



Kite Tales

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General Meeting, Thursday, Oct. 9th, 7:00 pm

**Ken Wilson will present:
Patagonia, El Fin del Mundo - World's End**

In November, 2007, Ken Wilson and Becky Olsen traveled to both the Chilean and Argentinean regions of Patagonia, at the farthest reaches of South America. Their travels took them from Buenos Aires, the capital of Argentina, to the shores of the Beagle Channel, Tierra del Fuego where they stayed at Ushuaia, the southernmost city in the world. From Argentina they traveled to Chile where the trip ended in Punta Arena, the southernmost city on the American continent.

Some of the locations they visited include the Valdes Peninsula in Argentina, a breeding site for Southern Right Whales and Magellanic Penguins, and the spectacular Torres del Paine National Park in Chile.

Ken will give us a photographic tour of the landscapes, birds and mammals of this land of extremes.

How about dinner before the meeting? Let's meet at 5:30 p.m. at the 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. 11th - 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. Leader, Ken Wilson Questions: Ellen Blustein 707-789-0970

NOV. 8th -Saturday Field Trip to the Sonoma Coast.

Meet at the Bakery in Duncan's Mills on the south side of Hwy116 at 8am. Be ready to depart at 8:15 am. We will bird around the Russian River and coastal spots chosen by the leader. Bring binoculars, spotting scopes, field guides, lunch, water, sunscreen, warm clothes. Questions: Ellen Blustein 707-789-0970

NOV. 13TH - RROS General Meeting

DEC. 21st - RROS CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT NEEDS YOU! Please let Ruth Rudesill know if you can't lead your area. Also we will need someone who likes to hike to cover the Annadel Park area.

With the count so close to Christmas, we will need teams to be in place early this year. Thank you!

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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 20th of the month.
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MEMBERSHIP AND DONATIONS

Long-time RROS members Don and Louise Johnston have recently notified us that they are resigning their membership. It's just too difficult for them to make the meetings and field trips these days.

How long were they members? Since way before 1985. How many good laughs did we have on field trips, and at meetings? The story of their train being threatened by guerillas while they traveled in Peru was made even more tantalizing when Deyea Harper piped up, saying "I didn't know there were gorillas in Peru." That joke continues to survive in many forms to this day.

They send special greetings to all of their good birding friends. They also are extremely grateful for all that they learned about birds through RROS.

And RROS thanks them very much for the generous check that they enclosed with their message

THANKS TO Robin Beeman for a donation to RROS in memory of Elmer Dudik.

THANKS TO Andrew La Casse for his donation to RROS.

FIELD TRIP REPORT – Outer Pt. Reyes, Sept. 20 – Ruth Rudesill

There were 24 participants. It was a great weather day – the Lighthouse was fogged in but no wind! Later it was sunny and bright. Highlights included: a well photographed Semipalmated Sandpiper, Pectoral Sandpiper, Blackpoll and Magnolia Warblers, Peregrine Falcon flybys, Hermit x Townsend's Warbler hybrid, Sora

Also White Pelicans and two River Otters at White House pool area.

Participants: Carol Brant, Peter Colasanti, Don Howard, Jim Castle, Bob McLean, Bill Payne, Sandra Settle, Bill Doyle, Craig Roth, Wendy Peterson, Janet Bosshard, Rhio Reigh, Dea Freid, Len Nelson, Jim Fritzhand, Andy LaCasse, Gary and Terry Haag, Kim Kuska, Joanie Dranginis, and Michael Stevenson.

Birds Observed: Common Loon, Eared Grebe, Pied-billed Grebe, Brown Pelican, Double-crested Cormorant, Pelagic Cormorant, Great Blue Heron, Great Egret, Black-crowned Night Heron, Mallard, Pintail, Gadwall, American Wigeon, Turkey, Vulture, Northern Harrier, White-tailed Kite, Cooper's Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, Osprey, American Kestrel, Peregrine Falcon, Virginia Rail, Sora, Common Moorhen, American Coot, Killdeer, Willet, Marbled Godwit, Pectoral Sandpiper, Semipalmated Sandpiper, Ring-billed Gull, California Gull, Glaucous-winged Gull, Herrmann's Gull, Western Gull, Eurasian Collared-Dove, Rock Pigeon, Barn Owl, Great-horned Owl, Anna's Hummingbird, Selasphorus Sp., Downy Woodpecker, Western Wood Pewee, Willow Flycatcher, Western type Flycatcher, Say's Phoebe, Black Phoebe, Hutton's Vireo, Warbling Vireo, Common Raven, Northern Rough-winged Swallow, Barn Swallow, Tree Swallow, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Marsh Wren, Western Bluebird, Swainson's Thrush, Hermit Thrush, Northern Mockingbird, European Starling, Yellow Warbler (several different subspecies,) Orange-crowned Warbler, Black-throated Gray Warbler, Townsend's Warbler, Tennessee Warbler, Hermit Warbler, MacGillivray's Warbler, Blackpoll Warbler, Magnolia Warbler, Common Yellowthroat, American Redstart, Savannah Sparrow, Song Sparrow, White-crowned Sparrow, Golden-crowned Sparrow, Fox Sparrow, Brewer's Blackbird, Tricolored Blackbird, Red-winged Blackbird, House Finch, American Goldfinch, House Sparrow.

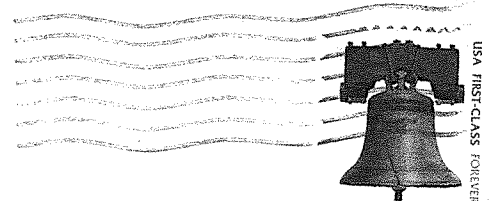
Observations - September 2008 - Report by Ruth Rudesill

Bird Species	Date	Location	Co.	#	Observers
✓ Canada x Gr Wh Fronted Goose	9/1/08	Carmody Road Pond	SON	1	LHg hybrid
Laysan Albatross	9/14/08	Cordell Bank	MRN	1	RS, mob
Ashy Storm-petrel	9/14/08	Bodega Canyon	SON-MRN	1600	RS, mob
Black Storm-petrel	9/14/08	Bodega Canyon	SON-MRN	2	RS, mob
Fork-tailed Storm-petrel	9/14/08	Bodega Canyon	SON-MRN	15	RS, mob
Wilson's Storm-petrel	9/14/08	Bodega Canyon	SON-MRN	12	RS, mob
✓ Pacific Golden-plover	8/23-9/12/08	Shollenberger Park	SON	2	LHg, KGu, BMc
Semipalmated Sandpiper	9/8/08	Doran Ent Pond	OSN	1	LHg
✓ Buff-breasted Sandpiper	8/27-9/3/08	Carmody Rd Pond	SON	1	AW, LHg, BMc, DgSh, mob
✓ Red-necked Phalarope	8/23/08	Bodega Harbor	SON	300+	DFr
Long-tailed Jaeger	9/14/08	Cordell Bank	MRN	1	RS, mob
Sabine's Gull	9/14/08	Cordell Bank	MRN	13	RS, mob
Xantus's Murrelet	9/14/08	Bodega Canyon	SON-MRN	2	RS, AW, mob
Tufted Puffin	9/14/08	Cordell Bank	MRN	1	RS, mob
✓ Marbled Murrelet	8/23/08	Ft Ross Cove	SON	1	David Hutton
✓ Blk-chinned Hummingbird	9/1/08	Bodega Head area	SON	1 imm	S&L Te, JL
✓ Blk-chinned Hummingbird	9/13-21/08	Owl Canyon	SON	1 imm	DN, RAR
✓ Vaux's Swift	9/13/08	Rio Lindo Academy	SON	20000+	VB, mob
✓ Burrowing Owl	9/15/08	Owl Canyon	SON	1	DN
Willow Flycatcher	8/31/08	Spring Lake Park	SON	2	BDo, HK
Willow Flycatcher	9/7/08	Spring Lake Park	SON	20	BDo, BSp
Willow Flycatcher	9/14/08	Campbell Cove	SON	1	DN, AW
✓ Least Flycatcher	9/17/08	Hwy 116 x 121 area	SON	1	DEd

✓ Plumbeous Vireo	8/31/08	Spring Lake Park	SON	1	BDo, HK
✓ Oak Titmouse	9/7-13/08	Campbell Cove	SON	1	BDP, TE, RAR, DN
✓ Gray Catbird	9/19/08	Campbell Cove	SON	1	DFr
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	9/10-13/08	Owl Canyon	SON	1	DFr, DN
Western Tanager	9/15/08	Campbell Cove	SON	2-3	DN
✓ Nashville Warbler	9/15/08	Owl Canyon	SON	1	DN
✓ Hermit Warbler	9/15/08	Owl Canyon	SON	2	DN
Black-thr Gray Warbler	8/31/08	Spring Lake Park	SON	2	BDo, HK
✓ Black & White Warbler	9/13/08	Owl Canyon	SON	1	DFr
✓ Northern Parula	9/13/08	Cheney Gulch	SON	1	DN
✓ Tennessee Warbler	9/13/08	Marine Lab Ent	SON	1	DN
✓ Chestnut-sided Warbler	9/14/08	Campbell Cove	SON	1	imm DFr
✓ Northern Waterthrush	9/13-21/08	Campbell Cove	SON	1-2	DN, RAR, mob
✓ Northern Waterthrush	9/15/08	Rail Ponds	SON	1-2	DN
MacGillivray's Warbler	9/10/08	Owl Canyon	SON	1	DFr
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✓ American Redstart	9/14-21/08	Campbell Cove	SON	2	DFr, DN, AW
✓ American Redstart	9/13/08	Owl Canyon	SON	1-2	DN
✓ Blue Grosbeak	9/15/08	Owl Canyon	SON	1	DN
✓ Bobolink	9/1/08	Bodega Head	SON	1	S<e
Bobolink	9/14/08	Bodega Canyon	SON	1	RS, AW, mob landed on boat
✓ Bobolink	9/15/08	Campbell Cove	SON	1	DN flyover
✓ Yellow-headed Blackbird	9/14/08	offshore Sonoma CO	SON	1	RS, AW, mob landed on boat
✓ Lapland Longspur	9/15/08	Doran Park	SON	1	DN flyover

Observers: Veronica Bowers, Bill Doyle, Daniel Edelstein, Ted Eliot, Dea Freid, Kevin Guse, Lisa Hug, David Hutton, Helen Kochenderfer, John Luther, Bob McLean, Dan Nelson, Becky Olson, BD "Mike" Parmeter, Doug Shaw, Bill Speckels, Rich Stallcup, Ruth Rudesill, Scott & Linda Terrill, and Alan Wight

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