



# Kite Tales

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**RROS General Meeting**  
**Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m.**

**Birds of Pascagoula, Mississippi,**  
**Surrounding Areas and Mystery Photographs**  
**with Lisa Hug**

Some people are aware that Lisa went down to the Gulf of Mexico this summer and surveyed pelagic birds. She would like to share excerpts from that experience and show photographs of some of the birds that she encountered there. (She cannot talk about the oil spill.)

She also has a huge collection of local bird photographs that will be fun to play with. Almost everyone enjoys working out mystery photographs in magazines and online. Since this can be more fun with a large group and pictures on a screen, bring a Field guide and binoculars and we can do some "slide-show birding."

**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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**Dinner Before the meeting:** Join some of us at 5:30 p.m. at the Star Restaurant, 8501 Gravenstein Hwy, Cotati (west of Hwy 101, at exit for Hwy 116 West).

**FIELD TRIPS - Autumn 2010*****Saturday, November 13, 2010. Vic Fazio Wildlife Area, Davis Sewage Ponds, Woodbridge Road.***

In search of wintering waterfowl, cranes and any reported rarities, like Mountain Plovers. Bring bins, scopes, field guides, food for a long day, sunscreen, hats, H2O, and clothing layers. Be prepared to carpool. Meet 7a.m. at the Petaluma park-n-ride at Lakeville Hwy and Hwy 116. Leader- Richard Merriss Questions; Ellen Blustein 707-623-9404

***Tuesday, November 16, 2010 Capay Valley in Yolo County***

All day field trip to western Yolo County. Meet at 7:15 am at the Park n Ride at the intersection of Hwys 116 and 121 south of Sonoma. (There is a gas station next to here.) We will car pool as much as possible.

For those who live in Napa Valley or points east, please call for a meeting time or place. We should be in Cordelia by 7:45 or so.

The route will be 121 to 12 to 80 to 505 to 16. Capay Valley is along Cache Creek. There are numerous little parks along the creek with restrooms (some outhouses and some real) But there are no places for purchasing food. Bring plenty of snacks, liquids and a lunch. We will end up in Colusa County and come back via Hwy 5 or 505. (Going west through Lake County takes a long time.) Major rain storm will cancel.

Questions, call Ruth in the evening at 707-833-6026 or [ruthier@sonic.net](mailto:ruthier@sonic.net)

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**Bodega Bay Field Trip Report - October 9th, 2010 by Mike Parmeter**

Birds seen: Surf Scoter, Pied-billed Grebe, Eared Grebe, Western Grebe, American White Pelican, Brown Pelican, Brandt's Cormorant, Double Crested Cormorant, Pelagic Cormorant, Great Blue Heron, Great Egret, Black Crowned Night Heron, Turkey Vulture, Northern Harrier, Cooper's Hawk, Red-shouldered Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, American Kestrel, Virginia Rail, Sora, American Coot, Killdeer, Willet, Whimbrel, Marbled Godwit, Ruddy Turnstone, Black Turnstone, Surfbird, Ring-billed Gull, California Gull, Western Gull, Elegant Tern, Common Murre, Band-tailed Pigeon, Eurasian Collared Dove, Mourning Dove, Anna's Hummingbird, Belted Kingfisher, Nuttall's Woodpecker, Downy Woodpecker, Northern Flicker, Black Phoebe, Western Scrub Jay, Common Raven, Chestnut backed Chickadee, Bushtit, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Bewick's Wren, Winter Wren, Marsh Wren, Golden-crowned Kinglet, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Hermit Thrush, American Robin, Wrentit, European Starling, Orange-crowned Warbler, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Common Yellowthroat, Spotted Towhee, California Towhee, Fox Sparrow, Song Sparrow, Lincoln's Sparrow, White-crowned Sparrow, Golden-crowned Sparrow, Dark-eyed Junco, Red-winged Blackbird, House Finch, American Goldfinch, House Sparrow (71).

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**Special Donations to RROS:** Thanks to those who made donations last month - William Payne and Jim White.

We welcome **New Members:** Melody Cary of Sebastopol and Patricia Gilmore of Bodega Bay

Field Trip Reports from Ruth Rudesill

**September 28th** - Five participants enjoyed the warm weather at outer Point Reyes NS. 66 species were observed. The group observed some Wood Ducks at Whitehouse Pool. It was warmest I ever remember at the Lighthouse: highlights were a handsome male American Redstart, several Red-breasted Nuthatches, Yellow Warblers, Yellow-rumped Warblers, an Orange-crowned Warbler, a Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Say's and Black Phoebe as well as great scope looks at a Peregrine Falcon and Rock Wren. Not much at Fish Docks other than a dark Merlin, and good looks at the Great-horned Owls. There were two Common Moorhen at the pond at Drakes Beach. More western migrants at the RCA trees, and about 2 dozen White-tailed Kites sitting on the fences in the field behind there (towards Abbotts Lagoon.) Several Gray Whales were observed. The Black-tailed Deer rut is in full swing with several stags encountered following females. There are quite a few immature Elephant Seals on Drakes Beach.

**October 12th** -Six participants enjoyed warm weather at Bodega Harbor. 81 species were observed without looking at the shorebirds! Highlights- a Palm Warbler (of the western race) at Hole in the Head pond at Campbell Cove. David Hofmann spotted a handsome male Black Scoter diving with some Surf Scoters off Bodega Head. A group of 10 Golden Plovers was seen at the

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**Kite Tales Deadlines:** Submit observations to Ruth Rudesill, all other items to Glo Wellman by the 20<sup>th</sup>.

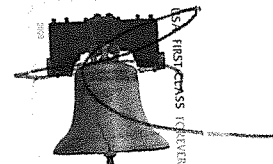
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| Bird Species            | Date          | Location                     | Co.                          | #     | Observers                   | Notes             |
|-------------------------|---------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|-------|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| Gr White-Fronted Goose  | 9/19/10       | Bodega Harbor                | SON                          | 1     | TEr                         |                   |
| Gr. White-fronted Goose | 9/16/10       | Shollenberger Park           | SON                          | 1     | KMu                         |                   |
| Gr White-Fronted Goose  | 9/29/10       | near Salmon Creek            | SON                          | 4     | LHg                         |                   |
| Gr White-fronted Goose  | 9/30/10       | over east Petaluma           | SON                          | 75+   | AW                          |                   |
| Snow Goose              | 10/14-17/10   | Carmody Rd pond              | SON                          | 1     | RS, PBC                     |                   |
| Brant                   | 9/9-16/10     | Bodega Harbor                | SON                          | 10-15 | BDP mob                     | stayed all summer |
| Cackling Geese          | 10/11/10      | off Bodega Head              | SON                          | 95+   | SC                          |                   |
| Cackling Aleutian Goose | 10/8/10       | Spring Lake park             | SON                          | 1     | LHg, EB                     |                   |
| Harlequin Duck          | 9/19/10       | Fish Docks outer Pt Reyes    | MRN                          | 2     | RA, mob                     | pair continuing   |
| White-winged Scoter     | 9/9-29/10     | Bodega Harbor                | SON                          | 1m    | BDP,RS, RAR mob             |                   |
| Black Scoter            | 10/11-12/10   | off Bodega Head              | SON                          | 1m    | SC, DHf,                    |                   |
| Common Goldeneye        | 9/25/10       | mouth Russian River          | SON                          | 1f    | BDP, RLeb, AW               |                   |
| Mountain Quail          | 9/25/10       | near vineyard Kings Ridge Rd |                              | 20+   | BDp, RLeb, AW               |                   |
| Flesh-footed Shearwater | 9/19/10       | offshore Mendocino           | MEN                          | 1     | RoM, PBC                    |                   |
| American Bittern        | 9/4/10        | near Abbotts Lagoon          | MRN                          | 1     | BDP                         |                   |
| Bald Eagle              | 10/6/10       | Jenner headlands             | SON                          | 1ad   | LBr                         |                   |
| Ferruginous Hawk        | 9/29/10       | near Jenner                  | SON                          | 1     | LHg                         |                   |
| Ferruginous Hawk        | 10/1/10       | near Jenner                  | SON                          | 3-8   | KWi, IM, LBr                |                   |
| Merlin                  | 10/1/10       | Jenner Headlands             | SON                          | 8     | LBr                         |                   |
| Peregrine Falcon        | 9/25/10       | Ellis Creek Facility         | SON                          | 1     | BDP, RLeb, AW               |                   |
| Common Moorhen          | 8/6/10        | Ellis Creek Fac Petaluma     | SON                          | 30    | BDP, MBe                    |                   |
| American Golden-Plover  | 10/20/10      | Shollenberger Park           | SON                          | 1     | RS                          |                   |
| Pacific Golden-Plover   | 9/10-10/20/10 | Shollenberger Park           | SON                          | 1-4   | BDP, DoM, AK, RS mob        |                   |
| Wandering Tattler       | 9/10/10       | Duncans Landing              | SON                          | 1     | BDP, LHg, TE                |                   |
| Wandering Tattler       | 9/10/10       | Bodega Head                  | SON                          | 1     | BDP, LHg, TE                |                   |
| Wandering Tattler       | 9/19/10       | Bodega Harbor jetty          | SON                          | 1     | DoM                         |                   |
| Lesser Yellowlegs       | 9/25/10       | Shollenberger Park           | SON                          | 1     | BDP, RLeb, AW               |                   |
| Red Knot                | 9/19-10/1/10  | Doran Reg Park               | SON                          | 2-3   | DoM, BDP, DHf, SC           |                   |
| Semipalmated Sandpiper  | 9/21/10       | Carmody Rd pond              | SON                          | 1     | RS                          |                   |
| Pectoral Sandpiper      | 9/10-19/10    | Shollenberger Park           | SON                          | 4     | BDP, DoM, TE, LHg           |                   |
| Pectoral Sandpiper      | 9/21/10       | Bodega Harbor                | SON                          | 1     | RS                          |                   |
| Pectoral Sandpiper      | 9/29/10       | Carmody Road pond            | SON                          | 1     | LHg                         |                   |
| Pectoral Sandpiper      | 10/3/10       | Mendoza Pond PRNS            | MRN                          | 1     | KWi                         |                   |
| Stilt Sandpiper         | 9/21/10       | Doran / Bodega Harbor        | SON                          | 1juv  | RS, DF mob                  |                   |
| Baird's Sandpiper       | 9/20/10       | Doran Reg Park               | SON                          | 1     | BDP, DHf                    |                   |
| Red-necked Phalarope    | 9/1/10        | Bodega Harbor                | SON                          | sev   | BDP                         |                   |
| Sabine's Gull           | 10/3/10       | offshore /Cordell Bank       | SON/MRN                      | 2200  | RS                          |                   |
| Thayer's Gull           | 10/1/10       | mouth of Russian River       | SON                          | 1     | IM                          |                   |
| Common Tern             | 9/19/10       | offshore Mendocino           | MEN                          | 1     | PBC                         |                   |
| Common Tern             | 9/20-10/1/10  | Porto Bodega                 | SON                          | 1     | BDP, DHf, DN, LHg mob       |                   |
| Common Tern             | 10/5/10       | Shollenberger Park           | SON                          | 1     | PBC, ALa                    |                   |
| Elegant Tern            | 9/9/10        | Bodega Harbor                | SON                          | 50+   | BDP                         |                   |
| Elegant Tern            | 10/2/10       | Porto Bodega                 | SON                          | 76    | AW                          |                   |
| Black Skimmer           | 7/25/10       | Shollenberger Park           | SON                          | 2     | SvdV fide DSi               |                   |
| Parasitic Jaeger        | 9/25/10       | off Bodega Head              | SON                          | 1     | BDP, RLeb, AW               |                   |
| Marbled Murrelet        | 9/10/10       | off Russian River mouth      | SON                          | 4 prs | BDP, TE, LHg                |                   |
| Marbled Murrelet        | 9/25/10       | moth of Russian River        | SON                          | 1 pr  | BDP, RLeb, AW               |                   |
| Burrowing Owl           | 10/17-18/10   | off Drakes Bay Rd PRNS       | MRN                          | 1-2   | RRh, RAR                    |                   |
| Burrowing Owl           | 10/20/10      | Tolay Lake Reg Park          | SON                          | 1-2   | George Eade fide Tom Rusert |                   |
| Spotted Owl             | 9/10/10       | Salmon Creek Rd              | SON                          | 1     | BDP, LHg, TE                |                   |
| Nor Saw-whet Owl        | 9/10/10       | Salmon Creek Rd              | SON                          | 2     | BDP, TE, LHg                |                   |
| Vaux's Swift            | 1             | 0/1/10                       | Rio Lindo Academy Healdsburg | SON   | 300-500                     | AW                |
| Costa's Hummingbird     | 9/21/10       | Campbell Cove                | SON                          | 1juvm | RS                          |                   |
| Red-breasted Sapsucker  | 9/22/10       | Spring Lake Reg Park         | SON                          | 1     | BD                          |                   |
| Northern Flicker        | 10/12-18/10   | Campbell Cove                | SON                          | 2     | RAR, DF Yellow, intergrade  |                   |
| Northern Flicker        | 10/5-7/10     | Shollenberger Park           | SON                          | 1     | PBC, RAR                    | intergrade        |
| Northern Flicker        | 10/17/10      | Kenwood                      | SON                          | 2     | RAR Yellow,                 | intergrade        |
| Western Wood-Pewee      | 9/25/10       | King Ridge Rd                | SON                          | 1     | BDP, RLeb, AW               |                   |
| Willow Flycatcher       | 9/22/10       | Spring Lake Reg Park         | SON                          | sev   | BD                          |                   |
| Willow Flycatcher       | 9/25/10       | Campbell Cove                | SON                          | 1     | BDP, RLeb, AW               |                   |
| Hammond's Flycatcher    | 9/20/10       | Owl Canyon                   | SON                          | 1     | SC                          |                   |

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| Warbling Vireo         | 9/18-19/10   | Fish Docks oute                | MRN      | 1   | mob                     | tailless      |
| Cassin's Vireo         | 10/18/10     | piners Fish Docks              | PRNS     | MRN | 1                       | RAR           |
| Yellow-green Vireo     | 9/19/10      | Fish Docks outer Pt Reyes      | MRN      | 1   | RS, mob                 |               |
| Steller's Jay          | 10/1/10      | SSU campus                     | SON      | 1   | BOI                     | new location  |
| Brown Creeper          | 10/7/10      | Adobe Creek Shollenberger Park | SON      | 1   | RAR                     |               |
| Rock Wren              | 9/22/10      | Monticello Dam                 | SOL/YOL2 |     | RAR                     |               |
| Canyon Wren            | 9/22/10      | Monticello Dam                 | YOL      | 1   | RAR                     |               |
| House Wren             | 9/19/10      | Fish Docks outer Pt Reyes      | MRN      | 1   | RAR                     |               |
| Swainson's Thrush      | 10/12/10     | Campbell Cove                  | SON      | 1   | RAR                     | taiga race    |
| Varied Thrush          | 10/5/10      | Sebastopol yard                | SON      | 2   | VB                      |               |
| Western Tanager        | 9/19-20/10   | Owl Canyon                     | SON      | 2   | SC, DoM, AK             |               |
| Western Tanager        | 9/28/10      | Ragle Ranch Park               | SON      | 23  | VB                      |               |
| Laplund Longspur       | 10/18/10     | Spaletta Plateau               | PRNS     | MRN | 12                      | RAR, DoM, mob |
| Tennessee Warbler      | 9/20/10      | Owl Canyon                     | SON      | 1   | RoD                     |               |
| Nashville Warbler      | 9/20/10      | Owl Canyon                     | SON      | 1   | RoD                     |               |
| Magnolia Warbler       | 10/3-4/10    | Campbell Cove                  | SON      | 1   | Dan Kopp fide JSt       |               |
| Black-thr Blue Warbler | 10/7/10      | Bodega lab Housing             | SON      | 1m  | TMc, DF, mob            |               |
| Blackburnian Warbler   | 10/17-19/10  | piners at Fish Docks           | MRN      | 1F  | RS, RAR, mob            |               |
| Palm Warbler           | 10/2/10      | Occidental                     | SON      | 1   | PP                      |               |
| Palm Warbler           | 10/12-18/10  | Campbell Cove                  | SON      | 1   | RAR, DHf, mob, DF       |               |
| Blackpoll Warbler      | 9/20-21/10   | Owl Canyon                     | SON      | 1   | SC, RAR                 |               |
| American Redstart      | 9/28/10      | Pt Reyes Lhouse trees          | MRN      | 1m  | RAR,DF, RROS            |               |
| American Redstart      | 9/24/10      | Owl Canyon                     | SON      | 1   | KH                      |               |
| MacGillivray's Warbler | 9/21/10      | Arroyo Sierra Dr creek         | SON      | 1   | CT                      |               |
| MacGillivray's Warbler | 9/22/10      | Arroyo Sierra Dr creek         | SON      | 1   | CT                      |               |
| Savannah Sparrow       | 10/19/10     | Tolay Lake Reg Park            | SON      | 472 | PBC, survey team        | high #        |
| Tricolored Blackbird   | 9/25/10      | Bodega Farm pond               | SON      | 1m  | BDP, RLeb, AW           |               |
| Tricolored Blackbird   | 9/29/-10/110 | near Jenner/Bridgehav          | SON      | 20  | LHg, KW, IM             |               |
| Great-tailed Grackle   | 9/25-28/10   | Ellis Creek Facility           | SON      | 1   | BDP, RLeb, AW, PBC, LHg |               |
| Orchard Oriole         | 10/5/10      | Shollenberger Park             | SON      | 1f  | PBC                     |               |
| Evening Grosbeak       | 10/1/10      | Laguna Rd Sebastopol           | SON      | 1   | GB                      |               |
| Evening Grosbeak       | 10/17/10     | piners at Fish Docks           | MRN      | 2   | RAR                     |               |

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