

# **Kite Tales**

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#### **Coming Attractions**

Thursday, January 8 – 7:30 General Meeting at Administration Building, Laguna Wastewater Treatment Plant 4300 Llano Road, Santa Rosa

Program will be: Seven Years (Birding) in Japan and Asia

Jason Minton will be talking on birds and birding in Japan and Asia. Jason is working with Eric Lichtwardt on the Bay Bridge bird monitoring project. He is a biologist with Garcia & Associates. He will show slides.

Don't miss this exciting program!

## 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!

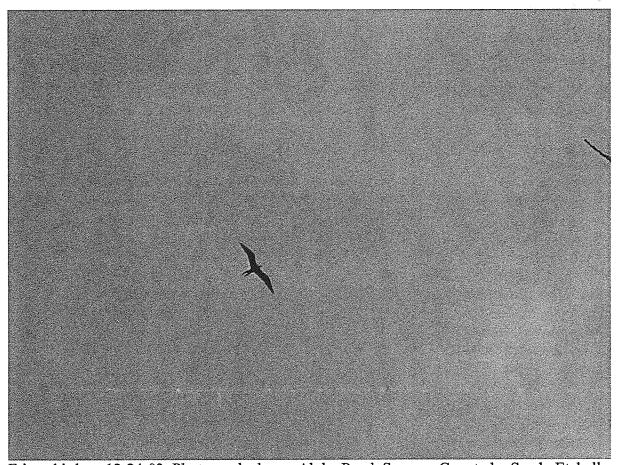
# Results from the December 14, 2003 Santa Rosa Christmas Bird Count

Pied-billed Grebe – 76	√Peregrine Falcon - 2
Eared Grebe – 19	√Prairie Falcon - 1
American White Pelican – 5	Falcon sp 1
Double-crested Cormorant – 84	Ring-necked Pheasant - 17
√American Bittern – 1	Wild Turkey - 145
Great Blue Heron – 21	Mountain Quail - 1
Great Egret – 114	California Quail - 317
Snowy Egret – 83	Sora - 1
✓ Cattle Egret – 140	Virginia Rail - 2
Green Heron – 4	Common Moorhen - 3
Black-crowned Night-Heron – 59	American Coot - 672
Turkey Vulture – 248	Killdeer - 170
Canada Goose – 661	Black-necked Stilt - 25
Wood Duck – 24	American Avocet - 8
Gadwall – 11	Greater Yellowlegs - 35
American Wigeon – 291	✓ Long Billed Curlew - 8
Mallard – 1238	Least Sandpiper - 42
Cinnamon Teal – 7	Dunlin- 6
Northern Shoveler – 71	Long-billed Dowitcher - 30
Northern Pintail – 31	Wilson's Snipe - 83
American Green-winged Teal – 12	Mew Gull - 262
√Canvasback – 14	Ring-billed Gull - 675
√Ring-necked Duck – 384	California Gull - 316
Lesser Scaup – 9	Herring Gull - 12
Scaup sp. – 2	Western Gull - 11
Bufflehead – 128	Glaucous-winged Gull - 21
Common Goldeneye – 12	Gull sp 445
Hooded Merganser – 2	Band-tailed Pigeon - 19
Common Merganser – 52	Rock Dove - 806
Ruddy Duck – 643	Mourning Dove - 141
Osprey – 3	Barn Owl - 2
✓ White-tailed Kite – 42	Western Screech Owl -6
	Great Horned Owl – 17
Northern Harrier – 10	Northern Pygmy Owl - 3
Sharp-shinned Hawk – 5	✓Burrowing Owl - 2
Cooper's Hawk – 5	Spotted Owl -1
Accipiter sp. $-2$	Anna's Hummingbird - 117
Red-shouldered Hawk – 67	Hummingbird sp 1
Red-tailed hawk – 91	Belted Kingfisher - 20
Ferruginous Hawk – 2	Acorn Woodpecker - 108
✓ Golden Eagle – 4	Red-breasted Sapsucker - 2
American Kestrel – 36	Nuttall's Woodpecker – 81
✓ Merlin – 2	Downy Woodpecker - 17

#### Santa Rosa Christmas Bird Count 2003 results continued -

Spotted Towhee - 102 Hairy Woodpecker - 11 California Towhee - 323 Red-shafted Flicker - 91 Rufous-crowned Sparrow-2 Yellow-shafter Flicker - 1 Şavannah Sparrow - 40 Pileated Woodpecker – 5 ✓Lark Sparrow - 1 Black Phoebe - 181 Say's Phoebe - 28 Song Sparrow-222 Fox Sparrow - 40 √Loggerhead Shrike – 1 Lincoln's Sparrow - 12 Hutton's Vireo - 18 White-throated Sparrow- 2 Steller's Jay - 40 White- crowned Sparrow- 606 Western Scrub-Jay - 246 American Crow - 1645 Golden-crowned Sparrow- 553 Sparrow sp.- 150 Common Raven – 156 Dark -eyed Junco - 663 Tree Swallow - 68 Red-winged Blackbird - 448 Chestnut-backed Chickadee - 174 /Tricolored Blackbird - 6 Oak Titmouse - 143 Western Meadowlark - 436 Bushtit - 786 Red-breasted Nuthatch - 2 Brewer's Blackbird - 1535 Brown-headed Cowbird - 76 White-breasted Nuthatch - 34 Blackbird sp. - 415 Brown Creeper – 12 Bewick's Wren - 39 Purple Finch - 11 House Finch - 731 Winter Wren - 4 √Red Crossbill - 2 Marsh Wren - 5 Golden-crowned Kinglet - 11 Lesser Goldfinch - 337 American Goldfinch - 126 Ruby-crowned Kinglet - 259 Western Bluebird - 249 House Sparrow - 298 Townsend's Solitaire - 1 Pine SISKIN Hermit Thrush - 51 Total 140 species American Robin - 2107 Varied Thrush - 4 no Wrentit - 3 Northern Mockingbird - 94 European Starling - 2130 American Pipit - 175 Cedar Waxwing - 93 ✓Orange-crowned Warbler - 4 Yellow-rumped Warbler (Myrtle) – 2 (Audubon's) -60 Yellow-rumped warbler, sp. - 264 Townsend's Warbler - 33 Common Yellowthroat - 2

Thank you to Bob Evans and Ted Eliot for their hard work and to all who counted, and the Rains for their hospitality and work at the Wikiup Clubhouse.



Frigatebird sp. 12-24-03 Photographed over Alpha Pond, Sonoma County by Sandy Etchell

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#### Kite Tales Deadlines:

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

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

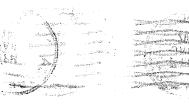
Observations Bird Species	Date	Location	Cty	#	Observers Notes
Red-necked Grebe	12/10/03	Bodega Harbor jetties	SON	2	LHu
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Northern Fulmar	12/10-29/03	off Bodega Head	SON		Hu, TE,DAsh,mob
Frigatebird sp.	12/24/03	Alpha Farm Pond	SON	1	Sandy Etchell
photographed	12/24/03	Santa Rosa laguna	5011	•	Paula Perretty
Ross's Goose	11/21/03 Luc	_	SON	1	AW
Gr White-fronted Goose	11/22/03	Ramal Road Preserve		1	AW
✓Eurasian Wigeon	12/06-28/03	Doran Pond	SON		,RAR, FH,mob
2 males, 1 fem			~~.		<del>,                                    </del>
√Tufted Duck	12/17/03	Salmon Creek	SON	1 f	FH
Hooded Merganser	11/22/03	Ramal Road pond	SON	3	AW
Hooded Merganser	12/06/03	Carmody Road	SON	7	AW
Blue-winged Teal	11/29/03	Shollenberger Park	SON	7	AW
/Northern Goshawk	12/22/03	Santa Rosa backyard	SON	1juv	KAc, Gma
Northern Goshawk	12/28/03	north Bodega Bay	SON	1juv	DSh
Ferruginous Hawk	11/26/03	Adobe Road	SON	1	AW
Ferruginous Hawk	12/4/03	East Railroad Ave	SON	1	AW
Rough-legged Hawk	12/28/03	above Bodega Harbou	ırSON	1 juv	DAsh, TMc
Dark phase	Salar Salar				· "
Swainson's Hawk	12/20/03	Hole in the Head	SON	1	TE,DAsh
√Red Phalarope	12/10/03	Bridgehaven	SON	1	LHu
Red Phalarope	12/06/03	Bodega Harbor jetties	SON	1	AW
Rock Sandpiper	12/20-29/03	Bodega Head	SON	1 TE	E,DAsh, ELi,mob
√Heermann's Gull	12/06/03	Campbell Cove	SON	25+	AW
✓ Burrowing Owl	12/2-18/03	old Santa Rosa Airpor	tSON	2	AW, TE
√Townsend's Solitaire	12/25/03	Rohnert Park	SON	1	DSh
√Summer Tanager	12/27-31/03	Santa Rosa yard	SON	1f	SBL
Nashville Warbler	12/06/03	Diekmann's Store	SON	1	AW
√Orange-crowned Warbler	12/28/03	Diekmann's Store	SON	1	DAsh, TMc
White-throated Sparrow	11/30/03	Sonoma Ave SR	SON	1	PCo
Common Grackle	12/21/03	Monte Rio	SON	1	LPe

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#### **CALENDAR**

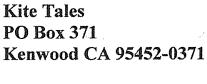
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