



# Kite Tales

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## **SEPT 13 – THURS. Birding / Potluck / Meeting At PRBO – CONSERVATION SCIENCE**

Meet at the rear of the parking lot, (3820 Cypress Dr., Petaluma)  
5:00 PM for birding at Shollenberger Park  
6:00 for dinner in their kitchen, and  
7:00 for the first meeting of the 2007-08 year

Bring salad/main dish/side dish/dessert/hors d'oeuvres or whatever, as well as table settings, beverages to share, and binoculars.

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### **NOTICE! ANNUAL DUES ARE NOW PAYABLE!.**

**\$20 per family, \$15 per individual, \$5 per student**

Fill out and send in the RROS DUES/MEMBERSHIP UPDATE on Page 5 to Treas. Don Howard.

**NOTE: A red dot on your mailing label says your dues are due.**

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### **SANTA ROSA CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT - SUN. DEC. 16TH**

Leaders, please start recruiting your team members now.

## RROS EVENTS CALENDAR

**SEPT. 10, Monday - Join leader Peter Leveque at 6:30 p.m.**, to witness a whirling vortex of thousands of **migrating Vaux's Swifts** as these tiny birds descend into their temporary nighttime roost in a large chimney on the campus of **Rio Lindo Academy in Healdsburg**.

Directions: Heading north on Hwy 101, take the Old Redwood Highway/Healdsburg Avenue Exit. Go north to Bailhache Ave., turn right and continue for about 3 miles to the entrance of Rio Lindo Academy. Turn left at first stop sign, then left again just before the dormitory. Go ½ block to the rear of the campus. The chimney is on a side street west of the athletic field. Experienced swift watchers bring lawn chairs and hats.

This is an event jointly sponsored by Madrone Audubon and RROS.

**SEPT. 13, Thursday - Birding/Potluck/Meeting at PRBO** - Details on page one.

**SEPT. 22, Saturday - Field Trip to outer Point Reyes.** Meet at 7:30 AM AT THE PETALUMA PARK-AND RIDE (West of Hwy 101 at junction with Hwy 116) OR 8:15 AM AT WHITEHOUSE POOL. (From Pt. Reyes Station go south and cross a bridge, then immediately make a sharp right onto Sir Francis Drake Rd. Just before reaching Bear Valley Road (3/4 mile) turn right into Whitehouse Pool parking lot.) Bring lunch, layer clothes, and optics. We plan on heading out to the Lighthouse first but we may stop if a good bird is at one of the ranches. Leader is Ruth Rudesill - 833-6026

**OCT. 11, Thursday - RROS General Meeting - Program by Len Blumen on Digiscoping** (taking digital pictures through a telescope) and examples of his marvelous pictures.

**OCT. 20, Saturday Field Trip to Bodega Harbor** - Meet at 8:00AM at the north end of Bodega Harbor near the rail ponds. There's a parking area on the right. We'll observe water birds, shorebirds and search for migrants and vagrants. Bring binoculars, scopes, field guides, lunch, water, layers and sunscreen. Leader Mike Parmeter.

## OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

**SEPT. 5, Wednesday - 7-8:30PM. "Birds of the Farrallon Islands - Celebrating 40 Years of PRBO Research"** Guest Speaker Melissa Pitkin, Resident PRBO Scientist at the Farrallon Islands. At Sonoma Mission Chapel, East Spain @ First St. East, Sonoma Plaza. \$5 donation, Visit- [Sonomabirding.org](http://Sonomabirding.org) or 707-939-8007. *Valley of the Moon Nature Lecture Series*

**SEPT. 17, Monday - 7:30 PM John Moir, author of RETURN ON THE CONDOR: The race to save our largest bird from extinction**, speaks at Madrone Audubon Society General Meeting. First United Methodist Church, 1551 Montgomery Dr., Santa Rosa.

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**Field Trip Report - Pine Flat Road, May 19, 2007, Lisa Hug, leader.**

The day started at the bridge at the bottom of the road where we combined with Madrone Audubon Society for a field trip that was well-attended by both RROS and MAS members. The weather was beautiful. In addition to 67 species of birds, the wildflowers and butterflies were spectacular. Highlights included excellent views of Rufous-crowned Sparrows, Purple Martins, and Olive-sided Flycatchers as well as many views of the always-beautiful Lazuli Bunting. We heard Bell's Sparrows at the top of the road. (Continued on Page three)

## Field Trip Report – Pine Flat Road, May 19, 2007, Lisa Hug, Leader – continued from Page two

Species list: Mallard, Common Merganser, Wild Turkey, Mountain Quail, California Quail, Turkey Vulture, White-tailed Kite, Cooper's Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, Golden Eagle, American Kestrel, Mourning Dove, Anna's Hummingbird, Acorn Woodpecker, Nuttall's Woodpecker, Hairy Woodpecker, Northern Flicker, Olive-sided Flycatcher, Western Wood-pewee, Pacific-slope Flycatcher, Black Phoebe, Ash-throated Flycatcher, Cassin's Vireo, Warbling Vireo, Steller's Jay, Western Scrub-jay, American Crow, Common Raven, Purple Martin, Violet-green Swallow, Northern Rough-winged Swallow, Barn Swallow, Oak Titmouse, White-breasted Nuthatch, Brown Creeper, Bewick's Wren, House Wren, Golden-crowned Kinglet, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Western Bluebird, American Robin, Wrentit, Northern Mockingbird, California Thrasher, European Starling, Orange-crowned Warbler, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Wilson's Warbler, Western Tanager, Spotted Towhee, California Towhee, Rufous-crowned Sparrow, Chipping Sparrow, Bell's (Sage) Sparrow, Song Sparrow, Dark-eyed Junco, Black-headed Grosbeak, Lazuli Bunting, Red-winged Blackbird, Western Meadowlark, Brewer's Blackbird, Brown-headed Cowbird, Hooded Oriole, Bullock's Oriole, Purple Finch, House Finch, Lesser Goldfinch.

## Observations April to August 2007 Report, by Ruth Rudesill

Bird Species	Date	Location	Co.	#	Observers
Harlequin Duck	7/9/07	Virgin Creek SB	MEN	2 m	BDP
✓ Black Scoter	7/30/07	off Doran Beach	SON	1m	PCo
Wild Turkey	6/3/07	Sea Ranch horse area	SON	2m 2f	BDP
Mountain Quail	4/13/07	Pine Flat Rd	SON	2	BDP calling
✓ Mountain Quail	5/19-23/07	Pine Flat Rd	SON	sev	BDP, LHg DHo calling
✓ Mountain Quail	7/29/07	King Ridge Rd	SON	6	BDPpr w/ 4 young
✓ Red-necked Grebe	7/23/07	Bodega Bay	SON	1 ad alt	BDP, RS, RAR
✓ American Bittern	7/1?07	Shollenberger Park	SON	1 juv	Bob Dyer
✓ Cattle Egret	7/5/07	Analy HS Rd	SON	10	BDP
✓ White-faced Ibis	5/6/07	Buchli Station	NAP	20	Herb McGrew
✓ White-faced Ibis	5/8/07	off Bodega head	SON	10	LHg flying south
Osprey	6/3/07	Sea Ranch	SON	1	BDP
✓ White-tailed Kite	7/20/07	Carriger Rd Sonoma	SON	10	KMu
✓ Bald Eagle	5/14/07	Frei Rd near Graton	SON	1 pr	Joy Helstien
✓ Bald Eagle	7/14/07	Occidental Rd	SON	1ad	Emily Evans
✓ Pacific Golden-Plover	8/2-7/07	Doran mudflats	SON	2ad	LHg, LBI, DR
✓ Pacific Golden-Plover	8/8/07	Shollenberger Park	SON	1	RS
Snowy Plover	7/29/07	Doran Beach	SON	4	BDP
Spotted Sandpiper	5/3/07	Shollenberger Park	SON	1	Robert Speckels
Spotted Sandpiper	6/3/07	Twin Bridges	SON	4	BDP
✓ Lesser Yellowlegs	8/8/07	Shollenberger park	SON	1juv	RS
✓ Wandering Tattler	7/25-8/3/07	Bodega Head	SON	2-3	BDP DHo Pco, LHg
✓ Whimbrel	5/20/07	Bodega Bay Harbor	SON	15	SBI
✓ Whimbrel	6/5/07	w. side of Bodega Harbor	SON	4	BDP DHo
✓ Whimbrel	7/8/07	Virgin Creek SB	MEN	25	BDP
✓ Long-billed Curlew	6/5/07	w side Bodega Harbor	SON	8	BDP DHo
Marbled Godwit	6/5/07	w. side Bodega Harbor	SON	150	Dp DHo
✓ Baird's Sandpiper	8/8/07	Shollenberger Park	SON	3juv	RS
Surfbird	7/23-29/07	Gaffney Pt	SON	75-181	BDP mob
✓ Red Knot	7/23-25/07	Spud Pt	SON	5	BDP DHo
Red Knot	7/15-30/07	Spud Pt	SON	2-3	Maggie Rufo, DR, PCo
Short-billed Dowitcher	7/25/07	Bodega Harbor	SON	200+ ad	BDP DHo
✓ Semipalmated Sandpiper	7/09/07	Shollenberger Park	SON	1	RS
✓ Semipalmated Sandpiper	8/2/07	Doran mudflats	SON	1 juv	RS
✓ Wilson's Phalarope	7/9/07	Shollenberger Park	SON	11	RS
Wilson's Phalarope	7/2/07	Shollenberger Park	SON	3	PCo
Red-necked Phalarope	5/13-20/07	Doran Park	SON	15-150	DF, SBI, LLu
Red-necked Phalarope	5/13/07	Bodega Farm Pond	SON	7	DF
Red-necked Phalarope	7/23-8/7/07	Gaffney Pt	SON	1-12	BDP DHo PCo, LBI
Bonaparte's Gull	5/2/07	Buchli Station	NAP	30	Herb McGrew
Bonaparte's Gull	5/9-20/07	near Marine Lab Ent BodegaBay	SON	4	SBI, MfO, mob
✓ Bonaparte's Gull	5/20/07	Bodega Farm Pond	SON	21	DF
✓ Mew Gull	7/29-8/3/07	Shollenberger Rd	SON	1juv	Pco, RS 1 <sup>st</sup> over summer
✓ Least Tern	7/19/07	Doran Pond area	SON	1	CLu, LLu
✓ Elegant Tern	7/2/307	Bodega Harbor	SON	25	BDP
✓ Parasitic Jaeger	6/3/07	off Bodega Head	SON	2	Peter Colasanti
Marbled Murrelet	6/9/07	off Chimney Rock	MRN	1	KWi, BOI
Marbled Murrelet	7/30/07	off Bodega Head	SON	1	PCo
✓ Ancient Murrelet	6/3/07	off Bodega Head	SON	1	Peter Colasanti

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Common Murre	7/10/07	Mendocino Headlands	MEN	750+	BDP
Rhinoceros Auklet	5/8/07	off Bodega head	SON	2	LHg
Rhinoceros Auklet	6/9/07	off Chimney Rock	MRN	1	KWi, BOI
✓ Rhinoceros Auklet	7/5/07	Bodega Head	SON	1	BDP LHg flew by
Rhinoceros Auklet	7/10/07	Mendocino Headlands	MEN	2 ad	BDP
✓ Rhinoceros Auklet	7/25-29/07	Bodega Harbor channel	SON	1ad 1 juv	BDP DHo
✓ Rhinoceros Auklet	7/29/07	mouth Russian River	SON	1 ad	BDP
✓ Rhinoceros Auklet	8/2/07	off Bodega Head	SON	3	LHg
✓ Horned Puffin	6/3/07	Off Bodega Head	SON	1	Peter Colasanti
✓ Horned Puffin	6/5/07	off Bodega Head	SON	1 2 <sup>nd</sup> yr	BDP
✓ Horned Puffin	6/7-9/07	off Chimney Rock Pt Reyes	MRN	1-2	Bob McLean, KWi, BOI
✓ Horned Puffin	7/5/07	nw Bodega head	SON	1 2 <sup>nd</sup> yr	BDP LHg
✓ Horned Puffin	6/14/07	off Bodega Head	SON	1	Kathryn Parker
✓ Horned Puffin	6/14/07	off Timber Cove	Son	3	Kathryn Parker
✓ Tufted Puffin	6/15/07	Castle Rock	DN	3-4	RAR nest burrows
Tufted Puffin	6/15/07	Pt Arena	MEN	1	JLu, JSt
Tufted Puffin	7/10/07	Mendocino Headlands	MEN	1ad	BDP
✓ Band-tailed Pigeon	5/20/07	Ferguson Rd, Sebastopol	SON	20	LHg
✓ Band-tailed Pigeon	6/3/07	Gualala / Fish Rock Rd area	SON	common	BDP
✓ Eurasian Collared-Dove	6/3/07	Llano Rd	SON	3	AW one juvenile
✓ Eurasian Collared-Dove	6/3/07	Petaluma -Valley Ford Rd	SON	2	AW
✓ Eurasian Collared-Dove	6/3/07	Middle Two Rock Rd	SON	3	AW
Flammulated Owl	6/4/07	Mosquito Ridge Rd	PLA	1	Bob McLean Lifer!
Northern Pygmy- Owl	5/23/07	Pine Flat Rd	SON	1	DP, DHo calling
✓ Common Nighthawk	6/15/07	Salt Point SP	SON	1	JLu, JSt calling
Hummingbird spp.	8/10/07	Sebastopol	SON	2!	Sheli Hunt fide BBU
These are two different partial albino hummers, one totally white with dark eye, one white and beige					
Vaux's Swift	6/3/07	Fish Rock Rd	SON	1	BDP
✓ Vaux's Swift	7/3/07	Litchfield Rd Sebastopol	SON	3	RS 2 ad 1 recently fledged
✓ Vaux's swift	7/11/07	bridge Arnold Dr	SON	1	KMu
✓ Red-Br Sapsucker	6/3/07	Twin Bridges	SON	1	BDP tapping
Black-backed Woodpecker	6/5/07	Lake Tahoe area	??	1	Bob McLean Lifer!
Pileated Woodpecker	5/25/07	Mt St Helena	NAP	1	BDP
Cassin's Vireo	4/13/07	Pine Flat Rd	SON	3	BDP
Western Tanager	4/13/07	Pine Flat	SON	2 m	BDP
Western Tanager	8/4/07	Kenwood yard	SON	4-5	RAR
California Thrasher	6/3/07	Fish Rock Rd	SON	4	BDP
California Thrasher	6/19/07	top Pine Flat Rd	SON	2	BDP calling
Gray Jay	7/9/07	VanDamm SP	MEN	2	BDP
✓ American Dipper	3/25/07	Cazedero bridge	SON	2+	LPe nest w/ young
Purple Martin	4/13/07	Pine Flat Rd	SON	2	BDP
Purple Martin	5/19-23/07	Pine Flat Rd	SON	2-4	BDP RROS LHg DHo
Purple Martin	6/19/07	Pine Flat Rd area	SON	2-3	BDP
✓ Purple Martin	6/11/07	Gualala River Bridge	SON	8	BDP
Hermit Warbler	6/3/07	Gualala area	SON	few	BDP decreasing
✓ American Redstart	6/3/07	Campbell Cove	SON	1 2 <sup>nd</sup> m	BDP
Black-thr Gray Warbler	4/13/07	Pine Flat Rd	SON	sev	BDP
Black-thr Gray Warbler	5/25/07	Mt St Helena	NAP	sev	BDP calling
✓ Prairie Warbler	5/21/07	near Campbell Cove BB	SON	1 m	LLu
Cedar Waxwing	4/1/07	Temelec, near Sonoma	SON	100+	Debra Rogers big #
White-throated Sparrow	2/12 -4/22/07	Sonoma yard	SON	1-2	KMu tan & white striped
White -throated Sparrow	3/24-4/23/07	Kenwood yard	SON	2	RAR 1 ad/ 1 juv
White-throated Sparrow	4/7/07	Tolay Lake park	SON	1	Peter Colasanti
White-throated Sparrow	4/14/07	Shollenberger Park	SON	1juv	RAR, mob
White-throated Sparrow	4/19/07	Gehricke Rd Sonoma	SON	2	Karen Nagel
White-throated Sparrow	mid Apr-5/6/07	Ferguson Rd, Sebastopol	SON	1	Link van Cleave fide BBU
✓ Great-tailed Grackle	5/16/07	Sonoma Golf Club	SON	1m	Amanda Krauss
✓ Great -tailed Grackle	5/24/07	Pomo Campground	SON	1	KWi, John Kelly
Grackle sp	4/22/07	Spring Lake	SON	1	Janet Bosshard, RRh
Hooded Oriole	5/1/07	Sonoma Yard	SON	2 pr	Bob McLean
Chipping Sparrow	6/3/07	Horicon School	SON	1	BDP singing
Rufous -crowned Sparrow	5/19/07	Pine Flat Rd	SON	sev	BDP/RROS LHg singing
✓ Sage Sparrow	5/19/07	Pine Flat Rd	SON	1	BDP/RROS/LHg singing
✓ Yellow-headed Blackbird	5/21/07	Primrose Ave Santa Rosa	SON	1m	Ann Jordan
Red Crossbill	6/3/07	Old Stage Rd	SON	1	BDP

**Observers:** Sara Blauman, Len Blumin, Janet Bosshard, Peter Colasanti, Bob Dyer, Mary Follis, Dea Freid, David Hoffman, Lisa Hug, Amanda Jordan, John Kelly, Amanda Krauss, Cindy & Les Lieurance, John Luther, Herb McGrew, Bob McLean, Kathy Mugele, Becky Olsen, BD "Mike" Parmeter, Linda Petrulias, Rhio Reigh, Don Reinberg, Ruth Rudesill, Maggie Rufo, Rich Stallcup (RS), John Sterling, Alan Wight, Ken Wilson, Chris Wood

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Beginning Bank Balance 7/1/06 \$3530.62

INCOME

Donations \$234.00  
 Gr Sales Books 750.00  
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**TOTAL INCOME \$2,092.10**

EXPENSES

Book Cost of Sale \$ 18.00  
 Computer 221.37  
 Contribution 580.00  
 Education 250.00  
 Fees 120.00  
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 Postage 235.64  
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**TOTAL EXPENSES \$1,871.08**

NET INCOME -----\$221.02

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RROS DUES/MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Mail to Treasurer Don Howard, 979 Hogwarts Circle, Petaluma CA 94954

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Ideas for programs/field trips/comments:

I can help by arranging for refreshments at meetings \_\_\_\_\_  
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 other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Redwood Region Ornithological Society** ([WWW.RROS.org](http://WWW.RROS.org)) 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, at 7:00 pm at the Laguna Waste Water Treatment Plant, 4300 Llano Road, Santa Rosa California, unless otherwise announced. Dues are \$20 per family, \$15 per individual or \$5 per student for a one-year membership. Send dues to RROS Treas. Don Howard, 979 Hogwarts Circle, Petaluma CA 94954.

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### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

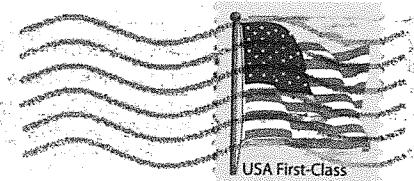
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