

# Kite Tales

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Last issue (FOR MEMBERS WITH DELINQUENT DUES)
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# **GENERAL MEETING, NOV. 9, 7:00 PM**

"ECUADOR, ITS NATURAL HISTORY AND BIRDS"
BY RUDY GELIS, a wonderful naturalist guide, tour leader, and researcher.

**Directions**: From Hwy 101 take Hwy 116 West toward Sebastopol. Turn right (north) on Llano Rd. and go ~ 1 mile to **Laguna Wastewater Treatment Plant at 4300 Llano Rd, Santa Rosa**. Look for an open gate on right. Proceed to Administration. Bldg. at SE corner of the plant. From Hwy. 12, take Llano Rd. south about 3 miles. Plant is on left.

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# Sunday, Dec. 17th SANTA ROSA CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

More? Call Ken Ackerman at 538 2038/markandack@gmail.com & see page six

Our good friend, **DAVE SHUFORD**, at PRBO is RECRUITING birders for <u>an</u> <u>important shorebird census on Tues.</u>, November 7. If you can assist, contact him at (415) 868-0371, ext. 310, or by email <u>dshuford@prbo.org</u>

#### **OTHER COMING ATTRACTIONS:**

Sat., Nov 18th-Owling Field Trip! Heavy rain cancels. (See details below)

Mon., Nov. 20 - Madrone Audubon General Meeting - 7:30 p. m. Fred Euphrat presents: "North Coast Future Forests". First United Methodist Church, 1551 Montgomery Dr., Santa Rosa.

### FIELD TRIP Who volunteers to be our next Field Trip Leader??

Saturday, Nov. 18 - 4:30 am - Owling - Meet in the heart of downtown Bodega (not Bodega Bay) on Bodega Lane, in front of the old Bodega Schoolhouse. If entering town from Sebastopol, Bodega Lane is the first left entering town - just past the first 25 mph sign. Bring binoculars, snacks, water, plus warm, quiet clothes, and a flashlight. Leader: Lisa Hug 824-1067.

#### Field Trip Report - Bodega Bay - October 21, 2006 by Lisa Hug

We had a great day at Bodega Bay. The weather was amazing - sunny and very warm. We had many bird highlights. As we were standing in the parking lot, a flock of Aleutian Cackling Geese flew overhead. Then, on Bodega Head, we saw 2 Marbled Murrelets. As we birded Campbell Cove, we admired a Chipping Sparrow (which to my embarrassment later turned out to be an American Tree Sparrow - what was I thinking? But then, what were we all thinking?) At Owl Canyon, Scott Hoppy (who correctly identified the American Tree Sparrow) had a Prairie Warbler waiting for us to view. We then went on to the Marine Lab entrance where we saw a Clay-colored Sparrow and a Palm Warbler. At Doran Park we saw some Red Knots. We also had some Greater White-fronted Geese fly over and a Red-necked Grebe in the harbor.

**Field Trip participants** were: Janet Bosshard, Jim Castle, Jim Clegg, Richard & Sharon Cosby, Deyea & Jack Harper, Joel Hornstein, Lisa Hug, Don Kirker, Helen Kochenderfer, Shirl & Tom Maxson, Mike Parmeter, Wendy Peterson, Linda Prater, Rhio Reigh, Bev Spencer, and Don Toms.

Birds Observed (87 species) Greater White-fronted Goose, Aleutian Cackling Goose, Surf Scoter, California Quail, Common Loon, Pied-billed Grebe, Eared Grebe, Horned Grebe, Rednecked Grebe, Western Grebe, Clark's Grebe, American White Pelican, Brown Pelican, Doublecrested Cormorant, Brandt's Cormorant, Pelagic Cormorant, Great Blue Heron, Great Egret, Snowy Egret, Black-crowned Night-Heron, Turkey Vulture, Northern Harrier, Accipiter sp., Red-shouldered Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, American Kestrel, Peregrine Falcon, American Coot, Black-bellied Plover, Semipalmated Plover, Killdeer, Black Oystercatcher, Greater Yellowlegs, Willet, Marbled Godwit, Ruddy Turnstone, Black Turnstone, Red Knot, Sanderling, Western Sandpiper, Least Sandpiper, Dunlin, Long-billed Dowitcher, Red Phalarope, Bonaparte's Gull, Heermann's Gull, Ring-billed Gull, California Gull, Western Gull, Glaucous-winged Gull, Common Murre, Pigeon Guillamot, Marbled Murrelet, Rock Dove, Anna's Hummingbird, Belted Kingfisher, Downy Woodpecker, Northern Flicker, Black Phoebe, Western Scrub Jay, American Crow, Common Raven, Chestnut-backed Chickadee, Winter Wren, Marsh Wren, Golden-crowned Kinglet, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Hermit Thrush, Wrentit, American Pipit, European Starling, Hutton's Vireo, Yellow-rumped Warbler (Myrtle and Audubon's), Palm Warbler, Prairie Warbler, Common Yellowthroat, Spotted Towhee, American Tree Sparrow, Clay-colored Sparrow, Fox Sparrow, Song Sparrow, Lincoln's Sparrow, Golden-crowned Sparrow, White-crowned Sparrow, Brewer's Blackbird, House Finch, American Goldfinch.

#### Field Trip Report - Outer Pt Reyes N.S. Sept. 30, 2006 by Ruth Rudesill

We had an **AWESOME** day, one with too many birds to look for and see. Everyone got a life, state or county bird on this trip. Highlights included: **Yellow-green Vireo** seen by all!! 12 species of warblers - **Blackburnian**, **Black-throated Green**, **Magnolia**, Hermit, Yellow, Nashville, Yellow-rumped, Townsend's, Black-throated Gray (lots,) Blackpoll, Tennessee and Black & White. Several **Clay-colored**, & White-throated sparrows and a very cooperative **Vesper Sparrow** on the path to the Lighthouse. A Pacific Golden-plover was at the Mendoza pond.

Mammal highlights: a Badger glaring at us on the road to the Lighthouse, also a Striped Skunk was displaced by all the birders at Nunes, lots of Black-tailed Deer.

**Participants:** Jim Castle, Dea Freid, Don Kirker, Helen Kochenderfer, Bob McLean, Mike Parmeter, Elaine Pruett, Rhio Reigh, & Ruth Rudesill (Carol Brant and Becky Olsen joined us later)

Species List: Brown Pelican, Double-crested Cormorant, Brandt's Cormorant, Greater White-fronted Goose, Mallard, Turkey Vulture, Cooper's Hawk, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, Northern Harrier, American Kestrel, Merlin, Peregrine Falcon, Killdeer, Greater Yellowlegs, Longbilled Dowitcher, Heermann's Gull, Western Gull, Elegant Tern, Great Horned Owl, Mourning Dove, Anna's Hummingbird, Nuttall's, Downy, Hairy Woodpecker (these 3 at Whitehouse Pool,) Northern Flicker, Olive-sided Flycatcher, Pacific-slope Flycatcher, Black Phoebe, Say's Phoebe, Common Raven, American Crow, Winter Wren, Marsh Wren, Golden-crowned Kinglet, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Swainson's Thrush, Hermit Thrush, Western Bluebird, Wrentit, American Pipit, Hutton's Vireo, Warbling Vireo, Lazuli Bunting, Spotted Towhee, Chipping Sparrow, Savannah Sparrow, Fox Sparrow, Lincoln's Sparrow, Song Sparrow, Golden-crowned Sparrow, White-crowned Sparrow, Red-winged Blackbird, Tricolored Blackbird, Brewer's Blackbird, Western Meadowlark, House Finch, American Goldfinch, Rock Dove, European Starling, and House Sparrow, plus the above mentioned unusual warblers and sparrows.

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<u>Kite Tales Deadlines</u>: Submit Observations to Ruth Rudesill by November 20th, all other items to Editor Betty Burridge by November 25. Contact info is above.

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, and are held at 7:00 pm at the Laguna Waste Water Treatment Plant, 4300 Llano Road, Santa Rosa California, unless otherwise announced. Dues are \$15 per family, \$8 per individual or \$3 per student for a one-year membership. Send dues to RROS Treasurer Don Howard. See above for address.

Observations -	October 2	006 Rep	ort by Ruth Ru	ıdesil	1	ш	Observers
Bird Species	Date	Lo	ocation		<u>co.</u>	#	BDP,AW,RLe,RMe
Gr. White-fronted Goose	9/23/06		assini's Pond		SON	1	BDP,AW,RLe,RMe
Gr. White-fronted Goose	9/23/06		ollenberger Park		SON	15 19	DN north flyovers
Gr. White-fronted Goose	9/28/06	Bo	odega Harbor		SON SON	5	BDP.DHo
Gr White-fronted Goose	10/1/06	OV	er Bodega Harbor		SON flo		LHg RROS
Gr. White-fronted Geese		flyover Bo	dega Harbor		SON	1	BDP,AW,RLe,RMe
`NRoss's Goose	9/23/06		ıchessi Park		SON flo		LHg, RROS
Aleutian Cackling Geese.		flyover Bo	dega Harbor		SON	9	BDP,AW,RLe,RMe
➢Blue-winged Teal	9/23/06		nollenberger Park		SON	3	DN
Lesser Scaup	9/28/06		odega Harbor		SON	2	BDP,AW,RLe,RMe
Ring-necked Duck	9/23/06	NI D	ing Ridge Rd odega Farm Pond		SON	1	BDP,AW,RLe,RMe
Ring-necked Duck	9/23/06	D!	odega Farm Pond		SON	6	LHg
Ring-necked Duck	10/14/06		ing Ridge Rd		SON	sev	BDP,AW,RLe,RMe
Mountain Quail	9/23/06	I e	ake Mendocino		MEN	1	CV (Acc. Inland)
Red-necked Grebe	10/8/06 10/21/06		odega Harbor		SON	1	LHg, RROS
Red-necked Grebe			ordell Bank		MRN	5	BDP, LHg, SJ
Flesh-footed Shearwater	10/13/06	_	ordell bank		MRN	1	BDP, LHg, SJ
Wilson's Storm-petrel	9/3 /06	_	epper Rd.		SON	120 +	DN
Cattle Egret White-faced Ibis 9/30	0-10/1/06		w of Westside Park	(	SON	1	BM, RSch.BDP
White-faced lbis	9/24/06		awson's Landing		MRN	9	KAck, GMa
	10/10/06		lawk Hill		MRN	1	BDP
Osprey Bald Eagle	10/15/06	n	orth Laguna area		SON	pair	SMo
Common Black Hawk	10/7/06	n	orth Laguna		SON	1	SMo
Broad-winged Hawk	9/25/06	O	uter Pt Reyes		MRN	1	BDP, DHo
Broad-winged Hawk	10/10/06	ŀ	ławk Hill		MRN	3	BDP BDP,AW,RLe,RMe
Golden Eagle	9/23/06		(ing Ridge Rd		SON	4	BDP,AW,RLe,Rive
Golden Eagle	10/10/06		Hawk Hill		MRN	1	DN,BDP
Merlin	9/26-29/		Bodega Head		SON	2	CV.
Prairie Falcon	10/16/06		Hopland Field Stati		MEN	6	RS, mob
Pacific Golden-plover	9/10/06	_	Shollenberger Park	•	SON	1	DF
Pacific Golden-plover	10/18/06		Ooran bayside	واسة	SON	2	BDP,AW, mob
Lesser Yellowlegs	9/23-26	/06	Shollenberger Pa	IIK Liebe	SON	1	BDP,AW,RLe,RMe
Red Knot	9/23/06		Gaffney Pt Bodega	וטוחו	SON	1	BDP, DN, DHo
Red Knot	10/1-3/0		Spud Point		SON	6-9	LHg, DF,RROS
Red Knot	10/14-21		Doran County park Shollenberger Parl		SON	1	RS, mob
Nuff Ruff	9/10/06		Salmon Creek Bea	ach	SON	2	BM, RSch,
Baird's Sandpiper	9/23-25/	00	Llano Sewer Pond	s	SON	3	BDP,AW,RLe,RMe
Wilson's Phalarope	9/23/06		Spud point	Ŭ	SON	1	BDP,DHo
Red-necked Phalarope	10/7/06 9/23/06		Bodega Harbor ch	annel	SON	1	BDP,AW,RLe,RMe
Red Phalarope	10/13/00		Cordell Bank		MRN	4	BDP,LHg, SJ
South Polar Skua	9/23/06	,	mouth of Salmon (	Creek	SON	2	BDP,AW,RLe,RMe
Herring Gull	9/25/06		Spud Pt. & Doran		SON	3	DN, BDP mob
Common Tern Pigeon Guillemot	10/7/06		Bodega Harbor ch	annel	SON	1	BDP, DHo
Marbled Murrelet	9/23/06		offshore Jenner		SON	2	BDP,AW,RLe,RMe
Marbled Murrelet	10/21/0	6	off Bodega Head		SON	2	LHg, RROS
Tufted Puffin	10/13/0	6 offshore	Cordell bank		SON	1	BDP, LHg, SJ
Eurasian Collared Dove			Westside Park		SON	1	DHa, KMu DN
Burrowing Owl	9/20/06		Bodega Head		SON		BM, RSch
Burrowing Owl	10/3/06		w of Westside Par	rk	SON		CV
Burrowing Owl	10/16/0	6	Hopland Field Sta	ition	MEN		DH
Short-eared Owl	9/23/06		Bay Hill Rd.		SON		BDP,AW,RLe,RMe
Saw-whet Owl	9/23/06		Salmon Creek Rd	l I	SON SON		BDP,AW,RLe,RMe
Spotted Owl	9/23/06		Salmon Creek Rd		SON		BDP, DN, DHo
	9/27-29		over Campbell Co	otion	MEN	_	CV
Lewis's Woodpecker	10/15-1		Hopland Field Sta Bodega Dunes Co	G	SON		DN, RM late date
Willow Flycatcher	10/4/06		Bodega Dunes Co Bodega Bay Lab	u reside:			BM, DN
Tropical Kingbird	10/4/06	) c off l/o-t-	um Trail, Wright's E	Reach	SON	1	EdV
Eastern Kingbird	8/20/06		Bay Hill Rd		NOS		DH, DN early
Say's Phoebe	9/12/06		King Ridge Road		SON		BDP,AW,RLe,RMe
Cassin's Vireo	9/23/06	J	Tang Mago Mode				

Cassin's Vireo	10/06/06	Bolinas Gallery	MRN	1	KH
Yellow-throated Vireo	10/1/06	Mendoza Ranch, Pt.Reyes	MRN	1	mob.
Yellow-green Vireo	9/27-10/1/06	Road Forks pool Pt.Reyes	MRN	1	RS, RROS, mob
Townsend's Solitaire	9/23/06	King Ridge Rd.	SON	1	BDP,AW, RL,RM
Varied Thrush	10/4/06	Owl Canyon	SON	1	DN
Cedar Waxwing	9/27/06	Sonoma yard	SON	1	Kmu early
Tennessee Warbler	9/6/06	Owl Canyon	SON	1	DN, mob
Tennessee Warbler	9/6; 9/27/06	Cheney Gulch	SON	1	DN
Nashville Warbler	9/30/06	Nunes Ranch	MRN	1	RROS
Nashville warbler	10/7-9/06	Campbell Cove	SON	1	BDP,DHo, DF
Nashville Warbler	10/9-14/06	Owl Canyon	SON	1	Kmu, LHg
Chestnut-sided Warbler	9/8/06	Owl Canyon willows at ent	SON	1	DN
Chestnut-sided Warbler	9/19/06	Cheney Creek	SON	1	DN
Chestnut-sided Warbler	9/29/06	Campbell Cove	SON	1	BDP,DHo,DN
Magnolia Warbler	9/14/06	Owl Canyon	SON	1	DN
Magnolia Warbler	9/23-27/06	Campbell Cove	SON	1	DH, DN,BDP
Magnolia Warbler	10/2-3/06	Owl Canyon	SON	1	DN, BDP
Magnolia Warbler	9/30/06	Nunes Ranch	MRN	1	RROS
Yellow-rumped Warbler	9/27/06	Campbell Cove	SON	sev	DN, BDP
Black-thr Blue Warbler	10/5/06	Pudding Creek	MEN	1	KH, JH, DT
Black-thr. Gray Warbler	9/29/06	Bodega Bay	SON	10+	DN, BDP
Black-thr Green Warbler	9/30/06	Nunes Ranch	MRN	1	RROS
Hermit Warbler		ega Sewer Pond trees	SON	1	DN
Blackburnian Warbler	9/19/06 Usal Sta		MEN	i	JW
Blackburnian Warbler	9/30/06	Mendoza Ranch	MRN	1m	RROS
	9/25/06	Nunes Ranch PtReyes	MRN	1	BDP, DHo, mob
Yellow-throated Warbler	9/29/06	Bodega Marine Lab. Entr		. 1	DN, BDP, DH
Prairie Warbler		nyon/Marine Lab Ent	SON	1	SHo, RROS
Prairie Warbler	9/26/06 OWI Ca	Campbell Cove	SON	1	DN
Palm Warbler	10/15/06	•	SON	1	HK for BSP
Palm Warbler	10/13/06	Campbell Cove Marine Lab Ent	SON	1	LHg RROS
Palm Warbler	10/2/0/6	Fish Docks	MRN	3	RAR mob
Palm Warbler		Owl Cyn-Marine Lab ent	SON	1	DN
Blackpoll Warbler	9/5-8/06	Campbell Cove	SON	i	DN,BDP,DH
Blackpoll Warbler	9/27/06	Marine Lab. En	SON	1	DN DN
Blackpoll Warbler	9/28/06 9/30/06	Mendoza Ranch	MRN	1	RROS
Blackpoll Warbler	10/4/06	Stinson Beach	MRN	1	KHa
Blackpoll Warbler	9/8/06	Owl Canyon	SON	1	DN
Black &White Warbler Black &White Warbler	9/29-10/4/06	Marine Lab. entrance	SON	1	DN, BDP,DH
Black & White Warbler	9/3/06	Nunes Ranch	MRN	1 imm	RROS
American Redstart	10/4/06	Campbell Cove	SON	1	DN, RM
Northern Waterthrush	9/8/06	Owl Canyon	SON	1	DN
	9/22/06	Chadbourne Gulch	MEN	1	CV
Kentucky Warbler Common Yellowthroat	10/9/06	Rail Ponds	SON	1	Kmu
American Tree Sparrow			SON	1	SHo, LHg, DN, mob
	0/20 10/4106	Campbell Cove	SON	1	BDP,DN, DHo,RAR
Chipping Sparrow		Campbell Cove	SON	1	DN,BDP
Clay-colored Sparrow	9/8-9/06 9/19-22/06	Usal State Beach	MEN	4	JW, mob
Clay-colored Sparrow	9/30/06		MRN	1	RROS
Clay-colored Sparrow		Pt Reyes Lighthouse Nunes Ranch	MRN	1	RROS
Clay-colored Sparrow	9/30/06	Stinson Beach	MRN	1	KHa
Clay-colored Sparrow	10/4/06	Marine Lab Entrance	SON	1	LHg RROS.
Clay-colored Sparrow	10/21/06			1	RROas
Vesper Sparrow	9/30/06	near Pt Reyes Lighthouse		1	DN heard arrival date
Fox Sparrow	9/7/06	Campbell Cove	SON		DN, BDP 1 tan
White-thr Sparrow	9/26-10/3/06	Campbell Cove	SON	2 ad	CSt
Cassin's Finch	10/9/06	west Petaluma	SON	sev	
Tricolored Blackbird	9/23/06	Bodega Farm Pond	SON	3	BDP,AW,RLe,RMe
Bullock's Oriole	10/13/06	Doran Park	SON	1 ona Kar	DF on Havlena, David Hofmar
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# THE 2006 SANTA ROSA CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT IS ON SUN, DEC. 17TH

Forms will be mailed to area team leaders in Nov. Addresses used will be from RROS master membership list. If there is any change of address, or your status as team leader, please inform Ken immediately at 538-2038 or <a href="markandack@gmail.com">markandack@gmail.com</a>

The **COUNT DINNER**, **5-7:30 PM**, will be at Mary's Pizza Shack, 535 Summerfield Rd., Santa Rosa, next to Rialto Theater. A room has been reserved. With a group this large there can be only one tab, which will be paid by the compiler. Each person must reimburse Ken for the full amount ordered plus 8% tax, plus 15% gratuity, which will be the total ordered multiplied by 1.23. **NO SEPARATE CHECKS are possible!** A calculator will be available. **NOTE:** Mary's has a \$10 bottle corkage fee.

**Gifts** in memory of **Lew Edmondson and Bertha Rains** have been received from Carole Sunlight and Linda Allen, and Betty Burridge.

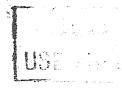
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