week earlier due to WFO convention)

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

Natural History and Birds of Guadeloupe Island, Mexico presented by Eric Lichtwardt
Eric, Vice President of RROS, is an avid birder and field naturalist. He works as a biologist for an environmental consulting company in the Bay Area.

Guadeloupe Island is a rugged volcanic island located 135 miles west of Baja California and about 250 miles south-southwest of San Diego. Eric traveled to the remote island with a group of botanists aboard the Pacific Queen. He will share his experience of this trip and discuss the unique natural history of the mysterious, seldom visited, island.

October 19th, Saturday, 8:00 am - Field trip to Bodega Harbor

Meet at parking lot near Rail Ponds at the north end of the harbor. We will look for migrants, vagrants, and birds returning for the winter. Bring binoculars, spotting scopes, field guides, lunch, water, and warm clothes. Leader is Alan Wight (call weekdays 7-9pm or weekends anytime 763-8572) for information.

November 14th, Thursday, 7:30 pm – General Meeting

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Details of program will be in the November Kite Tales.

November 21st-24th, weekend, Central Valley Birding Symposium, Stockton CA

Hosted by Central Valley Bird Club – details inside.

Central Valley Birding Symposium – November 21st- 24th , 2002

Hosted by Central Valley Bird Club to be held at Stockton Radisson Hotel

This is the 6th annual CVBS – here is the list of events. All workshops and programs will be held at the Radisson Delta Ballroom.

Thursday, November 21st

- 3:00-9:00 pm Registration at the Radisson Hotel
- 6:00-7:00 pm Social Hour – Hors D’oeuvres / No Host Bar
- 7:00-7:30pm Introduction by David Yee, CVBS Chairperson
- 7:45-9:00pm Keynote Speaker Ed Harper “A Celebration of Birds”

Friday, November 22nd

- 5:30 am – 2:30 pm Field trips: Consumnes River Preserve, Sa;t Springs Valley Reservoir & Vicinity, Yolo County, Modesto Sewage Ponds, Caswell Stare Park, O’Neil Forebay/ Merced Refuges, Gray Lodge/Bobelaine Sanctuary, raptor Ramble. Gulls and the Valley.
- 3:30- 5:30 pm Bird ID Panel – moderated by Ed Harper –Panelists: Kimball Garrett, Jon Dunn, Kevin Karlson, and Joe Morlan.
- 6:00-7:30 pm Dinner at Radisson Hotel
- 7:45-9:00 pm Keynote Speaker – Shawneen Finnegan “Confessions of a Birding Addict”

Saturday, November 23rd

- 5:30am –12:00 pm Field trip – Go For Broke!
- 6:00am- 10:00am Local Field Trips: Acampo Rd, Consumnes River Preserve, Lodi Lake, Lodi Sewer Ponds, Oak Grove Park, Stockton Sewage ponds, Stockton Parks, Flood/Waverly Roads, Woodbridge Road, and Regional Park
- 10:00am- 11:00 am “Landscaping for Birds and Wildlife” by Steve Stocking
“How to Really Look at a Bird and Why” by Shawneen Finnegan
- 11:30 am- 12:30 pm “Beginning Birding” by Jim Gain
“Gull ID Workshop” by Jon Dunn
- 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm Lunch
- 2:00 pm – 4:30 pm Specialized Field Trips – Beginning Birding/Jim Gain
Landscaping for Birds & Wildlife / Steve Stocking
- 2:00 pm- 3:00 pm “Wrestling with Wayward Wood-Warblers – Warbler ID issues in California” by Kimball Garrett
- 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm “Nature /Wildlife Photography Teaser” by David Rosen
- 3:15 pm – 4:15 pm :Identification through Specimens workshops” by Andy Engilis
- 4:30 pm- 6:00 pm Book Signing /Wine & Cheese Reception
- 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm Dinner at Radisson Hotel
- 7:45 pm – 9:00 pm Keynote Speaker- Kevin Karlson “For the Love of Birds”

Sunday November 24th

6:00 am – 10:00 am Local Field Trips – same places as Saturday
7:00 am - 10:00 am Specialized Field Trips “Nature/wildlife Photography in the Field” by David Rosen
10:00 am – 12:00 am “Bird Sketching” by Keith Hansen
10:00 am – 11:00 pm “Birding Software” by John Robinson
11:00am – 12:00 pm “Recovery of the California Condor” by Kelley Sorenson
12:00 pm - 2:00 pm Lunch/ CVBS Meeting
2:30 pm – 3:30 pm “Birds on the Wind: The Miracle of Migration” by Kevin Karlson

Wow- sounds like a great event! There are daily rates available if you can only attend part of the symposium. For registration and more details see the website: www.cvbs.org

Questions? Contact Frances Oliver (209) 369-2010

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Interesting Observations in Kenwood by Ruth Rudesill

I have lived in this house in “central” Kenwood for 29 years (except when I was in college and in Maryland on my sabbatical.) When we first moved here, it was an open neighborhood with fields surrounding us, with an old orchard and planted redwoods, cedars, and Douglas fir. We had mostly oak/ field birds - western bluebirds, meadowlarks, crows, acorn and Nuttall’s woodpeckers, white-breasted nuthatches, oak titmice, ash-throated flycatchers, kestrels, scrub jays, even lazuli buntings.

Over the years the houses have built in around us and a forest (with maples, oaks, and elms as well as the conifers maturing) has grown to cover about 1/8 of an acre. This year, for the first time, I had nesting black-headed grosbeaks and chestnut-backed chickadees (they nested in a bluebird house!) This spring I heard singing warblers – Wilson’s, black-throated gray, and the yellow-breasted chat for two days in June. We have Steller’s jays and purple finches staying instead only visiting winter feeders. Brown creepers, hairy and pileated woodpeckers now visit any time of year. I had western wood-pewees calling for the first time as well.

A Pacific-sloped flycatcher showed up on March 28th stayed all spring and summer. This bird surprised me by investigating an old cockatiel nest box sitting on top of an outside wood pile under the breezeway. The bird actually was inside the nest box- and from what books I looked in they don’t usually cavity nest. The flycatchers did not nest in it – there was too easy access for cats and other critters. But it was an interesting observation. It’s exciting to have new diversity in my own yard!

OBSERVATIONS

Species	Date	Location	Co.	#	Observers	Notes
Fork-tailed Storm-petrel	9/02/02	Cordell Bank	MRN	200	BDP, DN mob	
Leach's Storm-petrel	9/02/02	Cordell Bank	MRN	1	BDP, DN mob	
Ashy Storm-petrel	9/02/02	Cordell Bank	MRN	2000	BDP, DN mob	
Wilson's Storm-petrel	9/02/02	Cordell Bank	MRN	10	BDP, DN mob	
Blue-winged Teal	9/05/02	Schollenberger Park	SON	4	Ron Storey	
Snow Goose	9/02/02-current	Bodega Farm Pond	SON	3	C&LLu , BDP, mob	"blue" form 1 adult / 2 imm.
Harlequin Duck	8/25/02	Tomales Bay	MRN	1	CSH	
Peregrine Falcon	9/12/02	Willow Creek Rd	SON	1	Dennis Beall	
Swainson's Hawk	9/02/02	Near Vacaville	SOL	30+	BOI, KW	large #
Rough-legged Hawk	9/11/02	Freezeout Rd	SON	1	Dennis Beall	
Golden Eagle	9/10/02	Corona Road	SON	1	Gerry Mugele	
Golden Eagle	9/13/02	Estero Americano	SON	2	TE	1 ad / 1 imm
Baird's Sandpiper	8/30/02	Schollenberger Park	SON	2	Bob Dyer	
Baird's Sandpiper	9/01/02	Doran Park	SON	1	BDP, AW	imm
Solitary Sandpiper	9/12/02	Schollenberger Park	SON	1	DAsh	
Red Knot	9/01/02	Doran Park	SON	3	BDP, AW	juv
Red Knot	9/06/02	Spud Point	SON	10	TE, DAsh	
Red Phalarope	9/02/02	Cordell Bank	MRN	650	BDP, DN mob	
Tufted Puffin	9/02/02	Cordell Bank	MRN	1	BDP	adult
Long-tailed Jaeger	9/02/02	Cordell Bank	MRN	75	BDP, DN, mob	
South Polar Skua	9/02/02	Cordell Bank	MRN	6	BDP, DN, mob	
Eastern Kingbird	9/14/02	Fish Docks	MRN	1	BDP	
Western Kingbird	9/1/02	Owl Canyon	SON	2	BDP, AW	
Willow Flycatcher	9/01/02	Campbell Cove	SON	1	BDP, AW	
Say's Phoebe	9/12/02	Willow Creek Rd	SON	1	Dennis Beall	
Mockingbird	9/07/02	Campbell Cove	SON	2	BDP	
Purple Martin	9/01/02	Owl Canyon	SON	3-4	BDP-AW	females
Canyon Wren	8/23/02	Mt St Helena	SON	1	BDP	
Red-eyed Vireo	9/1/02	Pt Reyes Lighthouse	MRN	1-2	Jon Winter, RAR	
MacGillvray's Warbler	9/04/02	Owl Canyon	SON	1	DHo	
MacGillvray's Warbler	9/03/02	Campbell Cove	SON		DHo	
Northern Waterthrush	9/21-22/02	Campbell Cove	SON	1	BDP, DN, RAR, RLe	
Black & white Warbler	9/06/02	Cheny Gulch	SON	1	DN	female imm
Blackpoll Warbler	9/06/02	Owl Canyon	SON	1	DN	
Hooded Warbler	9/16/02	Cheny Gulch	SON	1	DN	male
American Redstart	9/04/02	Owl Canyon	SON	2	DN, DHo	imm
American Redstart	9/15-16/02	Owl Canyon	SON	2	DN, BDP	imm
Orchard Oriole	9/04/02	Doran Park Ent	SON	1	DHo, DN	imm
Bobolink	9/06/02	Bodega Harbor	SON	1	DN	Possible in fog

Observers: Dick Ashford, Ted Eliot, David Hofmann, Rick Lebadour, Leslie & Cindy Lieurance, Dan Nelson, Becky Olsen, BD Mike Parmeter, Ruth Rudesill, Claire Shurvington, Alan Wight and Ken Wilson

Monday September 2, Parents warned over magpie season (contributed by Ned Wynn) From Australia

Sunglasses, ice cream containers, bike helmets, umbrellas - they're just some of things that can protect you from a magpie attack. NSW Labor MP Tony Kelly released a "magpie checklist" with tips to protect against swooping magpies.

Normally friendly magpies, found mostly in the NSW central west, Southern Highlands, New England and metropolitan Sydney areas, adopted frenzied aggressive behavior during nesting season, Mr. Kelly said.

"Everyone's got a story about a magpie swooping them on the way to school," Mr Kelly said in a statement. "I know of people who got their kids to wear ice cream containers with eyes on the back to confuse the magpie.

"A handy tip is to wear sunglasses on the back of your head when walking through a magpie nesting area."

Mr Kelly said parents should educate their children about the need to respect magpies during their breeding season. Children should avoid magpie nesting areas during the season and keep eye contact with the magpie if confronted.

(Ed note- these are not magpies like our corvids – they are in a different family)

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Kite Tales Deadlines

October 20th Observations Deadline

Submit sightings to Ned Wynn via e-mail
Or call between 8 am and 8 pm

October 24th Submissions Deadline

Send all announcements, articles, trivia, letters, etc. to
Ruth Rudesill via email, mail, or call in pm

Thank you to all who submitted for this issue.

Redwood Region Ornithological Society was organized in 1962 "to encourage the study and conservation of birds, other wildlife, and their natural habitat." Meetings are held the second Thursday of each month September through May. Regular meetings (October through April) are held at 7:30 pm at the Laguna Waste Water Treatment Plant 4300 Llano Road Santa Rosa California. Dues are \$15 per family, \$8 per individual or \$3 per student for one year membership. Send dues to RROS 1653 Arroyo Sierra Way Santa Rosa CA 95405.

CALENDAR

October 3 rd	General Meeting	7:30 pm
October 19 th	Field Trip Bodega Bay	8:00am
October 20 th	Observations Deadline	
October 24 th	Kite Tales Deadline	

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