



**Coming Attractions**

**Thursday , December 11– 7:30 General Meeting at Administration Building, Laguna Wastewater Treatment Plant 4300 Llano Road , Santa Rosa**

Dan Nelson will once again present his birds slides to study for the Christmas Count and show us interesting birds he has photographed in the past year. Don't miss it!

**Sunday, December 14 - Santa Rosa Christmas Count**

Please mark your calendar and be sure to participate. Even if you can only count part of day, we welcome your help. Birds in the circle can be counted from 12:00 am to 11:59 pm. Please contact Bob Evans for information or to volunteer 823-0609 or [rgevans@sonic.net](mailto:rgevans@sonic.net)

**Saturday, January 10 - Field Trip to Lake Berryessa, Napa County**

Meet north of Santa Rosa at the park-and-ride on River Road just west of US101. Meeting time is 7:30 am. We will carpool from here to Lake Berryessa, where we'll explore the lake and surrounding woodlands starting at the north end. If time allows, we'll end up at Monticello Dam. Winter possibilities for this area include Bald Eagle, Prairie Falcon, Lewis's Woodpecker, Canyon Wren, and Yellow-billed Magpie. 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. Heavy rain cancels.

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

**Birds Named After People** by Michael F. Nelligan

This is the third of a series articles about people for whom some of our most common birds are named. Other articles appeared in the September and December issues of Kite Tales.

The following information is taken from two publications: Words for Birds, A Lexicon of North American Birds with Biographical Notes by Edward Gruson, and The Dictionary of American Birds by Ernest A. Choate. Name are presented in alphabetical order and do not include all names included in the above publications.

**BELL, JOHN GRHAM (1812-1889) (Bell's Vireo, Sage Sparrow)**

Bell was a taxidermist by trade and a collector for a number of naturalists in the U.S., including Audubon. He accompanied Audubon on his famous Missouri River trip and collected in California where he collected several new species named by Cassin after Bell.

**BENDIRE, CHALRES (1836-1897) (Bendire's Thrasher)**

Born in Germany, Bendire came to the U.S. in 1853 where he joined the U.S. army as a private. He was stationed in various posts in the west where he rose to the rank of major. He began to stuffy birds in earnest about 1868 until his death in 1897. He was among the highly respected ornithologists of his time and a thrasher was named in his honor by Coues.

**BEWICK, THOMAS (1754-1828) (Bewick's Wren)**

Best known as a wood engraver, Bewick was also the author of History of British Birds. This and other of his works were the approximate equivalent of Audubon's published works in the U.S. Audubon met Bewick in 1827 shortly before Bewick's death. Audubon was so impressed with Bewick and his talent that Audubon named a wren after him.

**Bonaparte, Charles (1803-1857) (Bonaparte's Gull)**

Charles was the son of Lucien Bonaparte who was Napoleon's brother. Therefore, Charles was Napoleon's nephew. Napoleon has another brother, Joseph, whose daughter married Charles. Therefore, Charles married his first cousin. His cousin's name was Zenaide for which the dove genus Zenaide is named. Waterloo resulted in a decline in the fortunes of the Bonaparte family and Charles, his wife, and his uncle/father-in-law moved to the U.S. in 1822. He is considered to be the father of systemic ornithology in the U.S.

**Botteri, Matteo (1808-1877) (Boterri's Sparrow)**

Born in Yugoslavia, he was a collector for naturalists in Europe until 1854 when he moved to Mexico. He settled in Orizba where he collected sufficiently to open a natural history museum. The sparrow named for him by Sclater was presumably collector by Botteri near Orizba.

**BRANDT, JOHANN (1802-1879) (Brandt's Cormorant)**

An eminent German zoologist who became head of the Zoological Museum at St. Petersburg, Russia, he described several birds and mammals from the western U.S. and the Pacific Coast. In almost 50 years in Russia, he published over 300 papers in various fields of zoology, paleontology and geography. He led major expeditions into Siberia and became the preeminent natural scientist in the land.

**BREWER, THOMAS (1814-1880) (Brewer's Blackbird, Brewer's Sparrow)**

Brewer was a man of many occupations and interests: physician, journalists, politician, and ornithologist. Brewer was a friend of Audubon and of Nuttall. His correspondence with Audubon was extensive and lasted for about eight years during which time he collected specimens of birds and of their eggs. Audubon named several species in his honor.

**BULLER, SIR WALTER LAWRY (1838-1906) (Buller's Shearwater)**

A native of New Zealand and a lawyer by profession, he became one of the leading authorities on New Zealand birds. Although Buller never visited America, the New Zealand shearwater, named for him, appears on the west coast of America.

**BULLOCK WILLIAM (1775-1840) (Bullock's Oriole)**

Bullock was an Englishman and the owner/proprietor of Bullock's Museum in London. While visiting near Mexico City he collected a number of birds new to science. Swainson described these birds and named in his honor Bullock's Oriole.

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**Kite Tales Deadlines:**

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

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

**Willow Creek Canyon Field Trip Report by Alan Wight**

November 8, 2003

It was a stormy day along the coast, with occasional breaks in the rain. Highlights were at least 600 Brown Pelicans on the beach at the Russian River mouth, a female Black Scoter at Duncan's Landing, and two White-winged Scoters and a Peregrine Falcon at Bodega Harbor. A total of 90 species were observed. The field trip participants were Mike Parmeter and Alan Wight.

**Birds observed:** Red-throated Loon, Common Loon, Pied-billed Grebe, Horned Grebe, Eared Grebe, Western Grebe, American White Pelican, Brown Pelican, Brandt's Cormorant, Double-crested Cormorant, Pelagic Cormorant, Great Blue Heron, Great Egret, Snowy Egret, Black-crowned Night-Heron, Turkey Vulture, Canada Goose, American Wigeon, Mallard, Cinnamon Teal, Northern Shoveler, Northern Pintail, Green-winged Teal, Greater Scaup, Surf Scoter, White-winged Scoter, Black Scoter, Bufflehead, Common Merganser, Northern Harrier, Red-tailed Hawk, American Kestrel, Peregrine Falcon, California Quail, American Coot, Black-bellied Plover, Semipalmated Plover, Killdeer, Black Oystercatcher, Willet, Marbled Godwit, Ruddy Turnstone, Black Turnstone, Sanderling, Western Sandpiper, Least Sandpiper, Dunlin, Short-billed Dowitcher, Bonaparte's Gull, Heermann's Gull, Mew Gull, Ring-billed Gull, California Gull, Western Gull, Glaucous-winged Gull, Forster's Tern, Common Murre, Rock Pigeon, Anna's Hummingbird, Belted Kingfisher, Acorn Woodpecker, Black Phoebe, Say's Phoebe, Hutton's Vireo, Steller's Jay, Western Scrub-Jay, Common Raven, Chestnut-backed Chickadee, Bushtit, Brown Creeper, Bewick's Wren, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, American Robin, Wrentit, European Starling, Spotted Towhee, Fox Sparrow, Song Sparrow, White-crowned Sparrow, Golden-crowned Sparrow, Red-winged Blackbird, Tricolored Blackbird, Western Meadowlark, Brewer's Blackbird, Brown-headed Cowbird, Purple Finch, House Finch, Pine Siskin, Lesser Goldfinch, House Sparrow.

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**World-wide Observations -**

Ted Eliot reported on his fantastic trip to Australia in October. He traveled all over the country and took a pelagic trip out of Sydney. His favorite birds were the Fairy-wrens. He saw around 300 species, most were endemic to Australia.

## Observations

<u>Bird Species</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Cty</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>Observers Notes</u>
Red-necked Grebe	11/12/03	Bodega Harbor jetty	SON	2	DHo
✓ Brown Pelican	11/8/03	Russian River mouth	SON	600+	BDP,AW
✓ Northern Goshawk	11/4/03	se Sonoma corner Arnold x Levoroni Rd	SON	1 imm	RAR
✓ Blue Grouse	11/13/03	Bouverie Preserve	SON	3	Kac,GMa
✓ Rock Sandpiper	11/12-23/03	Bodega Head	SON	1	DHo,ELi
Cassin's Auklet	late October	Cordell Bank	MRN	1000s	ELi
Barred Owl	11/20/03	Pt Reyes Station	MRN	1	RS calling
Common Poorwill	11/23/03	Sugarloaf Ridge	SON	2	KAc,GMa
✓ Broad-billed Hummingbird	11/13-27/03	Sonoma	SON	1m	Karen Palmer RLe,BDP mob
	2 <sup>nd</sup> county record				
✓ Costa's Hummingbird	11/25/03	Sonoma	SON	1 imm	JSt
	Same yard as	Broad-billed			
✓ Violet-green Swallow	11/17/03	Sebastopol Community Center	SON	35-50	LHu
White-throated Sparrow	10/18/03	Salmon Creek Rd	SON	1	KWi
White-throated Sparrow	11/11/03	Spring Lake	SON	1	LHu
Rufous-crowned Sparrow	10/18/03	Salmon Creek Rd	SON	1	KWi
✓ Snow Bunting	11/16/03	Sea Ranch/ShellBeach	SON	1	fideLLi

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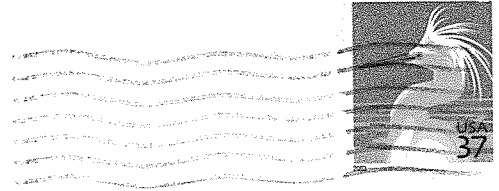
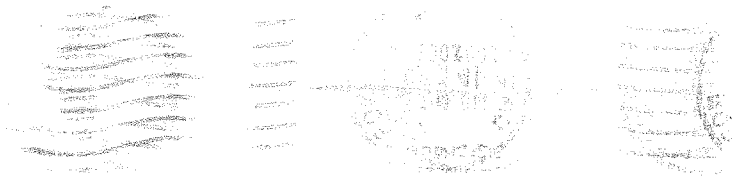
Karen Palmer, of Sonoma, was very welcoming to many birders who went and observed the male Broad-billed Hummingbird that visited her feeder for most of November. The bird was last sighted on Thanksgiving. An immature Costa's was also observed. At one point, Karen reported eleven separate hummingbirds were at her feeders. She was also delighted that the visiting birders pointed out other exciting birds in her yard, including a White-throated Sparrow, several Fox Sparrows, circling White-throated Swifts, and Golden Eagles.

Les and Cindy Lieurance shot video of the bird and Joe Morlan has good pictures on his website.

**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**

December 11 General Meeting 7:30 pm  
 December 14 Santa Rosa CBC  
 December 20 Observations Deadline  
 December 24 Kite Tales Deadline  
 January 10 Field Trip Lake Berryessa



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