



Kite Tales

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POTLUCK PICNIC/MEETING/BIRDING Sept 8, 6:00 P. M.
AT DORAN PARK, BODEGA BAY Mark your calendar.

Bring potluck items, and your table settings. Also warm jackets and binoculars. Please be sure to pay your day use entrance fee.

Directions: Meet at the Doran Park Day Use Area, which is the third parking lot on the left after passing the park contact station. **Target Species:** Snowy Plovers and many other shorebirds. **Owl Prowl:** After dinner and the meeting, we may go to Salmon Creek Road to find some owls.

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Calendar:

Sept. 17. Sat. RROS Field trip to Pt. Reyes National Bird Seashore. Details on page 2

Sept. 19, Mon., 7:30 p. m. Madrone Audubon Society General Meeting at the First Methodist Church, 1551 Montgomery Drive, Santa Rosa. **Program: Bay Area bird/nature filmmaker Larry Arbanas** will present a bevy of bird "mini-movies" "**California Birds in Motion.**"

Oct. 13, Thurs. RROS General Meeting – Program to be announced.

Oct. 15, Sat. RROS Field Trip to Bodega Bay. Details on page 2

Nov. 17 – 20. Central Valley Bird Symposium, Stockton, details at <http://cvbs.org>

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DON'T FORGET TO PAY YOUR 2005-06 RROS DUES. Please send your check to Jack Harper, RROS Treasurer, P. O. Box 5254, Santa Rosa CA 95402

Saturday, September 17 – Field Trip to Point Reyes National Seashore

This is our traditional fall trip to this great birding spot. Meet at 7:30 a.m. at the Petaluma Park-and-Ride (located at Highway 101 and Lakeville Highway just west of Highway 101) for carpooling or at the Point Reyes Lighthouse trees at 8:30 a.m. We will search the usual spots for fall migrants and vagrants. 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, October 15 – Field Trip to Bodega Harbor

Meet in the parking area near the rail ponds at the north end of Bodega Harbor at 8:00 a.m. 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 p.m. or weekends any time) if you have any questions.

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Lava Beds Field Trip Report June 24-26, 2005

We had a nice time exploring the area and observing a total of 145 species of birds. A few of the highlights were Pinyon Jays, Purple Martins, Brewer’s Sparrows, Sage Thrashers, and Common Nighthawks at Lava Beds; a Peregrine Falcon and at least 70 Franklin’s Gulls at Tule Lake; at least six Flammulated Owls and one Northern Saw-whet Owl (all heard only) west of Mammoth Crater; Gray Jays, a female Williamson’s Sapsucker, and Red Crossbills (one singing even!) along the road to Medicine Lake; many Bank Swallows at the Fall River Mills colony; and three Bald Eagles near Burney Falls (but no Black Swifts). Photos and species lists for the trip are available here:

http://www.sonic.net/~shwand/lava_beds_2005/lava_beds_2005.htm

Field trip participants: Marilyn Bertran, Deyea Harper, Jack Harper, Don Howard, Rick Le Baudour, Adeene Nelligan, Mike Nelligan, and Alan Wight.

Birds observed: Pied-billed Grebe, Eared Grebe, Western Grebe, Clark's Grebe, American White Pelican, Double-crested Cormorant, Great Blue Heron, Great Egret, Snowy Egret, Black-crowned Night-Heron, White-faced Ibis, Turkey Vulture, Canada Goose, Gadwall, Mallard, Blue-winged Teal, Cinnamon Teal, Northern Shoveler, Northern Pintail, Green-winged Teal, Canvasback, Redhead, Ring-necked Duck, Lesser Scaup, Bufflehead, Ruddy Duck, Osprey, Bald Eagle, Northern Harrier, Swainson's Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, Golden Eagle, American Kestrel, Peregrine Falcon, Ring-necked Pheasant, Mountain Quail, California Quail, Virginia Rail, American Coot, Sandhill Crane, Killdeer, Black-necked Stilt, American Avocet, Greater Yellowlegs, Willet, Long-billed Curlew, Western Sandpiper, Wilson's Phalarope, Franklin's Gull, Ring-billed Gull, California Gull, Caspian Tern, Forster's Tern, Black Tern, Rock Pigeon, Band-tailed Pigeon, Mourning Dove, Barn Owl, Flammulated Owl, Great Horned Owl, Northern Saw-whet Owl, Common Nighthawk, Common Poorwill, Vaux's Swift, White-throated Swift, Calliope Hummingbird, Rufous Hummingbird, Belted Kingfisher, Acorn Woodpecker, Red-breasted Sapsucker, Williamson's Sapsucker, Hairy Woodpecker, Northern Flicker, Olive-sided Flycatcher, Western Wood-Pewee, Dusky Flycatcher, Black Phoebe, Say's Phoebe, Ash-throated Flycatcher, Western Kingbird, Loggerhead Shrike, Cassin's Vireo, Gray Jay, Steller's Jay, Western Scrub-Jay, Pinyon Jay, Clark's Nutcracker, Black-billed Magpie, Common Raven, Horned Lark, Purple Martin, Violet-green Swallow, Northern Rough-winged Swallow, Bank Swallow, Cliff Swallow, Barn Swallow, Mountain Chickadee, Juniper/Oak Titmouse, Bushtit, Red-breasted Nuthatch, White-breasted Nuthatch, Pygmy Nuthatch, Brown Creeper, Rock Wren, Canyon Wren, Bewick's Wren, House Wren, Marsh Wren, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Western Bluebird, Mountain Bluebird, Townsend's Solitaire, American Robin, Sage Thrasher, European Starling, Cedar Waxwing, Yellow Warbler, Yellow-rumped Warbler, MacGillivray's Warbler, Common Yellowthroat, Western Tanager, Green-tailed Towhee, Spotted Towhee, Chipping Sparrow, Brewer's Sparrow, Lark Sparrow, Savannah Sparrow, Fox Sparrow, Song Sparrow, Dark-eyed Junco, Black-headed Grosbeak, Lazuli Bunting, Red-winged Blackbird, Western Meadowlark, Yellow-headed Blackbird, Brewer's Blackbird, Brown-headed Cowbird, Bullock's Oriole, Purple Finch, Cassin's Finch, House Finch, Red Crossbill, Lesser Goldfinch, American Goldfinch, Evening Grosbeak, House Sparrow. Alan Wight

Observations – Summer 2005

Ruth Rudesill

Bird Species	Date	Location	Co.	#	Observers
✓ Tundra Swan	6/3/05	Shollenberger Park	SON	1	PL
✓ White-winged Scoter	7/15/05	Bodega Harbor	SON	1m	LHg
✓ Common Goldeneye	7/15/05	mouth Russian River	SON	1f	LHg
✓ Red-necked Grebe	6/9-13/05	Bodega Harbor jetty	SON	2	LHg, SB
✓ Red-necked Grebe	7/12/05	Bodega Harbor jetty	SON	1	LHg
✓ Cattle Egret	8/5/05	High School Rd	SON	sev	B<
✓ White-faced Ibis	8/14/05	Shollenberger Park	SON	1	DMu
✓ Common Black Hawk	continued from May	Laguna de Santa Rosa on private land (near Delta Pond)	SON	1	per BBU, SM, mob
✓ Bald Eagle	8/20/05	Russian River, Healdsburg	SON	1ad	Tiffany M
Yellow Rail	6/23/05	Mt. Shasta (city)	SIS	1	AWght, RLeb
		Heard one bird clearly - calling repeatedly in late afternoon			
✓ Pacific Golden Plover	8/5/05	Shollenberger Park	SON	1	KWi, BOI
Lesser Yellowlegs	8/5/05	Shollenberger Park	SON	1	KWi, BOI
✓ Wandering Tattler	7/20-31/05	Bodega Head	SON	1	JC, SR, DgSh
✓ Semipalmated Sandpiper	7/23/05	Shollenberger Park	SON	1	LHg
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✓ Semipalmated Sandpiper	8/5/05	Shollenberger Park	SON	1	KWi, BOI
✓ Wilson's Phalaropes	8/4-5/05	Shollenberger Park	SON	14	LHg, KWi, BOI
✓ Wilson's phalaropes	8/14/05	Shollenberger Park	SON	2	DMu
Franklin's Gull	6/24/05	Tule Lake	SIS/Modoc	70+	AWght, RLeb
		Most were perched together along the south edge of the southeast sump near the county line.			
Franklin's Gull	6/25/05	Lower Klamath NWR	SIS	7	AWght, RLeb
✓ Pomarine Jaeger	7/20/05	Bodega Head	SON	1	JC
✓ Marbled Murrelet	7/31/05	off Bodega Head	SON	1	SR
✓ Eurasian Collared-Dove	8/12/05	Adobe Rd/Frates Rd	SON	2	RLeb
✓ Red-eyed Vireo	7/3/05	Delta Pond area	SON	1	MB, FS singing
✓ Purple Martin	7/28/05	Gualala Bridge HWY1	SON	sev	LHg 2 Imm
Loggerhead Shrike	7/7-8/0	Railroad Ave Penngrove	SON	1	KWi, BOI
✓ Blackburnian Warbler	7/31/05	Russian Gulch	SON	1f	DgSh
Magnolia Warbler	6/24/05	? Beach	MRN	1m	LHg dead
Cassin's Sparrow	5/29/05	Latrobe Rd	SAC	1	AWght
Brewer's Blackbird	6/5/05	Rohnert Park	SON	1	DgSh
		Partial albino – leucistic The head is white along with most of the upper and lower parts with black flecks. The central rectrices appear to be solid black while feeding on the lawn and in flight. (originally seen in March)			
✓ Great-tailed Grackle	6/4/05	Bodega Bay near Diekmans	SON	2m	RS

Observers: Sara Blauman, Mike Bumgardner, Betty Burrige, James Clegg, Peter Colasanti, Lisa Hug, Rick LeBaudour, Peter Leveque, Tiffany M, Richard Merris, Stan Moore, Dan Murphy, Becky Olson, Siobha Ruck, Doug Shaw, Rick Stallcup, Fritz Steurer, Barbara and Laurence Taylor, Alan Wight, and Ken Wilson

Movie Review MARCH OF THE PENGUINS by Ruth Rudesill

2005 – produced and directed by Luc Piquet. Narrated by Morgan Freeman.

This is a French production in association with National Geographic about the almost unbelievable life of the Emperor Penguin. We, as birders, are familiar with the life cycle of the largest of penguins but even I was surprised to learn the real toil these birds go through in order to produce babies.

They march 70 miles in from the Antarctic ocean to secure ice and go back and back and forth through the egg laying and chick rearing. The reason why they march so far in revealed late in the film, so the babies will be near the ocean in the short austral summer when they eventually fledge. It is truly amazing how these birds survive in the harshest environment on earth, especially during the wintertime with no food.

It is beautifully filmed and engrossing. And there is nothing cuter than an Emperor Penguin chick! I give it 3 and half stars out of four!

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MEMBER NEWS: 2004 ABA (American Birding Association) List Report - several RROS members reported some interesting list totals -

Ted Eliot had 725 in the ABA area. Also making the 700 ABA club was **Betty Groce** at 704 and **Mike Parmeter** with 702. **Mike** also reported 3719 on the World list.

Mike's son John is the number 1 lister in New Mexico with 485 (**Mike** has 396 in New Mexico.) In California, **Mike** is at number 7 with 556! **Wow!**

Former RROS Treasurer, Jean Smith has reported in from her new digs in Nevada City where she is closer to two daughters, both of whom are DVMs. (How many of us can casually mention 'my daughters, the doctors?') Still a member of RROS and enjoying birds, she sends best wishes to all her old friends.

And on a sad note, the recent death of **John and Virginia McDonagh's daughter, Kathy**, is hereby acknowledged with deepest sympathy.

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Start thinking about the **Santa Rosa Christmas Bird Count on**

December 18th. Compiler Ken Ackerman (markandack@aol.com) encourages all members to start saving that date. Invite your friends to join you in this fun event. A supper (non-potluck!) is being planned at Mary's Pizza Parlor on Summerfield Rd. in Santa Rosa that evening.

Redwood Region Ornithological Society 2005-2006- Officers/Board of Directors

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Kite Tales Deadlines: Submit Observations to Ruth Rudesill by August 20th, all other items to Editor Betty Burr ridge by August 25th

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From now on we are offering to send your *Kite Tales* by email. It could save the club considerable money in postage and printing costs, and may provide you with bonus pictures not easily reproduced otherwise.

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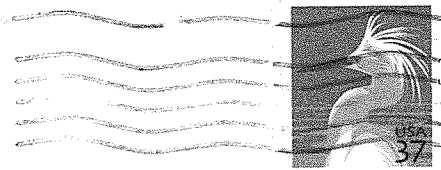
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Don't forget to visit WWW.RROS.ORG !

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 a one-year membership. Send dues to RROS Treasurer, 4663 Sullivan Way, Santa Rosa CA 95409.

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