



Kite Tales

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Coming Attractions

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

November 16th, Saturday, 8:30 am - Field trip to Willow Creek Canyon

Meet at Bridgehaven Pond (near Hwy 1 and 116 intersection.) Park off road in dirt pullout. We will scope the Russian River mouth and then head up Willow Creek Canyon for a day of landbirding. 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 or if you have any questions.

November 16th, Saturday 2:00pm – Dr Jack Arnold Memorial Dedication

Meet in lobby of Darwin Hall at SSU. All are welcome. Light refreshments will be served. Bring you favorite memory of Dr. Arnold to share.

December 15th, Santa Rosa Christmas Count – Mark your Calendars!

If you haven't already, please pay your dues – other wise this will be the last issue mailed to you.

**Point Reyes Field Trip Report
September 14, 2002****by Alan Wight**

Trip highlights included a cooperative Eastern Kingbird, a Parasitic Jaeger chasing Elegant Terns, and a Pectoral Sandpiper. The numbers of migrating landbirds were low this year. Thanks to Mike Parmeter for leading the group in the afternoon. The field trip participants were Ken Ackerman, Dick Ashford, Jim Clegg, Joan Dranginis, Lew Edmondson, Marilyn Edmondson, Betty Groce, Jeff Holtzman, Richard Hurley, Tony Kroha, Rick Lebaudour, Gloria Markowitz, Mike Nelligan, Becky Olsen, Mike Parmeter, Bill Payne, Wendy Peterson, Cynthia Rathkey, John Rathkey, Rhio Reigh, Don Reinberg, Phyllis Schmitt, Ann Stone, Don Toms, Alan Wight, and Ken Wilson.

Birds observed: Pacific Loon, Common Loon, Pied-billed Grebe, Western Grebe, Brown Pelican, Double-crested Cormorant, Brandt's Cormorant, Pelagic Cormorant, Black-crowned Night-Heron, Mallard, Northern Pintail, Greater Scaup, Surf Scoter, Turkey Vulture, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Cooper's Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, American Kestrel, Semipalmated Plover, Killdeer, Greater Yellowlegs, Least Sandpiper, Pectoral Sandpiper, Parasitic Jaeger, Heermann's Gull, Ring-billed Gull, California Gull, Western Gull, Elegant Tern, Forster's Tern, Common Murre, Pigeon Guillemot, Marbled Murrelet, Barn Owl, Great Horned Owl, Anna's Hummingbird, Western Wood-Pewee, Pacific-slope Flycatcher, Black Phoebe, Eastern Kingbird, Barn Swallow, Common Raven, Golden-crowned Kinglet, European Starling, Warbling Vireo, Yellow Warbler, Townsend's Warbler, Savannah Sparrow, Song Sparrow, White-crowned Sparrow, Red-winged Blackbird, Tricolored Blackbird, Western Meadowlark, Brewer's Blackbird, Brown-headed Cowbird, House Finch, American Goldfinch.

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USFWS PRESS RELEASE**contributed by Linda Allen**

Conservation Organizations in the United States and Latin American Countries to Receive Funds for Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation. Conservation organizations in 17 states and 25 Latin American and Caribbean countries will share \$3 million in grants for neotropical migratory bird conservation, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced today.

There are 341 species of nearctic-neotropical migrants, birds that breed north of the Tropic of Cancer and winter south of that line.

"The conservation of neotropical migratory birds extends beyond our borders and depends on partnerships with other nations as well as states, conservation organizations and many others here at home," said Interior Secretary Gale Norton. "Through these grants, the Interior Department is contributing to on-the-ground conservation projects from North America to Cape Horn."

The Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act of 2000 establishes a matching grants program to fund projects that promote the conservation of neotropical migratory birds in the United States, Latin America and the Caribbean. The money can be used to protect, research, monitor and manage these bird's populations and habitats as well as in areas of law enforcement and community outreach and education.

"Neotropical migratory birds are important for our ecosystems," said Service Director Steve Williams. "They work as nature's pest controllers, pollinators and provide many hours of enjoyment for birdwatchers and outdoor enthusiasts."

"In this first year of the program, we had almost 300 excellent proposals from 33 countries and 31 U.S. states," said Tom Melius, Assistant Director of Migratory Birds and State Programs.

"Applicants requested more than \$25 million in grant funds and offered more than \$95 million in matching funds."

Funded Projects in the United States: (ed. note- very long list but we will print the one that includes Sonoma County)

The American Bird Conservancy, based in Corvallis, Oregon, will receive \$227,470 (\$682,410 match) to develop an international alliance for oak habitat conservation in Little Klickitat Canyon and Scatter Creek, Washington; Mt. Pisgah and Cooke Forest Oregon; **Sonoma County** and Lassen Foothills California; Sierra de las Minas; Guatemala, and Montecristo National Park, El Salvador.

For more information about these grants, as well as grant applications, visit <http://birdhabitat.fws.gov> or contact Doug Ryan, Division of Bird Habitat Conservation, (703) 358-1784.

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Kite Tales Deadlines

November 20th Observations Deadline

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

November 24th Submissions Deadline

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

OBSERVATIONS

Species	Date	Location	Co.	#	Observers	Notes
Am White Pelican	10/8/02	Gaffney Point	SON	50+	BDP	High #
American Bittern	10/6/02	Spring Lake	SON	2	Sara Blauman	
Prairie Falcon	10/5/02	Near Owl Canyon	SON	1	BDP	
Golden Eagle	9/25-30/02	Bay Hill Road	SON	5	DN, BDP,DHo	2 pr, 1imm
Broad-winged Hawk	9/30/02	Bay Hill Road	SON	1	BDP, DN, DHo	imm light
Feruginous Hawk	9/25/02	Bay Hill Road	SON	1	DN	
Emperor Goose	October	Rodman Slough	LAK	1	Jerry White	
Gr. Wh-fronted Goose	9/24/02	Bodega Harbor	SON	2	BDP, DN, DHo	Calling
Gr. White-fronted Goose	10/3/02	Nunes Ranch	MRN	70+	DN	
Gr. White-fronted Goose	10/5/02	Doran Pond	SON	60+	DN	
Gr. White-fronted Goose	10/7/02	Over Penngrove	SON	flock	RLe	
Blue-winged Teal	9/28-9/02	Schollenberger Park	SON	2-7	mob	2 m, 5f
Blue-winged Teal	9/28/02	Petaluma Sewer Pond	SON	4	BDP, DN, RLe, AW	4 female
White-winged Scoter	10/1/02	Off Bodega Head	SON	1	DN	
Wood Duck	9/28/02	Austin Creek	SON	2	BDP, DN, AW, RLe	
Sora	9/28/02	Bridgehaven Pond	SON	1	BDP, AW, DN, RLe	
Clapper Rail	9/28/02	Lakeville Sewer Pond	SON	1	BDP, AW, DN, RLe	calling
Virginia Rail	10/5/02	Campbell Cove	SON	2	BDP	
American Golden-plover	10/19/02	Doran Park, bayside	SON	1	BDP, mob	
Sabine's Gull	9/28/02	Off Bodega Head	SON	2	RAR	
Black Skimmer	9/20/02	Vallejo	SOL	1	AW	
Surfbird	10/8/02	Duncan's Landing	SON	50+	BDP	
Baird's Sandpiper	10/9/02	Schollenberger Park	SON	2	Ron Storey	
Wandering Tattler	10/8/02	Duncan's Landing	SON	1	BDP	
Marbled Murrelet	9/28/02	Off Russian River mouth	SON	4	BDP, AW, DN, RLe	
Burrowing Owl	9/21-27/02	Bodega Head	SON	2	BDP, DN, DHo	
Burrowing Owl	10/5/02	Road to Bodega Head	SON	1	BDP	
Black-backed Woodpecker	10/4/02	Jack London SP	SON	1	Mark Morrisette USFS	Possible county record
White-throated Swift	9/7/02	Petaluma yard	SON	5	AW	
Tropical Kingbird	10/12/02	Bodega Bay	SON	1	BB	
Purple Martin	9/26/02	Bodega Head	SON	2	DN	males
Wrentit	9/21/02	Hole in the Head	SON	2	BDP, DN, EL	
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	10/8/02	Bayhill Rd	SON	1	DN	
Dipper	9/28/02	Cazedero	SON	1	BDP, DN, AW, RLe	
Gray-cheeked Thrush	9/28/02	Pt Reyes Lighthouse trees	MRN	1	RAR, L&CL	
Swainson's Thrush	10/5/02	Hole in the Head	SON	1	BDP	
Varied Thrush	9/28/02	King Ridge Rd	SON	5-6	BDP, DN, AW, RLe	
House Wren	10/5/02	Bodega Head	SON	5	BDP	
Philadelphia Vireo	9/29/02	Owl Canyon	SON	1	Doug Shaw	

Observations cont.

Palm Warbler	9/27/02	Owl Canyon	SON	1	DN	
Blackpoll Warbler	9/27/02	Owl Canyon	SON	1	DN	
Magnolia Warbler	9/27-28/02	Owl Canyon	SON	1	DN, GS, BDP, DN, DHo	Imm female
Magnolia Warbler	10/10/02	Landsend SF	SF	1	GM, TA	
Northern Waterthrush	9/21-28/02	Campbell Cove	SON	1	BDP, DN, EL, RAR	Also RLe
Chestnut-sided Warbler	9/27/02	Campbell Cove	SON	1	BDP, DN, DHo	
Golden-winged Warbler	9/27-10/3/02	Nunes Ranch Pt Reyes NS	MRN	1	BGr, RAR, mob	Ad male
Mourning Warbler	9/28/02	Owl Canyon	SON	1	GS	1 st year male
Fox Sparrow	10/2/02	Nunes Ranch	MRN	100+	DN	Gone next day
Clay-colored Sparrow	10/3/02	Nunes Ranch	MRN	1	DN	
Lark Sparrow	9/30/02	Hole in the Head	SON	1	BDP, DN, DHo	
Vesper Sparrow	9/28/02	King Ridge Road	SON	1	BDP, DN, AW, RLe	Same as last yr?
White-throated Sparrow	10/3/02	Nunes Ranch	MRN	2	DN	
White-throated Sparrow	10/5/02	Petaluma	SON	1	DN	yard
White-crowned Sparrow	9/23/02	Healdsburg yard	SON	1	EKW	First this fall
Orchard Oriole	10/3/02	Nunes Ranch	MRN	1	DN	

Observers: Tim Ackerman, Betty Burridge, Ted Eliot, Betty Groce, David Hofmann, Rick Lebadour, Eric Lichtwardt, Leslie & Cindy Lieurance, Gloria Markowitz, Dan Nelson, , BD Mike Parmeter, Ruth Rudesill, Greg Seifer, Alan Wight and EK Ned Wynn.

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Betty Burridge birded in **Hungary** on 23 & 24 October, 2002.

Day one at Apaj Puszta and day two at Lake Velence and Dinnyes Marsh with Gerard Gorman.

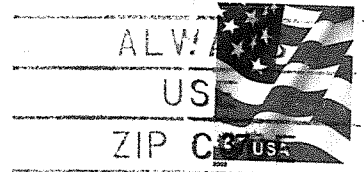
Great-crested Grebe, *Podiceps cristatus*; Mute Swan, *Cygnus olor*; Common Teal, *Anas crecca*; Mallard, *Anas platyrhynchos*; Northern Shoveler, *Anas clypeata*; Common Pochard, *Aythya ferina*; Grey Heron, *Ardea cinerea*; Great White Egret, *Egretta alba*; Western Marsh Harrier, *Circus aeruginosus*; Northern Harrier, *Circus cyaneus*; Eurasian Sparrowhawk, *Accipiter nisus*; Common Buzzard, *Buteo buteo*; Eurasian Kestrel, *Falco tinnunculus*; Gray Partridge, *Perdix perdix*; Ring-necked Pheasant, *Phasianus colchicus*; Eurasian Coot, *Fulica atra*; Great Bustard, *Otis tarda*; Common Snipe, *Gallinago gallinago*; Common Greenshank, *Tringa nebularia*; Wood Sandpiper, *Tringa glareola*; Little Stint, *Calidris minuta*; Dunlin, *Calidris alpina*; Curlew Sandpiper, *Calidris ferruginea*; Ruff, *Philomachus pugnax* Black-bellied Plover, *Pluvialis squatarola*; Common Ringed Plover, *Charadrius hiaticula*; Northern Lapwing, *Vanellus vanellus*; Yellow-legged Gull, *Larus michaellis*; Rock (Feral) Dove, *Columba livia*; Stock Pigeon, *Columba oenas*; Common Wood Pigeon, *Columba palumbus*; Eurasian Collared Dove, *Streptopelia decaocto*; Great-spotted Woodpecker, *Dendrocopos major*; Black Woodpecker, *Dryocopus martius*; Eurasian Jay, *Garrulus glandarius*; Black-billed Magpie, *Pica pica*; Rook, *Corvus frugilegus*; Hooded Crow, *Corvus corone*; Red-backed Shrike, *Lanius collurio*; Northern Shrike, *Lanius excubitor*; Eurasian Blackbird, *Turdus merula*; Common Starling, *Sturnus vulgaris*; Black Redstart, *Phoenicurus ochruros*; Whinchat, *Saxicola rubetra*; Common Stonechat, *Saxicola torquata*; Northern Wheatear, *Oenanthe oenanthe*; Marsh Tit, *Parus palustris*; Great Tit, *Parus major*; Blue Tit, *Parus caeruleus*; Long-tailed Tit, *Aegithalos caudatus*; Bank Swallow, *Riparia riparia*; Barn Swallow, *Hirundo rustica*; Eurasian Chiffchaff, *Phylloscopus collybita*; Blackcap, *Sylvia atricapilla*; Bearded Reedling, *Panurus biarmicus*; Crested Lark, *Galerida cristata*; Eurasian Skylark, *Alauda arvensis*; House Sparrow, *Passer domesticus*; Eurasian Tree Sparrow, *Passer montanus*; White Wagtail, *Motacilla alba*; Chaffinch, *Fringilla coelebs*; European Goldfinch, *Carduelis carduelis*; Eurasian Linnet, *Carduelis cannabina*; Eurasian Bullfinch, *Pyrrhula pyrrhula*; Reed Bunting, *Emberiza schoeniclus*; Corn Bunting, *Emberiza calandra*

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

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December 15th	Santa Rosa Christmas Count	

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