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Kite Tales

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FEB. 8 -THURS. - General Meeting - 7:00 P. M.

PROGRAM TO BE ANNOUNCED!

**(BUT IF IT'S ANYTHING LIKE LAST MONTH'S
"MEMBERS' PHOTO NIGHT", IT'LL BE SMASHING)**

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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COMING ATTRACTIONS:

Feb. 10. Sat. Field Trip to Lake Berryessa. See Page 2 for details.

Feb. 19. Mon. 'WILDLIFE AND BIRDS IN BOTSWANA' by Grant Reed. Madrone Audubon General Meeting - 7:30 pm, First United Methodist Church, 1551 Montgomery Dr., Santa Rosa.

March. 11. Sun. Field trip to King Ridge Rd. See Page 2 for details.

FIELD TRIPS

Feb. 10, Sat. - Lake Berryessa - Leaders, Lisa Hug and Mike Parmeter. Meet to carpool 7:30 am at the River Rd. Park & Ride by the PG&E Station just west of Hwy 101. Or, 8:30 am at the intersection of Pope Canyon Rd, and Hardin Rd./Pope Valley Cross Rd. (Pope Valley Airport.). Bring lunch and liquids, binoculars and layers of clothing. Questions? Call Lisa at 824-1067.

March 11, Sun. - King Ridge Rd. - Leader, Lisa Hug. Meet 8:30 near the Blue Heron Restaurant in Duncan's Mills. Bring lunch and liquids, binoculars and layers of clothing. Questions? Call Lisa at 824-1067

FIELD TRIP REPORT

January 13, 2007 by Betty Groce

Twenty birders joined leader, Mike Parmeter, at the Rail Ponds in Bodega Bay on a cold, frosty morning. Various sites were visited throughout the day ending at Doran Park where we were treated to an aerial display by 2 Golden Eagles observed over the adjacent hills.

FIELD TRIP PARTICIPANTS: Benjamin (Mike) Parmeter, Ted Eliot, Elmer Aldrich, Don Kirker, Jean Tonascia, Betty Groce, Richard Hurley, Emily Evans, Ruth Tonascia, Bob Speckels, Diana Speckels, Jim White, Jack Harper, Deyea Harper, Joel Hornstein, Linda Hornstein, Nancy Conzett, Betty Burrige, Helen Kochenderfer, Pam Campbell, Rich LeBaudour.

TRIP LIST: Red-throated-, Pacific- & Common Loons; Pied-billed-, Horned-, Red-necked-, Eared-, Western- & Clark's Grebes; Brown Pelican; Double-crested-, Brandt's- & Pelagic Cormorants; Great Blue Heron; Snowy Egret; Black-crowned Night Heron; Brant; Mallard; American Wigeon; Greater Scaup; Surf Scoter; Common Goldeneye; Bufflehead; Red-breasted Merganser; Ruddy Duck; Turkey Vulture; Osprey; Northern Harrier; Cooper's- & Red-tailed Hawk; Golden Eagle; Peregrine Falcon; California Quail; American Coot; Black-bellied - & Semipalmated Plover; Killdeer; Black Oystercatcher; American Avocet; Greater Yellowlegs; Willet; Long-billed Curlew; Marbled Godwit; Ruddy- & Black Turnstone; Sanderling; Western- & Least Sandpiper; Dunlin; Mew-, Ring-billed-, California-, Western- & Glaucous-winged Gull; Common Murre; Marbled- & Ancient Murrelet; Rock Pigeon; Anna's Hummingbird; Belted Kingfisher; Downy Woodpecker; Northern Flicker; Black Phoebe; Western Scrub-Jay; American Crow; Common Raven; Bewick's Wren; Ruby-crowned Kinglet; Hermit Thrush; American Robin; American Pipit; European Starling; Yellow-rumped Warbler; Common Yellowthroat; Fox-, Song-, Golden-crowned- & White-crowned Sparrow; Red-winged & Brewer's Blackbird.

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"I believe I found the missing link between animal and civilized man. It is us."
Konrad Lorenz, Ethologist, Nobel Laureate (1903 - 1989)

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.

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Kite Tales Deadlines: PLEASE NOTE EARLY DEADLINES. Submit Observations by February 12th to Ruth Rudesill, all other items to Editor Betty Burr ridge by February 15.

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WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS: Richard W. & Sharon L. Cosby, Robert B. & Diana F. Speckels, Emily Evans, Jim White, Elmer Aldrich

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WANT TO AVOID WINDOW KILLS?

My wife, Trish, came up with an approach to keeping birds away from windows. It has definitely been an improvement over other methods we have tried. There have been no birds down recently.

She purchased GelGems locally but cannot remember where. The website: www.gelgems.com will tell you how and where to buy.

Gelgems come in several shapes and colors. The ones we have found most effective are shaped like little stars of several colors. A little water (or better yet, spit) adheres these transparent colorful stars to the window. It seems to take only a few GelGems for each pane that seems to attract birds. They have been effective for us.

We have no financial interest in GelGems.

Rigdon Currie (as posted on NBB))

OBSERVATIONS Dec '06 – Jan '07 by RUTH RUDESILL

Bird Species	Date	Location	Co.	#	Observer(s)
Gr. White-footed Goose	12/16/06	Pt Reyes	MRN	10	BDP, BL, RLe flying over
✓ Snow Goose	1/13/07	Petaluma River	SON	1	BDy Blue phase
Wood Duck	12/22/06	Skyline Park	NAP	sev	BDP, JP
Eurasian Wigeon	12/9-30/06	Bodega Harbor	SON	1m	DF, BDP, JP, RAR, BGr
Blue-winged Teal	12/25/06	Shollenberger Park	SON	3	BDP, JP, DHo
Blue-winged Teal	1 / 2-10/06	Shollenberger Park	SON	1-1pr	BDP, DHo, TE
Cinnamon Teal	12/22/06	Hudemann Slough	SON	1pr	BDP, JP
Northern Shoveler	1/13/07	Shollenberger Park	SON	700	BDy
✓ Canvasback	12/17/06	Delta Pond	SON	10	BDP, BL
✓ Canvasback	1/10/07	Shollenberger Park	SON	30	BDP, TE
✓ Redhead	12/22/06	Hudemann Slough	SON	2f 1m	BDP, JP
✓ White-winged Scoter	12/6/06	off Duncan's Landing	SON	sev	RS
✓ Black Scoter	12/6/06	off Goat Rock beach	SON	12	RS
✓ Common Goldeneye	1/13/07	Petaluma River	SON	93	BDy
Hooded Merganser	12/3/06	pond east of Bodega	SON	1f	GW
Hooded Merganser	12/22/06	Skyline Park	NAP	13	BDP, JP
Hooded Merganser	1/13/07	Carmody Rd Pond	SON	2	BDP
Horned Grebe	12/17/06	Delta Pond	SON	2-4	BDP, BL
Red-necked Grebe	12/6/06	off Goat Rock beach	SON	2	RS
Red-necked Grebe	12/24-31/06	jetty channel	SON	1	RAR, SBI
✓ Aechmophorus sp	12/6/06	off Goat Rock Beach	SON	900+	RS
Laysan Albatross	Season	Pt Arena	MEN	1	KO, RT, mob 13 th winter, has injured foot
✓ Am White Pelican	12/10/06	Viansa Wetlands	SON	21	TR
Brown Pelican	1/13/07	Bodega Harbor	SON	20	BDP
✓ Cattle Egret	12/17/06e	Willowside Rd	SON	30+	BDP, BL
Cattle Egret	1/14/07	Vallejo Adobe St Park	SON	1	AW flying southeast
✓ Black-cr Night Heron	12/5/06	Ramal Rd	SON	58	TR
✓ Black-cr Night Heron	12/22/06	Ramal Rd Pond	SON	51	BDP, JP
Osprey	12/23/06	near Owl Canyon	SON	1	BDP, JP
✓ Bald Eagle	12/17/06	Occidental Rd	SON	1ad	BDP, BL
✓ Bald Eagle	12/3/06	Mouth Russian River	SON	1 juv	RMo
✓ Bald Eagle	1/14/07	Vallejo Adobe St Park	SON	1	AW juvenile, soaring
Golden Eagle	12/22/06	Hwy 121	SON/NAP	1	BDP, JP
Golden Eagle	1/13/07	east of Bodega Bay	SON	2	BDP
✓ Red-tailed Hawk	12/4/06	north of Bodega Bay	SON	1	RM lght phase Harlan's
✓ Red-tailed Hawk	12/18/06-17/07	Valley Ford/Freestone	SON	1	RS, KWl, BOl, mob Harlan's 3 rd winter there
✓ Ferruginous Hawk	12/6/06	coastal hills off Hwy1	SON	4	RS
✓ Ferruginous Hawk	12/24/06	west Two Rock	SON	2	KWi, BOI
✓ Ferruginous Hawk	12/30/06	e Railroad Rd	SON	1	KWi, BOI
✓ Rough-legged Hawk	11/23/06	Bay Hill Rd	SON	1	KWi
Merlin	1/17/07	Fulton Rd near River Rd	SON	1	DShw
Peregrine Falcon	12/3-6/06	mouh Russian River	SON	2	Rmo, RS
Peregrine Falcon	12/6-24/06	Bodega Harbor	SON	1 ad	BDP, mob anatum
Peregrine Falcon	1/17/07	Doran Park	SON	1	BDP
Peregrine Falcon	12/16/06	Abbotts Lagoon	MRN	1ad	BDP, BL, RLe
Peregrine Falcon	12/17/06	Delta Pond, Lagina	SON	1	BDP, BL
Prairie Falcon	12/10/06	Viansa Wetlands	SON	2	TR
Prairie Falcon	12/16/06	Abbotts Lagoon	MRN	1	BDP, BL, RLe
Prairie Falcon	12/16/06S	Stony Pt x116	SON	1	RS
✓ Black Rail	12/30/06	Doran Park	SON	2	RAR, BGr calling
✓ Black Rail	12/29/06	Ellis Creek	SON	1	DE
Common Moorhen	12/25/06	Shollenberger Park	SON	1	BDP, JP, DHo
Killdeer	1/12/07	Stage Gulch xAdobe Rd	SON	150+	RAR
✓ Snowy Plover	12/23/06	Doran Park	SON	18	BDP, JP

Species	DATE	LOCATION	CO.	#	OBSERVER(S)
✓ Mountain Plover	1/11/07	s Leveroni Rd Sonoma	SON	1-2	DShw
✓ American Avocet	12/23/06	Doran Park pond	SON	36	SBI
✓ Red Knot	12/6-23/06	Spud Point	SON	3-5	BDP, JP, DHo
✓ Red Knot	12/28/06	Porto Bodega	SON	1	DF
✓ Parasitic Jaeger	12/30/06	off Bodega Harbor	SON	1	BDP dark
Bonaparte's Gull	12/25/06	Shollenberger Park	SON	1	BDP, JP, DHo
Forster's Tern	12/11/06	Bodega Harbor	SON	24	DF
Common Murre	12/23/06	off Bodega Head	SON	1	BDP, JP
Pigeon Guillemot	12/23/06	off Bodega Head	SON	1	BDP, JP
✓ Marbled Murrelet	2/6/06 ?	off Goat Rock beach	SON	4	RS
✓ Marbled Murrelet	12/6/06	off Duncan's Landing	SON	8	RS
✓ Marbled Murrelet	12/23-30/06	off Bodega Head	SON	2-8	BDP, JP
✓ Marbled Murrelet	1/13/07	off Bodega Head	SON	3	BDP
✓ Ancient Murrelet	12/6/06	off Goat Rock Beach	SON	5	RS
✓ Ancient Murrelet	12/6/06	off Duncan's Landing	SON	14	RS
✓ Ancient Murrelet	12/30/06	off Bodega Head	SON	6	BDP
✓ Ancient Murrelet	1/13/07	off Bodega Head	SON	1	BDP
✓ Ancient Murrelet	1/3/07	cove n Ft Ross	SON	150	KO, RT
✓ Rhinoceros Auklet	12/6/06	off Duncan's Landing	SON	2	RS
✓ Rhinoceros Auklet	1/3/07	cove n Ft Ross	SON	400	KO, RT
Band-tailed Pigeon	12/5/06	Laguna	SON	4	DShw
Band-tailed Pigeon	12/17/06	Shiloh Regional Park	SON	159	AW Single flock
✓ Eur Collared Dove	12/23-5/06	Shellville	SON	1-6	BDP, JP, DHo
Snowy Owl	12/31/06 - present	Grizzly Island	SOL	1	JSt, mob
✓ Burrowing Owl	12/10/06	w Watmaugh x Stage Gulch	SON	1	TR
✓ Burrowing Owl	1/7/07	Lake Berryessa	NAP	2	BDP
✓ Short-eared Owl	12/17/06	Sonoma County Airport	SON	3	AW
Nor Saw-whet Owl	12/4/06	Sea Ranch yard	SON	1	LSt
✓ Hammond's Flycatcher	11/23?/06	Adobe Rd riparian	SON	1	RS
Loggerhead Shrike	1/7/07	Lake Berryessa	NAP	1	BDP
Loggerhead Shrike	12/29/06	e Hwy 116 near Pet	SON	1	DE
Loggerhead Shrike	12/30/06	e Railroad Rd	SON	1	KWi, BOI
Tree Swallow	12/16/06	Johnson Oyster Works	MRN	1	BDP, BL, RLe
Tree Swallow	12/17/06	Delta Pond	SON	2	BDP, BL
Tree Swallow	1/13/07	Carmony Rd pond	SON	9	BDP
Orange-cr warbler	12/25/06-1/5/07	Petaluma yard	SON	1	KWi, BOI
Orange-cr. Warbler	12/5-30/06	Diekmann's Store	SON	1-2	RS, BDP, TM orestera and lutescens
✓ Nashville Warbler	12/18/06	Diekmann's Store	SON	1	RS
✓ Oporornis sp.	12/18/06	Diekmann's Store	SON	1	RS
✓ Western Tanager	12/18/06	Hayden x Litchfield	SON	1m	RS calling
✓ Grasshopper Sparrow	12/17/06	Keiser Ln. Rohn. Pk.	SON	1	RLe
Lark Sparrow	1/7/07	Lake Berryessa	NAP	6	BDP
✓ Harris's Sparrow	12/30/06-1/11/07	Petaluma Adobe SP	SON	1ad	LHg, BDP mob
White-throated Sparrow	12/16/06	e Santa Rosa	SON	1	BBu
White-throated Sparrow	12/30/06-1/11/07	Petaluma Adobe SP	SON	1	LHg, DShw
White-throated Sparrow	1/1/07	Napa yard	NAP	1	BDP white striped
Dark-eyed Junco	12/16/06	e Santa Rosa	SON	1	BBu Slate-colored
Dark-eyed Junco	12/30/06-1/11/07	Vallejo Adobe SP	SON	1-2	LHg, JW, DShw
Tricolored Blackbird	1/7/07	Lake Berryessa	NAP	2	BDP
Sea Otter	12/9-26?/06	Bodega Harbor	SON	1	DF, mob

Observers: Sara Blauman, Betty Burrige, Bob Dyer, Daniel Edelstein, Ted Eliot, Dea Freid, Betty Groce, David Hofmann, Lisa Hug, Rick LeBaudour, Bill Lenarz, Roger Marlowe, Tom McCuller, Becky Olsen, Kris Olson, BD "Mike" Parmeter, John Parmeter, Ruth Rudesill, Tom Rusert, Doug Shaw, Rich Stallcup, John Sterling, Lang Stevenson, Ron Thorn, Glo Wellman, Alan Wight, Ken Wilson, and Jon Winter

107th Audubon Christmas Bird Count
Santa Rosa Circle 12/17/2006

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CIRCLE TOTALS

cw = count week species							
✓ 2	GOOSE, Greater White-fronted		59	EGRET, Snowy			
✓ 1	Snow	✓	216	Cattle			
✓ 1	Ross's		5	HERON, Green			
✓ 4	Cackling		59	NIGHT-HERON, Black-crowned			
✓ 915	Canada		173	VULTURE, Turkey			
	SWAN, Tundra		1	OSPREY			
50	DUCK, Wood	✓	24	KITE, White-tailed			
5	GADWALL		19	HARRIER, Northern			
	WIGEON, Eurasian		6	HAWK, Sharp-shinned			
106	American		8	Cooper's			
956	MALLARD		2	Accipter sp.			
	TEAL, Blue-winged	✓	69	HAWK, Red-shouldered			
	Cinnamon		80	Red-tailed			
124	SHOVELER, Northern	✓	1	Ferruginous			
5	PINTAIL, Northern			Rough-legged			
62	TEAL, Green-winged		1	EAGLE, Golden			
	Anas sp.	✓	52	KESTREL, American			
✓ 8	CANVASBACK		6	MERLIN			
	REDHEAD		3	FALCON, Peregrine			
85	DUCK, Ring-necked			Prairie			
	SCAUP, Greater		1	Falco sp.			
	Lesser			RAIL, Virginia			
	scaup sp.			SORA			
129	BUFFLEHEAD	✓	3	MOORHEN, Common			
3	GOLDENEYE, Common		1934	COOT, American			
	Barrow's			PLOVER, Black-bellied			
2	MERGANSEY, Hooded		182	KILLDEER			
24	Common	✓	60	STILT, Black-necked			
202	DUCK, Ruddy	✓	15	AVOCET, American			
✓ 3	PHEASANT, Ring-necked			SANDPIPER, Spotted			
✓ 77	TURKEY, Wild		27	YELLOWLEGS, Greater			
	QUAIL, Mountain		1	CURLEW, Long-billed			
228	California			SANDPIPER, Western			
	LOON, Red-throated		21	Least			
	Common		21	DUNLIN			
73	GREBE, Pied-billed			Calidris sp.			
✓ 3	Horned		142	DOWITCHER, Long-billed			
9	Eared			Limnodromus sp.			
4	Western	✓	54	SNIPE, Wilson's			
	Clark's			GULL, Bonaparte's			
✓ 45	PELICAN, American White		196	Mew			
✓ 135	CORMORANT, Double-crested		228	Ring-billed			
✓ 1	BITTERN, American		87	California			
42	HERON, Great Blue		1	Herring			
86	EGRET, Great			Thayer's			



James Philip "Jim" Matzinger, a long time RROS and Redbud Audubon member, died Dec. 10, 2006 in his home on Cobb Mtn., Lake Co. at age 58. He was an exemplary friend, father, teacher, environmentalist, & activist for conservation causes, as well as an accomplished fly fisherman, naturalist and birder. We send our condolences to his wife, Sharon, and their family.

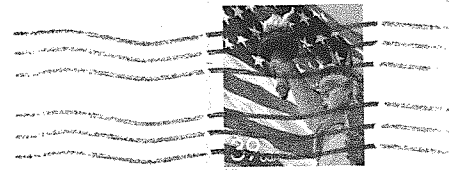


"Hope is the thing with feathers
that perches in the soul
and sings the tune without words
and never stops – at all."

Emily Dickinson

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