



Kite Tales

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**RROS General Meeting
November 14, 2013, 7:00pm
Laguna Wastewater Treatment Plant**

“Birds of Climate Change Concern”

Tom Gardali, of Point Blue (formerly PRBO), will report on a study of the potential effects of Climate Change on California's at-risk birds. The study was conducted by Point Blue and California Department of Fish and Wildlife.



***Black-throated Blue Warbler
Owl Canyon, by David Hofmann***

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 : This month, join us at **5:30pm** 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 Hwy 101.

Save the Date: Thursday, December 12th, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Members' Media Night - Members are encouraged to bring photos, paintings, videos and other images of birds and birding events to share. We have many talented members who provide a terrific show. There will be a powerpoint projector, speakers, a screen and a laptop computer at the site.

FIELD TRIPS – November 2013 and beyond:

November 19, 2013, Tuesday: Field Trip to the Pope Valley area of Napa County. Meet at 8 AM at the corner of Hwy 128 and Silverado Trail, Napa Valley. We will bird the south end of Lake Hennessey (bathroom stop at boat launch) and then travel to Pope Valley. Bird the Cedar Roughs Wildlife Area and local farm ponds. Then to the north end of Lake Berryessa for lunch. In early afternoon, hit Knoxville Rd for possible Lewis's Woodpeckers. Other possibilities: Hooded Merganser, waterfowl and grebes, Bald Eagles and otters. Bring lunch and money for parking. Heavy rain cancels. Leader: Ruth Rudesill, 707-833-6026 or ruthier@sonic.net.

November 23, 2013, Saturday: Gulls of the Sonoma County coast. Meet at Bodega Bay at the large dirt lot along Westshore Rd. at Bay Flat Rd., at 8:00am. Check Bodega Bay, Salmon Creek beach, and Goat Rock Beach (and points between) for roosting flocks of gulls. The usual suspects include (of all ages): Heermann's, Mew, Ring-billed, Western, California, Herring, Thayer's, Glaucous-winged, and maybe Bonaparte's, with the slim possibility of rarities such as Glaucous, Black-legged Kittiwake, Iceland, and/or Slaty-backed (but don't hold your breath), plus hybrids (aarrgh!). There will be lots of non-gulls to look at also. Gene Hunn leads (enhunn323@comcast.net, 981-7301). Bring lunch or forage en route. Heavy rains cancel.

December 15, Sunday: RROS Santa Rosa Christmas Bird Count. All wishing to participate, please contact your previous area leaders, or **compiler, Bill Doyle:** shortbill@comcast.net. Compilation dinner will be held again this year at Coco's Restaurant, on Farmer's Lane, 5:00pm.

January 11, Saturday: Visit highlights of the Mendocino County coast, led by local expert and noted nature photographer, Ron LeValley. With luck we might see famous Big Al, the Laysan Albatross, if he returns to Punta Arena. We will also visit the Point Arena lighthouse, Van Damme State Park, picturesque Mendocino town (and headlands), Fort Bragg, and MacKerricher State Park. We have high hopes for Gray Jay, Harlequin Duck, Black Scoter, Rock Sandpiper, and Ancient Murrelet. Meet 8 AM to carpool at Sebastopol P&R; meet Ron at Punta Arena ca. 9 AM. Added bonus: visit Ron's photography studio in Fort Bragg. Return via SR 128 through Cloverdale. Heavy rains cancel.

January 25, 2014: Willowside Trail and Delta Pond and, if it can be arranged, Guy Smith's "Georgetown" movie set and resident **Black Hawk**. Meet at south side of Willowside Rd. bridge, Santa Rosa, at 8:00am. Bill Doyle, leader. Heavy rains cancel.

February 1, 2014: Wintering Raptors and Waterfowl of Solano and Yolo, 8:00 AM – 3:30 PM, Terry Colborn, leader. 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 habitat search of Ferruginous and Rough-legged Hawks, Merlin, Prairie Falcon, Burrowing, Barn and Great-horned Owls, Long-billed Curlews, as well as the elusive and threatened Mountain Plover. We also expect to see a representative sampling of waterfowl and a variety of shorebirds at the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area, a.k.a. the Vic Fazio Refuge. Participants meet the leader at 8:00 AM 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/snacks and liquids; dress in layers. Heavy rains cancel. For questions or more info, contact Terry Colborn, field trip leader at 916.705.8991; www.TLCBirding.com.

Forthcoming for spring: Gulls of the Sonoma County coast; Armstrong Redwoods/King Ridge Rd.; Pine Flat Rd./Mayacamas Sanctuary.

Your additional suggestions are most welcome (contact Hunn at enhunn323@comcast.net).

FIELD TRIP REPORT: Bodega Bay, September 28th, led by Dan Nelson-

A detailed report on this well-attended field trip will appear in the December 2013 Kite Tales.

Observations: 9/21 – 10/20, 2013

Compiled by David A. Hofmann

Bird Species	Date/s	Location	County. #	Observer/s	Notes
Snow Goose	10/16/13	Willowside Rd/Delta Pond	SON	2	BrW
White-winged Scoter	10/5/13	Bodega Head State P	SON	1 m	PeP, mob
White-winged Scoter	10/18/13	Duncan's Landing	SON	2	DAH, BDP
Black Scoter	10/3/13	Campbell Cove	SON	1 f	BiD
Long-tailed Duck	10/5/13	Bodega Head State Pk	SON	1	PeP, mob
Laysan Albatross	10/14/13	Pelagic fishing trip	SON	2-3	PeP
Laysan Albatross	10/18/13	Pelagic/Bodega Cyn	MRN/SON	3	DeS, mob
Short-tailed Shrwtr	10/14/13	Pelagic fishing trip	SON	3	PeP
Brown Booby	10/18/13	Pelagic/Bodega Cyn	MRN/SON	1	DeS, mob
Blue-footed Booby	9/22/13	Bodega Head State Pk	SON	1 juv.	FlH, mob
Blue-footed Booby	9/25/13	Bodega Head State Pk	SON	1 juv.	JoL
Blue-footed Booby	9/28-10/13/13	Gull Rock	MRN	2 juv.	PaB, JuD, mob
Broad-winged Hawk	10/6/13	Diekmann's Store	SON	1	DaW, ScC
Broad-winged Hawk	10/10/13	Jenner Headlands	SON	1	DaB, KeM, AdB
Ferruginous Hawk	9/28/13	Jenner Headlands	SON	1	DaB, mob
Ferruginous Hawk	9/28/13	s. e. of Petaluma	SON	1	BDP, RiL, LiH, AlW
Ferruginous Hawk	9/30/13	Hwy 116	SON	1	KaM, mob
Ferruginous Hawk	10/19-20/13	Stage Gulch Road	SON	1 juv.	DiA, TeE, JaH
Merlin	9/28/13	King Ridge Road	SON	1	BDP, RiL, LiH, AlW
Merlin	9/30/13	Adobe Road	SON	1	KaM, mob
Merlin	10/10/13	Jenner Headlands	SON	1	DaB, KeM, AdB
Sandhill Crane	10/7/13	Napa/Kennedy Park	NAP	1	BrT 3 rd Cty Rcrd

Pacific Golden Plvr	9/28-10/17/13	Shollenberger Park	SON	1	BDP, RiL, LiH,
Pacific Golden Plover	10/15/13	Bodega Harbor/Gafney Pt	SON	1	juv. DaW
Hudsonian Godwit	9/21-24/13	Huichica Creek WA	NAP	1	juv. MuB, AaM, mob
South Polar Skua	10/14/13	Pelagic fishing trip	SON	2	PeP
Long-tailed Jaeger	9/22/13	Bodega Head State Pk	SON	1	FIH, mob
Long-tailed Jaeger	10/14/13	Pelagic fishing trip	SON	1	PeP
Least Tern	7/28/13	Doran Regional Park	SON	1	RoM, photo
Lewis's Woodpecker	9/18/13	Lynch Canyon	SOL	30	JeR, RaP
Least Flycatcher	9/28/13	King Ridge Road	SON	1	BDP, RiL, LiH, AIW
Tropical Kingbird	9/28/13	Campbell Cove	SON	2	ErLoP, JaR, JeG
Tropical Kingbird	10/5/13	Bodega Bay/Rail Ponds	SON	1	BeO, mob
Tropical Kingbird	10/6/13	Campbell Cove	SON	1	DoK
Tropical Kingbird	10/17/13	Bodega Head/Owl Cyn	SON	1	DoL
Townsend's Solitaire	10/20/13	Helen Putnam Reg. Pk	SON	1	J & C Rathkey
Tennessee Warbler	10/5-8/13	Diekmann's Store	SON	1	DaE, RAR, mob
Blck-thrtd Blue Warbler	10/11-20/13	Bodega Head/Owl Cyn	SON	1	m BDP, DAH, mob
Palm Warbler	10/11/13	Diekmann's Store	SON	1	MiH
Palm Warbler	10/13/13	Bodega Bay/Rail Ponds	SON	1	ScC
Black & White WA	10/6/13	Bodega Bay/Rail Ponds	SON	1	DoK
No. Waterthrush	9/28-10/13/13	Bodega Bay/Rail Ponds	SON	1	DaN, RAR, mob
No. Waterthrush	10/3-19/13	Diekmann's Store	SON	1	ScC, BrO, DeF, BeO
MacGillivray's WA	9/23/13	Pinnacle Gulch Trail	SON	1	DeF
Lapland Longspur	9/22/13	Bodega Head State Pk	SON	1	ScC
Orchard Oriole	9/29-10/17/13	Diekmann's Store	SON	1	f BrO, DAH, LiH,
Orchard Oriole	10/6/13	Campbell Cove	SON	1	ScC
Orchard Oriole	10/12/13	Doran Regional Park	SON	1	DeF
Clay-colored Sparrow	10/15/13	Campbell Cove	SON	1	RoO
Wht-thrtd Sparrow	10/6/13	Campbell Cove	SON	1	ScC
Wht-thrtd Sparrow	10/5/13	Sebastopol/Furlong Rd	SON	1	EIG
Wht-thrtd Sparrow	10/18-20/13	Bodega HeadOwl Canyon	SON	1	DAH, EuH, RiM, RoB, ScC, mob

Observers for this period: Dick Ashford, Patricia Bacchetti, Dave Barry, Margaret Barson, Murray Berner, Robin Blany, Adam Bradshaw, Scott Carey, Bill Doyle, Judith Dunham, Daniel Edelstein, Ted Eliot, Kathy Francone, Dea Freid, Jesse Godfrey, Ellen Grant, Floyd Hayes, Mike Heffernon, David A. Hofmann, Jared Hubbell, Lisa Hug, Eugene Hunn, Don Kirker, Helen Kochenderfer, Rick LeBaudour, Don Lewis, Eric LoPresti, John Luther, Ken Magoon, Aaron Maizlish, Roger Marlowe, Richard Merriss, Kathleen Mugele, Dan Nelson, Brook O'Connor, Rob O'Donnell, Becky Olsen, Benjamin D. Parmeter, Ralph Pericoli, Peter Pyle, Jerry Rickard, Jay Riggio, Ruth Ann Rudesill, Debra Shearwater, Brian Webb, Alan Wight, Dan Williams, David Wimpfheimer

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"PISHING with PARMETER"

Little Blue Heron- RROS held a field trip to lower Tubbs Island on 9/25/65. Dr. Jack Arnold, Jack Guggolz, Robert Failing, and myself were on the walk that day. We spotted an unusual heron, in the company of Snowy Egrets, at the mouth of Tolay Creek near Midshipman Point. After studying it, we concluded that it was an adult Blue-phase Little Blue Heron. Jack Arnold wrote up the report which was eventually published in The Condor. This was not the first Sonoma County record for this species. In March of 1964 an immature was present at Bodega Bay, having been found on 3/7/64 by Horace Jeter and Arthur Wang. Interestingly, this was the first record ever published for the state of California for this species. It remained here until 3/15/64. Other Sonoma County records are: (1) Bodega Dunes Campground, 6/1/86, 1 adult. Susan Yee, MOB. (2) Doran RP, 8/18/91, adult. Bob & Bertha Raines. (3) West side of Bodega Harbor at Spud Point, 11/14/93, an immature. Winnie Nelson, Ruth Rudesill, David Hofmann. There are no subsequent records for the county. We are overdue for another sighting! *Mike~*

A Message to the Editor~ (to be discussed at the November 2013 meeting)

Hello Bill,

I am overseeing the publishing of the Solano County Breeding Bird Atlas for the Napa-Solano Audubon Society. Murray Berner and I are co-writing the book as well, and are looking to go to print in December. Audubon has provided the resources for the six years of field work and completion of the preparation of the document. We are fundraising to cover the printing costs by seeking species sponsorships for the 150 breeding species documented by the Atlas work.

I am hoping the RROS Board of Directors will consider sponsoring a species to assist with the project. Sponsorships are \$200 and include a copy of both the book and eBook. Each species account will include a descriptive narrative, breeding behavior photos, and range map. Sponsors are acknowledged on their species page, in newsletters, and on the Audubon web site. More details, including the species sponsorship list, can be viewed here: <http://www.napasolanoaudubon.com/Monitoring/SolanoAtlas>, or please contact me for any further information you may wish.

Thank you and kind regards,

Mike Rippey, Solano County BBA Editor

From Ted~ The Peregrine and The Raven

On the afternoon of October 19, RROS president Bill Doyle, and two former presidents, Dick Ashford and Ted Eliot, found themselves together at the Bodega farm pond. They were tracking a Peregrine as it flew toward them from the dry hills to the south. When it came close enough to be identified as a juvenile, it encountered a Raven. At first, it looked possible that aerial combat would commence. But, no...the two birds flew close together as they slowly circled and climbed into the bright, blue sky. They seemed happily inseparable. Was the young Peregrine learning flying techniques from the more experienced Raven?

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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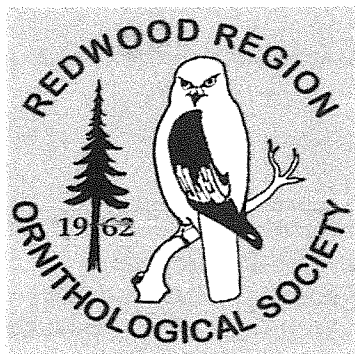
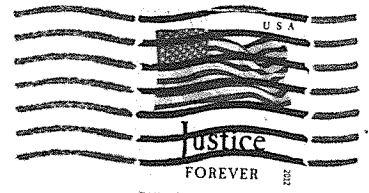
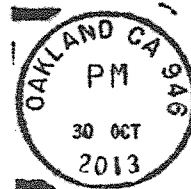
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