

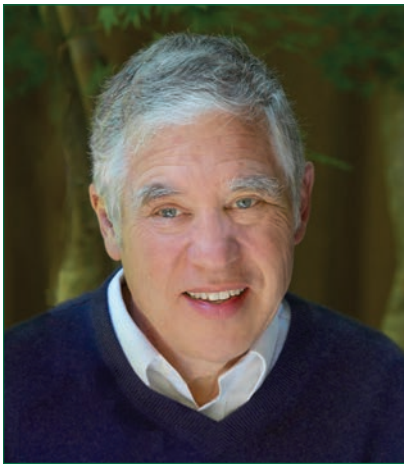


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Remembering Bryant Hichwa



Bryant Hichwa Courtesy of Craig Tooley

Bryant Hichwa, a former president of Madrone Audubon, passed away on April 30, 2022. He came, along with wife Diane and their two golden retrievers, to Sonoma County in 1988 to work in research at Optical Coating Lab for 12 years. Later, Bryant returned to teaching, his first love, and joined the Department of

Astronomy and Physics at Sonoma State University, bringing research and industry experiences into his classes. From previous home cities (South Bend, IN, Madison, WI, Holland, MI), he knew that Audubon Chapters provided great introductions to local birds, natural areas, good food, and people with environmental leanings--so immediately joined Madrone. Gordon Beebe remembers Bryant as..." an astute, and kind person, with a unique sense of humor."

Bryant was Chapter VP, then President of Madrone from 1999 To 2001, serving with Joanne Dranginis and Claire Shurvinton. During this time, Madrone worked to protect the Pine Flat



Bryant and Bridget Courtesy of the Hichwas

Road area during the construction of the Geysers Waste-water Pipeline and to secure funding for the Mayacamas Sanctuary. After his Presidency, Bryant represented our Chapter for many years on the Audubon Canyon Ranch Board. During that time, he met Jim and Shirley Modini and came to spend many hours in their company as they worked with Audubon Canyon Ranch to donate their acreage above Healdsburg into permanent protection. As our Chapter Representative for 17 years on the ACR Board, he also became ACR's Board President. John Kelley, former Director of Research at ACR mentioned "...Bryant was really important to me at ACR. And I will always deeply appreciate all of the guidance, support, and inspiration he gave to me!" Bryant's interests outside of work circled back to nature

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GENERAL MEETING

Monday, September 19, 6:30-8:00 pm

Living in Nature

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

Join us for our first in-person membership meeting in two years! Say hello to old friends and cultivate new friends. Naturalist Tom Reynolds will share photographs and videos of the last two years of documenting our Sonoma County natural world. Tom's photographic ethics always consider the birds, wildlife



California Quail Chick
Courtesy of Tom Reynolds

and natural settings he's capturing on film or video. He has presented for multiple Audubon Chapters and conservation organizations as well as photo-documented wildlife for Sonoma County Regional Parks. Note the new start time. 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. Doors open 6:15 p.m.



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and wildlife and protecting land for now and the future. He also served on the Board of Sonoma Land Trust. Eamon O’Byrne shared, “His championing of our work helped build important relationships with individuals who could dramatically increase our reach and impact.”

Bryant and Diane traveled around the U.S. and then to many countries to learn about history as well as wildlife and the varied environments around the world. Bryant was thrilled to see the Serengeti migration in Kenya, jaguars in Brazil’s Pantanal, and thousands of bird species. He acknowledged the most profound experience he had in nature was being in the presence of a mountain gorilla family in Rwanda. Bryant was a nature photographer who shared many of his photos and experiences by giving Audubon programs; presentations were given on the Galapagos, South Africa, Rwanda and Kenya as well as Ireland (for its birds, pubs and music). He and a colleague formed a nature photography group to share their knowledge and experience and to encourage others in the hobby.



Silverback in Virungas

Courtesy of the Hichwas

Former Santa Rosa City Councilmember and longstanding Madrone Audubon member Marsha Vas Dupre also remembered Bryant with fondness – “Bryant was always the consummate scholar whenever I talked with him at Audubon meetings, Sea Ranch gatherings, etc. As was stated in Bryant’s obituary, he met life with a warm smile, a sense of humor, and as a kind and caring person.”

Bryant and Diane lived at The Sea Ranch the past 17 years, where he was active in coastal monitoring and local ecology activities. Pat and Sandy Friedman shared, “Bryant was one of our favorite people at Sea Ranch. Some of our best memories are being parked at Stewarts Point at dusk--ready to count the Vaux’s Swifts entering the chimney, seeing your car drive up, and waiting for Bryant’s warm smile, cup of tea and, always, a clever quip. He will be missed by the many people whose life he enriched.”

(Donations in Bryant’s memory will be graciously accepted by Madrone Audubon, PO Box 1911, Santa Rosa, CA 95402.)

Mill Bend Moves Forward

by Diane Hichwa

Mill Bend is a 113-acre Preserve that straddles the lower Gualala River and estuary and extends into the hillside forest at the gateway to Gualala, and the transition of Mendocino and Sonoma counties. Redwood Coast Land Conservancy (RCLC) holds the property, and local organizations such as Madrone Audubon and Mendocino Coast Audubon supported grant applications and have pledged to provide bird-related activities. A Conservation Plan has been developed and will be presented to the public in September. This describes the natural and cultural resources of the property and provides guidance for long-term stewardship of the Preserve. The plan has been developed to protect sensitive species



Bird Walk at Mill Bend access to Gualala River Courtesy of Teresa Burns Gunther

and improve their habitats, prevent the spread of invasive species, aid climate change resilience, manage wildfire hazards. . . .as well as provide varying access.

Public access will include approximately 2 miles of new trails, boardwalks across wetland and riparian areas, and places to picnic and enjoy scenic views. The plan shows how the California Coastal Trail can be extended through the Preserve, from the existing Gualala Bluff Trail to the estuary and county line.

Several seasonal bird walks have gotten folks into willow thickets with Yellow Warblers and under the bridge with its nests of Purple Martins. Breeding bird and migration activity were noted. A Summer Tanager, seen and heard, was a highlight of midsummer birding. And September 6th a Red-naped Sapsucker in the eucalyptus grove.

Staff are supporting the project moving forward. Redwood Coast Land Conservancy welcomes Jim Elias in September as their new Executive Director. Jim comes to RCLC with an accomplished background in land conservation in the West. Joaquin Jacobs came from Yuba City ranching to join RCLC as their Onsite Caretaker. Volunteer activities have focused on getting a handle on invasive species, clearing some brush and many hours cleaning up the Mill Bend Pioneer Cemetery.

RCLC’s webpage <https://www.rclc.org> has a section on Mill Bend with maps and history to browse. . . .see their Mill Bend page.



Help Save the Newts - Volunteer with the Chileno Valley Newt Brigade this Fall!

by Bo Kearns

From December through March, newts emerge from the West Marin hills and head for Laguna Lake to spawn. Many of these slow-moving salamanders are run over on Chileno Valley Road.

Volunteers work 2-hour shifts along a mile-long stretch of road each night, sometimes in the rain, saving migrating amphibians. Newts, turtles and frogs are scooped up and carried to safety. Using the iNaturalist app, volunteers collect data to help determine best solutions to protect the newts and other migrating amphibians from cars.



Newt

Courtesy of Richard James

When weather conditions are optimal, newts cross in larger numbers and more volunteers are needed. During the 2021-2022 season, 45 CVNB volunteers saved 4,400 newts. Another 980 newts didn't make it.

Orientation and training for new volunteers will take place on Chileno Valley Road on Saturday, October 1st, 4:00 p.m. To sign up, email Sally Gale at sally@chilenovalleynewtbrigade.org. For more info on CVNB: www.chilenovalleynewtbrigade.org

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An Active Summer

by Susan Kirks

Late Spring and through the Summer are always characterized by our Bird-A-Thon fundraiser and by calls to Madrone about many concerns and interests -- nesting birds, tree pruning and removal in nesting season, West 9th Street, and this summer the H1N1 avian flu.

Bird-A-Thon 2022

Coordinator Carolyn Greene led our teams to a successful fundraising year! Stories from our teams will appear in the October-November *Leaves*. Members and supporters came through again in this pandemic recovery year. We are so grateful! We raised a total of \$4,485.50.

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



Ridgway's Rail

Courtesy of Dennis Luz

We will be able to recruit for Interns from Sonoma State University's Environmental Studies program and look forward to sharing more about this process soon. In a summer full of challenges, our Bird-A-Thon finale on June 30th was welcomed.

Inquiries and Concerns

We addressed concerns about planned tree removal in the midst of nesting season at a property in north Santa Rosa. This project was successfully delayed, thanks to the persistence of a Santa Rosa resident and our support, communicating with the City of Santa Rosa staff, until the end of nesting season. From this circumstance evolved an agreement from the City of Santa Rosa to review requirements related to nesting season timing (Feb. 15 to Aug. 31) and pre-activity bird surveys by qualified biologists. We objected to the City's approval for arborists who have received training to conduct such surveys and have not made much progress in that area – yet. We'll continue communication. West 9th Street this year hosted returning egrets and herons, along with increased concerns about young birds being struck in active traffic lanes and what we need to do before next nesting

season. This topic is being discussed with City of Santa Rosa staff. Slowing traffic through West 9th Street between Stony Point Road and Dutton Avenue will help birds have time to



Black-crowned Night Heron

Courtesy of Tom Reynolds

move out of the way of vehicles and also support increased safety for students, individuals and families. PG&E delayed an underground gas pipeline maintenance project near the nesting site until September, thanks to coordination with Molly Dodge, a PG&E biologist who understood federal and state regulations related to nesting birds. A residential fence construction project within 50 feet of the West 9th Street median street trees was more challenging to halt, but was halted. We learned the Homeowners Association of the condominium community on West 9th Street did not communicate to residents about the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and California State Code regulations protecting active nests – again, February 15 to August 31 for nesting season – and we will follow up with the HOA. An interaction with the CA Department of Fish and Wildlife Warden was very helpful for this situation. We also appreciated the resident in question who contacted us and immediately complied as soon as she learned about regulations and potential impacts of construction work and noise near trees with active nests. By August 31, she was able to resume completing her new fence.

This year, the West 9th Street nesting site had 286 total nests. Audubon Canyon Ranch, documenting nest counts and species, provided the 2022 data.

Nests

	NESTS		
	2022*	2021	2020
Great Egret	43	37	42
Black-crowned Night Heron	196	144	157
Snowy Egret	36	35	46
Cattle Egret	11	11	14
Totals	286	227	259

*Audubon Canyon Ranch preliminary #s.



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Dedicated volunteers of Bird Rescue of Sonoma County as well as support of International Bird Rescue helped numerous fallen nestlings and injured herons and egrets. This year, for the straw supply, we purchased bales at a discount from **Western Farm Center** in Santa Rosa. **Recology** donated a debris box and several rolling recycling carts for September 8th, the clean-up day. A very big thanks goes to **Need A Hand Movers** of Santa Rosa for their 9th year in clearing the project site and clean-up in 100 degree temperatures. The cooperation and dedication of the work crew each year is inspiring. A \$3,000 grant from the **Sonoma County Fish and Wildlife Commission** helped defray expenses for the project. Thus ends the 2022 nesting season at West 9th Street, the 10th year of Madrone Audubon's nesting support project, managed via an encroachment permit granted by the City of Santa Rosa. Now, we begin collaboration necessary traffic calming and slowing to be agreed upon and implemented by February 2023.

Migratory Bird Treaty Act Concerns

This summer, we also received reports of noncompliance with California Code and Migratory Bird Treaty Act regulations in Petaluma at Ellis Creek wastewater treatment facility and at Shollenberger Park. We will be following up with the hope of an educational discussion provided by a Dept. of Fish and Wildlife Warden to remind City staff and contractors about nesting season and avoiding any disturbance of active nests. In June, PG&E also clear-cut a large area in Shollenberger Park near Adobe Creek, for gas pipeline maintenance. The area, which included trees and vegetation, was stunning (see photo). We are in contact with PG&E to request pre-activity bird surveys as a new standard at Shollenberger Park and the Petaluma Wetlands, as there appears to be absence of awareness and coordination of information. Thus far, biologists and PG&E staff with whom we have communicated were unaware these areas of the Petaluma Wetlands were also active nesting sites – Feb. 15 to Aug. 31.

Avian Influenza

This summer and continuing, many questions about avian influenza (HPAI=highly pathogenic avian influenza, the current strain H5N1) came our way. Questions continue to be posed and we welcome discussing this issue with you. Early in the summer, many members and Sonoma County residents removed all feeders and water sources for songbirds. We have researched and compiled information, using reliable sources, and we encourage you to stay in touch with us with questions and concerns. It is relevant to understand that this strain of avian influenza is primarily impacting domestically raised birds known as “poultry,” often in cramped and unnatural areas, raptors, some water birds (swans, ducks, geese) and some shorebirds, as well as some Corvids (crows, ravens). “...There has been confusion about whether people should take down their feeders to stop the



PG&E Clear-Cutting at Shollenberger Park

Courtesy of Susan Kirks

spread of this disease among wild birds...” (The Cornell Lab – All About Birds). At this time, the consensus nationally and regionally is there is low risk of avian influenza to songbirds. This summer has been devastatingly hot and dry and birds and wildlife need access to water and food sources. Keeping your feeders filled, clean underneath feeders for any loose seeds or feces, and keeping fresh water available in saucers, bird baths, and cleaning these water sources regularly, at least 2-3 times weekly, will support our songbirds who are already direly stressed. Fall migrants are also beginning to arrive and are going to need food sources and water, so we agree with Native Songbird Care & Conservation (excellent Facebook resources and ongoing updates) to support our songbird populations as much as possible and to clean feeder areas and water sources regularly. If you reside next to a domestically kept bird population or near one, do take extra precautions. Our Bird Rescue Center of Sonoma County has given strong warnings about the avian flu outbreak in our country and reviewing their website information can also give guidance. But, the songbird populations are not considered to be at high risk and we suggest you take a look at your individual circumstance, where you reside, what's nearby and around your locale of bird feeders and water sources, and do whatever you can to support our migratory birds and wildlife, safely and staying up to date.

(Sources: Native Songbird Care & Conservation, Cornell Lab – All About Birds, US Geological Survey (USGS), CA Department of Fish and Wildlife, Bird Rescue Center of Sonoma County)

Support for Habitat Gardens in Schools

This summer, we volunteered to help keep the bird bath clean and filled with water in the habitat garden of McNear Elementary School in Petaluma. The school has a fenced food garden and another area appropriately away from most human activity (although visible from classroom windows) as an evolving habitat garden. We became involved via the School Garden Network and have enjoyed the first summer experience. Madrone Audubon donated a small bird bath purchased at a discount from Wild Birds Unlimited in Santa Rosa. This bird

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bath was added to a lovely ceramic dish already in the garden to supplement the water supply. A volunteer visited and took water in a jug to fill both bird baths after cleaning 2-3 times weekly from early June through August. The nonprofit, Paula Lane Action Network, is planning to help coordinate habitat garden signs, hopefully made by the students. The gardening teacher and coordinator, Catherine Sky, is combining art and science for a holistic experience for the students, which is surely resonant with us. Our President, Susan Kirks, visited with the garden coordinator of Loma Vista Elementary School, but the coordinator then departed for a new position at McDowell Elementary School in East Petaluma. We are anticipating connecting with McDowell Elementary School, again via the School Garden Network, to provide support for habitat gardening there. Are you a Petaluma Madrone Audubon member? Please become involved as a volunteer with the habitat gardening project! Contact Susan Kirks at 707-241-5548 or susankirks@sbcglobal.net. The time commitment would be about 2 hours a month. Help us support young people in our local schools to connect to Nature and help birds and wildlife.

More Nesting Site Monitoring

Migratory Cliff Swallows arrived from Argentina in April and nested under the Petaluma River Bridge, with approximately 563 visible nests counted. The nesting season ended in late August. These birds are now challenged with a nearby residential development close to the Petaluma Riverbank that resulted in many swallows who normally nested on the west side of the Lakeville Highway overpass to relocate to columns under the Petaluma River Bridge, very close to the roadway. Madrone Audubon is also now giving input to the California Transportation Commission. Why? Because Public Works Engineers of the City of Petaluma recently decided to divert a bicycle and pedestrian trail from Lakeville Highway to traverse south and east to the Petaluma River directly underneath the Petaluma River Bridge where migratory Cliff Swallows nest and where there has never been human encroachment. Killdeer, a ground nesting bird, has also been documented to nest in the immediate vicinity where the new proposed trail would be constructed. Unfortunately, when given information about active nesting birds and the requirement of no disturbance of nests that would be within 50-100 feet of open public access, no response to concerns was received from the City of Petaluma staff. We are monitoring a grant application submitted by the City of Petaluma to the California Transportation Commission to help fund this trail and have submitted a letter of concern and opposition to the project and the application.

Once again, the Summer of 2022 was a full one with both planned and unanticipated activities. We are always grateful to our members who reach out with questions, information and also who volunteer to help with our many projects and activities.

Leaves Editor Opportunity

Fall 2022 has arrived and Madrone Audubon is reaching out– 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 draft 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.)



Great-horned Owl Nest

Courtesy of Tom Reynolds

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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Freshwater Channels of Shollenberger Park, Petaluma

by Craig Cherrstrom

Unique features at Petaluma's Shollenberger Park are the two freshwater channels. These channels are located to the left and right at the beginning of the trail just past the park entrance.

In 2017, I began working on the right freshwater channel. At that time, I only cleared a very narrow space near the shoreline. The rest of the two channels were choked with growth of smooth cord grass, California cord grass, and cattails. The Bull Rush growth is almost entirely on the right channel shoreline.

The following year, 2018, PWA Docent Harley Christensen joined me in working on the right channel. One day, Harley said, "Why don't we make it so the birds can fly in?" With that, a new vision was created - clearing the channel shore to shore for 80 yards.

I have since cleared the shoreline of overgrowth, Coyote Bushes, and Bull Rushes to allow ducks and other birds easy access to the shoreline.

In 2019, I cleared the left channel for the first time. I used the same vision of clearing as much width and depth as possible.

During the recent dredging of the Petaluma River, the right channel experienced "salt water flush." The effect was to kill off most of the normal growth.

Except for the shoreline growth, the right channel remains relatively clear. Unfortunately, the left channel continues to have growth throughout the channel.

Recent research uncovered an interesting fact. The very invasive smooth cord grass is "only" considered invasive in California. In New England, the plant has commercial value for residential ponds.

The payoff for all the channel work is to have a duck fly over my head and land in the channel.



Freshwater Channel

Courtesy of Kathy Cherrstrom

Due to sediment build-up and current drought conditions, the channels are currently dry (see photograph).

(Craig Cherrstrom is a volunteer, dedicated to maintaining and opening up the freshwater channels for the birds and wildlife. He formerly worked for several years in landscape maintenance for CA State Parks - Adobe State Historical Park).



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(see membership form, back page)



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.

September 2022 Walks

Thursday, September 8th

Tolay Lake Regional Park, Petaluma

8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Temperatures can vary. Be prepared for hot and cool weather. Park pass is required. Day pass can be bought at the park, \$7.00. Follow US-101 S to CA-116 E/Lakeville St in Petaluma. Take exit 472B from US-101 South, Continue on Lakeville St. Watch for Tolay Lake Regional Park sign. Drive to Cannon Ln/Mangel Ranch Rd., turn left and go up the hill. We'll meet down by the barn. Leader: Janet Bosshard. For info: 707 526-5883



Black-headed Grosbeak

Courtesy of Jan Casavant

Sunday, September 18th

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.

Thursday, September 22, 2022

Ragle Ranch, Sebastopol

8:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Park pass is required. Day pass can be bought at the park, \$7.00. Take CA-12W/Hwy 12 W (Bodega Hwy), drive to Ragle Ranch Rd., turn right and drive down Ragle Ranch Rd. to the park. It will be on your left. We'll meet back by the dog park and restrooms. Leader: Janet Bosshard. For info: 707 526-5883.



Stellar's Jay

Courtesy of Jan Casavant

OUT & ABOUT

*Saturday, Sept. 17, 1:00-3:30 p.m.**

Raising the Curtain! - The Plan for Mill Bend Preserve, Gualala Gualala Arts Center, 46501 Old State Hwy, Gualala.

Guided tour to follow. Learn about the Conservation Plan for the 113-acre Preserve, followed by a walking tour. Hosted by Redwood Coast Land Conservancy.

Questions/Info: Cheryl Harris, cheryl3harris@sbcglobal.net

**Two short presentations, one at 1:15 p.m. and one at 2:15 pm, guided tour of River Rail Trail afterwards.*



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Observations

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Horned Grebe	Jun-Jul	Bodega Harbor, over-summering/alt. plumage	DN, LH, et al
Nazca Booby	6/5	Bodega Harbor channel, 1st County Record (photos)	PC, M.Ob
Masked Booby	7/31	SE Farallon I.	DW, M.Ob
Least Tern	6/26	San Pablo NWR	LS
Little Gull	5/25-25	Drake's Beach	M.Ob
Swainson's Hawk	8/4	Frates Rd (ad. light-morph)	DB
Swainson's Hawk (2)	8/5	Carneros Hwy, between Napa -Sonoma	DB
Swainson's Hawk (1)	8/5	Arnold Dr. Sonoma	DB
Bald Eagle (2 ads.)	Jun-July	Bodega Harbor; not breeding but likely in 2023	DN, M.Ob
Ring-necked Pheasant	7/17	near Sonoma Raceway	LS
Sandhill Crane (photos)	5/1	Lucchesi Park, Petaluma, fly-over vocalizing	JC
White-faced Ibis (5)	6/3	Shollenberger Park	DN, et al
Least Bittern	7/30	Ellis Creek	RS
Red Knot (2 in alt. plum.)	6/3	Spud Point, Bodega Harbor	DN
Pacific Golden-Plover	7/21	San Pablo NWR	LS
Lesser Sand-Plover	6/28	Alt.plu. bird reported on Napa Co. Least Tern survey	LS, MS
Wilson's Phalarope (4)	6/26	Carmody Road- S. pond	LH
Spotted Sandpiper	7/31	Ellis Creek	EC
Semipalmated Sandpiper	7/11	Carmody Road – S. pond	LS
Calliope Hummingbird (fem.)	4/10	Pine Flat Rd. near top	LS
Calliope Hummingbird (male)	4/21	Napa residence	D & DH
Black-chinned Hummingbird	7/30	Paula Ln. Petaluma – new yard-bird (fem.)	DN
Black Swift (5)	5/15	Pine Flat Rd.	LS
Bank Swallow	5/18	Reclamation Rd.	MS
Say's Phoebe	Jun-July	S.E. Santa Rosa; 1st Nesting Record for Sonoma Co.	DB
Olive-sided Flycatcher	6/16	Eastshore Rd. Bodega Bay. 1st arr. after many daily surveys	DN
Hammond's Flycatcher	5/1	Pine Flat Rd. (photos)	LS, GP
Hooded Warbler	6/6	Brooks Gulch/Cheney Creek (singing male)	DN, TB, LS, MS, JV
Yellow-breasted Chat	5/4	Kenwood residence	RR
Summer Tanager (male)	7/27	Maxwell Farms Regional Park	LS, et al
Summer Tanager (male)	8/1	Valfer residence yard-bird (Same individual as above)	JV, et al
California Thrasher	7/28	Burnside Rd. residence	WM
Lawrence's Goldfinch (pr.)	6/2	Los Alamos Rd./ Hood Reg. Parking Lot area	DF, DS, et al
Lawrence's Goldfinch (fem.)	7/24	Paula Lane residence, Petaluma	DN
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	6/15	between Occidental and Graton	CJ



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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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