



Coming Attractions

**Thursday , October 9 – 7:30 General Meeting at Administration Building,
Laguna Wastewater Treatment Plant - 4300 Llano Road , Santa Rosa**

Program will be: **A Serpent in the Garden of Eden: the Effects of Introduced Predators on a Pacific Island Avifauna** by Dan Grout – who is a colleague of Eric Lichtwardt. Dan describes his program as a natural history of a Pacific Island avifauna and conservation challenges in Micronesia. This sounds absolutely fascinating – don't miss this program!

Saturday, October 18 – 8:00 a.m. 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.

Saturday, November 8 – 8:30 a.m. 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. Leader is Alan Wight. Call Alan at 763-8572 (weekdays 7-9 pm or weekends any time) if you have any questions.

2003 Dues are due- if you haven't paid, please \$8 for single or \$15 for family to Mike Nelligan ASAP.

Pt. Reyes Trip Report September 27, 2003 by Ruth Rudesill

Sixteen of us enjoyed a great day at outer Pt. Reyes . The weather was high overcast with light wind. We saw 68 species but we didn't go to a lot of places. We had 14 species of warblers. We started at the Light house where the best birds were woodpeckers- Acorn and Red-breasted Sapsucker. Then we went to Nunes Ranch which had many warblers, vireos, and Green-tailed Towhee! We stopped for lunch at Fish Docks and there were more warblers and a beautiful Gray Fox. We stayed for hours and the field trip was ended there (with a quick stop at Mendoza.) We never made it to Drake's Beach or Speletta Plateau. Participants were: Gloria Ackerman, Linda Allen, Carol Brant, Colin Brant, Jim Castle, Ted Eliot, Betty Groce, Don Howard, Don Kirker, Becky Olsen, Ann Pibal, Rhio Reigh, Shirley Spina, Ken Wilson. David Hoffman and Richard Merriss were also with us for a while.

Birds observed: Loon sp., Horned Grebe, dark shearwater sp., Brown Pelican, Double-crested Cormorant, Great Egret, Turkey Vulture, Surf Scoter, Mallard, Osprey, Cooper's Hawk, Northern Harrier, Red-tailed Hawk, American Kestrel, California Quail, Killdeer, Western Gull, Heermann's Gull, Great-horned Owl, Anna's Hummingbird, Belted Kingfisher, Acorn Woodpecker, Red-breasted Sapsucker, Western Wood-Pewee, Willow Flycatcher, "western" Flycatcher, Black Phoebe, Say's Phoebe, Warbling Vireo, Western Scrub-Jay, Common Raven (high #s), Winter Wren, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Hermit Thrush, Swainson's Thrush, European Starling, Cedar Waxwing, Orange-crowned Warbler, Nashville Warbler, Northern Parula, Yellow Warbler, Chestnut-sided Warbler, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Black-throated Gray Warbler, Townsend's Warbler, Hermit Warbler, Bay-breasted Warbler, Blackpoll Warbler, American Redstart, Common Yellowthroat, Wilson's Warbler, Green-tailed Towhee, Spotted Towhee, Savannah Sparrow, Song Sparrow, Lincoln's Sparrow, Fox Sparrow, White-crowned Sparrow, Golden-crowned Sparrow, Dark-eyed junco (possible pink-sided), Black-headed Grosbeak, Red-winged Blackbird, Tricolored Blackbird, Brewer's Blackbird, House Finch, American Goldfinch

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Kite Tales Deadlines

October 20th Observations Deadline

Submit sightings to New Wynn **

via email or call between 8 am and 8 pm

October 24th Submission Deadline

Submit all announcements, articles,

trivia, letters, etc. to Ruth Rudesill

via email, mail or phone call

**Ned Wynn is currently in Australia so please submit observations directly to Ruth Rudesill for this month.

SPECIAL EVENT - 7th ANNUAL CENTRAL VALLEY BIRDING SYMPOSIUM

Cheri Pillsbury reports the Central Valley Bird Club will be hosting the Seventh Annual Central Valley Birding Symposium Nov. 20-23, 2003 at the Radisson Hotel in Stockton, CA.

There will be field trips, workshops, a Birding Nature Fair and Art Show with over 25 vendors selling nature related items, etc.

Jon Dunn will be giving a Sparrow ID workshop, **Steve Howell** a Hummingbird ID Workshop, and **Kimball Garrett** will tell us "Why Birders Should Care About Subspecies".

The Keynote Speakers are: **Ed Harper**- "A Passion for Birds", **Keith Hansen**- "The Farallons", and **John Hendrickson**- "California Raptors".

The schedule, registration form, etc. are on the website: <http://cvbs.org>
The non-computer inclined can contact Frances Oliver at (209) 369-2010.

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This year we are adding a post-Symposium field trip. Jon Dunn and Steve Howell will take 25 people on a Gull ID trip to the Nimbus Fish Hatchery Monday the 24th. There is a \$20 fee for this trip which will go towards our Scholarship Fund.

Also, there are only 20 slots for Jon Dunn's Sparrow ID field trip on Friday. To be fair, we will hold a drawing on Nov. 1 for all the people who put it down as their number one choice of Friday field trips. That way, people who don't find out about it until they get their October "Birding" magazines or Audubon chapter newsletters will have an equal chance.

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Observations

Bird Species	Date	Location	Cty	#	Observers Notes
Cory's Shearwater!	9/8/03	Bodega Canyon	SON	1	CC&LC,LH
		This bird could first North Pacific record.			
Fork-tailed Storm-petrel	9/6/03	Cortes Bank	LA	1	RAR
		Uncommon that far south			
Red-billed Tropicbird	9/6/03	80-90 miles off Tanner and Cortes Banks	LA	10!	RAR,mob
White-faced Ibis	9/13/03	Skaggs Island Rd (w)	SOL	4	DASH
Black Scoter	9/2/03	Doran Beachside	SON	4	TE

Observations cont.

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Black Rail	9/20/03	Petaluma Sewer ponds	SON	1	Sonoma County
	heard only				Gray Jays
Clapper Rail	9/20/03	Petaluma Sewer ponds	SON	1	Sonoma County
	heard only				Gray Jays
California Condor	9/7/03	Julia Pfeiffer-Burns State Park -up trail	MON	7	RAR
Peregrine Falcon	9/2/03	Doran Bayside	SON	1	TE
Peregrine Falcon	9/20/03	Carmody Rd	SON	1	Sonoma County Gray Jays
Peregrine Falcon	9/21/03	Hawk Hill	MRN	1	DASH
Merlin	9/21/03	Hawk Hill	MRN	1	DASH
Golden Eagle	9/16/03	Petaluma Sewer Pnds	SON	2	TE,DASH,AB,AS,MS
Broad-winged Hawk	9/21/03	Hawk Hill	MRN	4	DASH
Swainson's Hawks	9/8/03	east Solano Co	SOL	20	ELi
Swainson's Hawk	9/21/03	Hawk Hill	MRN	1	DASH
Pacific Golden-Plover	9/20/03	Shollenberger Park	SON	1	Sonoma County Gray Jays
Dunlin	9/20/03	Shollenberger Park	SON	1	Sonoma County Gray Jays
Early					
Wandering Tattler	9/14/03	Arch Rock Beach	SON	1	AW
Hudsonian Godwit	8/30/03	Alviso	SCL	2juv	AW
Stilt Sandpiper	8/30/03	Alviso	SCL	1	AW
Semi-palmated Sandpiper	8/31/03	Shollenberger Park	SON	1 juv	RMo
Long-billed Curlew	9/6/03	east Solano Co	SOL	1000-1500	ELi
Pectoral Sandpiper	9/9/03	Carmony Rd ponds	SON	3	DASH
Red Knot	8/23/03	Hwy 37 mudflats	SOL	3	AW
Red Knot	9/16/03	Spud Pt	SON	1	TE,DASH,AB,ASMS
Lesser Yellowlegs	9/16/03	Carmody Rd pond	SON	2	TE,DASH,AB,ASMS
Pectoral Sandpiper	9/16/03	Carmody Rd pond	SON	2	TE,DASH,AB,ASMS
Least Tern	8/23/03	Hwy 37 mudflats	SOL	1	AW
Common Tern	9/16/03	Portugese Beach	SON	8	TE
Common Tern	9/20/03	Doran Park	SON	1	Sonoma County Gray Jays
Craveri's Murrelet	9/6/03	Tanner Bank	LA	6	RAR
Rhinoceros Auklet	9/6/03	Bodega Head	SON	1	ELi
Acorn Woodpecker	9/27-28/03	Outer Pt Reyes	MRN	3	RS,RAR,mob
Lewis Woodpecker	9/2/03	Hawk Hill	MRN	2	DASH
Red-breasted Sapsucker	9/27-28/03	outer Pt Reyes	MRN	2	RS,mob
Black Swift	9/21/03	Hawk Hill	MRN	sev	DASH
Willow Flycatcher	8/29/03	Lucchesi Park	SON	2	AW
Willow Flycatcher	9/3/03	Copeland Creek, SSU	SON	1	AW
Willow Flycatcher	9/6/03	Delta Pond	SON	2	KWi,BOI

Observations cont.

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Willow Flycatcher	9/6/03	Owl Canyon	SON	1	DN
Willow Flycatcher	9/12/03	Lower Colgan Creek		2	IM, KWi
Purple Martin	9/21/03	Hawk Hill	MRN	3	DASH
Red-throated Pipit	9/27/03	Abbotts Lagoon	MRN	1	RMe
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	9/2/03	Hole in the Head	SON	1	TE
American Redstart	9/6/03	Bodega Bay	SON	2	ELi
American Redstart	9/6/03	Campbell Cove	SON	1	DN
American Redstart	9/6/03	Marine Lab trees	SON	1	DN
American Redstart	9/06/03	Manchester Cmpgrnd	MEN	1	BBu, DS
Single bird feeding actively in cypress trees at group campground near Manchester Beach.					
MacGillivray's Warbler	9/2/03	Copeland Creek, SSU	SON	1	AW
MacGillivray's Warbler	9/4/03	Lynch Creek, Petaluma	SON	1	AW
MacGillivray's Warbler	9/5-9/03	Owl Canyon	SON	1	AW, DN
MacGillivray's Warbler	9/25-26/03	Owl Canyon	SON	1m	DHo, RAR
Yellow-rumped Warbler	9/15/03	Abbotts Lagoon	MRN	1	KWi, BOI, IM
Magnolia Warbler	9/7/03	Point Reyes	MRN	1	mob, AW
Chestnut-sided Warbler	9/7/03	Point Reyes	MRN	1	mob, AW
Ovenbird	9/15/03	Point Reyes NS	MRN	2	KWi, BOI, IM
Blackpoll Warbler	9/15/03	Point Reyes	MRM	1	KWi, BOI, IM
Blackpoll Warbler	9/27-28/03	outer Pt Reyes	MRN	3	RLe, RAR, mob
Black and White Warbler	9/23-27/03	Owl Canyon	SON	1f	DHo
Black-throated Blue Warbler	9/21/03	Owl Canyon	SON	1m	RAR
Black-throated Gray warbler	9/15/03	Point Reyes NS	MRN	1	KWi, BOI, IM
Prairie Warbler	9/27/03	Nunes Ranch	MRN	1	RMe
Bay-breasted Warbler	9/27-28/03	Nunes Ranch	MRN	1	TE, RLe, RAR, mob
Townsend's Warbler	9/6/03	Bodega Bay	SON	4	ELi
Yellow Warbler	9/6/03	Bodega Bay	SON	10	ELi
Orange-crowned Warbler	9/6/03	Bodega Bay	SON	1	ELi
Cape May Warbler	9/28/03	Fish Docks	MRN	1f	RLe, RAR, BGr
Lazuli Bunting	9/2/03	Hole in the Head	SON	1	TE
Dickcissel	9/7/03	New Willows	MRN	1	RLe, RMe, LH
Clay-colored Sparrow	9/28/03	Nunes Ranch	MRN	1	RLe, RAR
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	9/4/03	Cazadero yard	SON	1m	DB, PC
third this year.					
Bobolink	9/17/03	Pt Reyes	MRN	1	AW, mob

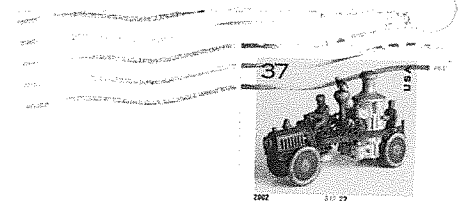
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Thank you to all who contributed to this issue – keep the submissions coming!

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

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October 24	Kite Tales Deadline
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December 14	Santa Rosa CBC



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