



# Madrone LEAVES

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## A Large Conservation Village

by Susan Kirks

September 2023 *Leaves* featured many Summer activities. Our large “conservation village” was active on a daily basis. Additional information from Summer is relevant for our October-November 2023 *Leaves*.

### A New Norm - Petaluma Wetlands nesting surveys Feb. 15-Aug. 31

Established in 2018 as an official Ramsar Wetland of International Importance, a designation Madrone Audubon initiated for the City of Petaluma, the Petaluma Wetlands are comprised of the Ellis Creek treatment ponds and wetland, Shollenberger Park, Alman Marsh, and a contiguous property. The Wetlands comprise significant habitat for birds, migratory



Red-winged Blackbird

Courtesy of Crissy Pascual

and resident, and nesting season February 15 through early September is very active. Our members may recall Madrone Audubon fiscally sponsored Petaluma Wetlands Alliance for 13 years, with the late Gerald Moore and also Mary Edith Moore serving for many years on our Board of Directors. Mary Edith co-edited *Leaves* with Daphne Smith for several years, with Denise Kelly for a year, and then solo-edited.

When we began to receive calls of deep concern in 2022 about a contractor mowing down active nests at Ellis Creek, we

necessarily went into action mode. We discovered the City of Petaluma did not have a process for bird nesting surveys related to vegetation management planning or actions. Without a plan and surveys to identify active nests and demarcate protective buffer zones, birds at the Wetlands were in grave danger. We reported about this discovery and initiating action in April-May 2023 and Summer 2023 *Leaves*.

From May through the end of August, biologist Lisa Hug carefully performed nesting surveys at the Wetlands, identified nesting species, marked required buffer zones for protection with flags and ribbons, and provided update reports and maps, which we shared with the City of Petaluma Public Works and Parks and Recreation staffs and Petaluma Wetlands Alliance. Again, our gratitude to biologist Hug. Her experience and skill sets resulted in lives being saved – we are certain of this.

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### GENERAL MEETING

Monday, October 16, 2023

#### The Birds of Spring Lake Regional Park

Presented by Jim Rosso

6:30-8:00 p.m.

Fellowship Room, United Methodist Church  
1551 Montgomery Dr., Santa Rosa

Join us for our second Fall meeting to “visit” the many birds found around and in nearby Spring Lake. A favorite park in Sonoma County, resident and migratory birds and wildlife rely on this park for habitat. We’ll see this special place through Jim’s eyes and lens.



Black Phoebe

Courtesy of Jim Rosso

*Jim Rosso has been studying birds since he was 7 years of age. He has been teaching about birds and leading field trips since he was 20. An educator in public and private schools for most of his life, Jim’s doctoral dissertation focused on “education as an experience – emotional and intellectual.” Jim will be joined by his partner, Karen Billings, for the presentation.*



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An anonymous donor covered the main expense for the surveying, and without the donor's generosity, we could not have proceeded with this important project. Madrone Audubon and Petaluma Wetlands Alliance shared the remaining costs. This activity and the expenses related to it are responsibilities of the City of Petaluma.

Going forward, we will remain actively engaged – It is extremely important, if the City of Petaluma accepts this responsibility, now understanding it is the City's, that a qualified biologist performs the nesting surveys. The practice of conducting nesting surveys, demarcating active nesting areas and avoiding any disturbance, as well as performing vegetation management outside the nesting season dates of February 15 to early

#### GENERAL MEETING

Monday, November 20, 2023

#### Saving Songbirds

Presented by Veronica Bowers

6:30-8:00 p.m.

Meeting via Zoom

#### Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85115854569?pwd=bC9SMlpwMUJRQUU3VEVxd0xtcCt5Zz09>

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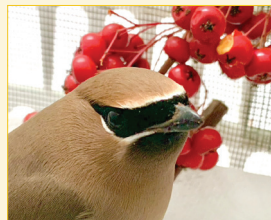
By phone (use above ID & passcode) 1-669-900-9128 or 1-669-444-9171 (use above ID & passcode)

Our first virtual meeting will be in November. Veronica Bowers of Native Songbird Care & Conservation in Sebastopol will talk about her hands-on work saving songbirds. She will also share helpful tips we can all use to support songbirds in our own backyards and beyond.

Veronica Bowers has been working to save songbirds and support their populations for over 20 years. She is the founder and director of Native Songbird Care & Conservation (NSCC), a specialty hospital for wild native songbirds. NSCC is a nonprofit state and federally licensed wildlife hospital in Sebastopol, California and cares for approximately 1,000 songbirds annually.



Pacific-slope Flycatcher nestlings  
Courtesy of Veronica Bowers



Cedar Waxwing  
Courtesy of Veronica Bowers



Release of Cliff Swallow  
Courtesy of Veronica Bowers



### Fall 2023 Membership Renewals Now Due



September, are imperative for compliance with federal and state regulations and to ensure no harm.

#### Letter to the Editor featured in Press Democrat and Argus-Courier (Petaluma):

(Gratitude, also, to Petaluma Wetlands Steward Craig Cherrstrom for his dedication and care.)

Dear Editor:

In late May and early June, history was made in the Petaluma Wetlands - relevant for protecting nests of birds and supporting species survival during the climate crisis.

The very first bird nesting surveys took place at Shollenberger Park, Ellis Creek and Alman Marsh. Results of the surveys by biologist Lisa Hug (retained by Madrone Audubon with support of Petaluma Wetlands Alliance) mean we know where active bird nests are and can assure nest protection.

Once active nests are identified, a buffer zone is needed to protect the nesting area. Visitors to Shollenberger Park may notice higher than normal growth of grasses and weeds, along with small colored flags. The colored flags are markers, showing the boundary or edge of the protective buffer zone.

Since this is the first time Petaluma Wetlands has had surveys for active nesting season, Feb. 15-Aug. 31, it's understandable the public may have questions about a change in appearance of grasses and weeds. It's critically important to stay on the trails and to not encroach into or enter a buffer zone.

After the heavy rains we had earlier this year, wildlife abounds at Shollenberger Park. Once nesting season is over (about August 31), resumption of normal maintenance activities can proceed. We are doing our part to support successful nesting and also assuring legal compliance with federal and state regulations protecting nesting birds.

Craig Cherrstrom, Petaluma

### Sonoma County Local Coastal Plan Update & Fort Ross State Park Threat

We anticipate the final vote by the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors to update the Local Coastal Plan will be in October. The July 17 Board of Supervisors meeting lasted almost 8-1/2 hours. This was a special meeting to review what was considered the final draft of the Local Coastal Plan update. The Board Chambers were full – a full house. Multiple interested participants attended virtually via Zoom. Areas of questions remained about retention of parcel-specific protections, proposed by County Planning staff to be removed, and environmental protection via banning use

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of pesticides in our coastal zone similar to the achievement of Poison-Free Malibu. This latter concern did not unfortunately move through the process, even though hundreds of hours of dedicated research and input were provided to the Board of Supervisors. The Sonoma County Agricultural Commissioner requested, and received, an exception for use of pesticides (with



Adult and Juvenile Red-necked Phalarope Courtesy of Tom Reynolds

unclear scope and breadth) on quarantined “pests” on certain lands. The parcel-specific protective designations, including denial of a Timber Cove expansion, were fortunately upheld.

Among public speakers were our Chapter President, Susan Kirks. We also submitted correspondence, aligning our position with the LCP conservation group dedicating years to the update and this hearing. We expressed concern about sensitivity of habitat in the Estero Americana area and proposed plans for public access.

Here are persuasive comments made to the Board by three individuals whose lives and experience reflect dedication to protecting our Sonoma County Coast and environment:

“...I’m a citizen of this community, Mother of the National Marine Sanctuary that was expanded to make ours one of the largest in the world... We need to protect the land side of it so that the most pristine waters - I mean, our coast includes some of the most pristine waters in the world. It is so important. If we don’t make a statement now to continue, because every day somebody is going to be challenging it... Humans are humans and they aren’t always humane. We have to just have the strongest protections we can put in place. My ask is that we keep all of the existing parcel protections that are in the Plan and it would really be nice to adopt them en bloc all at once instead of trying to tear each one of them apart and get in the weeds ...I am also asking that we pay attention to Fort Ross and that it doesn’t become industrialized and set another precedent for our coast. I thank you again...you give me great faith for the future of our children.”

Lynn Woolsey, U.S. Congressional Representative, California’s 6th District (retired)

“Thank you for all of your diligent work. Everyone in this room is here because we care about preserving the Sonoma coast. We’re all here today to choose whether or not to dangerously weaken the popular long proven policy of modifying our longstanding coastal protections or to simply keep our coastal protections strong. Please keep them (coastal protections) strong, all of them collectively in one single vote. No special exception for one remote special interest. This is absolutely the wrong time to invite a bear into the tent. As you know, a West Virginia oil and gas drilling company without even consulting the County as a party of interest has just unveiled big plans to blow away Fort Ross on the Sonoma coast. And any unwise 11th hour erosion of our patient work with Coastal Commission and County staff to keep damaging poisons out of our coastal ecosystems by arbitrarily granting last minute exclusions should be rejected, and please aggressively confront the totally inappropriate industrialization of Fort Ross State historic Park at our scenic seaview ridge countryside by a misguided oil and gas drilling company who apparently never heard that your Board spent 20 years creating a National Marine Sanctuary along this coast with Representative Woolsey.

We also support precluding desal (seawater desalination) and outfalls (discharge of waste heat). This is the time to stand strong, once again as our predecessors did many times, as your predecessors in elective office did many times, for our collective +interests in saving our coast...”

Richard Charter  
Ocean Foundation

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“I used to come to this place (Supervisors’ Chambers) an awful lot. I came here (Sonoma County) in 1942, 8 years old. Then, I went with my parents and went away, got an education and a wife who is here with me now. I taught at Analy High School for 3 years and the Junior College for 35 years. At one time, I had a young woman student by the name of Susan Gorin several years ago.

In 1960, Gaye LeBaron ... said Sonoma County is the cradle of California coastal protection and legislaiton. It began in 1960...My professor was Joel Hedgpeth. I was a grad student of his at Dillon Beach (Pacific Marine Station). He was telling us about this proposal by PG&E and tremendous heat outfall and a big impact on things...Davis-Besse came around .We in Sonoma Co. defeated PG&E, our first big environmental win, in the early 1960s.

In the late 1960s, it was the Sea Ranch campaign. Bill Kortum - so many of the best environmental ideas came out of Ely Road, Bill Kortum and his wife (Lucy Kortum). Bill came

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*up with the idea, when there is a change in land ownership, that's a good time to get access – the highest tide to lowest low tide, it belongs to the people. Without access, what is the value of having land. We formed, COAAST, Californians Organized to Acquire Access of State Tideland. We met in my laboratory at the college for many, many years and continued for 25 years. We did sunset that organization because we had achieved our mission...*

*In the 1970s, we passed overwhelmingly the California Coastal Act, which now you are responsible to update the county's Coastal Plan. I'd ask you not to screw it up. Follow Richard Charter and yesterday's Press Democrat Editorial and their recommendations. If any of you are really desiring or have a thought of leaving a legacy, please do not mess with the Coastal Plan. Keep it as it is and keep the individual parcel specific provisions intact. You have a **big** responsibility.*

*I just received in the mail yesterday a card about the 40th anniversary of CoastWalk. I was involved with CoastWalk for over 30 years, I led children and adults 3 or 4 days a month along our coast, and, think about it, we are celebrating **40 years** of another coastal thing.”*

Peter Leveque  
Retired Professor, Santa Rosa Junior College;  
former President, Madrone Audubon Society;  
current Co-Coordinator, Madrone's Christmas  
Bird Count with Dr. Stacy Li.)

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Madrone Audubon submitted a letter of opposition to the proposed Fort Ross State Park industrial storage facility by the deadline for comments on August 28th. We are closely following this inappropriate proposal.

### West 9th Street Nesting Support – our 11th Year

Nesting season seemed to begin a little late this year, and we were able to install site fencing and straw mats just prior to falling or pushed-out-of-nest nestlings. **Western Farm Supply** in Santa Rosa provided rice straw bales used to cushion closed asphalt lanes, and we appreciate the waiving of the delivery fee. **Recology** of Sonoma-Marín once again provided bins and carts for clean-up day on September 7. And the team from **Need A Hand Movers** in their 10th year cleaned the nesting area with their excellent work ethic and service.

Madrone Audubon received a \$3,600 grant from the **Sonoma County Fish and Wildlife Commission** to help defray our expenses, and we are grateful! Letters of recommendation for our application from the Bird Rescue Center of Sonoma County and the Mayor of Santa Rosa, Natalie Rogers, with support of the

City's Environmental Specialists team, were greatly appreciated. David Lumpkin of Audubon Canyon Ranch provided 2023 peak totals of nest and species from their observations.

	NESTS	
	2023	2022
Great Egret	70	43
Black-crowned Night Heron	175	196
Snowy Egret	38	36
Cattle Egret	11	11
<b>Totals</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>286</b>

Among our area challenges this year were speeding vehicles, striking birds in the street before the birds could move or take flight. Two adult Great Egrets were struck and killed within a week of each other. Along with Bird Rescue Center volunteers, we requested help from the City of Santa Rosa for traffic calming, direly needed on West 9th Street. West 9th is an emergency route and a bus route. Our request for low removable speed bumps on either side of West 9th were not considered feasible. The movable radar speed signs only go so far in terms of informing drivers of their current speed and



Snowy Egret

Courtesy of Tom Reynolds

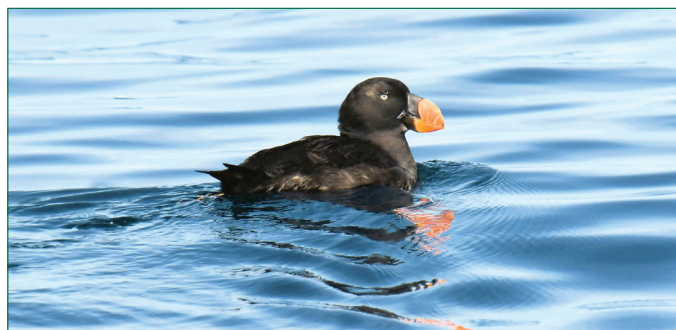
assuming they will slow a vehicle. Something really needs to be done – we communicated this clearly and will continue to do so. Enacting traffic calming measures would enhance safety for community residents and students at Lincoln Elementary School as well. We must keep trying. Other challenges, such as the fencing being knocked down and destroyed several times, and replaced, were met. We're pleased the 11th year has concluded. The next nesting season will be here before we know it! And the egrets and herons seem to return annually to their preferred site, which we will continue to support, along with the amazingly dedicated volunteers of Bird Rescue Center of Sonoma County and also staff and volunteers of International Bird Rescue in Fairfield.



# September 3, 2023 Bodega Pelagic Trip

*Gene Hunn's Report*

Redwood Region Ornithological Society embarked upon the September outing, coordinated by Gene Hunn, who shared an amazing report in North Bay Birds. The group was hosted on the New Sea Angler by Captain Rick Powers: "We were hopeful that the gales of midweek had abated and we would enjoy calm seas. That proved true. However, the fierce northwest gales of midweek pushed cold water to shore (52.6 F), which brought down the fog.



*Tufted Puffin (Sept 24)*

*Courtesy of Scott Carey*

The first four hours were frustrating with visibility in the range of 100 yards and the birds rather few and far between. At the continental shelf, 30 miles west of Bodega Head, we turned south and the Captain found a "hole in the fog" just across the county line into Marin as sea-surface temps shot up to 62 F.

Sooty and Pink-footed Shearwaters patrolled the low swells joined by a few Buller's (from New Zealand) and Northern Fulmar (from Alaska). Rhinoceros and Cassin's Auklets joined the party. Then, cries of "murrelet" brought the boat around for close looks: First Scripps's, the Guadalupe Murrelets near at hand for photo ops on the glassy swells, which facilitated close studies as well of Red and Red-necked Phalaropes. Several elegant adult Long-tailed Jaegers cruised overhead; a few South Polar Skua were spotted in the distance, while small parties of Arctic Terns paraded by.

An albatross or two or three (all Black-footed) swung in to see what was happening. The highlight (at least for me) were the storm-petrels. Not in great numbers as last month, but close at hand and actively dancing on the swells. Many were the large, loping Black Storm-Petrels, less common here than the snappy Ashies. Icing on the storm-petrel cake were several white-rumped Wilson's and a few silver Fork-tailed Storm-Petrels. Our "hole in the fog"



*Long-tailed Jaeger (Sept 24)*

*Courtesy of Scott Carey*

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## New Members

### **Santa Rosa**

*Hermia James*

*Dillon Poling*

*Gift membership from Jackie & John Poling*

### **Sonoma**

*Gail Meredith*

*Robert Otteson*

### **Seattle, WA**

*Linda & Thomas Ahlers*



## Donations

*In honor of  
Peter Leveque*

*by June England*

*In memory of  
Betty Burrige*

*by Michael Nelligan*

*In memory of  
Richard Woodman*

*by Hermia James*



## Binoculars Donation

Madrone Audubon has received 28 pairs of binoculars, donated by Alexander Bacas. The donation was coordinated by Alexander's sister, Hilary Vos. Binoculars (in a variety of sizes) will be a wonderful addition to support loans for outings and to use in our educational program.

*We're most grateful!*

persisted as we headed for home. Down the home stretch we spotted several highly cooperative Tufted Puffins in full regalia and enjoyed close encounters with actively feeding Humpback Whales, Pacific White-sided Dolphins, Dall's Porpoises, and California Sea Lions. Northern Fur Seals were notably common throughout. Three kinds of jellyfish, two shark species, and some very hefty mola-molas (ocean sunfish) were noted.

Rounding the jetties heading home, no longer fog-bound, we spotted the jetty crew: Black Turnstones, Surfbirds, oystercatchers, Sanderlings, and a Wandering Tattler. Despite the slow start, it proved a productive outing, as always."



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, 707-785-1922, dhichwa@earthlink.net. Also, please visit our website, www.madroneaudubon.org for updates.

## October & November 2023 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, October 12

#### Spring Lake Regional Park

Santa Rosa, – 8:30-10:30 AM

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 on to the Fisherman's Trail. Info: (707) 480-3432.



Great Blue Heron flying  
Courtesy of Jim Rosso

### Thursday, October 26

#### Cloverdale River Walk, Cloverdale – 8:30-10:30 AM

Leader: Janet Bosshard

From Santa Rosa, take Hwy 101 to Exit 522, just north of Cloverdale. Turn right on Redwood Hwy, then first right on McCray Road. Follow McCray Road to the end. Parking lot is on your left. Parking pass required. It's a flat asphalt path along the Russian River. Info: (707) 480-3432.

### Saturday, November 4

#### Ellis Creek Ponds, Petaluma – 8:30-10:30 AM

3890 Cypress Dr., Petaluma

Leader: Linda Fraley

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



Green Heron

Courtesy of Tom Reynolds

### Thursday, November 9

#### Ellis Creek Ponds, Petaluma – 8:30-10:30 AM

3890 Cypress Dr., Petaluma

Leader: Janet Bosshard

From Highway 101 in Petaluma, go East on 116 (Lakeville Highway), turn right (south) on South McDowell Blvd., turn right onto Cypress Drive. Go to the end of the road and through the gates. Meet near the restrooms. Info: (707) 480-3432. Rain will cancel the walk.

### Saturday, November 18

#### Paula Lane, West

Petaluma – 7:30-8:30 AM

Paula Lane at Sunset Drive and West Street.

Leader: Susan Kirks

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



American Badger burrow  
Courtesy of Susan Kirks

## Out & About

**Hallberg Butterfly Gardens, Fall Plant Sale** – Annual event over two weekends in October: Oct. 13-14 and Oct. 20-21, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. By appointment only due to parking restrictions. To make an appointment: <https://hallbergbutterflygardens.org/our-nursery>. A complete plant list can also be found on their website. Hallberg Butterfly Gardens, located at 8687 Oak Grove in Sebastopol, focuses on native plants to support local pollinators, especially butterflies and moths. When you complete your appointment at the nursery, you're invited to take a self-guided tour of their garden.



## Observations

Summer 2023 • Dan Nelson • 479-2918 • birdsurf64@sbcglobal.net

Northern Pintail (1)	8/31	Ellis Creek treatment ponds	
Tufted Puffin	9/3	Offshore Marin County	GH, RROS, et al
Scripps's Murrelet (3)	8/20	Offshore Marin County	AJ, et al
Guadalupe Murrelet (1)	8/20	Offshore Marin County	AJ, et al
Northern Gannet (ad)	5/17	Offshore SOCO @38.445042 x 123.481622	KL, et al (photo)
Nazca Booby (ad.)	5/5	Offshore Sonoma County	KL, et al (photo)
Masked/Nazca Booby	9/5	Roosting on rocks off outer Pt. Reyes	JG
Sooty Shearwater (1000's)	9/1	Marin/ Sonoma Coast just offshore	DN, AW, et al
Laysan Albatross (1)	8/20	Offshore Marin County	AJ, et al
Murphy's Petrel (45)	5/7	Offshore Marin/Sonoma County	LC, et al
Hawaiian Petrel (2)	8/20	Offshore Marin County	AJ, et al
Ashy Storm-Petrel (2600)	8/20	Offshore Marin County	AJ, et al
Black Storm-Petrel (several)	8/20	Offshore Marin County	AJ, et al
Fork-tailed Storm-Petrel (1600)	8/20	Offshore Marin County	AJ, et al
Wilson's Storm-Petrel (2-3)	8/20	Offshore Marin County	AJ, et al
Black Tern	8/20	Offshore Marin County	AJ, et al
Arctic Tern (juv)	8/28	Bodega Harbor at Gaffney Point (photos)	GH, SC, et al
Common Tern (2)	8/28	Gaffney Point	MB
Royal Tern (2)	6/9	Bodega Harbor	GH, LH, BDP, et al
Royal Tern (2-3)	6/23	Bolinas Lagoon, Seadrift	PP
Swallow-tailed Gull	9/1	San Gregorio Beach, San Mateo County	AM, MOB
Black Skimmer(3)	6/18	Bodega Harbor/ Gaffney Point	RR, et al
Tricolored Heron (ad.)	6/8	Rohnert Park Expressway @ Wilfred Creek	AG (photo)
Tricolored Heron (ad.)	6/3	American Canyon; flew toward Green Island	Sara Curtis, et al
White-rumped Sandpiper (2)	6/8	Doran Park (1st County Record)	EC
Solitary Sandpiper	8/16	Hudemann Slough	GH, et al
Semipalmated Sandpiper	8/28	Port Sonoma	EC
Baird's Sandpiper (3)	8/23	Limantour Beach, Marin Co.	DN
Baird's Sandpiper (2)	8/25	Doran Beach	DN
Swainson's Hawk	7/20	Shollenberger Park; Frates Rd. @ Lakeville	DB
Swainson's Hawk	9/3	Santa Rosa Creek W. of Willowside	BW
Red-headed Woodpecker	6/30-7/4	Fort Miley, S.E. (adult, many photos)	LM, M.Ob
Black-chinned Hummingbird	8/30	Petaluma Blvd @ Logan Place (imm.)	LR
Eastern Kingbird	5/22	Salmon Creek Rd.	RL, et al
Olive-sided Flycatcher	June	This year 3 nesting pair of OSFLs in Bodega Bay	DN, et al
Willow Flycatcher	8/25	Paula Lane, Petaluma- yard	DN
Purple Martin (4)	9/1	Limantour Beach	DN
Bank Swallow	7/10	Las Galinas treatment ponds, Marin Co.	DM
Bank Swallow	8/28	Port Sonoma	EC
Gray Catbird	6/16	Campbell Cove	JS
Brown Thrasher	6/4	Fish Docks, Pt. Reyes	DM
Yellow-breasted Chat	5/4	Ellis Creek	LH
Yellow-breasted Chat	6/1	1393 Mountain View Ave. Petaluma	AC
Red-eyed Vireo	6/29	Bohemian Highway; singing	SC
Black-thr. Gray Warbler (2)	9/9	Owl Canyon	DN
American Redstart	9/9	Campbell Cove	DN
Nashville Warbler	8/31	Campbell Cove	DN
Hermit Warbler	9/7	Pleasant Hill Rd.	MC
Hooded Warbler (fem.)	6/8	Nunes Ranch, Pt. Reyes	PC
Magnolia Warbler (male)	6/7	Campbell Cove, singing (photos)	DN
Magnolia Warbler (male)	7/2	Willow Creek Rd. singing	MS
Northern Parula	7/11	Willow Creek Campground	SC
Northern Waterthrush	9/9	Campbell Cove	DN et al
Scarlet Tanager (male)	6/7	Campbell Cove (3rd County Record)	JS et al
Lawrence's Goldfinch (2)	7/12-13	Brenda Way, Rohnert Park (visiting feeder)	MG
White-throated Sparrow	5/21	Very late bird at Los Guilicos Ave. Kenwood	RR
Brewer's Sparrow (singing)	5/13	Gualala Point Reg. Park (recorded)	NP
Blue Grosbeak (imm. male)	8/30	Rail Ponds, Bodega Bay (photos)	GP
Indigo Bunting (male)	6/8	Campbell Cove, NW corner	SC, DN
Indigo Bunting (male)	Jun-July	Loma Alta Fire Rd., Marin Co.	M.Ob

\*Other non-avians: SPERM WHALE – was seen and photographed 4.5 mi. SW of Farallon Is.- at seafloor depths of 1450' by David Wimpfheimer et al, on Oceanic Society offshore trip, 2 Sept 2023.

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