



# Madrone LEAVES

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## Changes in the Birding World

*Edited by Susan Kirks*

On November 1st, the American Ornithological Society (AOS) announced it will begin two major changes. One will be to change all English language names of birds within its jurisdiction named directly after people (eponyms), along with other names considered offensive and exclusionary. The AOS will focus first on birds occurring primarily in the United States and Canada. The other change will be to establish a new committee, overseeing the assignment of English common names for species within the jurisdiction of the AOS. The committee will broaden participation to include diverse representation from social sciences, communications and ornithology. In these bold steps, the AOS commits to engage members of the public in selecting new English names.

Dr. Handel is certainly correct. In the midst of climate change impacts with habitat losses, weather events, pesticide and other impacts, since 1970, nearly 3 billion birds have been lost in North America.

Judith Scarl, AOS Executive Director and CEO, stated, “To reverse these alarming bird population declines, we need as

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*Golden-crowned Sparrow*

*Courtesy of Tom Reynolds*

Upon releasing this very interesting news, AOS President Colleen Handel shared, “There is power in a name, and some English bird names have associations with the past that continue to be exclusionary and harmful today. We need a much more inclusive and engaging scientific process that focuses attention on the unique features and beauty of the birds themselves.” Dr. Handel is a research wildlife biologist with the U.S. Geological Survey in Alaska. “Everyone who loves and cares about birds should be able to enjoy and study them freely – and birds need our help now more than ever.”

### GENERAL MEETING

**No December 2023 meeting –  
We wish for you a peaceful holiday season.**

*Monday, January 15, 2024*

**A New Paradigm for July 4th – Apple Pie and ...**

Moderated by Susan Kirks, Madrone Audubon President

**6:30 p.m.**

Join us on Zoom to envision a new paradigm in July 4th “entertainment” in Sonoma County. We’ll share examples of cities and communities in California embracing this change. Each year, fireworks cause harm to birds, wildlife, pets and domestic animals, veterans and others who experience post-traumatic stress disorder, and individuals, including those with health conditions (air pollution impacts). In the recent past, instead of fireworks on July 4th, drone light shows have been provided for entertainment. We’ll look at history, impacts, cost-benefit and other comparisons – which town or city in Sonoma County could lead the way, similar to other California cities? Following our presentation, we’ll share an open discussion. Bring stories and thoughts to share.



*Great Egret Family  
Courtesy of Tom Reynolds*

Location: Virtual via Zoom. New Zoom #.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89787230219>

Meeting ID: 897 8723 0219

By phone (use above ID & passcode) 1-669-900-9128.or  
1-669-444-9171 (use above ID).



# Christmas Bird Count 2023 124th National Audubon CBC

## Christmas Bird Count – Madrone Audubon’s West County 2023

by Dr. Stacy Li

Join our 57th annual Western Sonoma County Christmas Bird Count on Sunday, December 31, 2023!

The annual Christmas Bird Count of National Audubon is the longest-in-existence citizen science project for collecting data on birds and more important than ever in planning and decisions for how to support birds and habitat in the climate crisis. Thank you to our dedicated group leaders, members and guests who participate in the West Sonoma County CBC. We’ll anticipate your stories, highlights and photos if possible – so we can share the group and overall experiences in the February-March issue of *Leaves*.



Great Blue Heron  
Courtesy of Tom Reynolds

If you already are a member of a team, please reach out to your group leader. Or, contact Stacy Li, Deputy Coordinator-West Sonoma Christmas Bird Count (707) 527-2037 to join a team. Beginners are welcomed! We’ll hope for clear, cool weather – and your ability to relax at the end of your count day on New Year’s Eve.

## Other Area Christmas Bird Counts for 2023

**Santa Rosa CBC** – sponsored by Redwood Regional Ornithological Society (RROS) is limited to members and scheduled for Sunday, December 17.

**Sonoma Valley CBC** – sponsored by the Sonoma Ecology Center (and RROS), scheduled for Friday, December 29. It is centered a bit west of the town of Sonoma and includes the Sonoma Valley north to Glen Ellen and south to Wingo, east to the east slope of Napa Ridge, and west to Shollenberger Park, Ellis Creek treatment ponds, Tolay Lake Regional Park, and east Petaluma.

Gene Hunn coordinates and compiles count data for both the Santa Rosa CBC and the Sonoma Valley CBC. For questions and info, contact Gene via email at [enhunn323@comcast.net](mailto:enhunn323@comcast.net).

**Napa Solano Audubon CBC** – Angwin CBC. Monday, January 1, 2024, at 8:00 AM. This circle includes St. Helena, Deer Park, Angwin and Pope Valley, along with Los Posadas State Forest, Bell Canyon, Lake Hennessey, and Lake Berryessa’s western shores. To participate or for questions, contact Murray Berner at [vireocity@hotmail.com](mailto:vireocity@hotmail.com).

**End of Year Donations Appreciated!**

## BIRDING WORLD

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many people as possible to get excited about birds and unite to protect them.” Dr. Scarl explained, “Exclusionary naming conventions developed in the 1800s, clouded by racism and misogyny, don’t work for us today, and the time has come for us to transform this process and redirect the focus to the birds where it belongs.”

The effort will focus initially on 70-80 bird species occurring in the U.S. and Canada. Birds, like all living things, have two-part scientific names. Scientists use these names to communicate across languages and nationalities. As part of the English bird name changes initiative, the scientific (Latin) name will not be changed, but scientific names are regularly reviewed and updated by the AOS North American and South American classification committees. The AOS, with authority over English names of Latin American birds, will engage in broader communication with ornithologists and organizations in Latin America before proceeding with Latin American name changes.

One example of a recent name change in the U.S. is the Thick-billed Longspur, a small prairie songbird, originally named for John P. McCown, an amateur naturalist who became a general in the Confederate Army during the U.S. Civil War – a painful link to slavery and racism.

American Ornithological Society: [www.americanornithology.org](http://www.americanornithology.org)  
As this appropriate and relevant process unfolds, we’ll share updates for our members in *Leaves*.

(Resource: *American Ornithological Society*.)

**New Members**  
**Fort Bragg**  
*David Jensen*  
**Santa Rosa**  
*James Rosso*



# Acknowledging Our 2022 Donors

Renewing memberships at higher levels and donating in memory of or in honor of friends and loved ones, end of year, and the annual Bird-A-Thon support our ability to continue to offer Basic & Senior Memberships at affordable levels, and support our operations, ever-expanding conservation, climate change and program activities. (Please note: 2023 Donor Acknowledgments will appear in September 2024 Leaves). We deeply appreciate your generosity and our all-volunteer community!

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	Operating	Conservation & Education	Subtotal	Stewardship Task Force	TOTAL
Balance as of June 30, 2022	150,607.59	-36,086.05	114,521.54	1,769.76	116,291.30
<b>Income</b>					
Friends' Dues	11,706.00	0.00	11,706.00	0.00	11,706.00
Donations	17,051.19	0.00	17,051.19	0.00	17,051.19
Donations-CBC	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Donations-E Smith Trust	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Donations-Farallones	0.00	5.00	5.00	0.00	5.00
In Kind Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bird-A-Thon	4,215.00	0.00	4,215.00	0.00	4,215.00
NAS Sharing	5,460.75	0.00	5,460.75	0.00	5,460.75
Investment Income	54.38	0.00	54.38	2.56	56.94
Miscellaneous Income	407.72	0.00	407.72	0.00	407.72
Other Grants	0.00	3,600.03	3,600.03	0.00	3,600.03
Investing Income	562.37	0.00	562.37	0.00	562.37
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>39,457.41</b>	<b>3,605.03</b>	<b>43,062.44</b>	<b>2.56</b>	<b>43,065.00</b>
<b>Expense</b>					
ADMINISTRATIVE	12,124.48	362.87	12,487.35	0.00	12,487.35
CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT	0.00	443.80	443.80	0.00	443.80
CONSERVATION	0.00	17,567.08	17,567.08	0.00	17,567.08
EDUCATION	0.00	2,322.37	2,322.37	0.00	2,322.37
LEAVES	21,771.30	0.00	21,771.30	0.00	21,771.30
MEMBERSHIP EXPENSES	2,106.20	12.80	2,119.00	0.00	2,119.00
OUTREACH	61.62	437.29	498.91	0.00	498.91
JUNIOR AUDUBON	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
GENERAL MEETINGS	2,433.31	0.00	2,433.31	0.00	2,433.31
PUBLICITY	14.80	0.00	14.80	0.00	14.80
FUNDRAISING	462.25	0.00	462.25	0.00	462.25
STEWARDSHIP TASK FORCE	0.00	0.00	0.00	144.00	144.00
BREEDING BIRD ATLAS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>38,973.96</b>	<b>21,146.21</b>	<b>60,120.17</b>	<b>144.00</b>	<b>60,264.17</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>483.45</b>	<b>-17,541.18</b>	<b>-17,057.73</b>	<b>-141.44</b>	<b>-17,199.17</b>
<b>Balance at end of period (June 30, 2023)</b>	<b>151,091.04 *</b>	<b>-53,627.23</b>	<b>97,463.81</b>	<b>1,628.32</b>	<b>99,092.13</b>

\*E.I. Smith Bequest: \$94,708.98 Schwab balance, June 2023/Operations Fund Balance = \$56,382.06



## COASTAL COLUMN

# Coastal Stewardship for Black Oystercatchers (BLOY)

by Diane Hichwa

A BIG THANK YOU to volunteers with Madrone — some who long ago canvassed the coast in 2011 for oystercatcher nests, resulting in a publication in 2014. Then the detail work began for a ten-year period watching individual nests in a reproductive study. A BIG Shout Out to those volunteers, too.

A paper is being prepped now for publication, tentatively titled Black Oystercatcher (*Haematopus bachmani*) Reproductive Success in California and Oregon and the Influence of Ocean Climate, Disturbance and Nest Site Characteristics. Co-authors will be Tim Meehan, Dan Orr, Joe Liebezeit, Ryan Carle and Anna Weinstein, combining efforts of volunteers and chapters with data analysts, mapping specialists, and climate analysts working on the data. The writers came from National Audubon, Audubon CA and Portland Audubon to help.

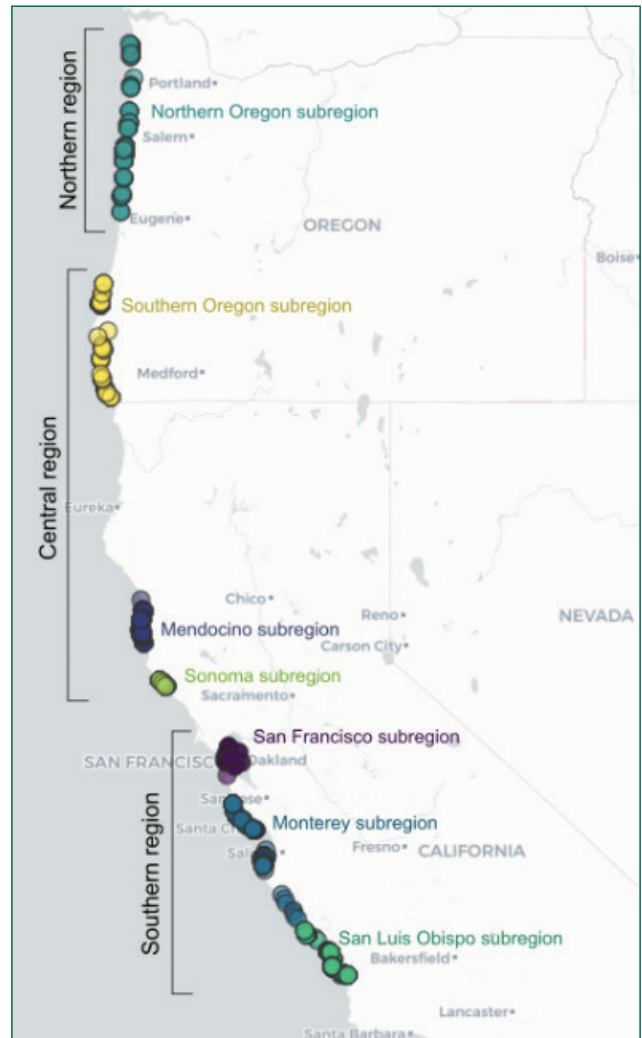


*Black Oystercatcher, First Eggs*  
Courtesy of Jamie Hall

The backbone of this paper is the hard-earned BLOY productivity data for each study area over a ten-year period from Mendocino and Sonoma Counties through Central California, plus co-variate data collected by observers, including disturbances, predators, nest heights and locations and more. We are super excited to share

the results, starting with Dan Orr’s presentation for Mendocino Audubon in October. Nearly 2000 individual measurements - defined as fledged chicks per pair per year- went into the analysis. We also looked to the relationship of six co-variates, including food availability/marine climate co-variate, with productivity. Key findings include the result that overall productivity increases from south to north among the three regions (see map), and, the lack of any temporal trend in productivity in any region or subregion over the 10 years. We highlight the study’s public/private partnership over the timeframe, and the contributions of each of the agencies and groups including Madrone Audubon through the Coastal Stewardship Task Force at the NW corner of Sonoma County. The study began locally with a full survey of the Sonoma Coast for BLOY nests. Then we moved into watching specific pairs and nest sites through each season — sometimes with 20 nests to follow. A new study has a different focus following a random sample of nests.

The target journal is *Marine Ornithology*, which is open access and has published some excellent BLOY papers in the past several years. We will share with our members when the article is available.



### Donations

*In memory of*  
**Bill Bevans**  
by Rita Bevans

*In memory of*  
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by Kathy Rodrigues

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by Tom Reynolds & Michelle Coval



## HABITAT GARDENING

### 1.2 Acres of Ridgetop Property

by Patricia Taylor

1.2 acres of ridgetop property. I bought it. I'm responsible for it. A little piece of paradise, though, it's not. No way.

My neighbor's yard is what I would call paradise, with manicured lawn, well-watered flowering plants, hardscapes and pool. But it's this rough piece of open space surrounding my house which draws the wildlife. Deer give birth to fawns under the old picnic table set well away from the house. Pileated woodpeckers hammer at the scrappy snag. A vulture once nested under a rocky overhang beneath our valley oak. We only saw the nest once. We gave it lots of privacy, and hoped the foxes wouldn't find the eggs.

It is not just luck that brings the animals close in. We manage our little preserve by actively doing as little as possible to it.

When the Great Blue Heron visited our rather green, unfiltered pond, we knew we were doing things right. Wildlife utilizes a landscape best if it is not altered. So, we left the dry grasses of summer tall, home to tiny flying insects. The firs and scrub oaks were allowed to keep their dead branches – the squirrels multiplied. The fallen tree lay near the swing set, its bark peeling away only after years of kids playing on it.

The property looked shabby, though, and part of me was ashamed. My friends with their well-groomed yards and colorful gardens – I was envious of the pretty factor.

Then came the fires. Fear, rightly so, fuels anxiety. Rules for home hardening and fire safe zones now determine if an insurance company will write a policy for you. The county sets annual deadlines for removing fire fuels. My neighborhood, famous for its natural setting, in terror, has cut down a quarter of its trees since 2017's double whammy of tree wrenching winter storms and firestorm infernos.

I was angry at what seemed overreacting. Society was killing Peter to save Paul. After decades of progress in understanding environmental health and ecological processes, my 1.2-acre preserve became threatened by best practices for fire prevention.

I get it. The Tubbs fire burned to within a quarter mile of my home. My brother lost everything to that horror. A business acquaintance died in her home. The parents of a workmate didn't make it either. Naturally, we are going to value human safety over wildlife safety. But that leaves our responsibility to protect and preserve open space and safe havens all the more important. On my little preserve, my actions really matter. It takes more savvy and planning, more creativity and determination. And I have made hard compromises.



*California Quail with Chick*

*Courtesy of Gordon Beebe*

My hardscape near the house is widely spaced pavers with hollows under them for little creature homes. Scorpions love these. I've increased the native plants and expanded the drought gardens. Further from the house, the majority of the fast-burning coyote brush are replaced by annually seeded wildflowers. And I now leave only a five-foot beltway of uncut tall grass. Birds and foxes use it for stealth, deer sleep in it. The snag remains, giving a view to the Red-shouldered Hawk, but the beautiful deadwood branches of the manzanitas are now cut off and gathered in shallow "graves" with leaf litter and dirt, waiting for me to plant some redbud and a buckeye.

The property is still not pretty, but a safe haven it is. Lizards do their moves. Quail families visit the pond. Recently, a five-point buck has taken morning naps by the bracken. This busy acre, it is a home – their home. Wildlife belongs here. This is their little piece of paradise

**For planting and  
habitat consideration,  
see our **Tree & Vegetation  
Planting Guide****

[https://madroneaudubon.org/pdf/  
Tree and Plant List.pdf](https://madroneaudubon.org/pdf/Tree%20and%20Plant%20List.pdf)



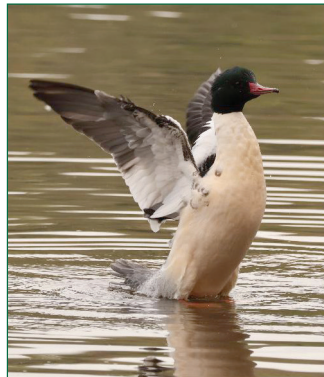
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## December 2023 & January 2024 Outings

Bring binoculars and wear outdoor clothing suitable for the weather forecast. Our outings are free for members and the public. (We may have binoculars available to loan for the outings.)

**Thursday, December 14**  
**Laguna de Santa Rosa Trail**  
8:30-10:30AM  
Sebastopol  
Leader: Janet Bosshard

Meet in the parking lot off Hwy #12. Dress for Sonoma weather conditions. We'll go off the paved walk to the dirt channel trail (unless it's too wet), then will stay on the paved path. Info: (707) 480-3432. Rain will cancel the walk.



*Male Common Merganser in Take-off*  
Courtesy of Tom Reynolds

*No second December Thursday walk due to holidays and Christmas Bird Counts.*

**Thursday, January 11**  
**Spring Lake Regional Park**  
8:30-10:30 AM  
Santa Rosa  
Leader: Janet Bosshard

Take Newanga Ave., off Summerfield Rd. Meet at the south park restrooms. Parking permit is required. We'll walk down to the lake and onto the Fisherman's Trail if not too wet. Info: (707) 480-3432. Rain will cancel the walk.

**Saturday, December 16**  
**Paula Lane, West Petaluma**  
7:30-8:30 AM  
Paula Lane at Sunset Drive and West Street  
Leader: Susan Kirks

(Rescheduled from Nov. 18) -- We'll enjoy a quiet, early morning walk near the open space land, listening, observing for winter birds and resident wildlife. We'll talk about the importance of this land and area for grassland habitat, badgers, and coexistence with other wildlife and birds. We'll walk uphill to view the wildlife corridor. If you joined an earlier walk, return and share the hour with us and new participants to experience the early winter morning. Ample parking is nearby. Rain cancels. Small group is best, so please reserve a space. Text or call 707-241-5548 or email susankirks@sbcglobal.net



*Scissor-tailed Flycatcher*  
Courtesy of Tom Reynolds

**Saturday, January 20**  
**Ellis Creek Ponds, Petaluma**  
8:30-10:30 AM  
3890 Cypress Drive, Petaluma  
Leader: Linda Fraley

Take Highway 101 to Petaluma. Go East on 116 (Lakeville Highway). Turn right (south) on S. McDowell Blvd. Turn right on Cypress Drive. Go to the end of the road and through gates. Meet near the restrooms. Info: (559) 779-5211. Rain cancels



*American White Pelicans*  
Courtesy of Tom

**Thursday, January 25**  
**West County Trail, near Forestville**  
8:30-10:30 AM  
Leader: Janet Bosshard

Take Guerneville Road, right onto Hwy #116, left on Ross Station Road. Go down to the parking area on the left. Parking lot is small; carpool if possible. We'll walk to the sewer ponds and back. Info: (707) 480-3432. Rain will cancel the walk.



## Observations

Fall Migration 2023

• Dan Nelson • 479-2918

• birdsurf64@sbcglobal.net

Long-tailed Duck (3)	10/19	Bodega Head fly-bys, S-bound in Scoter flock	GH, JS
White-winged Scoter (1)	10/19	Bodega Head fly by with other Scoters	GH, JS
Tufted Puffin (2)	10/5	Offshore Sonoma County	JC, et al
Brown Booby	9/24	Bodega Bay Pelagic in Marin Co.	SH, GH, RROS
Red-footed Booby (dk morph)	9/15-17	Bodega Head	RL, DN, et al
Arctic Tern (14)	8/20	Offshore Sonoma/Marin Counties	AJ, et al
South Polar Skua (2-3)	9/24	Bodega Canyon	SH, GH, et al
Wedge-tailed Shearwater(2)	10/15	Offshore Marin County	AJ, SC, GH, et al
Leach's Storm-Petrel (2)	10/15	Offshore Marin County	AJ, GH, SC, et al
Ashy Storm-Petrel (1400+)	9/24	W. of Cordell Banks	SH, GH, RROS
Black Storm-Petrel (2500+)	9/24	W. of Cordell Banks	SH, GH, RROS
Wilson's Storm-Petrel (50+)	9/24	W. of Cordell Banks	SH, GH, RROS
Fork-tailed Storm-Petrel (80+)	9/24	W. of Cordell Banks	SH, GH, RROS
Least Storm-Petrel (1)	9/24	W. of Cordell Banks	SH, GH, RROS
Bald Eagle (2)	10/7	Pleasant Hill Rd./Bloomfield Rd, area	MC
Short-eared Owl	10/30	Jenner Headlands	BO
Barred Owl	9/1	Salmon Creek Rd.	DN
Barred Owl	9/17	Pine Gulch Creek, Marin Co.	AR
White-faced Ibis (15)	9/14	Over Campbell Cove; flew toward Doran	DN, TB, SM et al
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	10/28	Sausalito Sailing Club	J Sierra
Least Bittern	9/2	Ellis Creek treatment ponds	DN
American Golden-Plover	10/1	Abbott's Lagoon	TF
Pacific Golden-Plover	10/14	Abbott's Lagoon	DN
Semipalmated Sandpiper	8/28	Port Sonoma	EC
Baird's Sandpiper	8/23	Limantour Beach	DN
Baird's Sandpiper	8/28	Doran Beach	DN
Solitary Sandpiper	8/13-16	Hudemann Slough	SK, MB, GP, GH
Lesser Yellowlegs (2)	8/13	Hudemann Slough	SK
Ruff	10/3-7	Pacheco Pond, Novato	BB, et al
Ruff (juv.)	10/1-8	Abbott's Lagoon	TF, JW, et al
Lewis's Woodpecker	9/22	Kenwood School Field	RR
Broad-billed Hummingbird	10/17	Palomarin Banding Station	M Dettling, et al
*Note – This vagrant imm. male hummer was banded, then refound two days later in Carmel-by-the Sea, Monterey Co.(!) where its' band was seen (by many), and identified as the same individual seen in Marin Co. two days previous.			
Bank Swallow (imm.)	8/28	Port Sonoma (photo)	EC
Tropical Kingbird (2)	9/23	Bodega Bay Marine Lab Residence area	DN, RR, LH, et al
Tropical Kingbird (1)	10/7	Spud Point	Jane Thompson
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	10/18-29	Bodega Head	Keller McDonald, et al
Mountain Bluebird	10/6	Westside Regional Park	JT, fide LH
Sage Thrasher	11/4	Tolat Creek Regional Park	SM
Northern Parula Warbler	10/8	Administration Dr. @ Redwood Credit, Santa Rosa	DM, WD, et al
Northern Parula Warbler	10/30	Monte Rio (yard bird!)	J Snead
Magnolia Warbler	9/23-28	Owl Canyon	DN, MB, et al
Tennessee Warbler	9/11	Russian Gulch	SC
Blackpoll Warbler	9/17	Bodega Dunes Campground	LH, RR, DN et al
Blackpoll Warbler	9/30	Rail Ponds/ Bay Flat Rd.	SM, SS
Blackburnian Warbler	9/17-18	Bodega Dunes Campground	LR, MC
Chestnut-sided Warbler	9/14-15	Campbell Cove	DN, TB, SM, et al
Chestnut-sided Warbler	9/19	Bodega Bay Marine Lab Residence trees	LK, EM
Chestnut-sided Warbler(2)	9/17-20	Bodega Dunes Campground	JS, CW
Chestnut-sided Warbler	9/17	Fish Docks, Pt. Reyes	M.Ob
Palm Warbler	9/23	Bodega Bay Marine Lab Residence trees	DN, LH, RR, et al
Palm Warbler (5)	10/11	Limantour parking area; at Termite nest	LN
Prairie Warbler	9/5	Bodega Dunes Campground	DN
Prairie Warbler	10/5	Owl Canyon	SM
American Redstart	9/5-6	Owl Canyon	JS, DN, TB, et al
American Redstart	9/8-9	Campbell Cove	DN, TB, CW, et al
American Redstart	9/16-17	Bodega Dunes Campground	DN, RO'D, AO'D, et al
American Redstart	9/28-29	Owl Canyon	MB, DN, CW, et al
Painted Redstart	11/5-8	Fish Docks, Pt. Reyes	AM, SC, M.Ob
Tricolored Blackbird (4)	11/4	Chanslor Ranch	DN
Yellow-headed Blackbird	10/8	Campbell Cove – 1st yr. male (photos)	DN, TB, GH, et al
Dickcissel (winter male)	9/29-10/3	Muir Beach (yard bird)	Jim White, M.Ob
Orchard Oriole	9/23	Rail Ponds/ Bay Flat Rd. @ Whaleship (photos)	DN, RR
Swamp Sparrow	10/22	Willow Creek Rd.	DN
Clay-colored Sparrow	9/17	Campbell Cove	DL
Blue Grosbeak	8/30	Rail Ponds/ Bay Flat Rd. (imm. male, photos)	GP
Indigo Bunting(fem.)	9/14	Campbell Cove	DN
Painted Bunting (imm. fem)	9/25	Maxwell Farms Regional Park	MW, DB, MB ph'd
Green-tailed Towhee	11/3	Laguna Trail/Kelly Pond area (photo)	SK
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	9/23	Campbell Cove (imm. male, photos)	DN
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	9/24	Spud Pt. residences; same bird moved from 9/23	DN, TB

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