



# Kite Tales

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**OCT. 11 – THURS. 7:00 p. m. General Meeting**

**Len Blumin, the marvelous nature photographer, presents**

## **Digiscoping**

(taking digital pictures through a telescope) with examples of his wonderful pictures.

**How about dinner before the meeting?** Let's meet at 5:30 p. m. at Star Restaurant at 8501 Gravenstein Hwy, Cotati (just west of Hwy 101, at exit for Hwy 116 West.)

**Directions to the meeting:** 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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## RROS EVENTS CALENDAR

**OCT. 20 - Saturday Field Trip to Bodega Harbor** - Meet at 8:00AM at north end of Bodega Harbor near the rail ponds at the 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. Heavy rain cancels. Leader, Mike Parmeter. Questions? Ellen Blustein 707-789-0970

**NOV. 8 - RROS General Meeting - Roger Marlowe** shows **Birds of Bolivia**

**NOV. 10 - Sat. Field Trip to Shollenberger Park** (Petaluma) Meet at 8:00AM Meet at the public parking lot on Cader Lane, off So. McDowell Blvd. We might continue to Port Sonoma, Luchessi Park or elsewhere as a second location. We will search for marsh birds, waterfowl, gulls and shorebirds. Bring binoculars, scopes, field guides, lunch, water, hats and layers. Andy LaCasse, leader. Heavy rain cancels. Questions? Call Ellen Blustein 707-789-0970.

## OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

**Oct. 15, Monday - 7:30 p. m. John Muir Laws presents "Art and Nature: Painting the Biodiversity of the Sierra Nevada"** at Madrone Audubon Society's General Meeting. First United Methodist Church, 1551 Montgomery Dr., Santa Rosa.

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## FIELD TRIP REPORT - Outer Pt. Reyes, Sept. 22 - Ruth Rudesill

Twenty two participants braved rain and wind at the until it cleared and were rewarded with great looks at a Townsend's Solitaire, tan striped White-throated Sparrow, and two spectacular Peregrine Falcons that soared and dove around the Lighthouse

At the Fish Docks - there was a flock of sparrows with a Clay-colored Sparrow and later two probable Brewer's Sparrows were observed. Two Eurasian Collared Doves were a county bird for most. And Willow Flycatcher.

Nunes and Mendoza had more western migrants (yellow warblers, western tanager, western pacific-sloped flycatchers)

At Drakes Beach there was a Laughing Gull in rather poor condition in the parking lot. Also Nashville Warbler and Warbling Vireo.

We had a great time despite the lack of eastern vagrants!

**Participants:** Carol Brant, Peter Colasanti, Dawn Dewell, Betty Groce, Chris Inman, Joel Hornstein, Don Howard, Brian & Eileen Keelar, Don Kirker, Andy LaCasse, Gloria Markowitz, Len Nelson, Becky Olsen, Wendy Peterson, BD Parmeter, Rhio Reigh, Debra Rogers, Craig Roth, Ruth Rudesill, Bob & Diana Speckels and Ken Wilson.

### **Species observed (85):**

Canada Goose, Gadwall, Mallard, Surf Scoter, White-winged Scoter, Common Loon, Pied-billed Grebe, Western Grebe, Brown Pelican, Brandt's Cormorant, Double-crested Cormorant, Pelagic Cormorant, Great Blue Heron, Great Egret, Black-Cr Night Heron, Turkey Vulture, Northern Harrier, Red-tailed Hawk, American Kestrel, Peregrine Falcon, Virginia Rail, Sora, Common Moorhen, American Coot, Greater Yellowlegs, Dowitcher sp, Red-necked Phalarope, Laughing Gull, Heermann's Gull, California Gull, Ring-billed, Gull, Western Gull, Glaucous-winged x Western Gull, Rock Pigeon, Mourning Dove, Eurasian Collared Dive, Great Horned Owl, Anna's Hummingbird, Western Wood-pewee, Willow Flycatcher, Pacific-sloped Flycatcher, Black Phoebe, Says Phoebe, Hutton's Vireo. Warbling Vireo, Western Scrub-Jay, American Crow, Common Raven, Barn Swallow, Bushtit, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Rock Wren Bewick's Wren, Marsh Wren, Golden-crowned Kinglet, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Townsend's Solitaire, Hermit Thrush, Starling, Orange-crowned Warbler, Nashville Warbler, Yellow Warbler, Black-thr Gray warbler, Townsend's Warbler, Common Yellowthroat, Wilson's Warbler, Western Tanager, Spotted Towhee, Clay-colored Sparrow, Brewer's Sparrow, Savannah Sparrow, Fox Sparrow, Song Sparrow, Lincoln's Sparrow, White-throated Sparrow, Golden-crowned Sparrow, White-crowned Sparrow, Dark-eyed Junco, Red-winged Blackbird, Tricolored Blackbird, Western Meadowlark, Brewer's Blackbird, House Finch, American Goldfinch, and House Sparrow.

## Observations - August - September 2007 Report - Ruth Rudesill

| Bird Species               | Date       | Location                     | Co.     | #      | Observers          |
|----------------------------|------------|------------------------------|---------|--------|--------------------|
| ✓ Laysan Albatross         | 9/2-8/07   | near Bodega Canyon           | SON     | 1      | RAR,RS, mob        |
| Short-tailed Albatross     | 9/23/07    | offshore                     | SON/MRN | 1-2    | RS, mob            |
| ✓ Wedge-tailed Shearwater  | 9/8/07     | offshore                     | SON     | 1      | DSh, SHo           |
| ✓ Pink-footed Shearwater   | 8/7/07     | off Bodega Head              | SON     | 1      | BDP, DHo           |
| ✓ Ashy Storm-petrel        | 9/8/07     | offshore                     | SON/MRN | 4000   | DSh, mob           |
| ✓ Black Storm-petrel       | 9/23/07    | offshore                     | SON/MRN | 1      | RS, LHg, mob       |
| ✓ Wilson's Storm-petrel    | 9/2/07     | near Bodega Canyon           | SON     | 4-5    | RS, mob            |
| ✓ Wilson's Storm-petrel    | 9/8/07     | offshore                     | SON/MRN | 20+    | DSh mob            |
| ✓ Fork-tailed Storm-petrel | 9/8/07     | offshore                     | SON/MRN | 4      | DSh, mob           |
| ✓ Fork-tailed Storm-petrel | 9/23/07    | Cordell Bank                 | MRN     | 1      | CLu, LLU, RAR, mob |
| ✓ Sooty Shearwater         | 8/7/07     | off Bodega Head              | SON     | 38     | BDP, DHo           |
| ✓ Flesh-footed Shearwater  | 9/23/07    | offshore                     | SON/MRN | 2      | RS, LHg, mob       |
| ✓ Ferruginous Hawk         | 9/8/07     | Shollenberger Marsh          | SON     | 1 imm  | RSc                |
| Peregrine Falcon           | 8/7/07     | Doran Park                   | SON     | 1      | BDP, Dho           |
| Peregrine Falcon           | 8/25/07    | Abbott's Lagoon              | MRN     | 1      | BDP                |
| ✓ White-tailed Kite        | 9/1/07     | Tolay Creek Park             | SON     | 23     | PC,AL, DEd         |
| ✓ Clapper Rail             | 9/16/07    | Shollenberger Park           | SON     | 1      | RAR, MD, SW        |
| ✓ Common Moorhen           | 8/22-28/07 | Hole in the Head pond        | SON     | 1      | BDP, DHo           |
| ✓ American Golden-plover   | 8/7/07     | Doran Park                   | SON     | 1      | BDP, DHo           |
| ✓ Pacific Golden-plover    | 8/8/07     | Shollenberger Park           | SON     | 1      | BDP,TE             |
| ✓ Pacific Golden-plover    | 9/3-8/07   | Shollenberger Park           | SON     | 4      | AWgh, RSc          |
| ✓ Pacific Golden-plover    | 9/13-16/07 | Shollenberger Park           | SON     | 1-2    | RSt, RAR, mob      |
| ✓ Lesser Yellowlegs        | 8/7/07     | Shollenberger Park           | SON     | 1      | BDP, TE            |
| ✓ Lesser Yellowlegs        | 8/11/07    | Huichica Unit                | NAP     | 1      | BDP                |
| ✓ Lesser Yellowlegs        | 8/25/07    | Shollenberger Park           | SON     | 1      | RSt                |
| ✓ Lesser Yellowlegs        | 9/13-16/07 | Shollenberger Park           | SON     | 1      | RSt                |
| ✓ Lesser Yellowlegs        | 9/18/07    | Rush Creek                   | MRN     | 1      | LHg                |
| ✓ Surfbird                 | 8/7/07     | Bodega harbor                | SON     | 150    | BDP,DHo            |
| ✓ Red Knot                 | 8/24/07    | Doran Park                   | SON     | 9      | BDP,TE             |
| Baird's Sandpiper          | 9/18/07    | Rush Creek                   | MRN     | 3      | LHg                |
| Long-billed Dowitcher      | 8/7/07     | Bodega harbor                | SON     | 1      | BDP                |
| ✓ Red-necked Phalarope     | 8/30/07    | Russian River/Jenner         | SON     | 150+   | DB, PC             |
| ✓ Red-necked Phalarope     | 8/24/07    | Bodega Farm Pond             | SON     | 80+    | BDP,TE             |
| ✓ Red-necked Phalarope     | 8/28/07    | Bodega Harbor                | SON     | 500+   | BDP, DHo           |
| ✓ Elegant Tern             | 8/24/07    | Doran Park                   | SON     | 11     | BDP, TE            |
| ✓ Common Tern              | 8/22/07    | Bodega Harbor                | SON     | 1      | BDP, DHo           |
| ✓ Common Tern              | 9/21/07    | Doran Park                   | SON     | 2      | LHg                |
| ✓ South Polar Skua         | 9/2-8/07   | offshore                     | SON/MRN | 3-9    | RS, DSh, mob       |
| ✓ Tufted Puffin            | 9/8/07     | offshore                     | SON/MRN | 3      | DSh, mob           |
| ✓ Pigeon Guillemot         | 8/28/07    | off Bodega Head              | SON     | 50+    | BDP, DHo           |
| ✓ Marbled Murrelet         | 8/23/07    | offshore Jenner              | SON     | 3      | BDP, DHo           |
| ✓ Marbled Murrelet         | 8/29/07    | off Bodega Head              | SON     | 2      | BDP, DHo           |
| Barn Owl                   | Aug-9/6/07 | Walmart parking lot RP       | SON     | 1      | DShaw              |
| Northern Pygmy-owl         | 8/22/07    | King Ridge Rd                | SON     | 1      | BDP, DHo           |
| Great Gray Owl             | 8/31/07    | Grizzly Peak, Oregon         | JAC     | 2 juv  | TE, DASH           |
| ✓ Short-eared Owl          | 9/13/07    | Old Adobe Rd near Penngrove  | SON     | 1      | JH                 |
| ✓ Vaux's Swift             | 9/16/07    | Rio Lindo Academy            | SON     | 12,000 | MRu, mob           |
| Calliope Hummingbird       | 8/25/07    | Keith Hanson Gallery Bolinas | MRN     | 1m     | KH, BDP            |
| Willow Flycatcher          | 8/24-25/07 | Owl Canyon                   | SON     | 1      | BDP,TE, DHo        |
| Willow Flycatcher          | 8/25/07    | Shollenberger Park           | SON     | 1      | RSt                |
| Willow Flycatcher          | 9/1/07     | Tolay Creek Park             | SON     | 1      | PC, AL, DEd        |
| Willow Flycatcher          | 9/3/07     | Owl Cayon                    | SON     | 1      | CLu, LLu, LHg      |
| Willow Flycatcher          | 9/3/07     | Paulin & Roseland Creek      | SON     | 3      | KWi, BOI           |
| Willow Flycatcher          | 9/13/07    | Shollenberger Park           | SON     | 1      | RSt                |
| ✓ Least Flycatcher         | 9/1/07     | Tolay Creek Park             | SON     | 1      | PC, AL, DEd        |
| Loggerhead Shrike          | 8/11/07    | Huichica Unit                | NAP     | 1      | BDP                |
| Blue-gray Gnatcatcher      | 9/7/07     | lighthouse trees Pt Reyes    | MRN     | 1      | BLe                |
| Blue-gray Gnatcatcher      | 9/21/07    | outer Pt Reyes               | MRN     | 1      | BMc                |
| Townsend's Solitaire       | 9/22/07    | lighthouse trees Pt Reyes    | MRN     | 1      | BDP, mob           |

**OBSERVATIONS (continued)**

| Bird Species  | Date       | Location                      | Co. | #      | Observers     |
|---|------------|-------------------------------|-----|--------|---------------|
| ✓ Yellow Wagtail  | 9/7/07     | in front Sandpiper Restaurant | SON | 1      | fide DSh, LHg |
| Found by British birders who did not know how rare it was |            |                               |     |        |               |
| ✓ Tennessee Warbler                                       | 9/20-21/07 | Owl Canyon                    | SON | 1      | DN, LHg       |
| ✓ Chestnut-sided Warbler                                  | 9/9-13/07  | Owl Canyon                    | SON | 1      | RAR, SHu, mob |
| ✓ Chestnut-sided Warbler                                  | 9/15/07    | Owl Canyon                    | SON | 1      | EP, others    |
| ✓ Magnolia Warbler  | 9/12/07    | Owl Canyon                    | SON | 1      | DN, SHu       |
| Black-thr Gray Warbler                                    | 9/13/07    | entrance to Marine Lab        | SON | 2      | SHu           |
| Hermit Warbler  | 8/25/07    | Lighthouse trees Pt Reyes     | MRN | 1f imm | BDP           |
| ✓ Northern Waterthrush                                    | 8/26/07    | west Rail Ponds               | SON | 1      | RMe, RLe      |
| ✓ Northern Waterthrush                                    | 9/1-3/07   | Rail Ponds near boat          | SON | 1      | CLu, LLu, LHg |
| ✓ Northern Waterthrush                                    | 9/15/07    | Rail Ponds near boats         | SON | 1      | EP, others    |
| MacGillvray's Warbler                                     | 8/28/07    | Campbell Cove willows         | SON | 1      | BDP, DHo      |
| MacGillvray's Warbler                                     | 9/1/07     | Owl Canyon                    | Son | 2      | KWi, BOI      |
| MacGillvray's Warbler                                     | 9/3/07     | Roseland Creek                | SON | 1      | KWi, BOI      |
| ✓ Canada Warbler  | 9/12-13/07 | Owl Canyon                    | SON | 1      | DN, SHu       |
| ✓ American Redstart                                       | 9/7/07     | lighthouse trees Pt Reyes     | MRN | 1      | BLe           |
| ✓ Yellow-breasted Chat                                    | 9/6-13/07  | Sebastopol                    | SON | 1      | VB            |
| Vesper Sparrow  | 8/25/07    | near Abbott's Lagoon          | SON | 1      | BDP           |
| Vesper Sparrow  | 9/8/07     | Rush Creek                    | MRN | 1      | LHg           |

**Observers:** Dick Ashford, Dennis Beall, Veronica Bowers, Peter Colasanti, Pam Conley, Mike Dziedzic, Daniel Edelstein, Ted Eliot, Keith Hansen, David Hofmann, Joel Hornstein, Steve Howell, Steve Huckabone, Lisa Hug, Andy LaCasse, Rick Lebaudour, Bill Lenarz, Leslie & Cindy Lieurance, Bob McLean, Richard Merris, Dan Nelson, Becky Olsen, Benjamin D "Mike" Parmeter, Ed Pandolfino, Ruth A Rudesill, Maggie Rufo, Rusty Scalf, Doug Shaw, Debbie Shearwater, Rich Stallcup, Ron Storey, Sheila Ward, Alan Wight, and Ken Wilson

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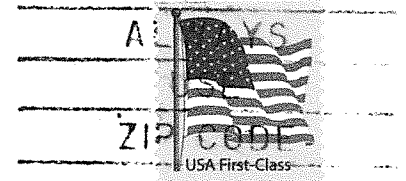
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**The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Central Valley Birding Symposium** sponsored by the Central Valley Birding Club will be held **Nov. 15 - 18th in Stockton CA** at the new Sheraton Stockton. The programs and field trips are always excellent, and are geared to birders of all levels. For info: [www.cvbs.org](http://www.cvbs.org) or contact Frances Oliver [hummer52@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hummer52@sbcglobal.net) or (209) 369-2010.

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