



Kite Tales

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**Potluck/Picnic Meeting
+EVENING BIRD WALK
Thursday, September 13TH
SUGARLOAF RIDGE STATE PARK
meet at 6:00 p.m.**

**Picnic Area across from
the Day Use parking lot.**

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

Directions: Take Hwy 12 to Adobe Canyon Road at the western edge of Kenwood. Drive north to the State Park station where you will pay your entry fee or display your pass. Park in the Day Use Lot about 100 yards ahead. Look for RROS folks at the picnic area across from the parking lot. Bring food, plates, utensils, beverages, and binoculars.

Indigo Bunting by Tom Reynolds

Tom Reynolds found this beautiful male Indigo Bunting on Pine Flat Road near the mile 3.5 marker. He saw and photographed it twice on July 1 and July 7, 2012. The Indigo Bunting's summer range includes most of the eastern United States, going west into southern Nevada and a thin slice of southeastern California. It is a rare sight in Sonoma County, and many birders went to look for it. Go to our website to see this beautiful blue bird *in color*.

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

Save the Date
General Meeting for Thursday, October 13th, 2012 at 7 p.m.

FIELD TRIPS – Autumn 2012

Saturday, September 15, 2012 - Bodega Bay

What would fall be without doing a loop around Bodega Bay? This year we'll be out there for peak shorebird migration and the first wave of neo-tropical vagrants, with any luck. Meet at 8:00 a.m. at the north end of the Harbor at the rail ponds parking lot. Bring bins, scopes, lunch, water, layers of clothing your RROS ball cap. High tide is at 11:14 a.m. Questions? Contact Peter at 763-2450.

Sunday, October 7, 2012 - Pelagic Trip

There are only a few slots still left available to us for this one. This trip will depart from Porto Bodega aboard the *New Sea Angler* and visit Bodega Canyon and Cordell Banks in Sonoma and Marin County waters. This trip is in partnership with the Environmental Action Committee of West Marin; leaders will be Dan Singer and Lisa Hug. To join, send a check for \$140.00 made out to our treasurer "Don Howard" and mailed to: Peter Colasanti, 524 East D Street, Petaluma, CA 94952-3212. Those received after we've reached our maximum will be wait-listed if the sender wishes so. Questions? Contact Peter at 763-2450.

Participants will receive information regarding keeping comfortable and safe during such a venture in a timely manner.

Raptor Counts at Jenner Headlands Overlook

Raptor counts will be held the throughout September and into October. They will take place 4-6 times on weekends and 4-6 times on weekdays from 10 a.m. to either 2 or 4 p.m. Scheduled counts will proceed regardless of weather. Larry Broderick will provide on the spot training for participants. Spotters, counters and identification specialists are needed.

To volunteer or get further information, contact Larry Broderick by email at northcoastraptor@gmail.com or by phone at West County Hawk Watch at (707)975-7047.

Breeding Bird Atlas – Sonoma County BBA Year Three

Calling all BBA volunteers. There are blocks that still need volunteers. If you are available this next season, you can email Veronica at vlbowers@gmail.com

Vaux Swifts

Every September the Vaux Swifts return to roost at the Rio Lindo Academy in Healdsburg. At dusk, they gather and circle around the huge chimney until they begin to drop down into their nightly roosting site. Sometimes there are so many swifts that it looks like a funnel going into the chimney. You may also spot some opportunistic hawks hunting the swifts. If you are interested in going to watch this phenomenon, the website www.riolindo.org will announce estimates on the number of swifts daily during the peak roosting period. Or you can call the academy at (707)431-5100.

Observations: April 19, 2012-Aug. 20, 2012

Compiled by David A. Hofmann

Bird Species	Date	Location	Co.	#	Observer	Notes
Grtr White-fronted Goose	6/11/12	Nicasio Reservoir	MRN	1	BoB	
Common Goldeneye	6/26/12	Jenner/Russian River	SON	1 m	RiS, mob	
Common Goldeneye	7/27/12	Port Sonoma	SON	1 m	LiH	
Hooded Merganser	5/9/12	Skyline Pk/Marie Lake	NAP	1 f	LeF	w/5 young
Sooty Shearwater	8/12/12	Bodega Head St. Park	SON	1	PBC	
Ashy Storm-petrel	7/23/12	Doran Regional Park	SON	1	DeF	died at IBBRC
American Bittern	5/6-7/12	Pt.Reyes/Giacomini Wetland	NAP	2	BoB, DaW	
American Bittern	5/9/12	Tolay Regional Park	SON	1	PBC, AnL, EIP, JoM, GaC, ROD	
American Bittern	7/30/12	Pt.Reyes/Abbott's Lagoon	NAP	1	DoM	
White-faced Ibis	4/19/12	Hudeman's Slough	SON	1	AW	
Common Black Hawk	6/20/12	Willowside Rd/SR Crk	SON	1	RAR	
Swainson's Hawk	4/30/12	Hudeman's Slough	SON	1 juv.	DaN	
Swainson's Hawk	6/20/12	Hwy 121/Sear's Point	SON	1	RAR, PBC	
Swainson's Hawk	8/7/12	Adobe Rd X Stage Gulch Rd	SON	1 ad	EuH	light phase
Swainson's Hawk	8/8/12	Hudeman's Slough	SON	1 ad	KaM	" "
Pacific Golden Plover	7/20-8/13/12	Shollenberger Park	SON	1	RAR, DoM, RiS, EuH, mob	
Snowy Plover	8/12/12	Doran Regional Park	SON	1	PBC	
Solitary Sandpiper	4/27-5/1/12	Hudeman's Slough	SON	1	AW	
Solitary Sandpiper	5/7/12	Las Gallinas Ponds	MRN	1	JoE	
Wandering Tattler	7/22/12	Bodega Head St. Park	SON	1	BeO, KeW, DAH	
Wandering Tattler	8/5/12	Bodega Head St. Park	SON	2	LiH, mob	
Wandering Tattler	8/12/12	Bodega Head St. Park	SON	1	PBC	
Semipalmated Sandpiper	8/3/12	Doran Regional Park	SON	1 juv	EuH	
Semipalmated Sandpiper	8/5/12	Pt.Reyes/Abbott's Lagoon	MRN	2	JuE	
Semipalmated Sandpiper	8/6/12	Bodega Harbor/Gaffney Pt	SON	1 juv	LiH	
Semipalmated Sandpiper	8/10/12	Shollenberger Park	SON	1 juv	ScC	
Semipalmated Sandpiper	8/12-13/12	Nicasio Reservoir	MRN	3-6	JoC, BoB, DaS	
Baird's Sandpiper	8/12/12	Carmody Road Pond	SON	3	PBC	
Ruff	4/21-5/1/12	Bodega Bay/harbor	SON	1	KaM, DaB	
Wilson's Phalarope	8/12/12	Austin Creek	SON	1 juv	LIP	
Laughing Gull	4/27/12	Las Gallinas Ponds	MRN	1	mob	cont'd since 5/26/11
Glaucous Gull	5/6-5/10/12	Shollenberger Park	SON	1	ScC, AW	
Marbled Murrelet	7/27/12	Bodega Head St. Park	SON	2	DAH, BDP, MaB, Mickey	
Black Swift	5/13-17/12	Blue Ridge Road	NAP/SOL	1	ScT, LiT, JoS	
Blk-chnnd Hummingbrd	8/8/12	Coleman Valley Rd feeder	SON	1 f	RoM	
Costa's Hummingbird	5/13-4/12	Blue Ridge Road	NAP/SOL	1 m	ScT, LiT, JaR	
Lewis's Woodpecker	4/26/12	Pt.Reyes/Bear Valley Rd	MRN	1	JoC, JeM	
Cassin's Kingbird	4/26/12	Jenner/Willig Road	SON	1	PBC	
Northern Parula	6/19-21/12	Willowside Rd/SR Crk	SON	1 m	AW, DoS	
Chestnut-sided Warbler	6/12/12	Spring Lake Reg. Park	SON	1	AnH	
Chestnut-sided Warbler	6/24/12	Pt.Reyes/Road Forks Pool	MRN	1	RiS	
Blk-and-white Warbler	6/10/12	Palomarin Field Station	MRN	1	RyD, ReC	PRBO
Blk-and-white Warbler	6/23/12	Pt.Reyes/Lighthouse	MRN	1	BoB	
Worm-eating Warbler	6/10/12	Palomarin Field Station	MRN	1	ReC, mob	PRBO
MacGillivray's Warbler	5/2/12	Pine Flat Road	SON	1 m	DaN	
MacGillivray's Warbler	5/16/12	Willowside Rd/SR Crk	SON	1 m	RAR	
Hooded Warbler	5/13/12	Sebastopol	SON	1 m	LiH	
Brewer's Sparrow	5/30/12	Bodega Bay/Owl Canyon	SON	1	ScC	
Black-chinned Sparrow	5/17-30/12	Blue Ridge Road	SOL	1	JoS, JaR, mob	
Grasshopper Sparrow	5/24/12	Coleman Valley Road	SON	4 pair	RoM	
White-throated Sparrow	6/1-20/12	Occidental yard	SON	1 m	MIH	left yard 6/20/12
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	5/14/12	Pt.Reyes/Mendoza Ranch	MRN	1 m	RiS	
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	5/24/12	Larkfield/Old Redwood Hwy	SON	1 m	DoS	
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	6/19/12	Bodega Head/Campbell Cove	SON	1 m	DAH	first year male, photos
Indigo Bunting	5/13/12	Pt.Reyes/Fish Docks	MRN	1 m	RiS	
Indigo Bunting	6/19-7/13/12	Pine Flat Road	SON	1-2 m	LiS, EuH, DoM, mob	
Yellow-headed Blackbird	5/24/12	Huichica Creek	NAP	1 m	ChH	
Great-tailed Grackle	4/30/12	Bodega Bay Marine Lab	SON	1 m	JaS	
Great-tailed Grackle	6/6-20/12	Santa Rosa/Place to Play	SON	1 pair	CoT, LiH	nesting confirmed
Red Crossbill	8/7-13/12	Southeast Napa County	NAP	3-13	MuB	

Observers for this period: Dave Barry, Margaret Barson, Bob Battigan, Murray Berner, Scott Carey, Josiah Clark, Peter B. Colasanti, Renee Cormier, Gary Compari, Ryan DiGuadio, Joe Eaton, Jules Evens, Leslie Flint, Christine Hansen, Mike Heffernon, David A. Hofmann, Lisa Hug, Eugene Hunn, Andy Hudson, Andy LaCasse, John Luther, Joy Mander, Roger Marlowe, Jeff Miller, Dominik Mosur, Kathleen Mugele, Dan Nelson, Becky Olsen, Benjamin D. Parmeter, Linda Petrulias, Rob O'Donnell, Elaine Pruitt, Jamie Ross, Ruth Ann Rudesill, Doug Shaw, Dan Singer, Jackie Soanes, Richard Stallcup, John Sterling, Linda Swanson, Colin Talcroft, Scott Terrill, Linda Terrill, Alan Wight, Ken Wilson, David Wimpfheimer

Note: The compiler apologizes and takes full responsibility for omissions or errors regarding this list

**Redwood Region Ornithological Society
Financial Report for Fiscal Year ending 6/30/2012**

Beginning Bank Balances (as of 7/1/2011)	\$4,408
INCOME	
Dues	1,850
Book Sales	727
Ball Cap Sales	586
Checklist Sales	92
Member Donations	625
TOTAL INCOME	\$3,880
EXPENSE	
Education	550
Donations made by RROS to:	600
Laguna De Santa Rosa Foundation	300
Sonoma Land Trust	300
Printing Kite Tails	583
Postage	406
Web Fees	100
Royalties	192
Printing Books	2,254
Ball Caps	525
Office	69
Sales Tax	77
Christmas Bird Count	25
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$5,381
DEFICIT	(1,501)
Ending Bank Balance (as of 6/30/2012)	\$2,907

Respectfully Submitted,
Donald K Howard, Jr., Treasurer
8/13/2012

Donation Thanks
Gratitude to members for recent donations:
Joey Bolander Camilli and Don McCarthy!

Central Valley Bird Symposium

On November 15th-18th, 2012, the Central Valley Bird Club will be hosting the 16th Annual Central Valley Birding Symposium at the Stockton Hilton Hotel, in Stockton, CA.

Please come and help us kick off this year's CVBS! Come meet the CVBS board & staff members! Reconnect with old friends! Meet new ones! Take advantage of the scrumptious hors d'oeuvres buffet & No Host Bar on Thursday night.

Thursday Night's keynote speaker is Ed Harper presenting a program on "Appreciating the Birds of the Central Valley". Come sit back and watch as Ed takes us on a photographic journey to catch a glimpse of the avian world of the Central Valley.

Friday Night's keynote program is by Sophie Webb on "Seabirds & Marine Mammals of the Tropical Eastern Pacific". Sophie will give us a wonderful glimpse into the natural history of the fascinating birds and mammals she has encountered on research vessels over the deep seas, emphasizing those that venture close to the California coast, especially during migration.

Saturday Night's keynote program is by Carlos Bethancourt on "The Natural Splendor of Panamá!" Come sit back and watch as Carlos takes us on a photographic journey across Central Panama, where myriad tropical birds, bizarre mammals and unusual reptiles and amphibians are seen in their natural setting! From Toucans to hummingbirds, Mouse Opossums to tongue-wielding Orange Nectar Bats, Carlos will keep you spellbound with his stories of discovery and vivid images. Come experience why Panamá is indeed the country of Natural Splendor!

Also on Saturday, Paul J. Baicich will present "Access Matters: Why Birders Should Care" Is access to birding locations important? Well, only if you want to see birds! Other events include a "Century of Field Identification" by Joe Morlan, Bird ID Workshop by Jon Dunn and a sketching workshop by Sophie Webb. Our field trips always turn up exciting birds. Add in the always entertaining and educational Bird ID Panel, the wonderful display of art and gifts for yourself or others at the Birder's Market and the camaraderie of hundreds of like-minded folks, and you know you'll have a good time! There's something for everyone interested in birds. Come and join us to bird, learn, and just have fun.

To look over the line-up of speakers, workshops, and field trips check out our website at: www.cvbs.org

Come and get them!!

RROS Ball cap - Imagine wearing our great RROS logo (see mailing label) on a gray cap while you are out birding. You can purchase one at the next General meeting for \$15.00 for members and \$18.00 for non-members.

Our new publication - ***BIRDS OF SONOMA COUNTY CALIFORNIA UPDATED 2000-2010*** by Benjamin D. Parmeter and Alan N. Wight is now available. 24 first Sonoma County Records 2000-2010 and updates on most of the 438 species on the county list. Cost \$12. Pick up your copy at the next meeting.

***Receive KT via email and get color photos and help us reduce our costs.
Contact Don Howard for more information.***

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 RRROS Treas. Don Howard, 979 Hogwarts Circle, Petaluma CA 94954.

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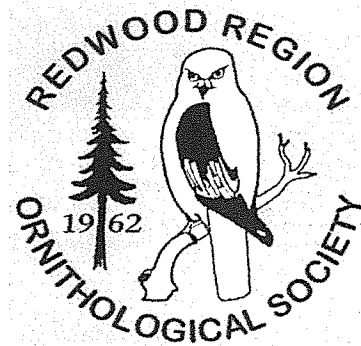
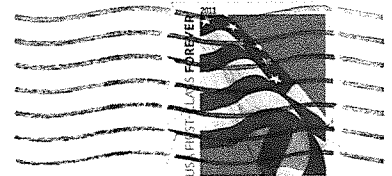
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Kite Tales Deadlines: Submit observations to David Hofmann, all other items to Glo Wellman by the 20th of the month.

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