



Kite Tales

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Thursday, December 10, General Meeting – 7:00 PM
BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND
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.

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.

SANTA ROSA CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT - SUN. DEC. 20th

Count buffet dinner will be at the Union Hotel Restaurant, 280 Mission Blvd. 3 delicious entrees for \$24.81. Please RSVP to Rhio Reigh 484-6446. Festivities begin at 4:30.

RROS EVENTS CALENDAR

Saturday, January 9th – Field Trip – Solano County/Cosumnes Preserve.
Leader: Ken Wilson.

January 14th – General Meeting – Speaker: Dave Shuford of PRBO.

February 12 – 15 – Field Trip – Klamath Basin – Leader: Ruth Rudesill.

First Point Reyes Birding Festival

Plan now to attend the first Point Reyes Birding Festival, April 23-25, 2010. The event is sponsored by the Environmental Action Committee of West Marin, the leading environmental advocacy organization in West Marin.

Top bird experts such as David Wimpfheimer, Keith Hansen, and Jules Evens will lead participants on trips to discover the best birding sites in the region. Displays and exhibits will expand your bird knowledge, and you can stay at one of the dozens of charming bed and breakfast or other lodging establishments. The event will also feature other walks to see the West Marin natural world, including the famous wildflower displays, butterflies, and more!

Go to <http://www.eacmarin.org> to learn more about this exciting event.

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.

Field Trip Report Bolinas Lagoon, Marin County Nov. 14, 2009

Eight birders enjoyed perfect weather and favorable tides in the Bolinas Lagoon area. Once we got past some logistics problems we settled into a nice birdy day with 83 species. No rare sparrows at Pine Gulch Creek but great looks at Common Yellowthroat and Townsend's Warblers. Then to Duxbury Reef for some rocky shore birds and a large flotilla of Red-throated Loons offshore. Back to the Lagoon for waterfowl - including 3 or 4 Eurasian Wigeon males. And then shorebirds with the receding tide. We ended the day with a Peregrine Falcon flyby and the bird of day - an immature Bald Eagle soaring above, a County bird for several participants.

Participants: Jim Clegg, Peter Colasanti, Betty Groce, Greg & Rhonda Odegard, Rhio Reigh, Craig Roth, and Ruth Rudesill.

Birds Observed: Gadwall, Eurasian Wigeon, American Wigeon, Mallard, Northern Shoveler, Northern Pintail, Green-winged Teal, Surf Scoter, Bufflehead, Common Goldeneye, Red-breasted Merganser, California Quail, Red-throated Loon, Common Loon, Horned Grebe, Western Grebe, Clark's Grebe, Brown Pelican. Brandt's Cormorant, Double-cr. Cormorant, Great Blue Heron, Great Egret, Snowy Egret, Black-cr. Night-Heron, Turkey Vulture, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Red-shouldered Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, Bald Eagle, Peregrine Falcon. Black Oystercatcher, American Avocet, Long-billed Curlew, Willet, Greater Yellowlegs, Marbled Godwit, Black Turnstone, Sanderling, Western Sandpiper, Dunlin, Least Sandpiper, Long-billed Dowitcher, Wilson's Snipe, Western Gull, California Gull, Ring-billed Gull, Anna's

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Hummingbird, Belted Kingfisher, Northern Flicker, Downy Woodpecker, Hairy Woodpecker, Black Phoebe, Say's Phoebe, Hutton's Vireo, Steller's Jay, Western Scrub Jay, American Crow, Common Raven, Chestnut-backed Chickadee, Bushtit, Wrentit, Pygmy Nuthatch, White-breasted Nuthatch, Brown Creeper, Marsh Wren, Golden-crowned Kinglet, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, American Robin, Hermit Thrush, European Starling, Yellow-rumped warbler, Townsend's warbler, Common Yellowthroat, Spotted Towhee, Savannah Sparrow, Song Sparrow, Fox Sparrow, White-crowned Sparrow, Golden-crowned Sparrow, Purple Finch, House Finch, Pine Siskin, and American Goldfinch.

Observations - October - November 2009 - Report by Ruth Rudesill

Bird Species	Date	Location	Co.	#	Observers	Notes
✓ Gr White-fronted Goose	11/5-21/09	Bodega farm pond	SON	1	LHg, BD, HK	
✓ Brant	11/10/09	Bodega Harbor	SON	350+	BDP, DHo	
✓ Cackling Goose	11/5-21/09	Bodega farm pond	SON	5-8	LHg, BD, HK	
✓ Cackling Goose	11/13/09	Shollenberger Park	SON	29	Survey	
✓ Tundra Swan	11/20/09	Ellis Creek area	SON	1	PBC	
✓ White-winged Scoter	10/27/09	Duncans Cove	SON	2	RS	
✓ White-winged Scoter	11/5/09	off Duncans Landing	SON	1	LHg	
✓ White-winged Scoter	11/15/09	near Bodega Head	SON	2-3	RS, BDP mob	
✓ Black Scoter	11/20/09	Bodega Harbor	SON	1m	AKI	
✓ Red-necked Grebe	11/5/09	Bodega Harbor channel	SON	1	LHg	
✓ Red-necked Grebe	11/15/09	off Bodega Head	SON	3	RS, mob	
Laysan Albatross	11/15/09	Cordell Bank	MRN	2	RS, mob	
✓ Black-footed Albatross	10/11/09	offshore pelagic	SON/MRN	20	RS, BDP mob	
✓ Black-footed Albatross	11/15/09	offshore pelagic	SON/MRN	64	RS, mob	
✓ Northern Fulmar	10/11/09	offshore pelagic	SON/MRN	200	RS, BDP, mob	
✓ Northern Fulmar	11/15/09	offshore pelagic	SON/MRN	700	RS, mob	
✓ Pink-footed Shearwater	10/11/09	offshore pelagic	SON/MRN	60	RS, BDP, mob	
✓ Pink-footed Shearwater	11/15/09	offshore pelagic	SON/MRN	13	RS, mob	
✓ Buller's Shearwater	10/11/09	offshore pelagic	SON/MRN	10	RS, BDP, mob	
✓ Buller's Shearwater	11/15/09	offshore pelagic	SON/MRN	10	RS, mob	
✓ Sooty Shearwater	10/11/09	offshore pelagic	SON/MRN	10	RS, BDP, mob	
✓ Sooty Shearwater	11/15/09	offshore pelagic	SON/MRN	8	RS, mob	
✓ Short-tailed Shearwater	10/11/09	offshore pelagic	SON/MRN	1	RS, BDP mob	
✓ Short-tailed Shearwater	11/15/09	offshore pelagic	SON/MRN	5	RS, mob	
Osprey	11/10/09	Kenwood	SON	1	RAR	
✓ Bald Eagle	10/25/09	Dutcher Creek Healdsburg	SON	3 juv	Lee James	photo
✓ Bald Eagle	11/14/09	Bolinas Lagoon	MRN	1imm	RROS	
✓ Red-tailed Harlan's Hawk	10/27/09	Valley Ford area	SON	1	RS	
✓ Red-tailed Harlan's Hawk	11/21/09	near Sebastopol	SON	1	BD, HK	light phase
✓ Ferruginous Hawk	11/1/09	Tolay Lake Park	SON	1	BK	
Peregrine Falcon	10/17-27/09	Bodega Harbor	SON	1-2	BDP, RS	
✓ Common Moorhen	10/17/09	Hole-in-the-Head pond	SON	1	BDP	
✓ Pacific Golden -Plover	11/15/09	Ellis Creek ponds	SON	4	BD, HK	
✓ Surfbird	11/10/09	Bodega Harbor	SON	20	DHo, BDP	
✓ Red Knot	10/17-27/09	Bodega Harbor	SON	sev	BDP, RS	
✓ Least Sandpiper	11/13/09	Shollenberger Park	SON	965	Survey	high#
✓ Dunlin	11/13/09	Shollenberger Park	SON	1020	Survey	high#
✓ Red Phalarope	10/11/09	offshore pelagic	SON/MRN	10	RS, BDP, mob	
✓ Red Phalarope	11/7/09	Bodega Harbor	SON	1	BBa	
✓ Red Phalarope	11/15/09	offshore pelagic	SON/MRN	4800	RS, mob	high #
✓ Bonaparte's Gull	11/15/09	offshore pelagic	SON/MRN	650	RS, mob	
Thayer's Gull	11/1/09	Topaz Lake	MONO	1 imm	PBC	
✓ Black-legged Kittiwake	11/15/09	offshore pelagic	SON/MRN	10	RS, mob	
✓ Forster's Tern	11/10-15/09	Bodega Harbor	SON	12-18	BDP, DHo, RAR	
✓ South Polar Skua	10/11/09	offshore pelagic	SON/MRN	1	RS, BDP, mob	
✓ Pomarine Jaeger	10/11/09	offshore pelagic	SON/MRN	2	RS, BDP, mob	
✓ Pomarine Jaeger	11/15/09	offshore pelagic	SON/MRN	2	RS, mob	
✓ Parasitic Jaeger	10/11/09	offshore pelagic	SON/MRN	1	RS, BDP, mob	
Pigeon Guillemot	11/5-15/09	off Bodega Head	SON	1-3	BDP, LHg, RAR	
✓ Ancient Murrelet	11/15/09	offshore pelagic	SON/MRN	5	RS, mob	
✓ Cassin's Auklet	10/11/09	offshore pelagic	SON/MRN	200	RS, BDP, mob	
✓ Cassin's Auklet	11/15/09	offshore pelagic	SON/MRN	270	RS, mob	

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✓ Rhinoceros Auklet	10/11/09	offshore pelagic	SON/MRN	40	RS, BDP, mob	
✓ Rhinoceros Auklet	11/15/09	offshore pelagic	SON/MRN	55	RS, mob	
W Screech-owl	10/30/09	Kenwood yard	SON	2	RAR	calling
✓ Burrowing Owl	10/28/09	Bodega Head	SON	1	fide BD	
✓ Burrowing Owl	11/1/09	Shell Beach-Pomo Trail	SON	1	LvK fide BBu	
✓ Burrowing Owl	11/9/09	Pine Flat Rd	SON	1	DM	
✓ Barred Owl	11/13/09	Annadel SP	SON	1	BD	
✓ Yellow-br Sapsucker	11/1-16/09	SSU campus RP	SON	1	AKI	
✓ Yellow-br Sapsucker	11/8/09	Monte Rio	SON	1	LP	
✓ Pacific Flycatcher	10/17/09	Campbell Cove	SON	1	BDP	calling
✓ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	11/21/09	Bodega Head	SON	1	AKI	
✓ Western Tanager	11/14/09	E Cotati x Snyder Cotati	SON	1	AKI	
✓ Orange-crowned Warbler	11/11/09	Ellis Creek Rec Ponds	SON	1	ALa	
✓ Yellow Warbler	11/5/09	Lucchesi Park	SON	1	LHg	
✓ Black and White Warbler	11/20/09	Marine Lab ent Bodega Harbor	SON	1	DHo	
✓ Common Yellowthroat	11/19/09	Ellis Creek Rec Ponds	SON	12+	RAR	high#
✓ American Tree Sparrow	11/19/09	Ellis Creek ponds	SON	1	RAR	
Lark Sparrow	11/8/09	Capay Valley	YOL	100s	RAR, BSp	high#
✓ Grasshopper Sparrow	11/7/09	Tolay Creek Ranch	SON	1	PBC	
✓ Swamp Sparrow	10/27-11/21/09	Ellis Creek ponds	SON	1	CT, BBa, mob	
White-throated Sparrow	11/5/09	Monte Rio	SON	1	LHg	
✓ Rose-breasted Grosbeak	11/18/09	Ferguson Rd Sebastopol	SON	1	M&KJ	

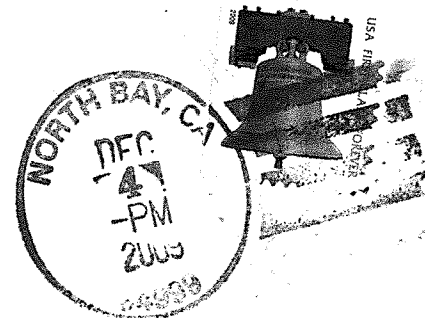
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WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER - Mary B. Abbott

THANKS FOR DONATIONS - Benjamin "Mike" Parmeter, Don Howard in memory of Jack Troutfette and Richard Bertoli.

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