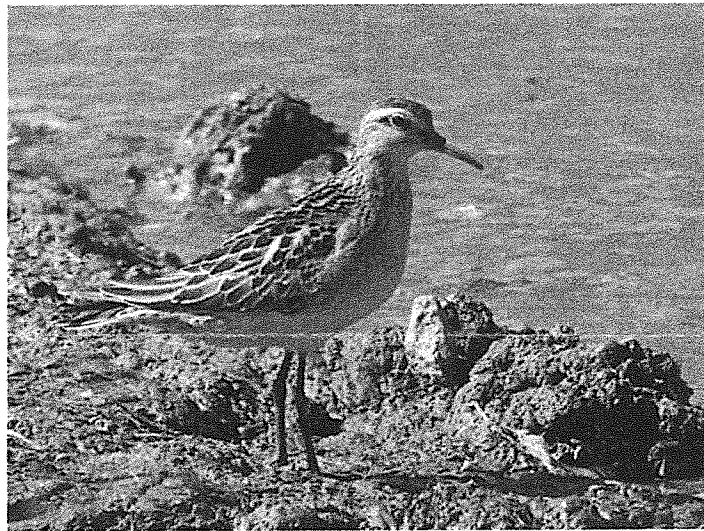




# Kite Tales

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*Sharp Tailed Sandpiper, Shollenberger – Photo by Len Blumin*

**RROS General Meeting  
November 10, 2011 at 7 p.m.**

**“California Gull Population Growth and  
Impacts on Nesting Waterbirds in the San Francisco Bay”**

Caitlin Robinson-Nilsen,  
Waterbird Program Director of the San Francisco Bay Bird Observatory

Historically California Gulls nested exclusively at arid, inland lakes such as Mono Lake. In 1980, they began breeding in the San Francisco Bay and had grown to over 46,000 in 2010. Caitlin will discuss the impact of these birds on other area birds, and recent changes to their population. This is the 30th year that SFBBO has been studying gulls in the San Francisco Bay.

**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.

**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)

**Save the date – December 8<sup>th</sup> RROS General Meeting –  
Members' Photo Night**

**FIELD TRIPS Planned for 2011- 2012**

***Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup> –Solano County***

This is a winter birding road trip to the Robinson-Flannery roads area of Solano County and the Consumnes River Preserve and Staten Island in Sacramento County. Most of the birding will be by car with a small amount of walking at the Consumnes River Preserve.

In Solano County, we will look for wintering hawks such as Ferruginous, Rough-legged and Prairie Falcon, Burrowing Owl, Mountain Plover Long-billed Curlew and Tri-colored Blackbird.

In Sacramento County we will look for American Bittern, Greater White-fronted, Snow and Ross's Geese, White-faced Ibis, Common Snipe, Yellow-billed Magpie, wintering ducks and Horned Lark.

We will meet at 7:30 a.m. to car pool at the 'Park and Ride' at Highway 101 in Petaluma. Leaders: Ken Wilson and Becky Olson (707)775-2558.

***Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup> - Solano County***

Meet at 7:15 am at the Hwy 121x 116 Park n Ride in south Sonoma. Bring warm clothes, food, layers etc. We will head out to Robinson Rd (off Hwy113) for possible Mt Plover/ Burrowing Owls/ raptors and then head over to Lake Solano Park for waterfowl, Lewis' Woodpecker, Phainopepla. There is a charge to get into Lake Solano Park, \$5 last time I was there. Heavy Rain will cancel. Leader: Ruth Rudesill, 707-833-6026 cell 707-481-0768 or [ruthier@sonic.net](mailto:ruthier@sonic.net)

***December - No Saturday December Field Trip planned – Please help with the Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> Christmas Count.***

***Saturday, January 14 - 16, 2012 - Overnight Trip to Panoche Valley and Los Banos area***

Martin Luther King weekend, we will have a weekend trip to Panoche Valley and Merced Wildlife areas. This is a great winter raptor area, east of Hollister, with possible Chukar, Mountain Plover, Long-eared Owls and interesting sparrows. The Merced area will be good for winter water fowl. Please, let Ellen know if you are interested in the trip and whether you would like 1 or 2 nights away. Ellen Blustein, [evireo@gmail.com](mailto:evireo@gmail.com)

***Saturday, February 11, 2012 – Wintering Birds of Solano and Yolo Counties, 8am – 4pm***

The open agricultural lands of southern Solano County provide excellent foraging habitat for scores of wintering raptors, while the wetlands of the nearby Yolo Basin Wildlife Area are the winter home for thousands of waterfowl including ducks, geese, swans and many shorebirds. This all-day field trip will visit several local habitats in search of wintering Ferruginous and Rough-legged hawks; Merlin; Prairie Falcon; Burrowing, Barn and Great-horned Owls; Long-billed Curlew as well as the elusive and threatened Mt. Plover. We also expect to see a representative sampling of waterfowl and a variety of shorebirds at the Yolo Basin Wildlife Area, aka the Vic Fazio refuge. Participants meet the leader at 8:00am in Dixon in the southwest corner of the Wal-Mart parking lot located on East Dorset Drive at the Hwy 113 exit off I-80. Bring a lunch and liquids; dress in layers. Leader: Terry Colborn. 916.705.8991, or [tlcgdc@aol.com](mailto:tlcgdc@aol.com). Heavy rain cancels

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***Santa Rosa Christmas Bird County - December 18, 2011 -***

Come one, Come all. All local birders, whatever your experience level, are invited to participate in this year's Santa Rosa Christmas Count on Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. If you have helped with a block in the past, your block leader will most likely get in touch with you in November. If you are new to the Christmas count this year, if you would like to bird a different block, or if you have any other questions, contact Bill Doyle at 483-8773, or [bill.doyle@yahoo.com](mailto:bill.doyle@yahoo.com)

Observations: Sept. 15, 2011-Oct. 14, 2011

Compiled by David A. Hofmann

Bird Species	Date	Location	Co.	#	Observer	Notes
Greatr White-frtd Goose	9/22/11	SSU Ponds	SON	1	BeO	
Greatr White-frtd Goose	10/2/11	Salmon Crk/Hwy 1	SON	1	AW, RiL, RiM, BDP	
Greatr White-frtd Goose	10/2/11	Nicasio Reservoir	MRN	1	LiH, mob	
Greatr White-frtd Goose	10/9/11	Kentfield	MRN	1 juv	BiL	
Greatr White-frtd Goose	10/11/11	Nicasio Valley Road	MRN	3	BoB	
Ross's Goose	10/2/11	Petaluma/Luchessi Park	SON	1	AW, RiL, RiM, BDP	
Brant	10/2/11	Bodega Harbor	SON	3	AW, RiL, RiM, BDP	
Redhead	9/18/11	Shollenberger Park	SON	1	ScC	
Greater Scaup	9/17-10/12/11	Shollenberger Park	SON	3	ScC, LeB, PaB, LeF, mob	
Lesser Scaup	9/17-27/11	Shollenberger Park	SON	1	ScC	
Harlequin Duck	10/2-11/11	Pt. Reyes/Fish Docks	MRN	1m 1f	LiH, JeM, LeB, PaB, LeF, mob	
White-winged Scoter	9/16-10/14/11	Bodega Harbor	SON	1	PhH, PeW, AW, RiL, RiM, BDP	
Black Scoter	10/11/11	Pt. Reyes/Fish Docks	MRN	1	LeB, PaB, LeF	
Red-necked Grebe	10/2-7/11	Bodega Bay	SON	2	AW, RiL, RiM, BDP	
Laysan Albatross	9/14/11	Cordell Banks	SON/MRN	2	DeS, mob	
Laysan Albatross	9/22/11	Cordell Banks	SON/MRN	2	LiH, mob	
Wilson's Storm-petrel	9/14/11	Cordell Banks	SON/MRN	6	DeS, mob	
Wilson's Storm-petrel	9/22/11	Cordell Banks	SON/MRN	2	LiH, mob	
Fork-taild Storm-petrel	9/14/11	Cordell Banks	SON/MRN	20	DeS, mob	
Fork-taild Storm-petrel	9/22/11	Cordell Banks	SON/MRN	1	LiH, mob	
Fork-taild Storm-petrel	10/11/11	Cordell Banks	SON/MRN	12	JeM, mob	
Black Storm-petrel	9/14/11	Cordell Banks	SON/MRN	18	DeS, mob	
Black Storm-petrel	9/22/11	Cordell Banks	SON/MRN	6	LiH, mob	
White-faced Ibis	10/15/11	Giacomini Wetlands	MRN	1	BoB, JeM	
Broad-winged Hawk	9/23/11	Pt. Reyes/Lighthouse	MRN	1	JoW	
Broad-winged Hawk	9/26/11	Stage Gulch Road	SON	1	RAR	
Broad-winged Hawk	9/26/11	Tomales Road	SON	1	RoJ	
Broad-winged Hawk	9/27/11	Bolinas Lagoon	MRN	1	LiH, mob	dark morph
Ferruginous Hawk	9/21/11	Jenner Headlands Pres.	SON	2	DaB, mob	
Ferruginous Hawk	10/7/11	Jenner Headlands Pres.	SON	2	LaB, DiH, DaB, JoB, KeM	
Golden Eagle	9/16/11	Chanslor Ranch/Hwy1	SON	2	PhH, PeW	
Golden Eagle	9/26-30/11	Nicasio Reservoir	MRN	1	BoB, DoS	
Merlin	9/21/11	Jenner Headlands Pres.	SON	1	DaB, mob	
Merlin	10/7/11	Jenner Headlands Pres.	SON	3	LaB	
Prairie Falcon	9/18/11	Jenner Headlands Pres.	SON	1	KeW, BeO, LaB, NiD	
Prairie Falcon	10/7/11	Jenner Headlands Pres.	SON	1	LaB, DiH, DaB, JoB, KeM	
Prairie Falcon	10/12/11	Tolay Lake Reg. Park	SON	1	PBC, AnL, GaC, JoM, EuH	
Black Rail	10/2/11	Petaluma Marsh	SON	1	AW, RiL, RiM, BDP	
Clapper Rail	10/2/11	Petaluma Marsh	SON	1	AW, RiL, RiM, BDP	
Am. Golden Plover	10/13-14/11	Shollenberger Park	SON	1	StH, EdH, LeB, EuH, mob	
Pacific Golden Plover	9/17-10/12/11	Shollenberger Park	SON	1-3	ScC, AW, RiL, RiM, BDP, mob	
Wandering Tattler	9/26/11	mouth of Estero Americano	SON	1	EuH	
Wandering Tattler	10/7/11	Bodega Head St. Park	SON	1	DAH, BDP, LaT, JuD	
Baird's Sandpiper	10/13/11	Shollenberger Park	SON	1	StH, EdH, LeB	
Baird's Sandpiper	9/16-22/11	Nicasio Reservoir	MRN	2	ToB, BoB	
Baird's Sandpiper	9/27/11	Doran Regional Park	SON	2	DF	
Baird's Sandpiper	10/2/11	Abbott's Lagoon	MRN	1	DavW, mob	
Pectoral Sandpiper	9/16-10/1/11	Nicasio Reservoir	MRN	2	ToB, DavW, BoB, LuH, mob	
Pectoral Sandpiper	9/22-26/11	Bodega Farm Pond	SON	2	LiH, DAH, EuH	
Pectoral Sandpiper	9/27/11	Hudeman Slough	SON	7	EuH	
Pectoral Sandpiper	10/12/11	Shollenberger Park	SON	1	LeB, PaB, LeF	
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	10/4-14/11	Shollenberger Park	SON	1-2	EuH, LiH, MiP, JoS, PBC, mob	
Parasitic Jaeger	9/16/11	Salmon Creek Beach	SON	1	PhH, PeW	
Parasitic Jaeger	9/16/11	Bodega Harbor	SON	1	PhH, PeW	
Parasitic Jaeger	10/2/11	Duncan's Landing	SON	1	AW, RiL, RiM, BDP	
Long-tailed Jaeger	9/14/11	Cordell Banks	SON/MRN	7	DeS, mob	
Laughing Gull	9/17-10/2/11	Novato/Terra Linda	MRN	1	DavW, RAR, LiH, mob	
Bonaparte's Gull	9/17-10/12/11	Shollenberger Park	SON	1	ScC, LeB, PaB, LeF, mob	
Common Tern	9/16/11	Salmon Creek Beach	SON	30	PhH, PeW	
Common Tern	10/2/11	off Bodega Head	SON	1	AW, RiL, RiM, BDP	
Arctic Tern	10/10/11	Shollenberger Park	SON	1 hy	ToE, FrS, GaD	

Bird Species	Date	Location	Co	#	Observer	Notes
Marbled Murrelet	10/2/11	off Bodega Head	SON	1	RuS, mob	
Xantus's Murrelet	10/10/11	Cordell Banks	SON/MRN	2	EuH, mob hypoleucus subspecies	
Cassin's Auklet	9/15/11	off Bodega Head	SON	1	ROD	
Cassin's Auklet	9/16/11	Salmon Creek Beach	SON	1	PhH, PeW	
Tufted Puffin	9/14/11	Cordell Banks	SON/MRN	1	DeS, mob	
Black-billed Cuckoo	9/30/11	Melrose Trap (NM)	ROS	1	MJB, JP, JeO 509 <sup>th</sup> State Bird for JP	
Vaux's Swift	9/13-23/11	Rio Lindo Academy	SON	7200	EdB, DaB, GIW, mob	
Broad-bldd Hummingbrd	10/6/11	PRBO/Palomarin Sta.	MRN	1	RyD, mob	
Blck-chnnd Hummngbrd	9/21/11	Bolinas Studio	MRN	1	KeH	
Costa's Hummingbird	10/5/11	Bolinas Studio	MRN	1 m	JeM, KeH	
Eastern Kingbird	9/15-17/11	Las Gallinas Ponds	MRN	1	RiA, CaL, mob	
American Dipper	10/2/11	King Ridge Rd/Austin Crk	SON	1	AW, RiL, RiM, BDP	
Tennessee Warbler	9/16/11	Owl Canyon	SON	1	BDP	
Tennessee Warbler	9/27-10/1/11	Pine Gulch Creek	MRN	1	IvS, RyD	
Tennessee Warbler	10/1/11	Pt. Reyes/Lighthouse	MRN	1	KeW, mob	
Nashville Warbler	9/17/11	Owl Canyon	SON	1	RoJ	
Nashville Warbler	10/1/11	Pine Gulch Creek	MRN	1	RyD	
Nashville Warbler	10/14/11	Owl Canyon	SON	1	DF	
Chestnt-sided Warblr	9/15/11	Sonoma State University	SON	1 im	BeO	
Chestnt-sided Warblr	9/17/11	Pt. Reyes/Mt. Vision Rd	MRN	1	LiH, mob	
Chestnt-sided Warblr	9/17-20/11	Pt. Reyes/New Willows	MRN	1	JeM, MaB, MAR	
Chestnt-sided Warblr	9/21-24/11	Bolinas Studio	MRN	1	KeH	
Chestnt-sided Warblr	9/27/11	Pt. Reyes/Mt. Vision Rd	MRN	1	KaN, RAR, mob	
Chestnt-sided Warblr	10/8/11	Owl Canyon	SON	1 f	PBC	
Cape May Warbler	9/25/11	Pt. Reyes/Drake's Bch	MRN	1 f	AnE, ToE	
Black-thrtd Blue Wrblr	9/26/11	Pt. Reyes/Five Brooks	MRN	1 f	DoS	
Prairie Warbler	9/15-18/11	Pt. Reyes/New Willows	MRN	1	DavW, MaF, JeM, mob	
Palm Warbler	9/20/11	Campbell Cove St. Pk	SON	1	RAR	
Palm Warbler	9/21-25/11	Pt. Reyes/Lighthouse	MRN	1	BeO, KeW, IvS, LoK, mob	
Palm Warbler	9/27/11	Bolinas mesa	MRN	1	JoC	
Palm Warbler	10/2/11	Pt. Reyes/A Ranch	MRN	1	DavW, mob	
Palm Warbler	10/2-13/11	Pt. Reyes/Fish Docks	MRN	1	DavW, mob	
Palm Warbler	10/2/11	Las Gallinas Ponds	MRN	1	LiH, mob	
Blackpoll Warbler	9/20/11	Pt. Reyes/New Willows	MRN	1	JeM	
Blackpoll Warbler	9/21-23/11	Pt. Reyes/Lighthouse	MRN	1	BeO, KeW, DF, JoW, IvS	
Blackpoll Warbler	9/25/11	Pt. Reyes/RCA Sta.	MRN	1	AnE, ToE	
Blackpoll Warbler	10/1/11	Pt. Reyes/Lighthouse	MRN	1	KeW, mob	
Blackpoll Warbler	10/8/11	Pt. Reyes Station	MRN	1	CoB	
American Redstart	9/25/11	Owl Canyon	SON	1 f	DF	
Ovenbird	9/24/11	Palomarin Field Station	MRN	1	ReC, mob	
Northern Waterthrsh	10/7-8/11	Bodega Bay/Rail Pnds	SON	1	DeH, JoH, LiH, DAH, BDP, RiH, PBC	
MacGillivray's Warbler	9/20/11	Owl Canyon	SON	1 m	DAH, MaB, DF, BDP	
Yellow-breasted Chat	9/17/11	Campbell Cove St. Pk	SON	1	DF	
Dickcissel	9/25/11	Point Arena	MEN	1 f	BeB, DiS	
Clay-colored Sparrow	9/21/11	Pt. Reyes/Fish Docks	MRN	1	IvS	
Clay-colored Sparrow	9/22-10/10/11	Shollenberger Park	SON	1	BrC, JoL, BoD, CaL, mob	
Rose-brsted Grosbeak	9/22/11	Corte Madera	MRN	1 f	NiW	
Blue Grosbeak	9/17/11	Pt. Reyes/Fish Docks	MRN	1	MaB, MAR	
Tricolored Blackbird	10/12/11	Tolay Lake Reg. Park	SON	20	PBC, AnL, GaC, JoM, EuH	
Tricolored Blackbird	10/13/11	Carmody Road	SON	10 m	EuH	
Great-tailed Grackle	10/2/11	Shollenberger Park	SON	25	AW, RiL, RiM, BDP	
Orchard Oriole	9/14-17/11	Pt. Reyes/Fish Docks	MRN	1	DaB, LiH, mob	
Orchard Oriole	9/30/11	Diekmann's Store	SON	1	RiL	
Red Crossbill	9/16/11	Bodega Bay/Rail Ponds	SON	5	PhH, PeW	

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**Photographers** – We are looking for photos of birds that are rare or unusual for this area for our monthly Kite Tales newsletter. If you have a recent photo, contact Glo at [glo26@sonic.net](mailto:glo26@sonic.net).

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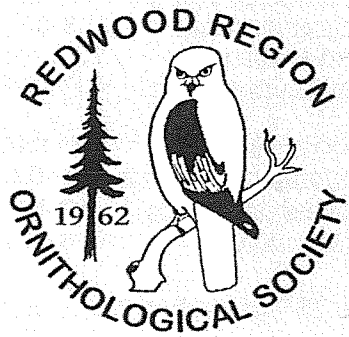
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