



Kite Tales

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MAY 14th GENERAL MEETING and POTLUCK

Spring Lake

This year's General Meeting and Potluck Dinner will be held on May 14th at the Lower Jackrabbit Campground at Spring Lake Regional Park in east Santa Rosa. We'll meet at **4:45** to unload potluck supplies. At **5:00** we'll take a short (optional) bird walk around the west side of the lake (flat). Our General Meeting and Potluck will follow. Please bring a potluck dish to share (and your own place settings and utensils). Beer and wine are allowed in the picnic area. We will need to leave the Park by 8:00! Directions: From 101 take 12 East. Continue straight on Hoen till it crosses Summerfield. Cross Sommerfield and take the first left (Newanga). At the Park Entrance (\$6:00 or Regional Park Pass) take a left and proceed toward the boat dock. Just short of the boat dock lot is Jackrabbit (on your left). Dress in layers! Look for hoards of birders! Celebrate!

WEBSITE FOR BIRDERS ON THE MOVE

For our members who enjoy travel, a useful global website is www.birdingpal.org. The site lists local birders all over the world who will take you out on birding trips when you are in their area. And they do it for free. Professional birding guides are also listed. In addition, there are links to many other sites of interest to birders.

ATTENTION MUSIC LOVERS

Jim Nollman of San Francisco made a recording of three flutes and three hundred turkeys performing, "Music to Eat Thanksgiving Dinner By." The recording was made at a turkey farm right here in Sonoma County using local talent. To hear this stirring performance, google "Jukebox: a choir of turkeys."

COMING ATTRACTIONS:

Saturday, May 16 Field Trip to Pine Flat Road

This is our last official field trip of the season. Pine Flat Road has wonderful rare wildflowers, great butterflies and terrific birds. All the spring nesting species should be in. Meet 8 a.m. at Pine Flat Road past the Jimtown store, where the road narrows, at the bridge. From Hwy 101 take Dry Creek exit to Healdsburg Ave. to Alexander Valley Road to Pine Flat Road. Bring optics, field guides, water, lunch, sunscreen, hats. Leader is Lisa Hug. Questions call Ellen Blustein 707-789-0970

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April 18 - MITCHELL CANYON FIELD TRIP REPORT

Birds Observed: American White Pelican, Turkey Vulture, Osprey, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Cooper's Hawk, Red-shouldered Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, Golden Eagle, American Kestrel, California Quail, Band-tailed Pigeon, Mourning Dove, White-throated Swift, Anna's Hummingbird, Acorn Woodpecker, Nuttall's Woodpecker, Downy Woodpecker, Hairy Woodpecker, Northern Flicker, Western Wood-Pewee, Hammond's Flycatcher, Pacific-slope Flycatcher, Black Phoebe, Ash-throated Flycatcher, Western Kingbird, Violet-green Swallow, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Cedar Waxwing, Bewick's Wren, House Wren, Northern Mockingbird, California Thrasher, Western Bluebird, Hermit Thrush, American Robin, Wrentit, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Bushtit, Chestnut-backed Chickadee, Oak Titmouse, White-breasted Nuthatch, Steller's Jay, Western Scrub-Jay, Common Raven, European Starling, Cassin's Vireo, Hutton's Vireo, Warbling Vireo, House Finch, Pine Siskin, Lesser Goldfinch, Orange-crowned Warbler, Nashville Warbler, Yellow Warbler, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Black-throated Gray Warbler, Townsend's Warbler, Hermit Warbler, Wilson's Warbler, Western Tanager, Spotted Towhee, California Towhee, Golden-crowned Sparrow, Dark-eyed Junco, Black-headed Grosbeak, Lazuli Bunting, Red-winged Blackbird, Brown-headed Cowbird, Bullock's Oriole. Species seen 69.

Participants: Richard Merriss, Len Nelson, Rick LeBaudour, Ruth Rudesill, Rhio Reigh, Grace Harris, Fernando Dizon, Craig Roth, Julie Marlowe, Roger Marlowe, Wendy Peterson, Jim Fritzhand, Karen Grillo, Peter Colasanti, Helen Kochenderfer, Don Kirker, Gary Haag, Terry Haag.

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Wanted: Pictures Not of birds, but of people! I was updating the Kite Tales and RROS files and realized we are missing pictures of our members. If you have pictures of RROS members and are willing to part with them, make copies or email the file, I will make a record of these. It would be great to ID as many of the people in the photo as possible and the year it was taken. Thanks! Ruth Rudesill

Wanted: Volunteers The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the National Park Service (GGNRA) are looking for volunteers to help document Common Murre attendance and breeding, as well as impacts from human disturbance, at recently-established sites at the mouth of the Golden Gate. Volunteers will count murre, cormorants, gulls, pelicans, and other seabirds, document breeding of Common Murres, and record disturbances from boats, aircraft, and other sources at Bird Island (Marin Headlands) and Seal Rocks (off the Cliff House, San Francisco) within the Golden Gate National Recreation Area. Experience with seabird identification is preferred. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Peter Kappes at the USFWS (email: peter_kappes@fws.gov; phone: 510.928-0497). Please provide your name, best way to contact you, your availability, and whether or not you have a tripod and spotting scope.

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.

OBSERVATIONS MARCH - APRIL 2009 BY RUTH RUDESILL

Bird Species	Date	Location	Co.	#	Observers	Notes
✓ Barrow's Goldeneye	3/28/09	mouth of Russian River	SON	2f	HK, BD	
Long-tailed Duck	4/21/09	off Crescent City		DN	1	PC, RAR
Hooded Merganser	3/30/09	Shiloh Reg Park	SON	1m	LPe	
Yellow-billed Loon	4/20/09	Elk River slough Eureka	HUM	1 imm	PC, RAR	
✓ American Bittern	4/8/09	Shollenberger Park	SON	2	BDy	
✓ Swainson's Hawk	4/16/09	Sonoma/Napa Marsh	NAP/SON	2	MBe	
Bald Eagle	3/26/09	Lake Hennessy	NAP	1ad	KM	
✓ Bald Eagle	3/20/09	Laguna de Santa Rosa	SON	1ad	EJ	
✓ Iceland Gull	3/14/09	off Bodega Head	SON	1 imm	JH	
✓ Glaucous Gull	3/28/09	mouth of Russian River	SON	1 imm	HK, BD	
✓ Glaucous Gull	4/4/09	Shollenberger Park	SON	1 imm	LHg	
Caspian Tern	4/16/09	Spring Lake Reg park	SON	1	BD	
Tufted Puffin	4/21/09	Castle Rock	DN	2	PC, RAR	
Red-breasted Sapsucker	3/31/09	Kenwood yard	SON	1	RAR	
Nor Pygmy Owl	4/10/09	Mt St Helena	NAP/SON	4-5	BD, HK	
✓ Vaux's Swift	4/10/09	Spring Lake Reg park	SON	7	RAR, VB, BSp, BBu	
Costa's Hummingbird	3/11/09	Ukiah feeder	MEN	1m	CV	
Calliope Hummingbird	4/16/09	Ukiah feeder	MEN	1m	CV	
✓ Rufous Hummingbird	3/27/09	Occidental yard	SON	1	RoM	
✓ Rufous Hummingbird	4/8/09	Petaluma yard	SON	1	BDy	
✓ Rufous Hummingbird	4/11/09	Conifer Dr Monte Rio	SON	1m	LPe	
✓ Lewis's Woodpecker	4/8/09	Modini Ranch	SON	10	BSp	high #
Olive-sided Flycatcher	4/11/09	Annadel State Park	SON	1	BD	arrival
Pacific-slope Flycatcher	3/27/09	Coffey Lane	SON	1	JBs	arrival
Pacific-slope Flycatcher	3/28/09	Fitzpatrick Ln Bodega	SON	1	AMc	
Dusky Flycatcher	4/10/09	Hopland Field Station	MEN	1	CV	1900' elevation
Western Kingbird	3/28/09	Carriger Rd Sonoma	SON	1	KP, KM	arrival
Ash-throated Flycatcher	4/20/09	Henno Rd	SON	1	KP	
California Thrasher	4/10/09	Mt St Helena	NAP/SON	8	BD, HK	
✓ Brown Thrasher	4/17/09	Bodega Bay	SON	1	NC, SH	
Brown Thrasher	4/20/09	Sunnybrae/Arcata	HUM	1	PC, RAR	
Violet-green Swallow	3/23/09	Carriger Rd Sonoma	SON	sev	KP, KM	arrival
Barn Swallow	3/26/09	Carriger Rd Sonoma	SON	1	KP, KM	arrival
Nor Rough-winged Swallow	3/31/09	Guerneville	SON	15	PH	
Wilson's Warbler	3/24/09	Cazedero yard	SON	1	DnB, PaC	singing

Black-headed Grosbeak	3/23/09	Cazadero yard	SON	1m	DnB, PaC	1st arrival
Bullock's Oriole	3/29/09	Carriger Rd Sonoma	SON	1	KP, KM	arrival
Bullock's Oriole	4/11/09	Conifer Dr Monte Rio	SON	1pr	LPe	
Hooded Oriole	4/5/09	Willowside Rd	SON	1m	LPe	
Yellow-headed Blackbird	4/9/09	Lakeside Park	LAK	flock	LPe	
White-throated Sparrow	3/31/09	Santa Rosa yard	SON	1	JBs	singing
Lazuli Bunting	4/20/09	Sonoma Mt	SON	1m	CB	
✓ Lawrence's Goldfinch	3/28/09	Tolay Lake	SON	1	ALa,PC	

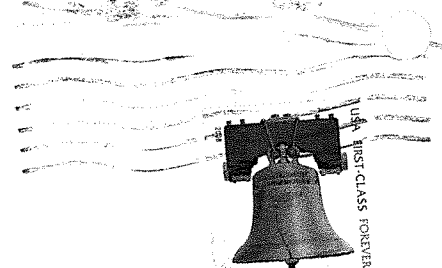
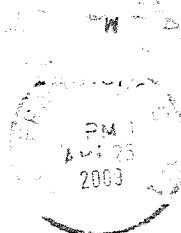
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Please send me your late spring & summertime observations before the Kite Tales August deadline as the North American Birds deadline is August 10th - thank you and have a great spring/summer! Ruth ruthier@sonic.net

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