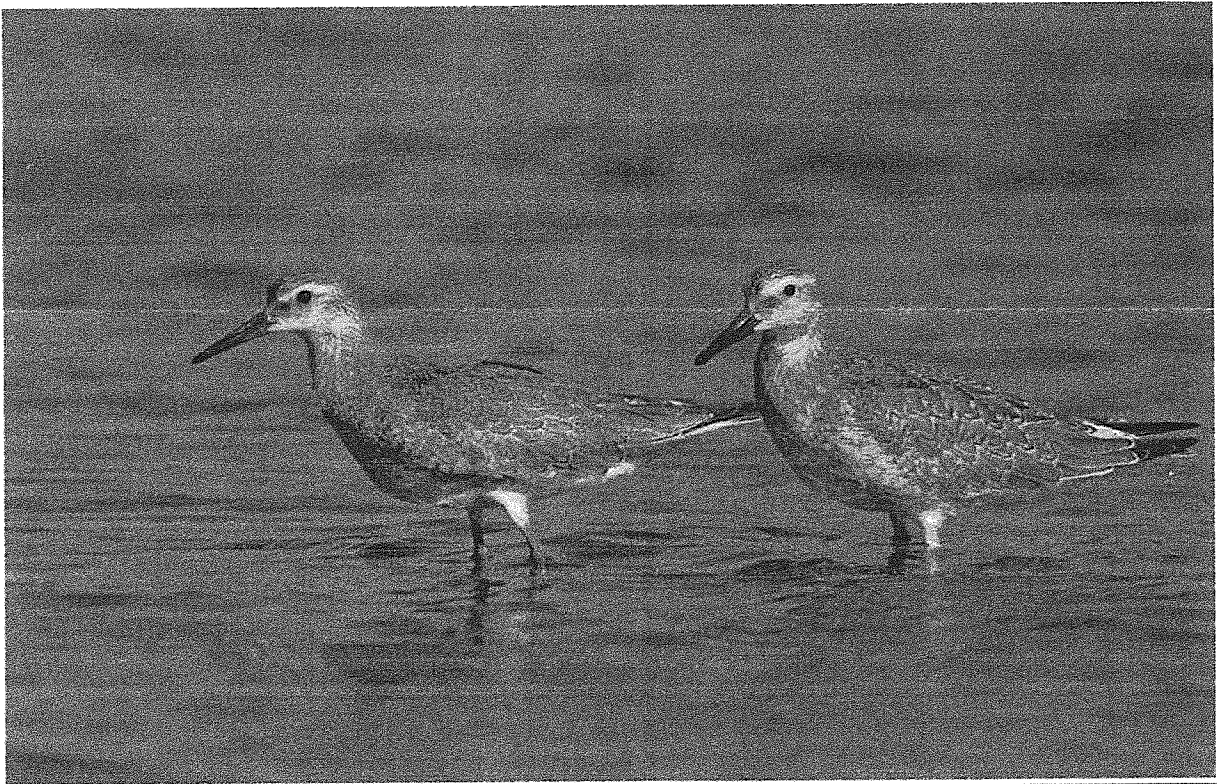




# Kite Tales

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*Red Knots, at Bodega Bay, by Rick LeBaudour*

**RROS General Meeting  
November 13, 2014, 7p.m.  
at Laguna Wastewater Treatment Facility,  
4300 Llano Road, Santa Rosa**

**Experience the sights and sounds of Columbia.** Last January Gordon Beebe took a two week tour with Columbia Birdwatch. His adventure took him to the southern part of Colombia, including the interandean Cauca Valley and up into the Andes proper. Gordon will share his video and still images and audio recordings of the wonderful scenery and wildlife he encountered there.

**Save the Date:****General Meeting for Thursday, December 11th, 2014 at 7 p.m.**

Our December meeting will be members' media night. It is an opportunity for our members to show their images of birds, birders and birding. In addition to our many fine photographers, RROS has many talented artists who create sculptures and paintings of birds. We encourage all of our creative members to share their creations at this meeting.

**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 the monthly 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.

**FIELD TRIPS – Autumn 2014:**

**November 8, 2014, Saturday: Tolay Lake Regional Park.** Meet to carpool at the boat launch lot just south of Papas at 8 AM. Proceed up Cannon Lane to the gate. Parking in the park requires annual pass or \$7 fee. We will hike about 5 miles on mostly level trails to sample the varied habitats of this Region Park in the making. Lots of raptors and sparrows in and over the grasslands; some nice ponds with possible American Bittern; oak woodland residents; Barn Owls in the barn; possible wintering Burrowing Owl. Andy Lacasse (763-5167) leads. Bring lunch and water. Heavy rains cancel.

**November 22, 2014, Saturday:** Gray Lodge State Wildlife Area and Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge. The winter flocks of ducks, geese, swans, cranes, and ibis as well as winter raptors should be in force. Meet at the entrance to Gray Lodge, on Almond Orchard-Pennington Rd. south from the Colusa Highway (6.5 miles w of Gridley), at 8:30 AM. It is approximately 2.5 hours from Santa Rosa via Clear Lake or from Petaluma via Vacaville. You might wish to spend Friday night at a motel in Yuba City/Marysville. Leader TBA. For more info see <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/lands/wa/region2/graylodge/>

**December 2014: Christmas Bird Counts. Santa Rosa, Sunday, December 14; Sonoma Valley, Friday, December 27; West Sonoma County Sunday, December 29.**

**FIELD TRIP REPORT: September 30<sup>th</sup>, Outer Point Reyes**

We had eleven enthusiastic birders with nice weather. Highlight for most was an adorable Long-tailed Weasel poking its head out of the rocks near the Chimney Rock trailhead. We had good looks at Peregrine Falcon, Rock and House Wren along the walk to the Lighthouse. We had great views of a Clay-colored Sparrow, Hermit Warbler, Palm Warbler, and Nashville Warbler at the Fish Docks. We had birds at the Mendoza trees but the light was bad there. Folks were seeing vireos which I never got on. Gordon Beebe took a picture and later confirmed that one of the vireos was a Philadelphia Vireo! 79 species total.

Ruthie~

## Observations: Sep. 21, 2014-Oct. 20, 2014

Compiled by David A. Hofmann

Species	Date/s	Location	County #	Observer/s
Grtr White-fronted Goose	9/27/14	R. Stallcup BAT	SON 13	AIW,BDP,RiL, LiH
Grtr White-fronted Goose	10/1/14	Bay Hill Road	SON 80	EuH
Redhead	9/27/14	Petaluma sewage pond	SON 2 m	AIW, BDP, RiL, LiH
Black Scoter	9/27/14	Bodega Head State Pk	SON 1	DaN, mob
Red-necked Grebe	9/27/14	Bodega Head State Pk	SON 1	DaN, mob
Clark's Grebe	9/27/14	Bodega Head State Pk	SON 1	DaN, mob
Black-vented Shearwater	9/24/14	Bodega Head State Pk	SON 1	EuH
Black-vented Shearwater	10/12/14	Pelagic trip	SON 200	EuH, mob
<b>Manx Shearwater</b>	10/12/14	Pelagic trip	SON 1	StH, mob (photo)
<b>Brown Booby</b>	10/19-20/14	Gualala Point Island	SON 1 juv	RiK, DiH
<b>Least Bittern</b>	10/17/14	Shiloh Ranch Reg. Pk	SON 1	DoS
White-faced Ibis	9/21/14	Petaluma sewage pond	SON 1	BDP,TeE,AnS, ArB
White-faced Ibis	9/27/14	Shollenberger Park	SON 5	AIW, BDP, RiL, LiH
Ferruginous Hawk	9/27/14	Jenner Headlands	SON 1	LaB, mob
Merlin	9/26-27/14	Jenner Headlands	SON 1	LaB. Mob
Merlin	9/27/14	King Ridge Road	SON 1	AIW, BDP, RiL, LiH
Merlin	10/11/14	Jenner Headlands	SON 3	DaB. WCHW
Pacific Golden Plover	9/27-10/4/14	Shollenberger Park	SON 1	AIW, EuH, mob
Red Knot	9/22-10/18/14	Doran RP	SON 2	EuH,mob
Red-necked Phalarope	9/24/14	Salmon Crk Beach	SON 1	EuH
Red-necked Phalarope	9/27/14	Bodega Head State Pk	SON 5	AIW, BDP, RiL, LiH
Red Phalarope	10/20/14	Bodega Head State Pk	SON 30	ScC
Parasitic Jaeger	9/21/14	Bodega Head State Pk	SON 1	BDP,TeE,AnS, ArB
Parasitic Jaeger	9/27/14	Bodega Head State Pk	SON 1	DaN, mob
Parasitic Jaeger	9/27/14	Duncan's Landing	SON 1	AIW, BDP, RiL, LiH
Common Tern	9/27/14	Jenner/Russian River	SON 2	AIW, BDP, RiL, LiH
<b>Guadalupe Murrelet</b>	9/19/14	Pelagic trip	MAR/SON 1	JaS, mob (photo)
Long-eared Owl	9/27/14	Salmon Creek Road	SON 1	AIW, BDP, RiL, LiH
Lewis's Woodpecker	10/20/14	Shiloh Ranch Reg. Pk	SON 1	RAR
Tropical Kingbird	10/4/14	BML Entrance Road	SON 1	DoK, StH, ToM
Tropical Kingbird	10/20/14	Shorttail Gulch Tr. RP	SON 1	DeF
<b>Yellow-green Vireo</b>	10/10-11/14	Owl Canyon	SON 1	GoB, DaN, mob
Tennessee Warbler	9/21/14	BML Entrance Road	SON 1	ScC, mob
Tennessee Warbler	9/28/14	W. Sebastopol yard	SON 1 im	ScC
Nashville Warbler	10/12/14	Owl Canyon	SON 1	DeF
Northern Parula	9/22/14	Shiloh Regional Park	SON 1	DoS
Blackburnian Warbler	9/21/14	BML Entrance Road	SON 1	ScC, mob
Palm Warbler	10/7/14	Bodega Bay/Harbour	SON 1	RoM
Palm Warbler	10/19/14	Willowside Rd/Delta Pd	SON 1	LiH, mob
Blackpoll Warbler	9/21/14	BML Entrance Road	SON 1	ScC, mob
American Redstart	9/21/14	Hole-in-the-Head	SON 1	ScC, mob
Northern Waterthrush	9/27/14	Whaleship/Rail Ponds	SON 1	DaN, mob
MacGillivray's Warbler	9/21-22/14	Owl Canyon	SON 1	ScC, EuH, mob
White-throated Sparrow	10/12/14	Owl Canyon	SON 1	DeF, BrO, mob
Hooded Oriole	9/21/14	BML Entrance Road	SON 1 f	BDP, TeE, AnS, ArB

**Observers for this period:** Lishka Arata, Scott Carey, Peter Colasanti, Mathew Dodder, Daniel Edelstein, C. Faul, Linda Fisher, Will German, Steve Gerstle, Mike Heffernon, David A. Hofmann, Lisa Hug, Eugene Hunn, Marilyn Jones, Don Kirker, Helen Kochenderfer, Rick LeBaudour, Bruce Mast, Kathy Mugele, Dan Nelson, Leah Norwood, Brook O'Connor, Rob O'Donnell, Norm Ortman, Benjamin D. Parmeter, William Rockey, Ruth Ann Rudesill, Jackie Sones, Khara Strum, Link VanCleeve, Denise Wight

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

**Rudolf O.F. Oppenheimer, MD, 12/22/1925 – 10/10/2014**

In October of this year, RROS lost another of its founding members, Rudolf Oppenheimer. Dr. Oppenheimer came with his family to San Francisco, from Germany, during the Second World War. He attended Lowell HS in San Francisco, graduated from UC Berkeley, and from medical school at UCSF. He was trained as a surgeon at Yale, and completed his Urology training also at UCSF. During his medical training, he met and married Emily Knight, a violinist. In 1958, the Oppenheimers moved to Santa Rosa from the City, attracted to the rural beauty, and the active local symphony, of which Emily became a member. Dr. Oppenheimer was an active member of the Sonoma County birding community, and an enthusiastic founding and supporting member of RROS. For many years, he volunteered as a docent at Bouverie Audubon Preserve, and was a perennial contributor to Sonoma Land Trust, and many other conservationist and humanitarian organizations. He is survived by his wife, Emily, and extended family.

A donation was made to RROS, in honor of Dr. Oppenheimer, by **Betty Burrige**, and **Mike Nelligan**.

***Pishing with Parmeter***~ The following are the numbers of vagrant warblers recorded in Sonoma County. These numbers were obtained from Birds of Sonoma County (original and updated). More recent records, since the updated book, were added to the totals. Observations throughout the year are included.

Connecticut Warbler	1
Worm-eating Warbler	1
Blue-winged Warbler	1
Cape May Warbler	2
Bay-breasted Warbler	2
Ovenbird	4
Kentucky Warbler	3
Lucy's Warbler	4
Virginia's Warbler	6
Prothonotary Warbler	7
Hooded Warbler	11
Canada Warbler	13
Blackburnian Warbler	14
Prairie Warbler	15
Black-throated Blue Warbler	22
Northern Parula	22
Black-and-White Warbler	35
Northern Waterthrush	46
Magnolia Warbler	53
Tennessee Warbler	57
Blackpoll Warbler	62
Chestnut-sided Warbler	62
American Redstart	139
Palm Warbler	142

I hope you see all of them! **Mike~**

**REDWOOD REGION ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY**  
**ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 7-1-13 TO 6-30-14**

**BEGINNING BANK BALANCE [JULY 1, 2013] \$3,430.97**

**INFLOWS:**

Pelagic Trip	\$4,420.00
Membership Dues (includes \$460 prepaid)	1,990.00
Member and Non-member Donations Received	1,118.00
Book Sales	649.00
Raffle	536.00
Checklist Sales	88.00
RROS Ball Cap Sales	75.00

**TOTAL INFLOWS \$8,876.00**

**OUTFLOWS:**

Pelagic Trip (initial deposit of \$1,500 paid last year)	\$1,500.00
Printing Newsletter	656.13
Education	550.00
Donation – Sonoma Land Trust	400.00
Donation – Napa-Solano Audubon Society BBA	200.00
Postage	334.00
Royalties	232.80
Equipment	104.79
Web Fees	99.50
Sales Tax	53.00
Office & Shipping	10.05

**TOTAL OUTFLOWS \$4,140.27**

**NET CASH FLOW FOR THE PERIOD \$4735.73**

**ENDING BANK BALANCE [June 30, 2014] \$8,166.70**



**Mom's Coming! Pine Flat, by Will German**

**The Grackle**

The grackle's voice is less than mellow.  
His heart is black, his eye is yellow.  
He bullies more attractive birds  
With hoodlum deeds and vulgar words,  
And, should a human interfere,  
Attacks that human in the rear.  
I cannot help but deem the grackle  
An ornithological debacle.

**Ogden Nash**

**Redwood Region Ornithological Society** ([www.rros.org](http://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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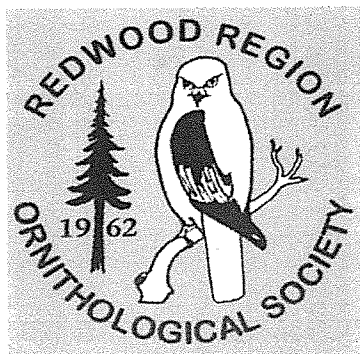
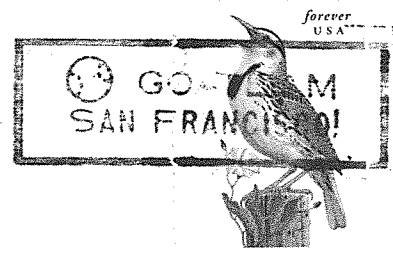
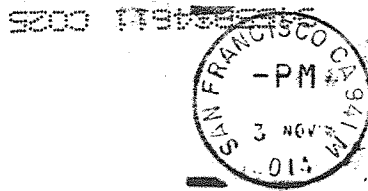
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**Kite Tales Deadlines:** Submit observations to David Hofmann, all other items to Bill Doyle by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month.

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