



# Madrone LEAVES

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## Our New Normal?

by Susan Kirks

On September 21st, the first time in two years, the fellowship room of the United Methodist Church on Montgomery Drive in Santa Rosa was filled with Madrone Audubon members for about two hours. How gratifying it was to see familiar faces coming into the room, going through our familiar routine of setting up chairs and equipment for Tom Reynolds' presentation, and at the same time being mindful of health and safety protocols. Tom's presentation was heart-warming and completely enjoyable. Kindly reminding members of our new meeting start time of 6:30 p.m. (compared to the past time of 7:00 p.m.). The earlier start time provides for a timely gathering and then return to home before 9:00 p.m. Our in-person October 17th meeting presentation by Dr. Quinton Martins for an update on Living With Loins promises to be informative. We'll meet on November 21st by Zoom, with a presentation by Richard Charter, Fellow with the Ocean Foundation.

As the war in Ukraine, or rather the Russian invasion of Ukraine continues, with promising reports of Ukrainian perseverance and regaining territories, the atrocities associated with the invasion are very difficult to hear about and comprehend. The climate crisis



House Wren

Courtesy of Ron Storey

has revealed itself to be more tangible in the Bay Area, with a recent heat wave and record high temperatures in every Sonoma County City. That heat was dry, activity necessarily stopped, and the stress associated with the experience was real. The earthquakes beginning on September 13th were wake-up calls about where we

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### GENERAL MEETING

Monday, October 17, 6:30-8:00 pm

#### Living in Nature

United Methodist Church (Fellowship Room)  
1551 Montgomery Dr., Santa Rosa, CA 95405

Doors open 6:15 p.m. Note start time of 6:30 p.m.  
Our meetings are free to the public. Vaccination (COVID) is required and wearing a mask indoors is strongly recommended. Chairs will be distanced 6' apart for health and safety protocols.

Join us for an in-person meeting in our usual location, the Fellowship Room of United Methodist Church, 1551 Montgomery Dr., Santa Rosa. Dr. Quinton Martins of True Wild will share continuing research on mountain lions in Sonoma County and the North Bay. We last heard from Dr. Martins in October 2019.



Seeking Water  
Courtesy of Nick South

His research with the program, Living With Lions, has continued, and we anticipate learning as much as possible to support conservation and awareness of habitat protection, and practices to support education and coexistence.

Monday, November 21, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

#### The Sonoma County Coast – Wind Energy Proposals & Protecting Marine Sanctuaries

Richard Charter, Fellow with the Ocean Foundation, will present updates on the Wind Energy industry's proposals for installations off the California Coast as well as updates on protecting the health and fragility of our Marine Sanctuaries and marine and island ecosystems. See Zoom links below. We will resume in-person meetings in January 2023.



Bodega Head  
Courtesy of Tom Reynolds

Join Zoom Meeting – November 21  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88102290535?pwd=N29nMGtabTM0ODdxVUM5Q1pJVVBsQT09>  
Meeting ID: 881 0229 0535    Passcode: 120859  
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live and our primarily considered “threat” for years, still reminding us of that presence in the midst of the climate crisis. Bay Area cities have climate action plans, collaborating with respective counties and the larger region. The 2022 State Budget contains significant funding for the 30 x 30 initiative to conserve 30% of California’s lands and waters by 2030. A similar national plan of 30 x 30 for the US has recently been announced. President Biden recently named a Diplomat for Biodiversity for the first time in US History, to address the threat of species extinction and supporting biodiversity in the midst of the climate crisis. We need national and international leaders to follow through and require accountability of large fossil fuel corporations to reduce and eliminate greenhouse gas emissions. Recent reports indicate the polluters are not meeting agreed upon targets for reduction.

In Sonoma County, an important update of the Local Coastal Plan is underway, likely to be voted upon and finalized by the County Board of Supervisor in January 2023. The attention to and care taken by coastal advocates supporting highest environmental protections and care for our coast have been most impressive. Conservation Chair Diane Hichwa has participated in this process on behalf of Madrone Audubon and I have attended public meetings where the proposed update has been reviewed and discussed. We will review the latest proposed additions and changes and likely submit additional information on ESHAs (Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Areas). The update contains progressive and protective policy to be enacted to eliminate pesticide use in our coastal zone, modeled after Poison Free Malibu.

Madrone Audubon is an independent 501c3 nonprofit organization and also a Chapter of the National Audubon Society. We will not



Sandhill Cranes

Courtesy of Tom Reynolds

always agree on every issue, but our longstanding affiliation and the ability to draw from and contribute to national efforts to protect our environment and appreciate and conserve habitat. birds and wildlife are very beneficial and may lead to persuasion and successful conservation actions and education. Most of all, on behalf of our Board of Directors, we are grateful to our longstanding Madrone Audubon members and our new members who continue to join our Chapter and enjoy outings and the *Leaves*, and support our conservation work, along with sharing our mutual care for birds, wildlife and Nature. Birds and wildlife who need our voices need those now more than ever. It will be so good to see as many of you again as possible in October – and then in January 2023, following our November Zoom meeting. And, of course, many of us will see each other on January 1, 2023 for the 56th annual West County Christmas Bird Count. We anticipate welcoming an intern or interns to our Board and Chapter in the near future. We are here for you, and we know you are here for us – and together we will move through the new normal. (By the way, we have some openings on our Board of Directors for members who may want to contribute a few hours a month to support our Chapter.)

## Coastal Stewardship Continues

by Diane Hichwa

Summer nesting season has ended. Gualala Point Island (GPI) hosted 68 nests of Brandt’s Cormorants, most on the outermost flat area; that location is the reason for using a drone to record the nests since most are not visible from shore. August 18th when I looked at Gualala Point Island (GPI) from the south, I did not see ANY Common Murres. (In the July 28th drone photos there were 2,014 murres atop the island!). We expect them to leave the nesting area in early August. At home after dinner, I was listening with the screen door open (from uphill east of Highway 1) and I heard Black Oystercatchers (hopefully you recognize that call!). Then, I heard a two-note repetitive call from the water. It took me a minute to listen and think back; I had not heard that call in a year!

All About Birds describes the Common Murre: Gives low-pitched, guttural calls and a longer, braying aaaaarrrr, ARR-ahh. These calls are only heard during the nesting season at or



Black Oystercatcher Fledgling

Courtesy of Gary Hopkins

near the breeding sites....further along in the tape is a delicate background two-part call—that is the flightless CHICK out on the water with Dad! Maybe it says Cheer y’, Cheer y’. What fun to hear that call again. And that calling chick had already floated 7 miles south of GPI.

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## Vaux's Swifts in Sebastopol

September 2022 brought a surprise to Sebastopol – Vaux's Swifts! – The chimney at Park Side Elementary School on Bodega Avenue became a stopover site for hundreds of swifts for about 2-1/2 weeks. The timeline for the selection of the school chimney included the September 13th earthquake, centered in Santa Rosa and felt in many locations, including Sebastopol. The *Sonoma County Gazette* reported Principal Linda Irving went to check on the school the evening of the earthquake and was surprised to see several people with binoculars and viewing scopes at the school. Observers were watching for Vaux's Swifts. When news circulated about the Park Side Elementary School visitors, North Bay Birds was abuzz and Veronica Bowers, Director of Native Songbird Care and Conservation, based in Sebastopol, reached out to the school and connected community members to ensure the stop-over would be understood and undisturbed. The school's chimney was a safe site for the Vaux's Swifts. Kathy Spalding, a volunteer with *Native Songbird Care & Conservation*, counted the swifts every evening and submitted data to Larry at Vaux's Happening. The Vaux's Swifts departed their Petaluma new chimney site about September 22.

The chimney at Rio Lindo Adventist Academy in Healdsburg has for many years been an anticipated Vaux's Swifts arrival and stopover. Vaux's Swifts fly through the North Bay as they migrate South in September to Central America and Venezuela. The swifts seek chimneys

### New Member

**Healdsburg**

*Paul Weaver*

for roosting during the night. Historically, Vaux's Swifts would nest and roost in older growth forests in hollow tree snags, but dwindling old-growth forest areas have led to the swifts flying into chimneys. Our friends at Portland Audubon report the Vaux's Swifts arrive in Oregon in late April, nest, with eggs hatched by July, and raise young before departing in the Fall. Vaux's Swifts are remarkable, with most behaviors carried out in flight -foraging, drinking, courting, collecting nesting material and copulating. They capture and eat flying insects and ballooning spiders. Will the Vaux's Swifts return next September to Park Side Elementary School in Sebastopol? Often, when a chimney is identified and temporarily claimed, the swifts return to the same location year after year. We'll be waiting.

*(Sources: Diane Hichwa, Veronica Bowers, North Bay Birds, Sonoma Gazette, National Audubon, Portland Audubon)*

## COASTAL STEWARDSHIP

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Arched Rock Island just south of that was host, for the first time, to 3 Brandt's Cormorant nests on top and 14 Pelagic Cormorant nests on its side. Black Oystercatchers nested amidst them and a second pair built their nest on a nearby sea stack.

Since July, the thousands (more like millions) of shorebirds that nest in Alaska and thereabouts have been migrating south for winter. They are arriving along our coast. In mid-summer, we only see what nests here; at Sea Ranch with a rocky coast and few beaches, the nesters are Black Oystercatchers, Spotted Sandpipers, and Killdeer. Now we are seeing some recently fledged Black Oystercatchers. They may not be quite as big as the adults and their bill will be two-toned because it is a fledgling. On the north coast, we continue to monitor nesting oystercatchers, in 2022 participating in a new 5-year study From Mendocino to Monterey. The intention is a better assessment of the health of the population as we follow a random sampling of nests, not just the easy-to-observe and obvious ones. Of the five in our random sample, one did not nest in 2022, one failed after several weeks, one had eggs, then chicks that disappeared, one failed and re-nested to raise 2 chicks, and one nested early and fledged a chick. So we



*Black Oystercatcher plus 2 Chicks*

*Courtesy of Michael Reinhart*

covered the range of possible outcomes. Fourteen nests in our ten miles of coast were active with eggs or chicks.

Long sandy beaches are good for shorebirds as they migrate South. The rocky coast will harbor others. Best viewing for a large variety of shorebirds is Bodega Bay, which has a variety of habitats. And nature does a great job of relaxing us!



# Bird-A-Thon 2022 Stories

Compiled by Carolyn Greene

Our annual Spring Bird-A-Thon is always a snapshot of breeding, migrating and resident birds in Sonoma County. The 2022 effort was no exception! It's also our nonprofit's main fundraiser of the year. This year, four teams fanned out throughout the county, from the coast to the mountains, seeking as many species as could be found on "big days" (or "big weeks"). Teams had a great time, and we express much appreciation to team members and to generous donors. We met our fundraising goal and anticipate welcoming Sonoma State University Interns to our Board and Chapter in the near future. To recap, we raised \$4,485.50.

Teams	Totals
Birding Buddies of Oakmont	\$2,047.75
Grey-Headed Seersuckers	\$1,265.25
March Madness	\$ 611.25
Burrowing Owls	\$ 561.25

Our team stories follow:

## Oakmont Birding Buddies

The OBBs spotted a record-breaking 86 species May 2-8, in and around Oakmont and along Santa Rosa Creek. Our team originated with Oakmonter Betty Groce and her dear friend, the late Don McCarthy, many years ago, and Betty is still birding the neighborhood, and was a donor to our team.



Cedar Waxwing

Courtesy of Tom Reynolds

Big thanks to all our team members - Dave Moore, Geri Brown, Carol King, Cathy Vancik, Carolyn Greene, Margaret Braisted, Katherine Foster, Anita Easland, Keith Sauer, Ruthie Rudesill, Lesli Lee Hartsough, Brian Webb, and to all who reported their yard lists.

Highlights were a Bald Eagle and the Red-shouldered/Common Black Hawk hybrid (Santa Rosa Creek - thank you, Brian Webb), Western Screech and Great horned Owls, all three



Black Phoebe

Courtesy of Tom Reynolds

vireos, 8 warbler species, 7 sparrow species, a Belted Kingfisher, both expected orioles, and numerous singing Black-headed Grosbeaks.

**We are so grateful to our donors:** David and Lana Moore, Keith Sauer, Lesli Lee Hartsough, Malcolm Blanchard, Marilyn Edmondson, Anita Easland, Jacqui Rienecker, Barbara Spain, Stanley Gold, Claudia Norby, Jim Connell, Pat Strand, Margaret Hein, Dianne Zola, Linne McAleer, Geri Brown, Barbara Kendrick, Susan Dean, Marisol Muñoz Kiehne, Mary Kennedy, Janet Bosshard, Patricia Marsh, Betty Groce, Carolyn Rich, Tish Brown, Joe Ferrari, Mary Bates Abbott, Linda Fraley, Sam Leader, Eileen Bill, Wendy & Steve Smit, Richard & Darlene Donat, Carolyn Johnson, Community Foundation of Sonoma Co.

## Grey-headed Seersuckers

This veteran team chose March 27th for their BAT day. What better way to spend the day, visiting Sonoma County and searching out the many bird species present than to do it as a means to raise funds for our beloved Madrone Audubon Society?

This year, our team consisted of Ian Morrison and Ken Wilson with the assistance of Brian Webb during our time spent along the Santa Rosa Creek Trail. We started early at Howarth Park in Santa Rosa where we enjoyed the usual species, including a group/flock of 10 Great-tailed Grackles that have made this location home.

Santa Rosa Creek to the west of Willowside Road was its usual busy self, providing us with many sightings, including Cooper's, Red-tailed and Red-shouldered Hawks, Common Mergansers, Belted Kingfisher, at least 10 Wood Ducks and nesting Anna's Hummingbirds. From here, we moved on to the west side of the Laguna de Santa Rosa where we found a lone American Pelican before continuing west towards Bodega Bay. As the

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tide rose in Bodega Harbor, many shorebirds and waders came closer to our viewing spots, giving us excellent views of large numbers of Willets, Marbled Godwits, Sanderlings, Western Sandpipers and Dunlins, with a smattering of Black and Ruddy Turnstones. Brant were still present in good numbers and a flock of approximately 350 Greater White-fronted Geese flew over on their northward journey. At the entrance to the harbor, we had very nice looks at a Red-necked Grebe in breeding plumage plus strong icy wind. We found a Pigeon Guillemot and Rhinoceros Auklet amongst the many Surf Scoters present, both adding to our difficult-to-find-list.

From the coast, we drove toward Petaluma, finding a nesting Mute Swan, Greater Yellow-legs and Ring-necked Ducks. In Petaluma, the western end of Shollenberger Park was dry so we concentrated on the Ellis Creek Treatment ponds where we saw good numbers of Green-winged Teals, Ruddy Ducks and Buffleheads plus the many overhead swallows that brought us to a total of 5 species of swallow for the day. Our best sightings here were a couple of Wilson's Snipe and two American Bitterns, our last species for the day.

Our total count for the day was 122 species. We appreciate your support for the Madrone Audubon Society and Team Grey-headed Sapsuckers.

**Gratitude to our donors**, including Ken Wilson, Gordon Beebe, Helen Kochenderfer, Ann Howald, Bill Doyle, Becky Olson, Earl Rathbun, Susan Porter Bass, Jeffrey Holtzman, Mary Bates Abbott, Linda Fraley, Sam Leader, Eileen Bill, Wendy & Steve Smit, Richard & Darlene Donat, Carolyn Johnson, Community Foundation of Sonoma Co.

*Great Egret**Courtesy of Ron Storey***March Madness/Bike and Hike All Around Petaluma**

Gene Hunn chose March 18 for MM's annual "Bike and Hike All Around Petaluma Big Day" in support of Madrone Audubon Society's annual Bird-A-Thon. My team shrunk to myself, with wife, Nancy, with vehicular support (Nancy carried my scope and lunch).

*Willow Flycatcher**Courtesy of Ron Storey*

I set off on my trusty, if battered, bike at 7:15 AM as the sun was rising on what proved to be a pleasant, almost-spring day. Seventeen minutes and 3.6 miles of easy pedaling on the East Petaluma flatlands brought me to the Shollenberger wetland parking lot, where I tied up my steed. Nancy arrived shortly thereafter with my spotting scope, an essential accessory for birding the Shollenberger and Ellis Creek wetlands.

The Red-winged Blackbirds were in full throat and the Canada Geese bulls were vigorously pursuing their at-times reluctant cows. Tree swallows were busy investigating nest boxes. I started my first of seven E-bird checklists for the day. Seven American White Pelicans loafing on the mud were a nice addition, though not unexpected. The roosting gulls had not yet arrived in numbers. The ducks included a pod of Ruddy Ducks and a mix of Canvasbacks and Scaup, plus many Green-winged Teal, Northern Shovelers, Gadwalls, and two Eared Grebes.

We hiked past the Point Blue office complex and continued across to the Ellis Creek Polishing Ponds. Nancy spotted our Northern Harrier for the day and the resident Red-shouldered Hawks made their presence known. A nice surprise: the noisy displaying Great-tailed Grackles had awakened from their winter doldrums. We feared that the winter concentration of Black-crowned Night-Herons might have abandoned the bulrushes for wherever they nest, but a single immature saved the day. Out near the "nose" of the "mouse pond" (cleverly constructed to look like the endangered Salt-marsh Harvest Mouse if viewed from above), we heard the gurgle of an American Bittern, a year bird for me. It was close, but invisible. Then, to my surprise, nearby the soft hoots of what could only be a LEAST BITTERN, until recently virtually unknown in Sonoma County, but now perhaps a regular breeder at Ellis Creek, as a family group had entertained us all last summer.

Hiked back to reclaim my bike at the Shollenberger parking lot. We detoured out the south dike from the Point Blue building to rest our weary feet on one of the memorial benches overlooking the tidal flat to the south (at low tide) and the gull roost to the north. The local American Avocet horde had turned red-headed

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Our Board and Conservation Committee meetings are held virtually. For Board meeting information, contact President Susan Kirks, 707-241-5548, susankirks@sbcglobal.net. For Conservation Committee meetings and information, please contact Diane Hichwa, 785-1922, dhichwa@earthlink.net. Also, please visit our website, www.madroneadubon.org for updates.

## October-November 2022 Walks

*Thursday, October 13, 2022*

### **Spring Lake Regional Park, Santa Rosa**

8:30-10:30 a.m.

Parking permit is required. Channel Drive main entrance. Meet in the large parking lot on the right, across from the swimming lagoon. Leader: Janet Bosshard. For information: (707) 526-5883.



*Sierran Tree Frog*

*Courtesy of Ron Storey*

*Saturday, October 22, 2022*

### **Ellis Creek Ponds**

3890 Cypress Drive, Petaluma

Come check on early ducks or late migrants. From Highway 101 heading south, take exit 472B for CA-116 Sonoma/Napa, then turn left onto Lakeville Highway. Go to S. McDowell Blvd. and turn right. Then, turn right onto Cypress Drive through the gates of Ellis Creek Wastewater Recycling Center. Park in the lot nearest the restrooms. Leader: Janet Fraley. To reserve a space and get meet-up time. call Linda at (559) 779-5211.

*Sunday, Nov. 6, 2022*

### **Spring Lake Regional Park**

Santa Rosa

Led by Linda Fraley. Please call (559) 779-5211 to reserve a spot. Meeting time will be given with sign-up. We will meet at the parking area next to the Swim Lagoon (Violetti Entrance). We will travel North and circle the Lake. If you find you are unable to attend, please call Linda to free up a space for a wait-lister. Parking pass is required.



*Bobcat Mom and Kitten*

*Courtesy of Tom Reynolds*

*Thursday, November 10, 2022*

### **Crane Creek Regional Park, Rohnert Park**

8:30-10:30 a.m.

Parking permit is required. Take Petaluma Hill Road to Pressley Road. Follow up the road. Entrance will be on your left. We'll meet in the parking lot, near the bathroom. Heavy rain will cancel. Leader: Janet Bosshard. For information: (707) 526-5883.



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for Spring and the gull roost had grown to include Ring-billed, Western, California, Glaucous-winged, Thayer's and Kumlien's (now both just "Iceland Gulls"), and the continuing first winter GLAUCOUS GULL. As we rested at the bench, I heard a suspicious call, "kick-ee-doo," the signature of a BLACK RAIL. We know they live here, but almost never hear or see them. Nancy was disbelieving, not having heard this first outburst, but eventually the bird did its bear-imitation growl just off the trail.

My route extended past the Petaluma airport where I added a House Sparrow, but not much else. Regrouped at the house. Counted up my list so-far: 83. Still time to pad the list. So I biked under Highway 101 to Payran Street, then across Petaluma Boulevard to Cypress Hill Memorial Park off Magnolia Avenue. Bluebirds perched on the gravestones. I was able to add Acorn Woodpecker, Red-tailed Hawk, Rock Pigeon, Eurasian

Collared-Dove, Steller's Jay, and White-breasted Nuthatch. Now, 89 birds for the day. Nancy and I decided to hike our local Lynch Creek to the Capri Creek loop of 3.6 miles as the afternoon breeze picked up. It was very quiet. I was resigned to just enjoy a neighborhood stroll when the missing raptor for the day, the White-tailed Kite, appeared out of nowhere to hover ahead. Ninety species! One more to go, a flock of California Quail along Capri Creek.

Total miles by bike: 14; on foot: 7.5. Total hours in the field: 10; total bird species for the day: 91.

**Thanks very much to our donors** - Gene and Nancy Hunn, Mary Bates Abbott, Linda Fraley, Sam Leader, Eileen Bill, Wendy & Steve Smit, Richard & Darlene Donat, Carolyn Johnson, Community Foundation of Sonoma Co.

We'll be Bird-A-Thon'ing next year again and would welcome more team members to help us with the day and discoveries!

Contact our Coordinator, Carolyn Greene, to sign up - cgnark@icloud.com.

### Burrowing Owls


This year, we had a small, but active, team for our weeks-long Bird-A-Thon quest. Art Slater and Susan Kirks observed and recorded species from Petaluma to Santa Rosa to Sebastopol and the coast. Art's residence in Sebastopol, Serenity Springs, was a site of many daily observations, adding to our counts. Susan went everywhere from the parking lot at the local grocery store to Shollenberger Park and Alman Marsh in Petaluma to West 9th Street in Santa Rosa to Bodega Bay. Our total count was 97 species! My favorites were American Coot, American Avocet and White-tailed Kite. Art's avian visitors included multiple species, ranging from American Robin to Hooded Oriole to Band-tailed Pigeon.

**Gratitude to our Donors** – Friends of Paula Lane Action Network, Mary Bates Abbott, Linda Fraley, Sam Leader, Eileen Bill, Wendy & Steve Smit, Richard & Darlene Donat, Carolyn Johnson, Community Foundation of Sonoma Co.



Find us on Facebook for conservation alerts, birdwalk reminders, special announcements and more.

**Are you a National Audubon member?**



Please consider joining our local chapter, Madrone Audubon.

*(see membership form, back page)*



## Christmas Bird Count is Coming!

### Madrone Audubon

*Sunday, January 1, 2023*

Plan ahead to join your regular team or contact Co-Lead Dr. Stacy Li, stacyli@sonic.net, to join a team as a new member. We're hoping to host the after-count-day nutritious buffet and 2-hour gathering at the Sebaastopol Community Center or the Annex. This isn't yet certain. Team Leaders, rest up – We need you!

### Petaluma Christmas Bird Count for Kids

*Saturday, Dec. 31, 2022*

*by Sheryl Nadeau*

Just a few months away, the Christmas Bird Count 4 Kids in Petaluma will be December 31st. All participants must be registered to attend. We will meet at Shollenberger Park at 9:30 a.m. This birding nature walk is designed for children ages 6-12. Small groups will be led by experienced birders. Binoculars will be loaned out for those needing them. Children must be accompanied by a parent or adult guardian. At the end of our birding adventure, we'll count up all the different species we found and celebrate with a pizza party for lunch.

To register, contact Sheryl Nadeau, 33sheryln@gmail.com. Last day to register is Dec. 28th.

## Leaves Editor Opportunity

We have an opening for *Leaves* Editor. The Editor collaborates with the President, Board members and Nature photographers to prepare 6 newsletters annually. Creative input is welcomed. Skills for this volunteer role are writing and editing and the ability to meet time deadlines. We work with our talented Production Editor, Kris Hutchins, who transforms our newsletter copy with photos into the newsletter our members receive and enjoy reading. Interested? Or does a friend or colleague come to mind? Please contact Susan Kirks, our President, at 707-241-5548 or susankirks@sbcglobal.net. (A personal computer and Microsoft Word are basic equipment/software requirements.)



Golden Eagle

Courtesy of Tom Reynolds

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

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

## Legacy Giving

*Helping Sonoma County's Birds and Wildlife into the Future*  
**Madrone's Legacy Care Program**



Please contact Madrone Audubon  
**707-241-5548**





**MADRONE AUDUBON SOCIETY  
FUNDS STATEMENT  
July 2021 through June 2022**

	<b>Operating</b>	<b>Conservation &amp; Education</b>	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>Stewardship Task Force</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Balance as of June 30, 2021	148,044.71	-18,827.90	129,216.81	1,910.91	131,127.72
<b>Income</b>					
Friends' Dues	11,410.00	0.00	11,410.00	0.00	11,410.00
Donations	22,471.91	0.00	22,471.91	0.00	22,471.91
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	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
In Kind Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bird-A-Thon	4,485.50	0.00	4,485.50	0.00	4,485.50
NAS Sharing	5,460.75	0.00	5,460.75	0.00	5,460.75
Investment Income	82.83	0.00	82.83	2.85	85.68
Miscellaneous Income	251.31	0.00	251.31	0.00	251.31
Other Grants	0.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00
Investing Income	-3,274.59	0.00	-3,274.59	0.00	-3,274.59
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>40,887.71</b>	<b>4,000.00</b>	<b>44,887.71</b>	<b>2.85</b>	<b>44,890.56</b>
<b>Expense</b>					
ADMINISTRATIVE	9,484.28	244.50	9,728.78	0.00	9,728.78
CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
CONSERVATION	0.00	18,985.65	18,985.65	0.00	18,985.65
EDUCATION	0.00	2,028.00	2,028.00	0.00	2,028.00
LEAVES	23,027.97	0.00	23,027.97	0.00	23,027.97
MEMBERSHIP EXPENSES	2,799.98	0.00	2,799.98	0.00	2,799.98
OUTREACH	54.98	0.00	54.98	0.00	54.98
JUNIOR AUDUBON	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
GENERAL MEETINGS	702.36	0.00	702.36	0.00	702.36
PUBLICITY	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
FUNDRAISING	2,255.26	0.00	2,255.26	0.00	2,255.26
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>38,324.83</b>	<b>21,258.15</b>	<b>59,582.98</b>	<b>144.00</b>	<b>59,726.98</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>2,562.88</b>	<b>-17,258.15</b>	<b>-14,695.27</b>	<b>-141.15</b>	<b>-14,836.42</b>
<b>Balance at end of period (June 30, 2022)</b>	<b>150,607.59 *</b>	<b>-36,086.05</b>	<b>114,521.54</b>	<b>1,769.76</b>	<b>116,291.30</b>

\*E.I. Smith Bequest: \$96,146.61 Schwab balance, June 2022/Operations Fund Balance = \$54,460.98



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MADRONE LEAVES



Madrone Audubon Society meets on the third Monday of each month, except in June, July, August, and December. Meetings start at 7:00 PM at First United Methodist Church, 1551 Montgomery Dr., Santa Rosa. All membership meetings and walks are open to the public. Information: e-mail - info@madroneaudubon.org.

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