



Kite Tales

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DOUBLE ISSUE FOR DECEMBER AND JANUARY !!!

December 13, General Meeting

MEMBERS' FOTO NIGHT - Bring slides or digital pictures, especially of birds likely or unlikely to be seen on Christmas Counts.

January 10, General Meeting

Program to be announced - check the RROS website for details!

How about dinner before the meetings? Meet at 5:30 p. m. at Star Restaurant, 8501 Gravenstein Hwy, Cotati (west of Hwy 101, at exit for Hwy 116 West.)

Directions to the meetings: 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.

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

Ruth Rudesill compiles our Christmas Bird Count this year and asks RROS members and their birding friends to participate. Cost is \$5 /person. Team leaders from last year should plan to do their same territories. The compilation dinner to follow the count will be at Mary's Pizza Shack on Summerfield Rd Santa Rosa, across from Howarth Park tennis courts, any time after 4pm. Please bring cash for dinner - RROS has to pay one bill- tax and tip will be included. Let's make this one of the best CBCs ever!

Not on a team? Contact Ruth at 707-833-6026 or ruthier@sonic.net !

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

FIELD TRIP - Saturday, January 12 2007 to Lake Hennessy & Lake Berryessa

Meet in the Petaluma Park-n-Ride on the southwest side of the Lakeville Hwy & 101 exit/entrance, diagonal to In & Out Burger. 7:30 am.
Alternate meet: Rutherford on the Silverado Trail & Conn Lake Dam Road. 8:15 am
Be prepared to carpool. Trip will feature water birds, raptors and winter land birds.
Bring binoculars, scopes, field guides, lunch water, layered clothing, hats, sunscreen.
Leader is Richard Merriss. Heavy rain cancels. Questions Richard 707-477-6699.

FIELD TRIP Saturday, February 16, 2007 to Vic Fazio Wildlife Area.

Meet in Sonoma at the corner of Broadway & Napa Road. Parking in the grocery market lot. Be prepared to carpool. 7:30am
Trip will feature waterbirds, shorebirds and raptors. Bring binoculars, scopes, field guides, lunch, water, layered clothes, hats and sunscreen. Leader is Rick Le Baudour. Heavy Rain cancels. Questions Ellen Blustein 707-789-0970; Rick Le Baudour 707-935-3654

FIELD TRIP REPORT - November 10 - Saturday to Shollenberger Park (Petaluma) will be in the next issue!

*****Ellen Blustein would like to know who would seriously like to attend a long weekend fieldtrip to Anza -Borrego State Park in San Diego Co. in late March 2008. Please call or e-mail her. *******

RROS thanks the following members for their generous donations:

- Jean and Ruth Tonascia**
- Don and Marilyn Toms**
- Jo Ihinger**

Welcome new member: Philip E Persons

Observations September -October-November 2007 Report

Bird Species	Date	Location	Co.	#	Observers
✓ Cackling Goose	11/3/07	Cannon Lnae Pond	SON	3	PCol Aleutian
✓ Cackling Goose	11/11/07	Bodega Farm Pond	SON	3	A&GW
✓ Snow Goose	11/11/07	Bodega Farm Pond	SON	1 imm	A&GW
✓ Blue-winged Teal	9/29/07	Shollenberger Park	SON	4	BDP, AW, RLe, RMe
Tufted Duck	10/19-21/07	Lake Hennessy	NAP	1m	BDP, MB
✓ White-winged Scoter	11/14/07	Bodega Harbor	SON	28	RS high #s
✓ Hooded Merganser	11/19/07	pond Glen Ellen	SON	2m 6f	GMu
✓ Buller's Shearwater	10/20/07	off Bodega Head	SON	sev	BDP
Red-necked Grebe	11/14/07	Bodega Harbor bayside	SON	5	RS
Bald Eagle	10/19/07	Lake Hennessy	NAP	2ad	BDP, MB
✓ Bald Eagle	11/03/07	Lake Sonoma	SON	3	A&GW
✓ Harlan's Red-tailed Hawk	11/21-23/07	Freestone-Valley Ford Rd	SON	1	RS, J&SK
✓ Rough-legged Hawk	11/5/07	Adobe Rd (south)	SON	1	RAR
✓ Rough-legged Hawk	11/7/07	Tolay Creek Reg Park	SON	1	Peter Colasanti
✓ Rough-legged Hawk	11/14/07	Tomales -Petaluma Rd	SON	1	EBlu
✓ Rough -legged Hawk	11/23/07	Franklin School Rd	SON	2	J&SK
✓ Ferruginous Hawk	11/7/07	Tolay Creek Reg Park	SON	1	Peter Colasanti
✓ Ferruginous Hawk	11/11/07	Hwy 1 near Valley Ford Rd	SON/MRN	1	TM
✓ Ferruginous Hawk	11/23/07	Franklin School Rd area	SON	1-5	J&SK 1dark morph
✓ Prairie Falcon	9/29/07	Roblar Rd	SON	1	BDP, AW, RLe, RMe
Peregrine Falcon	11/14/07	Doran Beach bayside	SON	2	RS
Merlin	11/14/07	Doran beach Bayside	SON	2	RS
Yellow Rail	11/23/07	Bivalve turnout Hwy 1	MRN	1	RS
✓ Black Rail	9/29/07	south of Gilardi's	SON	1	BDP, AW, RLe, RMe
✓ Pacific Golden-plover	9/29/07	Shoilenberger Park	SON	3	BDP, AW, RLe, RMe
✓ Lesser Yellowlegs	11/3/07	Cannon Lane Pond	SON	3	PCol
✓ Red Knot	10/20/07	near Porto Bodega	SON	4	BDP
✓ Red Knot	11/14/07	Doran Beach bayside	SON	3	RS
✓ Baird's Sandpiper	9/14/07	The Sea Ranch	SON	1 imm	RAR
✓ Pectoral Sandpiper	9/29/07	Bodega Harbor	SON	3 juv	BDP, AW, RLe, RMe
✓ Pectoral Sandpiper	9/29/07	Bodega Harbor <i>no SP</i>	SON	4 juv	BDP, AW, RLe, RMe
✓ Common Tern	9/29/07	Llano Sewer Ponds	SON	1	BDP, AW, RLe, RMe
✓ Elegant Tern	9/29/07	mouth of Russian River	SON	1	BDP, AW, RLe, RMe
✓ Elegant Tern	11/14/07	Doran Beach bayside	SON	1	RS
✓ Ancient Murrelet	10/20/07	off Bodega Head	SON	12-15	BDP
✓ Rhinoceros Auklet	11/14/07	Bodega Channel	SON	1	RS
✓ White-throated Swift	11/18/07	Mt St Helena	NAP	20+	AWgh
✓ Lewis's Woodpecker	11/1-25/07	Crane Creek Reg Park	SON	1-3	Ade, BD, RAR
Continuing from Oct 14, 2007					
Williamson's Sapsucker	11/3/07	Boggs Mtn Campground	LAK	pr	LHug
Pileated Woodpecker	11/18/07	Mt St Helena	NAP	2	AWgh
✓ Loggerhead Shrike	11/27/07	along Adobe Road	SON	4	RAR different spots
✓ Chestnut-backed Chickadee	10/12/07	Kenwood	SON	2-3?	RAR late nest fledglings
Pygmy Nuthatch	10/28/07	Santa Rosa yard	SON	1-3	DShaw
Canyon Wren	11/18/07	Mt St Helena	SON/NAP	2/1	AWgh
✓ Townsend's Solitaire	11/18/07	Mt St Helena	SON	1	AWgh heard LAK/NAP
White-throated Sparrow	10/26/07	Kenwood	SON	1	RAR calling
White-throated Sparrow	10/26/07	Cazadero	SON	1 ad	DBe, PCon
White-throated Sparrow	11/4-5/07	Santa Rosa (MacDonald Area)	SON	1	VCr
✓ Fox Sparrow	11/18/07	Mt St Helena	SON/NAP	6+	AWgh thick-billed
✓ Tricolored Blackbird	9/27/07	Salmon Cr mouth	SON	2-3m	BDP, AW, RLe, RMe

Observers: Dennis Beall, Murray Berner, Ellen Blustein, Pam Conley, Peter Colasanti, Valerie Cramer, Lisa Hug, Al DeMartini, Bud Debo, John & Sarah Klobas, Rick LeBaudour, Richard Merriss, Terrie Miller, Gerry Mugele, BD "Mike" Parmeter, Ruth Rudesill, Doug Shaw, Rich Stallcup, Al & Glo Wellman, & Alan Wight

At the November meeting, proposed changes to the RROS Corporation By-Laws were discussed. These By-Laws have not been updated in many years. Please carefully review and make suggestions to update them at the December meeting.

Redwood Region Ornithological Society, Inc.

ARTICLE I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Corporation shall be to encourage the study and conservation of birds, other wildlife and their natural habitat.

ARTICLE II. MEMBERSHIP

Any Person interested in the purpose of this Corporation shall be eligible for membership.

ARTICLE III. DUES

Section 1. The annual dues shall cover the period from September through May and the amount shall be set by a vote of the membership at any regular meeting.

ARTICLE IV. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Corporation shall have five (5) directors: the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Past President.

ARTICLE V. OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of the Corporation shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary and a Treasurer.

Section 2. The officers shall be elected at the regular April meeting. The President and the Vice President shall each serve for one (1) year terms and shall not be eligible for re-election. The Secretary and the Treasurer shall each serve for one (1) one terms and shall be eligible for two (2) additional terms.

Proposed change "the Treasurer shall serve for one (1) year term and shall be eligible for unlimited additional terms as approved by the membership"

ARTICLE VI. DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

Section 1. President. The President shall preside over all meetings at which he is present; shall exercise general supervision over the affairs and activities of the Corporation; shall appoint the chairman of all standing or special committees; shall have the power to establish such special committees as he feels necessary; and he shall act as ex-officio member of all committees with the exception of the nominating committee.

Proposed addition: President shall be a second signatory on the Corporation bank account(s) in the absence of the Treasurer.

Section 2. Vice President. The Vice President shall assume the duties of the President during his absence and shall act as Program Chairman, arranging programs for regular monthly meetings.

Section 3. Secretary. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the meetings of the Corporation which shall be an accurate and official record of all business transacted. The Secretary shall also be the custodian of all the records of the Corporation except those kept by the Treasurer.

Section 4. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall receive all Corporation funds and shall keep them in a repository approved by the Board of Directors. He shall submit an oral report to the membership at each regular meeting of their receipts, expenditures, and current cash position. Payments of \$25 or less may be made by the Treasurer directly from a petty cash fund or by check. All payments in excess of \$25 must be approved by the President.

Proposed change "Payments of \$250 or less may be made by the Treasurer directly from a petty cash fund or by check. All payments in excess of \$250 must be approved by the President." Alternate: "must be approved by the Board." If the President is the 2nd signatory on the Corporation account, the Board should approve large expenditures.

ARTICLE VII. QUORUM

Section 1. Those regular members present shall constitute a quorum at any official meeting of the Corporation.

Section 2. Two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VIII. MEETINGS

The Corporation shall meet monthly, September through May, on the second Thursday of the month. Special meetings may be called by the Directors.

ARTICLE IX. ACTIVITY CHAIRMAN

Section 1. Field Trips. The Field Trip Chairman shall plan trips and appoint leaders for these trips.

Section 2. Observations. The Observations Chairman shall list bird observations for each issue of the "Kite Tales."

Section 3. Social. The Social Chairman shall arrange for refreshments after meetings.

Section 4. Christmas Count Chairman. The Christmas Count Chairman shall assign teams of counters for all segments of the Santa Rosa Christmas Count Circle, and tabulate results for the National Audubon Society publication, "American Birds"

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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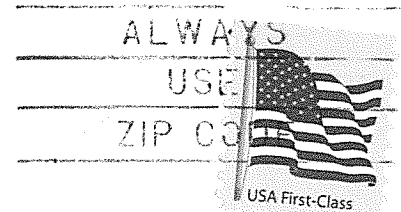
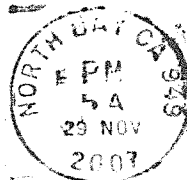
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Kite Tales Deadlines: Submit Observations by Jan. 20th to Ruth Rudesill, all other items to Editor Betty Burrige by Jan.25.

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