



Kite Tales

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**RROS General Meeting
November 8, 2012 at 7 p.m.
Laguna Wastewater Treatment
Facility,
4300 Llano Road, Santa Rosa**

**“All About Owls”
Joe Mueller, Professor of Biology
Director, Natural History Program
College of Marin**



***Yellow Throated Vireo
By Rick Le Baudour***

Joe Mueller has been teaching ornithology and environmental science at College of Marin for more than 20 years. Professor Mueller is a very informative and engaging speaker who will give us many new and interesting facts about owls.

Directions to the monthly 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 November General meeting - NEW LOCATION - This month, join us at 5:30 p.m. at the **Outback Steakhouse**, 4619 Redwood Dr., Rohnert Park. Take the Golf Course Exit from Highway 101. The restaurant is located at the north end of the Wal-Mart Center just west of Highway 101.

Save the Date
General Meeting for Thursday, December 13th, 2012 at 7 p.m.
Member Photo sharing Night!!

FIELD TRIPS – November 2012 and beyond

Saturday, November 10, 2012 - Southern Sonoma Hotspots

Here's a local trip for the short days of fall. We'll meet at Shollenberger Park behind PRBO at FBL (First Birdable Light, 7:00 AM) and bird for an hour or so before heading south. As access permits, we'll be hitting headquarters at Tolay Park, hopefully Tolay Creek Ranch, and winding up at Porto Sonoma. These are all areas that have turned up surprises in the past few falls, like Northern Goshawk, Mountain Bluebird, Tricolored Blackbird, and Brewer's, Vesper and Grasshopper Sparrows. Pacific Golden-Plover and Barrow's Goldeneye are local specialties. Dress in layers, bring lunch (unless Papa's is open); heavy rain cancels.

Sunday, December 16, 2012 - Santa Rosa Christmas Bird Count

This is traditionally run in lieu of a field trip for December by the Society. If you don't already have an area, contact our President/Editor/CBC Compiler Bill Doyle for assignment.

Sunday, January 13, 2013 - San Mateo Coast

This will be led by Richard Merriss. Details will be forthcoming in next month's edition of Kite Tales.

Saturday, February 9, 2013 - Wintering Raptors and Waterfowl of Solano and Yolo Counties

The open agricultural lands of Solano and Yolo Counties provide excellent foraging habitat for scores of wintering raptors, while the wetlands of the Yolo Bypass 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 winter habitats in search of 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 Bypass 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. Heavy rains cancel. For questions or more info, contact Terry Colborn, field trip leader at 916.705.8991 or www.TLCBirding.com

Friday, March 8 to Sunday March 10 - Carrizo Plain

Greet the spring, it comes early to the San Joaquin Valley and adjacent foothills of eastern San Luis Obispo County. Details in future editions.

Central Valley Bird Symposium

The 16th annual Central Valley Birding Symposium **Nov. 15-18, 2012** is being held at the Stockton Hilton Hotel. You can register for this event by going to the CVBS website – www.cvbs.org and clicking on the *Regonline* link. This site has full details of the Symposium with planned speakers, workshops, and field trips. For those who do not have a computer - phone (209) 369-2010.

Observations: Sept. 19, 2012-Oct. 20, 2012

Compiled by David A. Hofmann

Bird Specie	Date/s	Location	County	#	Observer/s	Notes
Grtr White-frntd Goose	10/2/12	Bodega Head State Pk	SON	1	JaS	
Grtr White-frntd Goose	10/3/12	Carmody Road Ponds	SON	1 im	KeW, JoK, IaM, ChW	
Grtr White-frntd Goose	10/17/12	Bodega Bay	SON	6	DAH	
Grtr White-frntd Goose	10/18/12	Spring Lake Reg. Park	SON	3	DAH	
Snow Goose	10/3/12	Carmody Road Ponds	SON	1	KeW, JoK, IaM, ChW	blue morph
Ross's Goose	9/22/12	Petaluma/Luchessi Pk	SON	1	AW, RiL, LiH, BDP,	continuing
Short-tailed Shearwater	10/7/12	Pelagic/Cordell Banks	MRN	2	DaS, PBC, AmT, BDP,	mob
Northern Gannet	8/19-10/13/12	s.e.Farralone Island	SF	1	PRBO, mob	continuing
Brown Booby	10/12/12	Pt.Reyes/Lighthouse	MRN	1	KeH, ToB	2nd Cty Record
Hawaiian Petrel	9/21/12	Pelagic/Cordell Banks	MRN	1	DDS, JeM, mob	
American Bittern	10/17/12	Tolay Regional Park	SON	1	PBC, AnL	
American Bittern	10/18/12	Spring Lake Reg. Park	SON	1	EuH	
Least Bittern	10/8/12	Ellis Creek Ponds "D"	SON	1	CrR	
Broad-winged Hawk	9/19/12	Jenner Headland	SON	1 juv.	DaB, EuH, KaM, Tr&RuL	
Broad-winged Hawk	9/24/12	Two Rock CG Trng Ctr	SON	2	RoJ	
Broad-winged Hawk	9/27/12	Marin Headland/Hawk Hill	MRN	296	mob	outstanding!!!
Broad-winged Hawk	10/11/12	Jenner Headland	SON	4	KaM, DaB, KeM	
Ferruginous Hawk	10/17/12	Jenner Headland	SON	3	KaM, JaB, KeM	
Prairie Falcon	10/10/12	Tolay Creek Ranch	SON	1	PBC, RAR, EIP, AnL, EuH, JoR	
Prairie Falcon	10/16/12	Bay Hill Road	SON	1	RAR	
Pacific Golden Plover	9/22-10/3/12	Shollenberger Park	SON	4	AW, RiL, LiH, BDP,	mob cont'd
Pacific Golden Plover	10/8/12	Bodega Bay/Spud Pt.	SON	1	ScC	
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	9/21-23/12	Bodega Harbor	SON	1 juv	JuE, RAR, DaN, DeF,	mob
Curlew Sandpiper	9/19/12	Westside Regional Park	SON	1 ad	GoB	
South Polar Skua	10/7/12	Pelagic/Cordell Banks	MRN	5	DaS, PBC, AmT, BDP,	mob
Sabine's Gull	9/22/12	Lake Hennessey	NAP	1 juv.	CIT, mob	
Common Cuckoo	9/28-10/2/12	Watsonville	SCZ	1 juv.	STG, SCBC, mob	1st Cal Rec
Burrowing Owl	9/23/12	Jenner Headland	SON	1	DaB	
Burrowing Owl	9/25/12	Bodega Head State Pk	SON	1	DaN	
Burrowing Owl	10/2/12	Bay Hill Road	SON	1	KeW, JoK, ChW, IaM	
Burrowing Owl	10/4/12	Pt.Reyes/Lighthouse	MRN	2	ToE, TaE	
Burrowing Owl	10/17/12	Tolay Regional Park	SON	1	AnL, PBC	
Chimney Swift	10/4/12	Pt.Reyes/Nunes Ranch	MRN	1	RiS, ToE, TaE	
Blck-chnnd Hmmngbrd	10/4/12	Pt.Reyes/Nunes Ranch	MRN	1 im	RiS	
Red-naped Sapsucker	10/16/12	Spring Lake Reg. Park	SON	1	ToR	
Hammond's Flycatcher	9/18/12	Pt.Reyes/Nunes Ranch	MRN	1	DDS, mob	
Eastern Phoebe	9/25/12	Bodega Hd/Campbl Cove	SON	1	RAR	
Eastern Phoebe	9/24/12	Pt.Reyes/Fish Docks	MRN	1	RIC	
Tropical Kingbird	9/22/12	Pt.Reyes/New Willows	MRN	1	JeM, mob	
Tropical Kingbird	9/23/12	Pt.Reyes/ "G" Ranch	MRN	1	MaB, DeF, JeM	
Tropical Kingbird	9/30-10/5/12	Bodega Bay	SON	1	JoK, EuH, CoT, RAR,	DaN, mob
Eastern Kingbird	9/23-24/12	Pt.Reyes/Nunes Ranch	MRN	1	MaB, DeF, JeM	
Yellow-throated Vireo	9/18-21/12	Spring Lake Reg. Park	SON	1	JiL, mob	cont'd from 9/16
Blue-headed Vireo	9/18/12	Pt.Reyes/Muddy Hollow	MRN	1	ErE, PRBO, mob	
Gray Catbird	10/1-4/12	Bodega Bay/Bay Flat Rd	SON	1	RAR, KaP, ShS, DeF	
Red-throated Pipit	10/4/12	Pt.Reyes/Outer Pt. Reyes	MRN	1	RiS	
Red-throated Pipit	10/12/12	Pt.Reyes/Abbott's Lgn	MRN	1	JeM	
Tennessee Warbler	9/18/12	Pt.Reyes/Fish Docks	MRN	1	MaB, MAF, mob	
Tennessee Warbler	9/29/12	Pt.Reyes/Drake's Bch	MRN	1	JiH, mob	
Tennessee Warbler	10/4/12	Pt.Reyes/Lighthouse	MRN	1	GaW	
Chestnut-sided Warbler	9/18/12	Pt.Reyes/Fish Docks	MRN	1	MaB, MAF, mob	
Chestnut-sided Warbler	9/18/12	Pt.Reyes/Nunes Ranch	MRN	1	DDS, mob	
Chestnut-sided Warbler	9/18/12	Pt.Reyes/ "C" Ranch	MRN	1	JeM	
Chestnut-sided Warbler	9/28-10/5/12	Bodega Hd/Owl Cyn	SON	1	JaS, DaN, CoT, mob	
Chestnut-sided Warbler	9/28/12	Pt.Reyes/RCA Bldgs	MRN	1	EvC	
Chestnut-sided Warbler	10/3/12	Bolinas/Little Mesa Rd	MRN	1	RyD	
Chestnut-sided Warbler	10/4/12	Pt.Reyes/Lighthouse	MRN	1	ToE, TaE	
Chestnut-sided Warbler	10/6/12	Pt.Reyes/New Willows	MRN	1	LoK, BoB, NoA	
Chestnut-sided Warbler	10/9/12	Pt.Reyes/Fish Docks	MRN	1	RiS	

Magnolia Warbler	9/18/12	Pt.Reyes/Lighthouse	MRN	1	MaB, MAF, mob
Magnolia Warbler	9/22-23/12	Pt.Reyes/Fish Docks	MRN	1	JeM, mob
Magnolia Warbler	9/26/12	Pt.Reyes/Nunes Ranch	MRN	1	RAR
Magnolia Warbler	9/29/12	Pt.Reyes/Fish Docks	MRN	1	MaD, mob
Magnolia Warbler	10/4/12	Pt.Reyes/New Willows	MRN	1	TaE, ToE
Magnolia Warbler	10/6/12	Pt.Reyes/Lighthouse	MRN	1 f	LoK, BoB, NoA
Cape May Warbler	9/26-10/1/12	Bodega Head	SON	1	DaN, JaS, BDP, mob
Blck-thrtd Blue Warbler	9/23-25/12	Bodega Hd/Cmpbl Cv	SON	1	HBH, RAR
Blck-thrtd Blue Warbler	10/4/12	Pt.Reyes/Nunes Ranch	MRN	1 im	RiS
Blck-thrtd Blue Warbler	10/5-6/12	Pt.Reyes/Mendoza Rch	MRN	1 m	DeF, LoK, BoB, NoA, mob
Blackburnian Warbler	9/26-30/12	Bodega Hd/Owl Canyon	SON	2	DaN, BDP, mob
Blackburnian Warbler	9/29/12	Pt.Reyes/Nunes Ranch	MRN	1	KaF
Blackburnian Warbler	10/4/12	Pt.Reyes/Lighthouse	MRN	1	GaW
Palm Warbler	9/28/12	Pt.Reyes/Drake's Bch	MRN	1	EvC
Palm Warbler	9/29/12	Pt.Reyes/Mendoza Rch	MRN	1	JiH, mob
Palm Warbler	10/1/12	Bodega Hd/Campbell Cove	SON	2	CoT, BDP
Palm Warbler	10/5/12	Nicasio Reservoir	MRN	1	BoB
Palm Warbler	10/5/12	Pt.Reyes/Spalleta Rch	MRN	1	DeF, mob
Palm Warbler	10/6/12	Pt.Reyes/RCA Bldgs	MRN	2	LoK, BoB, NoA
Palm Warbler	10/9/12	Ellis Creek Ponds	SON	1	LiH
Palm Warbler	10/9/12	Pt.Reyes/Lighthouse	MRN	1	JeM
Palm Warbler	10/9/12	Pt.Reyes/Fish Docks	MRN	3	RiS
Palm Warbler	10/12/12	Diekmann's Store	SON	1	DeF, EuH, RiL
Palm Warbler	10/13/12	Bodega Bay/Rail Pds	SON	1	CoT
Palm Warbler	10/14/12	Doran Regional Park	SON	1	DaB
Blackpoll Warbler	9/18/12	Pt.Reyes/Lighthouse	MRN	1	MaB, MAF, mob
Blackpoll Warbler	9/18/12	Pt.Reyes/Fish Docks	MRN	1	MaB, MAF, mob
Blackpoll Warbler	9/18-19/12	Spring Lake Reg. Park	SON	1	RAR, mob
Blackpoll Warbler	9/27/12	Dunes Campground	SON	1	DeF
Blackpoll Warbler	9/28/12	Pt.Reyes/Lighthouse	MRN	1	EvC
Blackpoll Warbler	9/29/12	Spring Lake Reg. Park	SON	1	ToM, mob
Blackpoll Warbler	9/29/12	Pt.Reyes/Fish Docks	MRN	1	JiH, mob
Bck-and-White Warbler	9/18-23/12	Spring Lake Reg. Park	SON	1	RAR, HeK, mob
Bck-and-White Warbler	9/27/12	BML Housing Area	SON	1	DaV, LaH
American Redstart	9/18/12	Pt.Reyes/Lighthouse	MRN	1	MaB, MAF, mob
American Redstart	9/22/12	Pt.Reyes/Nunes Ranch	MRN	1	MaD
American Redstart	9/24/12	Pt.Reyes/Lighthouse	MRN	1	MaF
American Redstart	9/25-26/12	Bodega Hd/Owl Canyon	SON	1 im	DaN
American Redstart	10/9/12	Pt.Reyes/Lighthouse	MRN	1 f	JeM, RiS
Ovenbird	9/29-10/1/12	Pt.Reyes/Mendoza Rch	MRN	1	JiH, JoL, mob
Northern Waterthrush	9/29/12	Point Reyes Station	MRN	1	DaS, JuE
Connecticut Warbler	9/28-10/1/12	Pt.Reyes/Mendoza Rch	MRN	1	CoW, NiP, MaB, DeF, mob
MacGillivray's Warbler	9/18-19/12	Spring Lake Reg. Park	SON	2	RAR, mob
Clay-colored Sparrow	9/22/12	Bodega Hd/Campbell Cove	SON	1	CoG, AW, RiL, LiH, BDP
Clay-colored Sparrow	9/26-30/12	Carmody Road	SON	1	EuH, AW
Clay-colored Sparrow	9/27/12	Bodega Hd/Owl Canyon	SON	1	mob
Vesper Sparrow	9/18/12	Pt.Reyes/Lighthouse	MRN	1	MaB, MAF, mob
Lapland Longspur	10/4/12	Pt.Reyes/outer Pt. Reyes	MRN	1	ErE
Lapland Longspur	10/4/12	Pt.Reyes/Abbott's Lgn	MRN	2	ToE, TaE
Rose-brsted Grosbeak	9/29/12	Pt.Reyes/Lighthouse	MRN	1 m	MaD, mob
Bobolink	9/24/12	Pt.Reyes/Lighthouse	MRN	1	MaF, JeM
Bobolink	9/26/12	Bodega Hd/Owl Canyon	SON	1	DaN
Orchard Oriole	9/22/12	Pt.Reyes/Fish Docks	MRN	1	JeM, mob
Orchard Oriole	9/28-29/12	Pt.Reyes/Fish Docks	MRN	1	EvC, JiH, mob
Baltimore Oriole	9/30-10/4/12	Diekmann's Store	SON	1 im	ScC, JoS, mob

Correction: On Page 3 of the September 2012 Kite Tales the Yellow-bellied Flycatcher at Spring Lake Regional Park should be changed to Yellow-throated Vireo. Thanks all for bringing this to my attention.

Observers for this period: Noah Arthur, Dave Barry, Bob Battagin, Matt Bauman, Gordon Beebe, Janet Bosshard, Tony Brake, Mark Butler, Scott Carey, Everett Clark, Peter B. Colasanti, Rigdon Currie, Dave DeSante, Ryan DeGaudio, Matthew Dodder, Erick Enbody, Tanner Easterla, Todd Easterla, Jules Evens, Mary Anne Flett, Mark Forney, Kathy Francone, Dea Freid, Cory Gregory, Keith Hanson, Lauren Harter, Hugh B. Harvey, David A. Hofmann, Jim Holmes, Lisa Hug, Eugene Hunn, Robert Jackson, Logan Kahle, John Kelly, Helen Kochenderfer, Andy Lacasse, Rick LeBaudour, Jim Lomax, Trymon & Ruth Lombard, John Luther, Ken Magoon, Tom McCuller, Jeff Miller, Ian Morrison, Kathy Mugele, Dan Nelson, Kathy Parker, Benjamin D. Parmeter, Nick Pederson, Elaine Pruitt, John Richards, Craig Roth, Ruth Ann Rudesill, Tom Reynolds, Sharon Salisbury, Dave Shuford, Dan Singer, Jackie Sones, Richard Stallcup, John Sterling, Colin Talcroft, Amy Trainer, David Vanderpluym, Alan Wight, Ken Wilson, Cole Wolf, Chris Woods, Gary

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

Field Trip Report for Saturday, September 15 - Bodega Bay

by Field Trip Coordinator, Peter Colasanti

About a dozen RROS members and guests scoured likely spots around Bodega Bay with high hopes for turning up vagrant species. None were found, proving once again that one can't plot vagrant fallout on a calendar. Those who signed in were Peter Colasanti, Terry Haag, David A. Hofmann, Don Kirker, Helen Kochenderfer, Brook and Orion (Patrick) O'Connor, and B. D. (Mike) Parmeter.

It's hard to have a bad day birding at Bodega Bay in September, and at least 75 species were identified by participants: Red-throated Loon, Pacific Loon, Common Loon, Horned Grebe, Eared Grebe, Sooty Shearwater, American White Pelican, Brown Pelican, Double-crested Cormorant, Brandt's Cormorant, Pelagic Cormorant, Great Egret, Snowy Egret, Brant, Mallard, Surf Scoter, Turkey Vulture, Osprey, Northern Harrier, Red-shouldered Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, Peregrine Falcon, Virginia Rail, Sora, Black Oystercatcher, Black-bellied Plover, Semipalmated Plover, Short-billed Dowitcher, Marbled Godwit, Willet, Black Turnstone, Surf-bird, Sanderling, Western Sandpiper, Least Sandpiper, Red-necked Phalarope, Heermann's Gull, Ring-billed Gull, California Gull, Western Gull, Common Tern, Common Murre, Pigeon Guillemot, Rhinoceros Auklet, Rock Pigeon, Band-tailed Pigeon, Barn Owl, Anna's Hummingbird, Belted Kingfisher, Willow Flycatcher, Pacific-slope Flycatcher, Black Phoebe, Bewick's Wren, Pacific Wren, Marsh Wren, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Western Scrub-Jay, Common Raven, European Starling, Warbling Vireo, Orange-crowned Warbler, Yellow Warbler, Townsend's Warbler, Common Yellowthroat, Wilson's Warbler, Western Tanager, Spotted Towhee, Savannah Sparrow, Fox Sparrow, Song Sparrow, White-crowned Sparrow, Red-winged Blackbird, Brewer's Blackbird, House Finch, American Goldfinch

Pelagic Trip Report for Sunday, October 7, 2012 - Bodega Canyon and Cordell Banks

by Field Trip Coordinator, Peter Colasanti

Logistically, the pelagic trip was a smashing success. The boat was full, the crowd collegial, the sea was calm, the sun came out and the wind forgot to blow. Nobody got sick. No mega-rarities, but we had good numbers of most of the typical nearshore species of the season. Everybody who signed up made it aboard, including Robin Beeman, Peter Colasanti, Bill Doyle, Theodore L. Eliot, Dea Freid, Gene Hunn, Logan Kahle, Donald Kirker, Andy Lacasse, Roger Marlowe, Len Nelson, B. D. (Mike) Parmeter, Wendy Peterson, Elaine Pruett, Rhio Reigh, Ruth Rudesill, Alan Wight and Corinne Williams.

Here's a list of pelagic species seen, excluding what was inside the harbor: Black-footed Albatross, Northern Fulmar, Pink-footed Shearwater, Flesh-footed Shearwater, Buller's Shearwater, Sooty Shearwater, Short-tailed Shearwater, Ashy Storm-Petrel, Red-necked Phalarope, Red Phalarope, South Polar Skua, Pomarine Jaeger, Heermann's Gull, California Gull, Western Gull, Herring Gull, Common Tern, Elegant Tern, Common Murre, Cassin's Auklet, Rhinoceros Auklet.

*This newsletter was edited and compiled by Glo Wellman.
Bill Doyle begins as Editor with the December issue.*

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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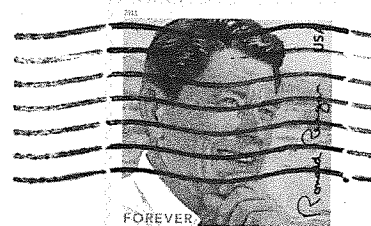
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