



Kite Tales

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**SEPT. 11- THURS. Birding/Potluck/Meeting
At PRBO – Conservation Science**

Meet at the rear of the parking lot, (3820 Cypress Dr., Petaluma)
5:30 PM for birding Schollenberger Park
6:30 for dinner in their kitchen and the first meeting of the 2008-2009 year

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

Discussion item: Which nonprofit organization should get our yearly \$500 donation?

ANNUAL DUES ARE NOW PAYABLE!

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

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

SANTA ROSA CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT – SUN. DEC. 21ST

Area leaders and participants are needed. Please contact Ruth Rudesill.

OCTOBER FIELD TRIP – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11TH

NOVEMBER FIELD TRIP – SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH

FIELD TRIPS

Wednesday, Sept. 10th – Vaux's Swifts 6:30 p.m. Rio Lindo Academy Healdsburg –
Leader is Peter Leveque Directions: Heading north on Hwy101, take the Old Redwood Hwy/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.

Saturday, Sept. 20th – Field Trip to outer Point Reyes. Meet at 7:15 AM at the Petaluma Park and Ride (west of Hwy 101 at junction with Hwy 116) OR 8:00 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.

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 to Ruth Rudesill, all other items to Carol Brant by the 20th of the month.

Annual Financial Report July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008**TOTAL BEGINNING BANK BALANCES - \$4,452.29****INFLOWS:**

Donations	\$ 268.50	Investment Income	\$ 122.79
Book Sales	\$ 333.75	Membership Dues	<u>\$1,780.00</u>
Checklist Sales	\$ 102.00		\$2,607.04

OUTFLOWS:

Bank Charge	\$ 23.50	Postage	\$ 353.16
Web Site Fees	\$ 276.33	Donation – PRBO	\$ 500.00
Education	\$ 476.10	Printing Newsletter	\$ 436.50
Filing Fee	\$ 20.00	Royalties – <u>Birds of Sonoma County</u>	\$ 220.00
Meeting Supplies	\$ 12.19	State Sales Tax	<u>\$ 25.00</u>
Office Supplies	\$ 70.91		\$ 2,413.69

ENDING BANK BALANCES

Checking Account \$1,634.11
 Investment Certificate \$3,011.53

TOTAL ENDING BANK BALANCES - \$4,645.64

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to James Fritzhand – Calistoga and Michael Stevenson – San Anselmo.

THANKS TO Betty Burrige, Terry Colborn, Don Howard and Philip Persons for their generous donations to RROS.

FIELD TRIPS REPORTS**Anza Borrego State Park – March 27-30, 2008**

Eared Grebe, Western Grebe, Clark's Grebe, American White Pelican Brown Pelican, Double-crested Cormorant, Great Blue Heron, Great Egret, Snowy Egret, Cattle Egret, White-faced Ibis, Greater White-fronted Goose, American Wigeon, Green-winged Teal, Mallard, Northern Pintail, Blue-winged Teal, Cinnamon Teal, Northern Shoveler, Redhead, Lesser Scaup, Bufflehead, Ruddy Duck, Turkey Vulture, Osprey, White-tailed Kite, Northern Harrier, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Red-shouldered Hawk, Swainson's Hawk, Golden Eagle, American Kestrel, Wild Turkey, California Quail, Gambel's Quail, Virginia Rail, Common Moorhen, American Coot, Black-necked Stilt, American Avocet, Black-bellied Plover, Semipalmated Plover, Killdeer, Long-billed Dowitcher, Marbled Godwit, Long-billed Curlew, Greater Yellowlegs, Spotted Sandpiper, Willet, Western Sandpiper, Least Sandpiper, Ring-billed Gull, California Gull, Yellow-footed Gull, American Herring Gull, Bonaparte's Gull, Gull-billed Tern, Caspian Tern, Forster's Tern, Rock Pigeon, Eurasian Collared-Dove, Mourning Dove, White-winged Dove, Common Ground-Dove, Greater Roadrunner, Barn Owl, Great Horned Owl, Burrowing Owl, White-throated Swift, Black-chinned Hummingbird, Anna's Hummingbird, Costa's Hummingbird, Rufous Hummingbird, Acorn Woodpecker, Gila Woodpecker, Ladder-backed Woodpecker, Nuttall's Woodpecker, Northern Flicker, Gray Flycatcher, Pacific-slope Flycatcher, Black Phoebe, Say's Phoebe, Ash-throated Flycatcher, Western Kingbird, Horned Lark, Tree Swallow, Violet-green Swallow, Northern Rough-winged Swallow, Cliff Swallow, Barn Swallow, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Phainopepla, Cactus Wren, Rock Wren, Bewick's Wren, House Wren, Marsh Wren, Northern Mockingbird, Sage Thrasher, Western Bluebird, Hermit Thrush, Wrentit, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Oak Titmouse, White-breasted Nuthatch, Verdin, Loggerhead Shrike, Steller's Jay, Western Scrub-Jay, American Crow, Common Raven, European Starling, Bell's Vireo, Cassin's Vireo, Hutton's Vireo, Orange-crowned Warbler, Lucy's Warbler, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Black-throated Gray Warbler, Common Yellowthroat, Wilson's Warbler, Spotted Towhee, California Towhee, Abert's Towhee, Brewer's Sparrow, Vesper Sparrow, Lark Sparrow, Black-throated Sparrow, Savannah Sparrow, Song Sparrow, Lincoln's Sparrow, White-crowned Sparrow, Dark-eyed Junco, Black-headed Grosbeak, Red-winged Blackbird, Western Meadowlark, Yellow-headed Blackbird, Brewer's Blackbird, Great-tailed Grackle, Brown-headed Cowbird, Hooded Oriole, Bullock's Oriole, Scott's Oriole, House Finch, Lesser Goldfinch, Lawrence's Goldfinch, American Goldfinch, House Sparrow

King Ridge Road – April 13, 2008

Birds observed: Mallard, Sooty Grouse H, Wild Turkey, Mountain Quail H (1 observer), California Quail, Bald Eagle, Red-tailed Hawk, Band-tailed Pigeon, Mourning Dove, Anna's Hummingbird, Allen's Hummingbird, Belted Kingfisher, Acorn Woodpecker, Northern Flicker, Pileated Woodpecker, Pacific-slope Flycatcher, Black Phoebe, Cassin's Vireo, Hutton's Vireo, Warbling Vireo, Steller's Jay, Western Scrub-jay, American Crow, Common Raven, Cliff Swallow, Chestnut-backed Chickadee, Oak Titmouse, Bushtit, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Brown Creeper, Winter Wren, American Dipper, Western Bluebird, American Robin, European Starling, Orange-crowned Warbler, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Wilson's Warbler, Black-throated Gray Warbler H, Spotted Towhee, California towhee, Chipping Sparrow, Lark Sparrow, Dark-eyed Junco, Black-headed Grosbeak, Red-winged Blackbird, Oriole sp., House Finch, Lesser goldfinch, American Goldfinch.

Geysers Road – May 10, 2008

77 species – American Pelican, Green Heron, Yellow-crowned Night Heron, Turkey Vulture, Canada Goose, Mallard, common Merganser, White-tailed Kite, Cooper's Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, Golden Eagle (3), American Kestrel, Turkey, Mountain Quail, Calif. Quail, Killdeer, Spotted Sandpiper, Band-tailed Pigeon, Mourning Dove, Anna's Hummingbird, Acorn Woodpecker, Nuttall's Woodpecker, Hairy Woodpecker, Northern Flicker, Pileated Woodpecker (3), Olive-sided Flycatcher, Western Wood-Pewee, Pacific-slope Flycatcher, Black Phoebe, Ash-throated Flycatcher, Western Kingbird, Cassin's Vireo, Hutton's Vireo, Warbling Vireo, Steller's Jay, Western Scrub Jay, American Crow, Common Raven, Purple Martin, Tree Swallow, Violet-green Swallow, Northern Rough-winged Swallow, Cliff Swallow, Oak Titmouse, Bushtit, White-breasted Nuthatch, Brown Creeper, Bewick's Wren, House Wren, American Dipper, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Western Bluebird, American Robin,

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Geysers Road Field Trip continued

Wrentit, European Starling, Cedar Waxwing, Orange-crowned Warbler, Black-throated Gray Warbler, Hermit Warbler, Wilson's Warbler, Western Tanager, Spotted Towhee, California Towhee, Rufous-crowned Sparrow, Lark Sparrow, Song Sparrow, Dark-eyed Junco, Black-headed Grosbeak, Lazuli Bunting, Western Meadowlark, Brewer's Blackbird, Brown-headed Cowbird, Bullock's Oriole, Purple Finch, House Finch, Lesser Goldfinch.

Leaders: Ellen Blustein, Rick LeBaudour Participants: Tom Cashman, Peter Colasanti, Bill Doyle, Betty Groce, Gary & Terry Haag, Elmarie Hutchinson, Don Kirker, Helen Kochenderfer, Richard Merris, Phil Persons, Linda Petrusius, Don Reinberg, Bob Speckel.

Observations - Late Spring - Summer 2008 - Report by Ruth Rudesill

Bird Species	Date	Location	Co.	#	Observers
✓ Gr White-fronted Goose	5/10/08	Porto Bodega	SON	1	Tiffany Erickson
✓ Brant	7/9-12/08	Shollenberger Park	SON	1	BDP, Bob Dyer
✓ Long-tailed Duck	winter-5/5/08	Bodega Harbor channel	SON	1f	LLu, CLu, Dea Freid
✓ Red-throated Loon	7/12/08	off Campbell Cove	SON	1	BDP
✓ Arctic Loon	6/12-23/08	Bodega Harbor	SON	1	Steve Howell, LHug, RRh
✓ Sooty Shearwater	7/12/08	off Bpdega head	SON	many	BDP
✓ Manx Shearwater	4/7/08	Bodega Canyon	SON	1	Matt Brady, Sophie Webb
1 st County record!					
✓ Brown Pelican	7/19/08	Sonoma (in city)	SON	2juv	fide Tom Rusert fairly far inland
Green Heron	7/11/08	Skyline Park	NAP	1	BDP
✓ Bald Eagle	6/5/08	near Big Sulphur Creek	SON	2 ad	RRh
Golden Eagle	7/12/08	Hwy 12 at border	NAP/SON	2	BDP
✓ Common Black Hawk	7/13/08	Frei Rd	SON	1	LLu, CLu, LHg
✓ Swainson's Hawk	4/20/08	Tolay Park area	SON	2	Peter Colasanti
Swainson's Hawk	7/11/08	Southern Overcross	NAP	1	BDP
✓ Black-necked Stilt	6/15/08	Doran Pond	SON	2	Dea Freid unusual at Bodega Bay
✓ Marbled Godwit	7/9/08	Bodega Harbor	SON	1600	Matt Brady
Whimbrel	5/24/08	Point Gualala RP	SON	10	BDP
Surfbird	7/12/08	Doran mudflats	SON	31	BDP breeding plumage
✓ Lesser Yellowlegs	4/12/08	nw Shollenberger Park	SON	1	RMe
no ✓ Lesser Yellowlegs	8/6/08	Bodega Harbor	SON	1 juv	RS, BDP — no
Long-billed Dowitcher	7/11/08	Napa Sewer ponds	NAP	2	BDP
✓ Surfbird	7/12/08	Doran mudflats	SON	31	BDP breeding plumage
Baird's Sandpiper	7/19/08	mudflat near Marine Lab	SON	1 juv	Bill Doyle
Baird's Sandpiper	8/3/08	Salmon Creek mouth	SON	2	RS
✓ Red Knot	5/10/08	Bodega Harbor	SON	100s	Tiffany Erickson
Red Knot	8/3/08	Bodega Harbor	SON	2	RS
✓ Red-necked Phalarope	5/11/08	Bodega Harbor	SON	1000+	Dea Freid
✓ Marbled Murrelet	7/13/08	off Bodega head	SON	2	CLu LLu
Xantus's Murrelet	8/12/08	Near Bodega Canyon	MRN	!	Gerry McChesney
Ancient Murrelet	4/12/08	Bodega Canyon	SON	2	Matt Brady
✓ Horned Puffin	7/15/08	off Bodega Head	SON	1	Len Blumin, Don Reinberg
✓ Rhinoceros Auklet	7/12-13/08	off Bodega Head	SON	1-3	BDP CLu LLu
Bonaparte's Gull	7/11/08	Kennedy Park	NAP	3	BDP
✓ Heermann's Gull	7/6-12/08	Bodega Harbor area	SON	100s	Dea Freid, BDP
✓ Caspian Tern	7/28/08	Spring Lake	SON	1	Rhio Reigh
Elegant Tern	7/12/08	Bodega harbor	SON	2	BDP
✓ Red-breasted Sapsucker	5/25/08	near Gualala	SON	1	BDP
✓ Mountain Quail	5/25/08	near Gualala	SON	2	BDP
✓ Eastern Kingbird	8/12/08	West Side Rd BB	SON	1	Hugh Harvey
✓ Dusky Flycatcher	5/5-6/08	Channel Dr e Santa Rosa	SON	1	AHo calling
✓ Purple Martin	5/25/08	Gualala Bridge	SON	14	BDP
✓ MacGillvray's Warbler	5/25/08	near Gualala	SON	2	BDP singing
✓ Hermit Warbler	5/25/08	near Gualala	SON	8	BDP various locations
✓ Northern Parula	6/29/08	Spring Lake RP	SON	1	RAR singing
✓ Yellow-breasted Chat	7/9/08	Willowside Rd	SON	1	LHg fairly rare in County now

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✓ Rose-breasted Grosbeak	6/17-18/08	w Sebastopol yard	SON	1m	fide Janet Bosshard	BBu Adele Yaree	possit
female also seen							
✓ Red Crossbill	5/24/08	Point Gualala RP	SON	4	BDP		
Indigo Bunting	7/16/08	Hwy 101 near	SON	1	DgSh		
✓ Lesser Goldfinch	7/25/08	Kenwood feeder	SON	1m	RAR	black-backed	
✓ Great-tailed Grackle	5/7-8/08	Kenwood	SON	1m	RAR	Sonoma Valley	
✓ Great-tailed Grackle	5/8/08	Larkfield/ Wikiup	SON	1	DgSh	north Santa Rosa	

Observers: Dennis Beall, Len Blumin, Matt Brady, Janet Bosshard, Betty Burrige, Suzanne Cogen, Peter Colasanti, Pam Conley, Bob Doyle, Bob Dryer, Tiffany Erickson, Dea Freid, Hugh Harvey, Art Hofmann, Steven NGN Howell, Cindy & Leslie Lieurance, Richard Merriss, Gerry McChesney, Kathy Mugele, Mike Nelligan, BD "Mike" Parmeter, Phil Persons, Rhio Reigh, Ruth A Rudesill, Doug Shaw, Rich Stallcup, Sophie Webb, Alan Wight, and Adele Yardee

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12th ANNUAL CENTRAL VALLEY BIRDING SYMPOSIUM

It's time to have some fun again! The 12th Annual Central Valley Birding Symposium will be held Nov. 20-23 in Stockton, Ca. We're back at the Stockton Grand Hotel (a Hilton property).

Our evening programs include Hans Peeters "Owls of California and the West" and John Muir Laws "Exploring the Sierra Nevada as a Naturalist and Artist". We have many workshops such as, "Raptor ID" by Joe Morlan, "Bird ID" by Jon Dunn, "Bird and Nature Digiscoping" by Clay Taylor, drawing workshops with John Muir Laws, our always popular and informative ID Panel with the guest experts, and more.

We have programs for beginning birders and for people who want to make their gardens bird-friendly. Field trips frequently turn up chasable goodies. The Birder's Market is full of artists and vendors with so many wonderful bird and nature related items that you'll be tempted to max out your credit cards!

For more info, check the website at www.cvbs.org, or contact Frances Oliver at hummer52@sbcglobal.net or (209) 369-2010. Come and bird your problems away. See you there!

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RROS DUES/MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

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New member _____ Renewing member _____

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

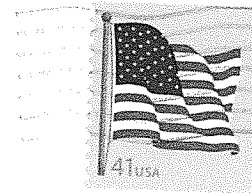
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Individual dues (\$15) _____ Family (\$20) _____ Student (\$5) _____

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