



Kite Tales

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DOUBLE-ISSUE FOR December and January

December 14 - General Meeting

BIRD BANDING - A CHANCE TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ABOUT SCIENCE
BY Melissa Pitkin from PRBO-Conservation Science

January 11 - General Meeting

MEMBERS' SLIDE/DIGITAL PICTURE NIGHT

Bring up to 15 slides or 15 digital pictures on a flash drive or CD

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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Sun. Dec. 17th SANTA ROSA CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

More? Ken Ackerman @ 538 2038/markandack@gmail.com And see Page 4.

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Sat. Dec. 16 Point Reyes CBC More? www.calnaturalist.com

Mon. Dec. 18 Benicia CBC More? Robin_leong@netzero.net

Fri. Dec. 29 Sonoma Valley CBC More? www.sonomabirding.org

Sat. Dec. 30 Western Sonoma County CBC More? wscbc@aol.com

Sat. Dec. 30 Southern Marin CBC More? bajema@coconutmoon.com

Mon. Jan. 1 Angwin CBC More? Floyd_hayes@yahoo.com

FIELD TRIPS

January 13 - Bodega Bay – Meet leader Mike Parmeter at the Rail Ponds at the north end of Bodega Harbor at 8:00 am. Bring birding gear, lunch and liquids, and layers of warm clothing. We may chase rarities found on the Christmas Counts.

Feb. 10 - Lake Berryessa - For details see www.rros.org and/or Feb.'07 'Kite Tales'.

FIELD TRIP REPORT**November 18, 2006 RROS trip report by Lisa Hug**

We met in the town of Bodega at 4:30 a.m. We heard a young Great Horned Owl doing a begging call in the town. We then went to Salmon Creek Road. We played tapes whistled and called for several species of owls. We heard great response from Northern Saw-whet Owl and Western Screech Owl. We then went to breakfast at the tides restaurant and looked around Bodega Harbor for other birds. The field trip ended about 10am.

Field trip participants were Lisa Hug and Bob McLean.

Trip List: Green-winged Teal, Mallard, Northern Pintail, Northern Shoveler, Gadwall, American Wigeon, Surf Scoter, Bufflehead, Ruddy Duck, California Quail, Common Loon, Pied-billed Grebe, Horned Grebe, Eared Grebe, Western Grebe, American White Pelican, Brown Pelican, Doubled-crested Cormorant, Pelagic Cormorant, Brandt's Cormorant, Great Blue Heron, Great Egret, Snowy Egret, Black-crowned Night-heron, Turkey Vulture, Northern Harrier, Red-tailed Hawk, American Coot, Black-bellied Plover, Semipalmated Plover, Snowy Plover, Killdeer, American Avocet, Black Oystercatcher, Surf-bird, Greater Yellowlegs, Willet, Marbled Godwit, Ruddy Turnstone, Black Turnstone, Sanderling, Dunlin, Western Sandpiper, Dowitcher sp. 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, Western Screech Owl, Great Horned Owl, Northern Saw-whet Owl, Belted Kingfisher, Black Phoebe, Western Scrub Jay, Common Raven, Winter Wren, Marsh Wren, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Hermit Thrush, European Starling, American Pipit, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Spotted Towhee, California Towhee, Dark-eyed Junco, White-crowned Sparrow, House Finch, Brewer's Blackbird, American Goldfinch.

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Kite Tales Deadlines: Submit Observations to Ruth Rudesill by January 20th, all other items to Editor Betty Burrridge by January 25. Contact info is above.

OBSERVATIONS November 2006 Ruth Rudesill

Bird Species	Date	Location	Co.	#	Observers
✓ Wh-fronted Goose	10/22/06	Bodega Farm Pond	SON	1	JC, RH
✓ Wh-fronted Goose	11/5/06	Doran Pond	SON	2	DF
✓ Snow Goose	10/22/06	Bodega Farm Pond	SON	1	JC, RH
✓ Brant	10/27/06	Bodega Harbor	SON	6	DN
✓ Brant	11/13/06	Bodega Harbor	SON	large #s	DF
✓ Cackling Goose	10/26-27/06	Bodega Harbor	SON	1	DN Aleutian
✓ White-winged Scoter	11/04/06	Bodega Harbor	SON	1	RM
✓ Tundra Swan	11/7/06	Kenwood	SON	2	RAR flyover
✓ Tundra Swan	11/2/06	Bodega Farm Pond	SON	3	DH
Green-winged Teal	11/4/06	Doran Pond	SON	sev	DF
✓ Blue-winged Teal	11/21/06	Shollenberger Park	SON	3	BM
✓ Lesser Scaup	9/28/06	Bodega Harbor	SON	5	DN, mob
White-winged Scoter	10/31/06	flying S. off Bodega Head	SON	1	DN
White-winged Scoter	11/4/06	Porto Bodega	SON	1	DN
White-winged Scoter	11/21/06	Bodega Harbor	SON	1	BM
Wood Duck	10/22/06	Spring Lake	SON	1	HK
Mountain Quail	11/2/06	Pine Flat Rd	SON	8	DH, TM
✓ Red-throated Loon	10/27/06	n. end of Bodega Harbor	SON	1	DN
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Red-necked Grebe	10/27/06	s. of Doran jetties	SON	1	DN, et al
Red-necked Grebe	11/21/06	Bodega Harbor/jetties	SON	3	BM
Eared Grebe	11/4/06	Westside Park, Bodega Bay	SON	12+	DN, mob
Flesh-footed Shearwater	11/4/06	Cordell Bank	SON	3	RS mob
✓ Northern Fulmar	10/31/06	off Bodega Head	SON	5-6	DN
✓ American Bittern	10/22/06	Spring Lake	SON	4	HK
Osprey	late Oct	Spring Lake	SON	2	MN pair
Golden Eagle	11/9/06	Lake Stafford	MRN	1	BGr
Peregrine Falcon	11/4-5/06	Westside Park	SON	1ad	DN, DF mob
✓ Pacific Golden-plover	10/21-23/06	Shollenberger Park	SON	4	DE
✓ Pacific Golden-plover	11/7/06	Shollenberger Park	SON	1	LHg
✓ Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	11/7/06	Shollenberger park	SON	1	LHg
Glaucous-winged Gull	11/4/06	Bodega Head	SON	1	DN
Elegant Tern	10/20/06	Tomales Bay	MRN	1	DN
✓ Costa's Hummingbird	11/16/06	Santa Rosa yard	SON	1m	GW
Northern Pygmy-owl	10/26/06	Putah Creek	YOL	1	mob RAR
Northern Pygmy-owl	11/2/06	Pine Flat Rd	SON	1	DH/TM
✓ Burrowing Owl	10/26/06	Bay Hill Rd.	SON	3	NC
✓ Red-naped Sapsucker	11/03/06	Santa Rosa yard	SON	1	JA/DM
Red-br(Taiga) Flycatcher	10/25/06	Putah Creek	YOL/SOL	1	JS, ST, MW mob
1 st NA mainland record – only stayed one day					
✓ Nashville Warbler	10/23/06	Campbell Cove	SON	1	DN
✓ Palm Warbler	11/21/06	Marine Lab Ent	SON	1	BM
✓ Palm Warbler	11/25/06	Bodega Head	SON	1	AW
✓ Northern Waterthrush	10/22-24/06	Campbell Cove	SON	1	DN, DF
✓ Am Tree Sparrow	10/21-24/06	Campbell Cove	SON	1	LHg, RAR, DH, DSh
✓ Clay-colored Sparrow	10/10/06	Campbell Cove	SON	1	DN, RM
✓ Clay-colored Sparrow	10/22/06	Rail Ponds Bodega Bay	SON	1	RM
White-throated Sparrow	10/22/06	Campbell Cove	SON	2	DN, mob
✓ White-throated Sparrow	10/29/06	Sea Ranch	SON	1	LSt tan-striped

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