



# Kite Tales

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## December 11, General Meeting - 7:00 PM

### MEMBERS' FOTO NIGHT

For our December meeting, we shall showcase slides and videos from the talented photographers in our club. Please bring your CDs and DVDs of birds and birding to the meeting. A power point projector and screen are available in the meeting room. It is recommended that you bring a backup CD in case of technical problems.

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**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. 21st**

We are getting teams in place, but can use some more help, please contact Ruth Rudesill 707-833-6026 or [ruthier@sonic.net](mailto:ruthier@sonic.net)

Count dinner will be at Mary's Pizza Shack on Summerfield Rd. across from Howarth Park tennis courts starting at 4:30.

### **RROS EVENTS CALENDAR**

**Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup> - General Meeting**

**Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup> - Christmas Bird Count**

**Thursday, January 8<sup>th</sup> - General Meeting - Speaker: Lisa Hug**

**Saturday, January 10<sup>th</sup> - Field Trip to Las Gallinas Sewage Ponds**

**OTHER NEARBY CBCs:**

- PRBO Peninsula CBC - Sat. Dec. 20 – John Longstreth [ptreyescbc@gmail.com](mailto:ptreyescbc@gmail.com)
- Sonoma Valley CBC - Fri. Jan. 2 – Tom Rusert [www.sonomabirding.org](http://www.sonomabirding.org)
- Southern Marin CBC- Sat. Dec 27– H. Karr [www.marinaudubon.org](http://www.marinaudubon.org)
- West Sonoma County CBC - Sun. Jan. 4 – Veronica Bowers [vlbowers@gmail.com](mailto:vlbowers@gmail.com)
- Oakland CBC - Sat. Dec. 14 - [www.goldengateaudubon.org](http://www.goldengateaudubon.org)
- San Francisco CBC - Tues. Dec. 30<sup>th</sup> – [www.goldengateaudubon.org](http://www.goldengateaudubon.org)
- Angwin CBC - Thurs. Jan. 1 – Floyd Hayes – 707 965 6401

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**Redwood Region Ornithological Society** ([WWW.RROS.org](http://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 20<sup>th</sup> of the month.

**FIELD TRIP REPORT - Nov. 8 – Sonoma Coast – Leader - Mike Parmeter**

The day began with some fog and low clouds in and around Duncan’s Mills, turned to mist at Jenner and finally rain for awhile in Willow Creek. Highlights included an adult Bald Eagle over the Russian River, beautiful Wood Ducks at Casini’s Campground and a Greater White-fronted Goose across the Russian River from Willow Creek Road. Mike filled the spaces between bird sightings with wonderful remembrances of his childhood experiences in the area.

**Participants:** Jean Tonascia, Ruth Tonascia, Betty Groce, Ellen Blustein, Bob Speckels, Terry Haag, Gary Haag, Veronica Bowers, Becky Olsen, Ken Wilson, Carol Brant, Bill Doyle, Helen Kochenderfer, Peter Colasant, Don Howard, Mike Parmeter.

**Birds Observed:** Greater White-fronted Goose, Canada Goose, Wood Duck, Mallard, Ring-necked Duck, Surf Scoter, Common Merganser, Calif. Quail, Red-throated Loon, Common loon, Pied-billed Grebe, Western Grebe, Clark’s Grebe, Brown Pelican, Double-crested Cormorant, Pelagic Cormorant, Great Blue Heron, Great Egret, White-tailed Kite, Bald Eagle (adult), Cooper’s Hawk, Red-shouldered Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, American Kestrel, Peregrine Falcon, Virginia Rail, American Coot, Killdeer, Black Turnstone, Heermann’s Gull, Ring-billed Gull, Calif. Gull, Herring Gull, Western Gull, Glaucous-winged Gull, Rock Pigeon, Mourning Dove, Anna’s Hummingbird, Belted Kingfisher, Nuttall’s Woodpecker, Northern Flicker, Black Phoebe, Hutton’s Vireo, Steller’s Jay, Western Scrub-Jay, American Crow, Common Raven, Chestnut-backed Chickadee, Bushtit, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Brown Creeper, Bewick’s Wren, Winter Wren, Marsh Wren, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Western Bluebird, Hermit Thrush, American Robin, Varied Thrush, Wrentit, European Starling, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Townsend’s Warbler, Common Yellowthroat, Spotted Towhee, Calif. Towhee, Fox Sparrow, Song Sparrow, White-crowned Sparrow, Golden-crowned Sparrow, Dark-eyed Junco, Red-winged Blackbird, Western Meadowlark, Brewer’s Blackbird, House Finch, Pine Siskin, Lesser Goldfinch

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### Observations – October - November 2008 – Report by Ruth Rudesill

Bird Species	Date	Location	Co.	#	Observers	Notes
✓ White-fronted Goose	11/8-11/08	Bridgehaven	SON	1-4	BDP, RR0S	
✓ Brant	11/10-16/08	south part Bodega Harbor	SON	1000+	BDP, mob	
Eurasian Wigeon	11/11/08	Pond in Sonoma Plaza	SON	1	CSt	
Ring-necked Duck	11/10/08	Bodega Farm Pond	SON	2 m	BDP	
Ring-necked Duck	11/11/08	Cassini Pond	SON	1m	BDP	
Hooded Merganser	11/10/08	Bodega Farm Pond	SON	1f	BDP	
Hooded Merganser	11/14/08	Spring Lake Park	SON	1m	BDo	
✓ Yellow-billed Loon	11/8-23/08	Spud Point Marina	SON	1juv	RSc, BDP mob	
Red-necked Grebe	11/16-23/08	Bodega Harbor	SON	1-2	KWi, mob	
Laysan Albatross	11/16/08	Cordell Bank area	MRN	1	RS, BDP, mob	
✓ Black-footed Albatross	11/16/08	Cordell Bank area	SON/MRN	10	RS, BDP, mob	
✓ Northern Fulmar	11/16/08	Cordell Bank area	SON/MRN	40	RS, BDP, mob	1 light phase
✓ Pink-footed Shearwater	11/16/08	Cordell Bank area	SON/MRN	260	RS, BDP, mob	
✓ Flesh-footed Shearwater	11/16/08	Cordell Bank area	SON/MRN	8	RS, BDP, mob	
✓ Buller's Shearwater	11/16/08	Cordell Bank area	SON/MRN	22	RS, BDP, mob	
✓ Sooty Shearwater	11/16/08	Cordell Bank area	SON/MRN	60	RS, BDP, mob	
✓ Short-tailed Shearwater	11/16/08	Cordell Bank area	MRN	3-5	RS, BDP, mob	
✓ Manx Shearwater	11/16/08	enroute Cordell Bank	SON/MRN	1-2	RS, BDP. RAR mob	
<b>1st County record if accepted; first bird was in SON county per nearest point of land</b>						
✓ Black-vented Shearwater	11/16/08	enroute Cordell Bank	SON/MRN	90	RS, BDP, mob	
✓ Bald Eagle	11/6/08	Duncan's Landing	SON	1imm	RS	
✓ Bald Eagle	11/6/08	Porto Bodega	SON	1ad	J&RT, KMu, mob	
✓ Bald Eagle	11/8/08	Bridgehaven	SON	1ad	BDP, KWi	
✓ Bald Eagle	11/16/08	Laguna area	SON	1 ad	EE	
Red-tailed Hawk	11/17/08	Hawk Hill	MRN	1	KWi	Harlan's race
✓ Rough-legged Hawk	11/15/08	Skaggs Island	SON/SOL	4	DEd	
✓ Rough-legged Hawk	11/22/08	Skaggs Island	SON	1	BDo	
✓ Golden Eagle	11/6/08	Duncan's Landing	SON	2	RS	
Merlin	10/22/08	Campbell Cove	SON	1	BDP, DHo	
Merlin	10/30/08	outer Pt Reyes	MRN	3	RAR	one dark one
Merlin	11/16/08	Spring Lake park	SON	1	BDo	
Peregrine Falcon	10/30/08	near Mendoza Ranch	MRN	1	RAR	
✓ Peregrine Falcon	11/8/08	mouth Russian River	SON	1	BDP, RR0S	
✓ Prairie Falcon	11/11/08	Crane Creek Reg Park	SON	1	CSe	
✓ Sandhill Crane	10/30/08	yard north Santa Rosa	SON	1	DSHaw	calling
✓ Pacific Golden-Plover	11/4/08	Shollenberger Park	SON	2	RS	
✓ Pacific Golden-Plover	11/20/08	Near Doran Park	SON	1	PC, DF	
Wilson's Snipe	10/22/08	NE corner Campbell Cove	SON	1	BDP, DHo	
Red Phalarope	11/16/08	Cordell Bank area	MRN		RS, mob	
Bonaparte's Gull	11/7/08	Lake Hennessey	NAP	20	BDP	
Bonaparte's Gull	11/16/08	Cordell Bank area	SON/MRN	1	BDP, mob	
Heermann's Gull	11/5/08	Lake Hennessey	NAP	1	BDP	adult
Lesser Bl-backed Gull	11/9-11/08	Clear Lake	LAK	1imm	HK mob	
Black-legged Kittiwake	11/16/08	Cordell Bank area	MRN	1-2	RS, BDP mob	
✓ Pomarine Jaeger	11/16/08	Cordell Bank area	SON/MRN	7	RS, BDP, mob	
Common Murre	11/16/08	Cordell Bank area	SON/MRN	450	RS, BDP, mob	
Pigeon Guillemot	11/10-16/08	Bodega jetty channel	SON	1-2	BDP, RAR	
Marbled Murrelet	11/16/08	Cordell Bank area	SON/MRN	1	RS, BDP, mob	
✓ Ancient Murrelet	11/16/08	Cordell Bank area	SON	1	RS, BDP, mob	
✓ Cassin's Auklet	11/16/08	Cordell Bank area	SON/MRN	42	RS, BDP, mob	
Rhinoceros Auklet	11/11/08	off Jenner	SON	1	BDP	
✓ Rhinoceros Auklet	11/16/08	Cordell Bank area	SON/MRN	360	RS, BDP, mob	
✓ Rhinoceros Auklet	11/6/08	Bodega Harbor	SON	1juv	LB, RS	poor health
Tufted Puffin	11/16/08	Cordell Bank area	MRN	4	Aw,RS, BDP, mob	
✓ Eurasian Collared-Dove	11/6/08	so. end Rail Ponds	SON	40	RS	
✓ Long-eared Owl	10/28/08	Kenwood yard	SON	1	RAR	calling

✓Tropical Kingbird	10/20/08	Campbell Cove	SON	2	BDP, DHpr	
✓Tropical Kingbird	11/5/08	near Rail Ponds	SON	1	VB	
Loggerhead Shrike	11/22/08	near Carmody Rd	SON	1	BDo	
Warbling Vireo	10/22/08	Owl Canyon	SON	1	BDP, DHo	
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	11/5-7/08	Lake Hennessey	NAP	1-2	BDP	
Varied Thrush	11/7/08	Conn Valley Rd	NAP	3	BDP	
Varied Thrush	11/8/08	Cazedero Hwy/Hwy 116	SON	sev	BDP, RR0S	
✓Tennessee Warbler	10/20/08	Owl Canyon	SON	1	BDP, DHpr	
Orange-crowned Warbler	10/22/08	Bodega Marine Lab Ent	SON	1	BDP, DHo	lutescens
Chestnut-sided Warbler	10/22/08	Drakes Beach	MRN	1	KMu	
✓Chestnut-sided Warbler	10/28/08	Owl Canyon Ent	SON	1	RAR	
Magnolia Warbler	10/22-25/08	Nunes Ranch	MRN	1	KMu, LB, RS	
✓Palm Warbler	10/25/08	outer Pt Reyes	MRN	1	LB, RS	
✓Summer Tanager	11/4/08	Doran Park	SON	1f	DF	
✓Fox Sparrow	11/22/08	Sebastopol yard	SON	1	RoM	taiga race
White-throated Sparrow	10/23/08	Cloverdale	MRN	1	PM	
White-throated Sparrow	11/22-23/08	Kenwood yard	SON	1	RAR	
White-throated Sparrow	11/22/05	Sebastopol yard	SON	1	RoM	
✓Harris's Sparrow	11/16-23/08	Sebastopol yard	SON	1	RoM	
✓Dark-eyed Junco	10/28/08	Sonoma yard	SON	1	ES	slate-colored
McCown's Longspur	10/26-28/08	hill near Nunes Ranch	MRN	1	BMc, S&LTerrill	
Lapland Longspur	10/26-30/08	hill near Nunes Ranch	MRN	75-100+	VB, BS,RAR, mob	
Red Crossbill	11/22/08	Outer Pt Reyes				
		Hood Creek Hood Mtn Park	SON	24+	RAR	

Observers: Len Blumin, Veronica Bowers, Peter Conners, Bill Doyle, Daniel Edelstein, Emily Evans, Dea Freid, Deyea Harper, Helen Kochenderfer, Pat Macias, Roger Marlowe, Bob McLean, Kathy Mugele, BD 'Mike' Parmeter, Ruth A Rudesill, Chris Selvig, Rusty Sca Doug Shaw, Enke Snow, Bob Speckles, Rich Stallcup, Clare Stylianides, Scott & Linda Terrill, Jean and Ruth Tonascia, Alan Wight and Ken Wilson.

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