



# Kite Tales

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## Coming Attractions

**February 13, Thursday, 7:30 pm – General Meeting at Administration Building,  
Laguna Waste Water Treatment Plant – 4300 Llano Road, Santa Rosa**

**February 22, Saturday, 8.00am -Field Trip to Schollenberger Park, Petaluma**

We will walk the loop at this local birding hotspot and then hopefully continue birding south to the Petaluma River mouth. Meet in the Shollenberger Park parking lot in Petaluma at 8:00 a.m. Shollenberger Park is reached from US 101 by taking the Lakeville Highway exit at the south end of Petaluma. Proceed southeast on Lakeville Highway to South McDowell Boulevard and turn right. The entrance to Shollenberger Park is opposite the end of Cader Lane. Bring binoculars, 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.

**March 28-30, Friday-Sunday - Field Trip to Susanville Area for Sage Grouse**

We will spend three days birding the Susanville area in Lassen County. Our main goal will be to see Sage Grouse at dawn on Saturday on their lek. Details will be in the March Kite Tales. Leaders are Alan Wight and Rick Lebaudour. Call Alan at 763-8572 if you would like hotel or other information before the March Kite Tales comes out.

**SANTA ROSA CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT records 1977-2002 (incl)  
by number of species/number of years per National Audubon Society records**

**Total Species = 203**

**submitted by Ted Eliot**

**Observed every 26 Years (83 species)**

Pied-billed Grebe, Double-crested Cormorant, Great Blue Heron, Great Egret, Snowy Egret, Cattle Egret, Turkey, Vulture, Gadwall, American Wigeon, Mallard, Northern Shoveler, Northern Pintail, Ring-Necked Duck, Bufflehead, Common Goldeneye, Common Merganser, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Cooper's Hawk, Red-shouldered Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, American Kestrel, California Quail, American Coot, Killdeer, Greater Yellowlegs, Mew Gull, Ring-billed Gull, Rock Dove, Mourning Dove, Great horned Owl, Northern Pygmy-owl, Anna's Hummingbird, Acorn Woodpecker, Nuttall's Woodpecker, Downy Woodpecker, Hairy Woodpecker, Northern Flicker, Black Phoebe, Say's Phoebe, Loggerhead Shrike, Hutton's Vireo, Steller's Jay, Western Scrub-jay, American Crow, Common Raven, Chestnut-backed Chickadee, Oak Titmouse, Bushtit, White-breasted Nuthatch, Brown Creeper, Bewick's Wren, Winter Wren, Marsh Wren, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Western Bluebird, Hermit Thrush, American Robin, Varied Thrush, Wrentit, Northern Mockingbird, European Starling, Cedar Waxwing, Townsend's Warbler, California Towhee, Lark Sparrow, Savannah Sparrow, Fox Sparrow, Song Sparrow, Lincoln's Sparrow, White-throated Sparrow, White-crowned Sparrow, Golden-crowned Sparrow, Dark-eyed Junco, Red-winged Blackbird, Western Meadowlark, Brewer's Blackbird, Brown-headed Cowbird, Purple Finch, House Finch, Pine Siskin, Lesser Goldfinch, American Goldfinch, House Sparrow

**25 years (11 Species)** Eared Grebe, Green-winged Teal, Ruddy Duck, Ring-necked Pheasant, Least Sandpiper, Wilson's Snipe, California Gull, Belted Kingfisher, Pileated Woodpecker, Golden-crowned kinglet, Rufous-crowned Sparrow

**24 years (7 species)** Black-crowned Night Heron, Wood Duck, Canvasback, Northern Harrier, Virginia Rail, Dunlin, Yellow-rumped warbler

**23 years (3 species)** Canada Goose, Merlin, California Thrasher

**22 years (1 species)** Band-tailed Pigeon

**21 years (6 species)** Western Grebe, Cinnamon Teal, Lesser Scaup, Common Moorhen, Western Screech-owl, Red-breasted Sapsucker

**20 years (3 species)** Sora, Long-billed Dowitcher, Orange-crowned Warbler

**19 years (2 Species)** American Bittern, Spotted Owl

**18 years (7 species)** Osprey, Golden Eagle, Long-billed Curlew, Herring Gull, Glaucous-winged Gull, Tree Swallow, Spotted Towhee

**Santa Rosa CBC 1977-2002 cont.**

**17 years (3 species)** Greater Scaup, Spotted Sandpiper, Tricolored Blackbird

**16 years (1 species)** Red-breasted Nuthatch

**15 years (7 species)** Hooded Merganser, Peregrine Falcon, Prairie Falcon, Black-bellied Plover, Western Sandpiper, Northern Saw-whet Owl, American Pipit

**14 years (4 species)** Snow Goose, Black-necked Stilt, Violet-green Swallow, Common Yellowthroat

**13 years (3 species)** Green Heron, White-tailed Kite, Ferruginous Hawk

**12 years (5 species)** Horned Grebe, Bonaparte's Gull, Barn Owl, Burrowing Owl, Swamp Sparrow

**11 years (2 species)** Wild Turkey, Hermit Warbler

**9 years (4 species)** Eurasian Wigeon, Rough-legged Hawk, Mountain Quail, American Avocet

**8 years (4 species)** Clark's Grebe, Redhead, Thayer's Gull, Black-throated Gray Warbler

**7 years (2 species)** American White Pelican, Evening Grosbeak

**6 years (2 species)** Common Loon, White-throated Swift

**5 years (6 species)** Red-throated Loon, Greater White-fronted Goose, Blue-winged Teal, Short-eared Owl, Lewis's Woodpecker, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Horned Lark, Rock Wren

**4 years (6 species)** Ross's Goose, Tundra Swan, Bald Eagle, Lesser Yellowlegs, House Wren, Western Tanager

**3 years (2 species)** Barrow's Goldeneye, Western Gull

**2 years (5 species)** Pacific Loon, Semipalmated Plover, "Western" Flycatcher, Wilson's Warbler, Red Crossbill

**1 year (22 species)** Red-necked Grebe, Wood Stork, Red-breasted Merganser, Willet, Short-billed Dowitcher, Red Phalarope, Franklin's Gull, Red-naped Sapsucker, Eastern Phoebe, Ash-throated Flycatcher, "Solitary" Vireo, Barn Swallow, American Dipper, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Brown Thrasher, Tennessee Warbler, Palm Warbler, Chipping Sparrow, Clay-colored Sparrow, Vesper Sparrow, Sage Sparrow, Harris Sparrow

Observations

Species	Date	Location	Co	#	Observers	Notes
Red-necked Grebe	12/29/02	Doran Jetty	SON	7	RMe, DN, JW	
✓ Pacific Loon	12/23/02- 1/8/03	Hudemann Slough	SON	1-4	TE, DASH, BDP, DHo, SP, Kwi	
✓ Pacific Loon	1/12/03	Ramal Rd pond	SON	2	AW	
✓ Brown Booby	1/2/02- present	Princeton Harbor	San Mateo	1	AW, RAR, DN mob	imm
✓ Canada Goose	1/19/03	Spring Lake lagoon	SON	3	RAR	Cacklers
✓ Ross' Goose	1/20/03	Shiloh Road	SON	3	AW	
✓ Gr White-footed Goose	1/20/03	Shiloh Road	SON	1	AW	
✓ Gr. White-footed Goose	1/20/03	Bridgehaven	SON	2	AW	
Barrow's Goldeneye	1/10/03	Putah Creek	SOL?	2	BDP, SP	1 pair
✓ Blue-winged Teal	1/3/03	Schollenberger Park	SON	4	AW	2 pairs
✓ Cinnamon Teal	12/22/02	Hudemann Slough	SON	10	BDP	
Eurasian Wigeon	1/8/03	Pine Gulch Creek	MRN	1	BDP	male
Common Merganser	1/8/03	Lake Hennesey	NAP	1	BDP, DHo	male
Hooded Merganser	1/8/03	Lake Hennesey	NAP	2	BDP, DHo	
✓ Hooded Merganser	1/1/02	North of Cassini Pond	SON	2	DSh	pair
✓ Canvasback	12/22/02	Port of Sonoma	SON	40	BDP	
✓ Redhead	12/23/02	Viansa Winery	SON	4	TE, DASH	
✓ Redhead	1/3/03	Schollenberger Park	SON	1	AW	
Common Moorhen	1/10/03	Lake Solano	SOL	3	BDP, SP	
Osprey	12/24/02	Bodega Harbor	SON	1	BDP, DHo	
✓ Merlin	12/23/02	Ramal Road	SON	1	TE, DASH	
✓ Merlin	1/4/03	Hudemann Slough	SON	1	Kwi/Audubon FT	
✓ Peregrine Falcon	12/24/02	Bodega Harbor	SON	1	BDP, DHo	
✓ Peregrine Falcon	Dec/Jan	D St Bridge, Petaluma	SON	1	DN, AW	
Peregrine Falcon	1/8/03	Pine Gulch Creek	MRN	1	BDP	anatum
✓ Prairie Falcon	12/22/02	Hudemann Slough	SON	1	BDP	
Bald Eagle	1/8/03	Lake Hennesey	NAP	1	BDP, DHo	
Golden Eagle	12/23/02	Buchli Rd	NAP	1	TE, DASH	
Rough-legged Hawk	12/26/02	Hwy 113/Hwy 12	SOL	1	BDP	
✓ Ferruginous Hawk	1/10/03	Pressley Rd	SON	1	AW	Ad light phase
✓ Ferruginous Hawk	1/20/03	Bridgehaven	SON	1	AW	Imm light phase
Mountain Plover	12/26/02	Roberson Rd	SOL	150+	BDP, mob	
✓ Red Knot	1/1/03	Spud Point	SON	3	DSh	
✓ Red Phalarope	12/24/02	Off Bodega Head	SON	1	BDP, DHo	
Black-legged Kittiwake	Late Dec	Santa Nella	?	1	AW	imm
✓ Black-legged Kittiwake	1/1/2003	Blind Beach	SON	1	DSh	imm
Bonaparte's Gull	12/23/02	Hudemann Slough	SON	8	TE, DASH	
Burrowing Owl	12/26/02	Grizzly Island Road	SOL	1	BDP	
✓ Short-eared Owl	Dec/Jan	Schollenberger Park	SON	2	AW, DN	
Short-eared Owl	12/23/02 -1/8/03	Hudemann Slough	SON	1	BDP, DHo, TE, DASH, Kwi	
Red-breasted Sapsucker	1/8/03	Pine Gulch Creek	MRN	1	BDP	

Nuttings Flycatcher	1/1/03-present	Laurel Street Santa Cruz	Santa Cruz	1	AW, BDP, RLe, RAR, DN, TE, mob	2 <sup>nd</sup> State record
✓ Dipper	1/17/03	Mt Hood	SON	1	MNe	
Varied Thrush	12/9/02	Petaluma	SON	1	DN	
Sedge Wren	12/22/02 - 1/1/03	Half Moon Bay SP	San Mateo	1	AW, mob RAR	2 <sup>nd</sup> CA record?
Tree Swallow	12/25/02	Hudemann Slough	SON	2	BDP, DHo	
✓ Tree Swallow	1/3-8/03	Hudemann Slough	SON	50	BDP, SP, DHo	
✓ Barn Swallow	12/23/02 1/3-8/03	Hudemann Slough	SON	1	TE, DASH BDP, SP, DHo	
Orange-crowned Warbler	1/8/03	Pine Gulch Creek	MRN	1	BDP	lutescens
✓ Rose-breasted Grosbeak	12/29/02	Behind Rail Ponds	SON	1	BBu, WSCCBC	
Rose-breasted Grosbeak						
Lincoln's Sparrow	1/8/03	Lake Hennesey	NAP	1	BDP, DHo	
Rufous-crowned Sparrow	1/8/03	Lake Hennesey	NAP	1	BDP, DHo	
Swamp Sparrow	1/8/03	Pine Gulch Creek	MRN	1	BDP	

Observers: Dick Ashford, Betty Burrige, Ted Eliot, Betty Groce, David Hoffman, Rick Lebaduor, Richard Merriss, Mike Nelligan, Dan Nelson, BDP-Mike Parmeter, Sally Parmeter, Ruth Rudesill, Doug Shaw, Ken Wilson, Jim White, Alan Wight

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### Kite Tales Deadlines

February 20<sup>th</sup> Observations Deadline  
Submit sightings to New Wynn  
via email or call between 8 am and 8 pm

February 24<sup>th</sup> Submission Deadline  
Submit all announcements, articles,  
trivia, letters, etc. to Ruth Rudesill  
via email, mail or phone call

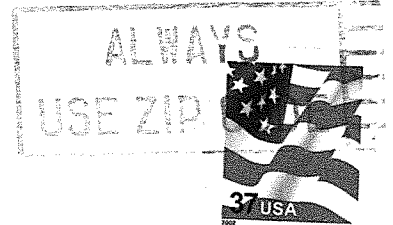
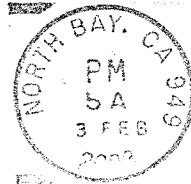
Thank you to all contributed to this issue – keep the submissions coming!

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**

February 13	General Meeting 7:30 pm
February 20	Observations Deadline
February 22	Field Trip Schollenberger Park
February 24	Kite Tales Deadline

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