



Kite Tales

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NOV. 8 – THURS. 7:00 p. m. General Meeting

ROGER MARLOWE presents BIRDS OF BOLIVIA

Don't miss these great photos and Roger's fascinating account of his trip.

How about dinner with our speaker before the meeting? Meet at 5:30 p. m. at Star Restaurant, 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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NOV. 10 - Sat. Field Trip to Shollenberger Park (Petaluma)
Meet at 8:00AM at the public parking lot on Cader Lane, off So. McDowell Blvd. After lunch we will continue for a ride-through and brief stop at **Tolay Park**, thence to **Port Sonoma**. We will search for land and marsh birds, waterfowl, gulls and shorebirds. Bring binoculars, scopes, field guides, lunch, water, hats and layers. Andy LaCasse, and Peter Colasanti, leaders. Heavy rain cancels. Questions? Call Ellen Blustein 707-789-0970.

RROS EVENTS CALENDAR:

Nov 10, Field Trip to Shollenberger Park See Page One for details.

Dec. 13, RROS General Meeting – 7:00 p.m. Members' Photo night! Bring pictures of birds likely to be seen on the Christmas Count.

Dec. 16, Santa Rosa Christmas Bird Count - Info? Ruth Rudesill 707 833-6026

OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST:

Nov. 19, Mon. – 7:30 p. m. Peter Baye, Ph.D. Botanist and Coastal Plain Ecologist, presents "Coastal Habitat Restoration in No. California: A short history of applied science, trial, error, and luck" at Madrone Audubon Society's General Meeting. First United Methodist Church, 1551 Montgomery Dr., Santa Rosa.

FIELD TRIP REPORT - BODEGA BAY, OCT.20 Mike Parmeter, leader

We started birding early at Bodega Head where the weather was warm without a bit of breeze. Highlights included dozens of Buller's Shearwaters off shore. Also 5 – 7 Ancient Murrelets were closer in, and a Peregrine Falcon flew by. At the Hole-In-The-Head a clear view of a Sora was had by all. Several White-winged Scoters were found along the westside shore (4 or 5 birds). A single female Ring-necked Duck at the north end of the harbor was unusual. At high tide a large horde of shorebirds gathered in the area just west of the Sandpiper Restaurant. This included 4 Red Knots, 15 Ruddy Turnstones, and 15 Surfbirds, all in alternate plumage. Marbled Godwits here were estimated at 700 birds. Twenty-one birders were in attendance.

Participants: Linda Allen, Peter Colasanti, Nancy Conzett, Ted Eliot, Dea Freid, Betty Groce, Deyea & Jack Harper, Sabrina Hearst, Don Howard, Helen Kochenderfer, Joan Langfeld, Julie & Roger Marlowe, B. D. (Mike) Parmeter (leader), Bob & Diana Speckles, David Stout, Don Toms, Jean Tonascia, & Ruth Tonascia

Species: Canada Goose, Green-winged Teal, Ring-necked Duck, Greater Scaup, Lesser Scaup, Surf Scoter, White-winged Scoter, Ruddy Duck, California Quail, Red-throated Loon, Common Loon, Pied-billed Grebe, Horned Grebe, Red-necked Grebe, Western Grebe, Clark's Grebe, Buller's Shearwater, American White Pelican, Brandt's Cormorant, Double-crested Cormorant, Pelagic Cormorant, Great Blue Heron, Great Egret, Snowy Egret, Turkey Vulture, Northern Harrier, Red-shouldered Hawk, Peregrine Falcon, Sora, American Coot, Black-bellied Plover, Killdeer, Greater Yellowlegs, Willet, Whimbrel, Long-billed Curlew, Marbled Godwit, Ruddy Turnstone, Black Turnstone, Surfbird, Red Knot, Sanderling, Western Sandpiper, Least Sandpiper, Dunlin, Heermann's Gull, Mew Gull, Ring-billed Gull, California Gull, Western Gull, Common Murre, Pigeon Guillemot, Ancient Murrelet, Rock Pigeon, Mourning Dove, Anna's Hummingbird, Nuttall's Woodpecker, Downy Woodpecker, Northern Flicker, Black Phoebe, Western Scrub-Jay, American Crow, Common Raven, Chestnut-backed Chickadee, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Wrentit, Orange-crowned Warbler, Townsend's Warbler, Common Yellowthroat, California Towhee, Fox Sparrow, Song Sparrow, White-crowned Sparrow, Golden-crowned Sparrow, Dark-eyed Junco, Red-winged Blackbird, Brewer's Blackbird, House Finch, American Goldfinch, House Sparrow.

Observations - September-October 2007 Report - Ruth Rudesill

Bird Species	Date	Location	Co.	#	Observers
✓ Gr Wh-fronted Goose	9/23/07	Bodega Harbor	SON	10-15	BDP flying over
✓ Gr Wh-fronted Goose	9/26-29/07	Cassini Pond Dun Mills	SON	1	BDP, TE, RLe mob
✓ Cackling Goose	10/8/07	Spalletta Ranch PRNS	MRN	1	PCo
✓ Cackling Goose	9/29/07	Shollenberger Park	SON	1	BDP, RLe, AW, RMe
✓ White-winged Scoter	10/14/07	Bodega jetty area	SON	5	RS
✓ Red-necked Grebe	10/14/07	Bodega jetty area	SON	4	RS
✓ Flesh-footed Shearwater	10/19/07	offshore	SON	1	DSh,
✓ Fork-tailed Storm-Petrel	10/19/07	offshore	SON/MRN	1	DSh
✓ Swallow-tailed Kite	10/4/07	vineyard near Graton	SON	1	CJ County Record
✓ Swainson's Hawk	10/22/07	Estero Americano	SON	1 juv	BBu, DyH mob.
✓ Ferruginous Hawk	10/18/07	Coleman Valley Rd	SON	1 ad	RMa
✓ Ferruginous Hawk	10/18/07	Jenner	SON	1 ad	RMa dark morph
Golden Eagle	10/11/07	Petaluma yard	SON	2	ALa
Golden Eagle	10/18/07	Jenner	SON	2	RMa
✓ Black Rail	9/5/07	Doran Entrance pond	SON	1	BDP, DHo calling
✓ Sora	9/5/07	Hole in the Head pond	SON	1	BDP, DHo
✓ Common Moorhen	9/5/07	Hole in the Head pond	SON	1	BDP, DHo
✓ Pacific Golden-plover	9/26/07	Shollenberger Park	SON	2	BDP, TE
✓ Pacific Golden-plover	10/8/07	Shollenberger Park	SON	3	LBI
✓ Hudsonian Godwit	9/23/07	Doran Park mudflat	SON	1 juv	DMac, JW, RHa Co. Record
✓ Red Knot	9/23-29/07	Doran Park harbor side	SON	4-5	BDP, RLe, AW, RMe
✓ Red Knot	10/11/07	Doran Park mudflat	SON	3	BGr mob
✓ Pectoral Sandpiper	10/11/07	Shollenberger Park	SON	1	CSe
✓ South Polar Skua	10/19/07	offshore	SON	2	DSh
✓ Sabine's Gull	9/18/07	Lake Hennessey	NAP	1 juv	BDP
✓ Franklin's Gull	9/29/07	Russian River mouth	SON	1	BDP, RLe, RMe, AW
✓ Elegant Tern	9/5/07	Doran Park	SON	12	BDP, DHo
✓ Elegant Tern	9/23/07	Bodega Harbor	SON	3	BDP
Common Tern	9/18/07	Lake Hennessey	NAP	2	BDP
✓ Common Tern	9/26/07	Doran Pond	SON	1	BDP, TE
✓ Tufted Puffin	9/2/07	offshore	SON/MRN	1	BDP, RS, mob
Marbled Murrelet	9/29/07	mouth of Russian River	Son	2	BDP, RLe, RMe, AW
✓ Lewis' Woodpecker	10/14-21/07	Crane Creek RegPark	SON	2-3	DCa, CLu, mob
Say's Phoebe	10/11/07	Petaluma yard	SON	1	ALa
Western Wood-pewee	9/19/07	Gray Lodge NWR	YUB?	1	JHo
Violet-green Swallow	10/14/07	Sugarloaf Park	SON	100s	KMu, KKP
Yellow Warbler	9/19/07	Gray Lodge NWR	YUB?	6	JHo
Townsend's Warbler	9/19/07	Gray Lodge NWR	YUB?	2	JHo
Bl-thr Gray Warbler	9/19/07	Gray Lodge NWR	YUB?	2	JHo
Bl - thr Gray Warbler	10/11/07	Rail Ponds	SON	1	BGr mob
Orange-cr Warbler	9/19/07	Gray Lodge NWR	YUB?	9	JHo
Orange-cr Warbler	9/5/07	Campbell Cove	SON	1	BDP, DHo
✓ Palm Warbler	9/29-10/1/07	Bodega Marine Lab ent	SON	1-3	TE, WP
✓ Palm Warbler	10/13/07	Rail Ponds	SON	1	RS
✓ Magnolia Warbler	9/11/07	Owl Canyon ent	SON	1	BDP, DHo, DN
Worm-eating Warbler	9/22/07	Jr Mendoza trees	MRN	1	RS, BDP
✓ Northern Waterthrush	10/13/07	Owl Canyon	SON	1	RS
Wilson's Warbler	9/19/07	Gray Lodge NWR	YUB?	1	JHo
MacGillivray's Warbler	10/7/07	Owl Canyon	SON	1	DF
✓ American Redstart	9/11/07	Bodega Marine Lab Ent	SON	1m	BDP, DHo, Dn
Black-headed Grosbeak	9/27/07	Owl Canyon	SON	1m	BD, PCon poor cond

Observers: Dennis Beall, Len Blumin, Betty Burrige, Don Cashman, Peter Colesanti, Pam Conley, Dea Freid, Betty Groce, Deyea Harper, Roger Harshaw, David Hofmann, Joel Hornstein, Lisa Hug, Carolyn Johnson, Andy LaCasse, Rick LeBaudour, Leslie & Cindy Lieurance, Dave MacKenzie, Roger Marlowe, Richard Merris, Kathy Mugele, Dan Nelson, Benjamin D "Mike" Parmeter, Wendy Peterson, Kathi Karr Province, Ruth A. Rudesill, Chris Selvig, Doug Shaw, Debi Shearwater, Rich Stallcup, Jim White, Alan Wight

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

Leaders, please start recruiting your team members now.

Counters, call your leaders.

Ruth Rudesill (707) 833-6026 will be compiling our Christmas Bird Count this year and asks RROS members and their birding friends to participate. Team leaders from last year should plan to do their same territories. Location of the compilation dinner to follow the count will be announced in the December Kite Tales. Let's make this count one of the best ever.

OTHER NEARBY CBCs:

PRBO Peninsula CBC Sat. Dec. 15th - Susan Coletta www.calnaturalist.com

Sonoma Valley CBC Fri. Dec 28th - Tom Rusert www.sonomabirding.org

Southern Marin CBC Sat. Dec 29th - sueellenraby@hotmail.com

West. Sonoma County CBC Sun Dec. 30 - Joy Mander wscbc@aol.com

ANOTHER GREAT BIRDING OPPORTUNITY FOR A GOOD CAUSE

PRBO is coordinating a census of shorebirds on key wetlands on the California coast on **8-10 Nov.** Plan on 3-6 hours mornings depending on #s of birds and location. **Please note: those participating should also save alternate rain dates on Nov. 11-13.** Contact: Michael Perlmutter mperlmutter@audubon.org.

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DON'T HAVE A DATE SUNDAY EVENING Nov. 4th?

Why not watch **"The Wolves of Yellowstone"** 8:00 pm Channel 9 ?

Redwood Region Ornithological Society (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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Kite Tales Deadlines: Submit Observations by Nov. 20thth to Ruth Rudesill, all other items to Guest Editor Ruth Rudesill by Nov.25.

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RROS DUES/MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

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

New member____, Returning member____, Renewing member____

Name:_____

Address:_____

Phone #:_____ Email_____

Send newsletter by email, please_____. Send newsletter by USPS, please_____.

Please circle any changes above.

Individual dues: (\$15) _____ Family dues: (\$20) _____ Student dues: (\$5) _____
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Ideas for programs/field trips/comments:

I can help by arranging for refreshments at meetings _____.
teaching or assisting with birding classes _____.
leading or assisting with field trips _____.
other: _____

A REALLY FUN BIRDING EXPERIENCE

The 11th 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. Speakers include Joe Morlan, Keith Hansen and Jon Dunn.

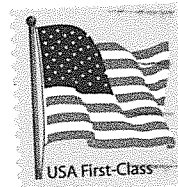
For info: www.cvbs.org or contact Frances Oliver hummer52@sbcglobal.net or (209) 369-2010.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Anne Pelligrini & Jane Murray, Terri & Alanna Glass, David & Linda Stout

If there is a red dot on your address label, we have no record of having received your dues for the current year. This could be your last issue of the "Kite Tales"

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