



Kite Tales

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Last issue (FOR MEMBERS WITH DELINQUENT DUES)

SEND \$\$\$ NOW TO: Treasurer Don Howard, 979 Hogwarts Circle, Petaluma CA 94954

\$15 family, \$8 individual, \$3 student

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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

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

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.
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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, Red-necked Grebe, Western Grebe, Clark’s Grebe, American White Pelican, Brown Pelican, Double-crested 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 Guillemot, 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.

Observations - October 2006 Report by Ruth Rudesill

Bird Species	Date	Location	Co.	#	Observers
Gr. White-fronted Goose	9/23/06	Cassini's Pond	SON	1	BDP,AW,RLe,RMe
Gr. White-fronted Goose	9/23/06	Shollenberger Park	SON	15	BDP,AW,RLe,RMe
Gr. White-fronted Goose	9/28/06	Bodega Harbor	SON	19	DN north flyovers
Gr White-fronted Goose	10/1/06	over Bodega Harbor	SON	5	BDP,DHo
Gr. White-fronted Geese	10/21/06	flyover Bodega Harbor	SON	flock	LHg RR0S
Ross's Goose	9/23/06	Luchessi Park	SON	1	BDP,AW,RLe,RMe
Aleutian Cackling Geese	10/21/06	flyover Bodega Harbor	SON	flock	LHg, RR0S
Blue-winged Teal	9/23/06	Shollenberger Park	SON	9	BDP,AW,RLe,RMe
Lesser Scaup	9/28/06	Bodega Harbor	SON	3	DN
Ring-necked Duck	9/23/06	King Ridge Rd	SON	2	BDP,AW,RLe,RMe
Ring-necked Duck	9/23/06	Bodega Farm Pond	SON	1	BDP,AW,RLe,RMe
Ring-necked Duck	10/14/06	Bodega Farm Pond	SON	6	LHg
Mountain Quail	9/23/06	King Ridge Rd	SON	sev	BDP,AW,RLe,RMe
Red-necked Grebe	10/8/06	Lake Mendocino	MEN	1	CV (Acc. Inland)
Red-necked Grebe	10/21/06	Bodega Harbor	SON	1	LHg, RR0S
Flesh-footed Shearwater	10/13/06	Cordell Bank	MRN	5	BDP, LHg, SJ
Wilson's Storm-petrel	10/13/06	Cordell bank	MRN	1	BDP, LHg, SJ
Cattle Egret	9/3/06	Pepper Rd.	SON	120 +	DN
White-faced Ibis	9/30-10/1/06	w of Westside Park	SON	1	BM, RSch.BDP
White-faced Ibis	9/24/06	Lawson's Landing	MRN	9	KAck, GMA
Osprey	10/10/06	Hawk Hill	MRN	1	BDP
Bald Eagle	10/15/06	north Laguna area	SON	pair	SMo
Common Black Hawk	10/7/06	north Laguna	SON	1	SMo
Broad-winged Hawk	9/25/06	outer Pt Reyes	MRN	1	BDP, DHo
Broad-winged Hawk	10/10/06	Hawk Hill	MRN	3	BDP
Golden Eagle	9/23/06	King Ridge Rd	SON	4	BDP,AW,RLe,RMe
Golden Eagle	10/10/06	Hawk Hill	MRN	1	BDP
Merlin	9/26-29/06	Bodega Head	SON	2	DN,BDP
Prairie Falcon	10/16/06	Hopland Field Station	MEN	1	CV
Pacific Golden-plover	9/10/06	Shollenberger Park	SON	6	RS, mob
Pacific Golden-plover	10/18/06	Doran bayside	SON	1	DF
Lesser Yellowlegs	9/23-26/06	Shollenberger Park	SON	2	BDP,AW, mob
Red Knot	9/23/06	Gaffney Pt Bodega Hrbr	SON	1	BDP,AW,RLe,RMe
Red Knot	10/1-3/06	Spud Point	SON	1	BDP, DN, DHo
Red Knot	10/14-21/06	Doran County park	SON	6-9	LHg, DF,RR0S
Ruff	9/10/06	Shollenberger Park	SON	1	RS, mob
Baird's Sandpiper	9/23-25/06	Salmon Creek Beach	SON	2	BM, RSch,
Wilson's Phalarope	9/23/06	Llano Sewer Ponds	SON	3	BDP,AW,RLe,RMe
Red-necked Phalarope	10/7/06	Spud point	SON	1	BDP,DHo
Red Phalarope	9/23/06	Bodega Harbor channel	SON	1	BDP,AW,RLe,RMe
South Polar Skua	10/13/06	Cordell Bank	MRN	4	BDP,LHg, SJ
Herring Gull	9/23/06	mouth of Salmon Creek	SON	2	BDP,AW,RLe,RMe
Common Tern	9/25/06	Spud Pt. & Doran	SON	3	DN, BDP mob
Pigeon Guillemot	10/7/06	Bodega Harbor channel	SON	1	BDP, DHo
Marbled Murrelet	9/23/06	offshore Jenner	SON	2	BDP,AW,RLe,RMe
Marbled Murrelet	10/21/06	off Bodega Head	SON	2	LHg, RR0S
Tufted Puffin	10/13/06	offshore Cordell bank	SON	1	BDP, LHg, SJ
Eurasian Collared Dove	10/8/06	Westside Park	SON	1	DHa, KMu
Burrowing Owl	9/20/06	Bodega Head	SON	1	DN
Burrowing Owl	10/3/06	w of Westside Park	SON	1	BM, RSch
Burrowing Owl	10/16/06	Hopland Field Station	MEN	1	CV
Short-eared Owl	9/23/06	Bay Hill Rd.	SON	1	DH
Saw-whet Owl	9/23/06	Salmon Creek Rd	SON	1	BDP,AW,RLe,RMe
Spotted Owl	9/23/06	Salmon Creek Rd	SON	1	BDP,AW,RLe,RMe
Vaux's Swift	9/27-29/06	over Campbell Cove	SON	2	BDP, DN, DHo
Lewis's Woodpecker	10/15-17/06	Hopland Field Station	MEN	2	CV
Willow Flycatcher	10/4/06	Bodega Dunes CG	SON	1	DN, RM late date
Tropical Kingbird	10/4/06	Bodega Bay Lab residence	SON	1	BM, DN
Eastern Kingbird	8/20/06	off Kortum Trail, Wright's Beach	SON	1	EdV
Say's Phoebe	9/12/06	Bay Hill Rd	SON	1	DH, DN early
Cassin's Vireo	9/23/06	King Ridge Road	SON	1	BDP,AW,RLe,RMe

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	9/26/06	near Bodega Sewer Pond trees	SON	1	DN
Blackburnian Warbler	9/19/06	Usal State Beach	MEN	1	JW
Blackburnian Warbler	9/30/06	Mendoza Ranch	MRN	1m	RROS
Yellow-throated Warbler	9/25/06	Nunes Ranch PtReyes	MRN	1	BDP, DHo, mob
Prairie Warbler	9/29/06	Bodega Marine Lab. Entr	SON	1	DN, BDP, DH
Prairie Warbler	10/21/06	Owl Canyon/Marine Lab Ent	SON	1	SHo, RROS
Palm Warbler	9/26/06	Campbell Cove	SON	1	DN
Palm Warbler	10/15/06	Campbell Cove	SON	1	HK for BSP
Palm Warbler	10/21/06	Marine Lab Ent	SON	1	LHg RROS
Palm Warbler	10/7/06	Fish Docks	MRN	3	RAR mob
Blackpoll Warbler	9/5-8/06	Owl Cyn-Marine Lab ent	SON	1	DN
Blackpoll Warbler	9/27/06	Campbell Cove	SON	1	DN, BDP, DH
Blackpoll Warbler	9/28/06	Marine Lab. Ent	SON	1	DN
Blackpoll Warbler	9/30/06	Mendoza Ranch	MRN	1	RROS
Blackpoll Warbler	10/4/06	Stinson Beach	MRN	1	KHa
Black & White Warbler	9/8/06	Owl Canyon	SON	1	DN
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
Kentucky Warbler	9/22/06	Chadbourne Gulch	MEN	1	CV
Common Yellowthroat	10/9/06	Rail Ponds	SON	1	Kmu
American Tree Sparrow	10/21-24/06	Campbell Cove	SON	1	SHo, LHg, DN, mob
Chipping Sparrow	9/29-10/4/06	Campbell Cove	SON	1	BDP, DN, DHo, RAR
Clay-colored Sparrow	9/8-9/06	Campbell Cove	SON	1	DN, BDP
Clay-colored Sparrow	9/19-22/06	Usal State Beach	MEN	4	JW, mob
Clay-colored Sparrow	9/30/06	Pt Reyes Lighthouse	MRN	1	RROS
Clay-colored Sparrow	9/30/06	Nunes Ranch	MRN	1	RROS
Clay-colored Sparrow	10/4/06	Stinson Beach	MRN	1	KHa
Clay-colored Sparrow	10/21/06	Marine Lab Entrance	SON	1	LHg RROS.
Vesper Sparrow	9/30/06	near Pt Reyes Lighthouse	MRN	1	RROas
Fox Sparrow	9/7/06	Campbell Cove	SON	1	DN heard arrival date
White-thr Sparrow	9/26-10/3/06	Campbell Cove	SON	2 ad	DN, BDP 1 tan
Cassin's Finch	10/9/06	west Petaluma	SON	sev	CSt
Tricolored Blackbird	9/23/06	Bodega Farm Pond	SON	3	BDP, AW, RLe, RMe
Bullock's Oriole	10/13/06	Doran Park	SON	1	DF

Observers: Ken Ackerman, Dea Freid, Keith Hansen, Deyea Harper, Jim Havlena, Karen Havlena, David Hofmann, Scott Hoppy, Lisa Hug, Helen Kochenderfer, Rick Lebaudour, Gloria Markowitz, Roger Marlowe, Billie Mayer, Richard Merriss, Stan Moore, Kathy Mugele, Dan Nelson, Benjamin D. Parmeter, RROS field trip, Ruth Rudesill, Chris Selvig, Reed Schneider, Shearwater Journeys, Bob Speckels, Rich Stallcup, Clarice Stasz, Dorothy Tobkin, Chuck Vaughn, Ed Vermeulen, Jerry White, Alan Wight

