



Kite Tales

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POTLUCK/PICNIC MEETING - EVENING BIRD WALK

Thursday, September 13TH

SUGARLOAF RIDGE STATE PARK - 6:00 PM

PICNIC AREA across from the Day Use parking area.

A new fall of great birding begins. Let's come together and share stories of summer birding and hopes for the fall.

Directions: Take Hwy 12 to Adobe Canyon Rd. (at the western edge of Kenwood). Drive north to State Park contact station, **pay entry fee or display pass**, and park in Day Use Lot 100 yards ahead. Look for RROS at picnic area across from parking lot. Bring food, plates, utensils, beverages, and binoculars.

Save the Date - General Meeting for Thursday, October 14th, 7 p.m.

"Guyana: Birds and Other Wildlife"
Ken Wilson (Talon Tours)

Join us on this exploration through a power point presentation with photos Ken has taken on tours to this amazing, largely unbirded country.

ANNUAL DUES ARE NOW PAYABLE!

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

Send RROS Dues to Treasurer Don Howard, 979 Hogwarts Circle, Petaluma 94954

Envelope included within

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FIELD TRIPS – Autumn 2010***Saturday, September 25, 2010 Outer Point Reyes***

Meet 7:30 a.m. at Lakeville & 116 Park-N-Ride in Petaluma

Bring Lunch, Layers, Bins, Scopes, Sunscreen, Hats and Field Guides. This is the time for vagrants on the coast. Leader TBA.

Questions, Ellen Blustein evireo@gmail.com or 623-9404

Tuesday, September 28, 2010 Outer Point Reyes

Meet 7:30 a.m. at Lakeville & 116 Park-N-Ride in Petaluma

Bring Lunch, Layers, Bins, Scopes, Sunscreen, Hats and Field Guides. This is the time for vagrants on the coast. Leader Ruth Rudesill - 833-6026.

Saturday, October 9, 2010 Bodega Bay

Meet Rail Ponds/Horse Parking 8 a.m. Bring Lunch, Layers, Bins, Scopes, Sunscreen, Hats and Field Guides. This is the time for vagrants on the coast. Leader TBA.

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Tuesday, October 12, 2010 Bodega Bay

Meet Rail Ponds/Horse Parking 8 a.m.

Bring Lunch, Layers, Bins, Scopes, Sunscreen, Hats and Field Guides. This is the time for vagrants on the coast. Leader Ruth Rudesill - 833-6026

FIELD TRIP REPORT**Geysers Road, May 8, 2010 - Report from Lisa Hug - leader**

Highlights included wonderful views of Lazuli Buntings, a Wild Turkey nest full of tiny nestlings, Western Tanager, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Black-throated-Gray Warbler, and Spotted Sandpipers. The weather was very pleasantly warm, with a slight cooling breeze all day. We all just had a fun day. Group participants were Len Blumin, Patti Blumin, Charlene Burge, Jim Castle, Peter Colasanti, Jim Fritzhand, Gary Haag, Terry Haag, Don Howard, David Hofmann, Lisa Hug, Elaine Pruett, Don Reinberg, and Ruth Rudesill.

Additional birds to the ones previously mentioned include: - Mallard, Common Merganser, Turkey Vulture, Red-shouldered Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, American Kestrel, California Quail, Mountain Quail, Mourning Dove, Eurasian Collared Dove, Anna's Hummingbird, Acorn Woodpecker, Nuttall's Woodpecker, Northern Flicker, Pileated Woodpecker, Pacific-slope Flycatcher, Black Phoebe, Ash-throated Flycatcher, Western Kingbird, Violet-green Swallow, Cliff Swallow, Northern Rough-winged Swallow, Steller's Jay, Western Scrub-Jay, American Crow, Common Raven, Oak Titmouse, Bushtit, Bewick's Wren, House Wren, Western Bluebird, American Robin, Wrentit, Northern Mockingbird, Cedar Waxwing, European Starling, Cassin's Vireo, Hutton's Vireo, Warbling Vireo, Orange-crowned Warbler, Wilson's Warbler, Black-headed Grosbeak, Spotted Towhee, California Towhee, Chipping Sparrow, Song Sparrow, Oregon Junco, Western Meadowlark, Brewer's Blackbird, Bullock's Oriole, Purple Finch, House Finch, Lesser Goldfinch.

Vaux's Swifts – Remember to take a sunset trip to Healdsburg to see these birds who visit with us for a short time in September before continuing their fall migration. Rio Linda Seventh Day Adventist Academy graciously permits people to visit in the evenings and watch the birds bed down for the night in the large brick chimney there. It is an amazing sight to watch thousands of birds swirl around and then drop in to roost communally! Take the Healdsburg Avenue exit, traveling on the west side of 101, then turn east on Bailhache Ave. just south of Healdsburg, eventually bearing left on Rio Lindo Avenue until you reach the academy. The chimney is inside the grounds to the left, near the ball fields. There will most likely be others who are there to watch.

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Birds of Sonoma County – We will soon be reprinting **Birds of Sonoma County**. Due to increases in printing and postage, we have increased the price of this valuable birding resource and it is still a bargain at \$20.00 per copy with a shipping and postage fee of \$4.00. First time new members can opt to purchase a copy of the Birds of Sonoma County at the discounted price of \$15 in addition to their membership fee.

Sales Manager needed – We need someone to step up and volunteer to be the sales manager to promote the sales and distribution of **Birds of Sonoma County** and the **Sonoma County Bird Check List**. Big thanks go to Mike Nelligan who has been doing this for several years. This position involves -

- 1) Visiting local retail book and birding stores regularly to check on inventory,
- 2) Storing surplus books,
- 3) Accounting - Keeping track of inventory and provide sales info to Treasurer,
- 4) Keeping a current list of contacts for distribution,
- 5) Handling mail orders and shipping.

Breeding Bird Atlas – January 1st we begin observations for a new revision

January 1st 2011 we begin a repeat of the surveys done in the past to create the **SONOMA COUNTY BREEDING BIRD ATLAS**. Yes, it's true, 25 years have passed since the original breeding bird atlas was begun. Plans are now well underway for a repeat performance. Veronica Bowers is leading the charge with assistance from Bob Speckels, Ruth Rudesill, Lisa Hug and Ken Wilson. Betty Burrige is on board as a consultant.

Atlas field surveyors are the category that is most in demand, but many other volunteer jobs will be available. A list will follow in future articles. Contact Veronica vlbowers@gmail.com if you can help in any way. Assignments for blocks to be surveyed are already being made. Contact Veronica if you have special requests. Permission to enter and survey private properties is also being sought throughout the county. It's time to get started.

REDWOOD REGION ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY
ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT
July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010

Beginning Bank Balances (as of 7/1/09)		
Checking Account	\$2,927.47	
Investment Certificate	<u>3,006.23</u>	
TOTAL BEGINNING BANK BALANCES		\$5,933.70
INFLOWS		
Donations	\$ 969.00	
Book Sales	395.00	
Checklist Sales	112.00	
Investment Income	31.19	
Membership Dues (FY09/10)	1,496.00	
Membership Dues (FY10/11)	<u>150.00</u>	
TOTAL INFLOWS		\$3,153.19
OUTFLOWS		
Web Site Fees	\$ 119.40	
Donation - CRPE	75.00	
Donation - Casa Grande H.S.	500.00	
Education	475.00	
Postage	334.39	
Printing Newsletter	469.77	
Office Supplies	51.75	
Shipping	21.23	
Filing Fees	20.00	
State Sales Tax	12.16	
Royalties - <u>Birds of Sonoma County, CA</u>	<u>106.88</u>	
TOTAL OUTFLOWS		<u>\$2,435.58</u>
NET CASH FLOW FOR THE FISCAL YEAR		\$ 717.61
Ending Bank Balances (as of 6/30/10)		
Checking Account		\$6,651.31*
		*(<u>\$3,000 restricted for republication of Birds of Sonoma County, CA</u>)
TOTAL ENDING BANK BALANCES		\$6,651.31

Donald K. Howard, Jr. - Treasurer [July 2, 2010].

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 Glo Wellman by the 20th of the month

New Christmas Count Chair needed -

We need a new person to chair the annual RROS Christmas Count. The CBC is scheduled for Sunday, December 19th. The Chair would send out the materials to the team leaders (most of which are set already,) assign volunteers to teams, and make sure the lists, documentation and money are collected at the end of day. The Board is already working on securing a restaurant for the count dinner. The Chair could choose to enter the results data through the Audubon website or Ruth Rudesill would be able to help with that part. (Ruth will not be able to participate in the count or dinner.) This is a relatively easy but very important once a year job!

THANKS TO - Gary and Teresita Haag and Donald K. Howard, Jr. for donations in the memory of JACK GROCE who passed away in May. We extend our deepest sympathies to Betty for her loss. Thanks also to Joey Ihinger Camilli for a donation to RROS.

50th Anniversary Celebration

This year RROS will celebrate 50 years of support to the local birding community at our regularly scheduled December meeting. Save the date of December 9th for this event, and plan to attend. We will share stories and photos of past events and our hopes for the future. Watch for more details to come. To help, contact Rhio.

Observations – Summer 2010

by Ruth Rudesill

Bird Species	Date	Location	Co.	#	Observers	Notes
✓ Brant	6/29/10	Brant	SON	2	DHf, BDP	
✓ Greater Scaup/Scaup sp	7/23-8/1/10	Shollenberger Park	SON	15	RAR	molting
✓ American Widgeon	6/19/10	Delta Pond	SON	1	RAR, TC, BSp, Kwi	
✓ Gadwall	6/9-15/10	Ellis Creek Facility	SON	14	LHg, RAR	w/ young
✓ Bufflehead	6/19/10	Delta Pond	SON	2	TCa, BSp, RAR, KWi	
✓ Ruddy Duck	6/9/10	Ellis Creek Facility	SON	sev	LHg, BDP	male and young
✓ Ruddy Duck	7/10/10	Ellis Creek Facility	SON	7	BDy	6 ducklings
✓ Sooty Grouse	6/13/10	upland of Russian Gulch	SON	1	MHe	
Mountain Quail	6/5/10	Pine Flat Rd	SON	1	BSp, DK, RAR	
✓ Eared Grebe	6/29/10	Doran Reg Park	SON	1	BDP, DHf	
✓ Pacific Loon	6/29/10	Bodega Harbor channel	SON	1	BDP, DHf	
✓ Am White Pelican	7/8/10	Bodega Harbor	SON	100	LBI, DRe	
✓ Bald Eagle	7/14/10	Laguna area	SON	3imm	GB	
✓ Bald Eagle	7/26/10	near High School Rd	SON	2	SMo	ad and juv
✓ Common Black Hawk	8/5/10	Laguna area	SON	1	SMo	continuing
✓ Swainson's Hawk	7/20/10	Hwy 101 near Shiloh ex	SON	1	LvC	
✓ Swainson's Hawk	8/4/10	Ramal Rd	SON	2 imm	RAR	
Peregrine Falcon	6/9/10	SE Bodega Harbor	SON	1	BDP	eating a large shorebird
Peregrine Falcon	7/16/10	American Canyon	NAP	3	BDP, MBe	
Peregrine Falcon	8/2/10	Browns Lane Petaluma	SON	1f	SM	
✓ White-tailed Kite	6/15/10	Shollenberger Park S.	SON	5	mob	nest w 4 young
✓ Common Moorhen	6/9-7/14/10	Ellis Creek Facility	SON	7-23	LHg, BDP	ad and young
✓ Common Moorhen	7/23/10	pond at Salmon Creek	SON	3	RTo, JTo	ad and young
✓ Virginia Rail	6/15/10	Ellis Creek Facility	SON	2	ALa	adult and baby
✓ Clapper Rail	6/10/10	Moore's Landing	NAP	1	BDP	calling
✓ Willet	6/29/10	Gaffney Pt	SON	100	BDP, DHf	
Lesser Yellowlegs	7/23/10	Hudemann wetlands	SON	1	BDP, MBe	
✓ Wandering Tattler	7/19/10	Bodega Harbor jetty	SON	1	BDP, DHf	
✓ Red Knot	7/24/10	Bodega Harbor	SON	1	BD, HK	
✓ Surfbird	6/29-7/7/10	Gaffney Pt	SON	1-29	BDP, DHf, RoM, DF	
Marbled Godwit	6/29/10	Gaffney Pt	SON	150+	BDP, DHf	
✓ Semipalmated Sandpiper	8/1/10	Shollenberger Park	SON	1	AWgh, RAR	
✓ Western Sandpiper	7/7/10	Bodega Harbor	SON	1500	RoM	
✓ Wilson's Phalarope	8/1/10	Shollenberger Park	SON	4	AWgh	
Heermann's Gull	6/29/10	Bodega Harbor	SON	1	BDP, DHf	
Least Tern	7/16/10	American Canyon	NAP	3	BDP, MBe	
✓ Least Tern	7-23-10	Hudemann wetlands	SON	1	BDP, MBe	
✓ Black Skimmer	7/14/10	Bodega Harbor	SON	1	LHg, DRe	
✓ Rhinoceros Auklet	6/13/10	off Bodega Head	SON	4	PBC	
✓ Rhinoceros Auklet	7/3/10	off Bodega Head	SON	1	RAR	
Northern Pygmy-Owl	7/9/10	Putah Creek	SOL	1	RoL, BSp	
Northern Pygmy-Owl	6/19/10	Pine Flat	SON	1	JRy	
✓ Lewis's Woodpecker	6/5/10	upper Pine Flat Rd	SON	1	RAR, DK	
✓ Lewis's Woodpecker	6/26/10	upper Pine Flat rd	SON	1	RAR, BSp	
Rufous Hummingbird	7/3/10	Bodega Bay	SON	1m	RAR	
Black-chinned Hmbird	7/27/10	Napa feeder	SON	1m	BDP	
Vaux's Swift	6/11/10	Helen Putnam Park	SON	15	BOI, KWi	
✓ Common Poorwill	6/30/10	w of Bonness Rd Son	SON	5	ACe	new location
✓ Say's Phoebe	6/13/10	Jenner Headlands	SON	1	MHe, GW	
✓ Eastern Kingbird	7/9-11/10	Hwy 1 near Salt Point	SON	1	MVi, RAR	
✓ Purple Martin	6/5-26/10	upper Pine Flat Rd	SON	4-5	BSp, mob	
Purple Martin	7/11/10	Gualala Bridge	SON/MEN	1f	RAR	
✓ Bank Swallow	7/28/10	Doran Reg Park	SON	1	RS	w/ Barn Swallows

✓ Rock Wren	6/13/10	Jenner Headlands	SON	2	LHg, MHe
Canyon Wren	6/30/10	Monticello Dam area	NAP?	3	BDP
Phainopepla	6/30/10	w of Lake Solano	SOL/YOL1f		BDP
✓ American Dipper	6/17/10	Sonoma Cr., Adobe Cyn	SON	1	GBe
Loggerhead Shrike	6/25/10	Penngrove	SON	1	BOI
Loggerhead Shrike	7/23/10	Hudemann wetlands	SON	1	BDP
White-eyed Vireo	7/13-19/10	Muir Beach	MRN	1	JWh, mob
✓ Yellow-billed Magpie	7/17/10	Bodega Ave Petaluma	SON	1	RJ
Gray Jay	7/11/10	near Little River	MEN	2	RAR
Black-thr Green Warbler	7/9-11/10	Russian Gulch SP	MEN	1	MVi, mob singing male
✓ Hermit Warbler	6/13/10	Jenner Headlands	SON	1	LHg
✓ Hermit Warbler	6/16/10	Willow Creek Rd	SON	1	MHe singing
✓ Yellow-breasted Chat	6/14-7/9 -	Willowside Rd Trail	SON	2-5	KWi, BD, DHf mob
✓ Rose-breasted Grosbeak	7/11/10	Los Alamos Rd Santa Rosa	SON	1m	DA
✓ Rose-breasted Grosbeak	6/14-20/10	Willowside Rd Trail	SON	1m	KWi, mob singing
✓ Grasshopper Sparrow	6/13/10	near Russian Giulch	SON	10	MHe
Sage Sparrow	6/5/10	upper Pine Flat Rd	SON	1	DK
Black-throated Sparrow	6/23/10	Sierra Valley	PLU	1	RAR singing
✓ Lawrence's Goldfinch	7/12/10	Gualala SP	SON	1	DV
✓ Great-tailed Grackle	6/15-7/14/10	Ellis Creek Facility	SON	1m 1f	RAR, BDP

Observers: Dona Asti, Gordon Beebe, Murray Berner, Len Blumin, Tom Cashman, Anthony Cermak, Peter B Colasanti, Bill Doyle, Bob Dyer, Dea Freid, Mike Heffernon, Lisa Hug, Robert Jackson, David Hofmann, Don Kirker, Helen Kochenderfer, Andy Lacasse, Robin Leong, Roger Marlowe, Stan Moore, Becky Olsen, Don Reinberg, Ruth A Rudesill, Jennifer Rycenga, Bob Speckels, Rich Stallcup, Linc van Cleave, Debbie Viess, Matt Victoria, Jim White, Alan Wight, Ken Wilson and Giel Witt

Note: Matt Victoria is a birder from Goleta in Southern California, made a trip up here and found both the Eastern Kingbird and the Black-throated Green Warbler!!

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