



Madrone LEAVES

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The W. 9th Street Colony of Herons & Egrets Were Back This Year

by Susan Kirks

Sarah Millus, researcher for Audubon Canyon Ranch (ACR), reports a W. 9th Street colony total of 310 active nests for 2014:

Black-crowned Night-Heron:
177 active nests with 72% success

Great Egret:
51 active with 93% success

Snowy Egret:
66 active with 72% success

Cattle Egret:
16 active with 92% success

Mary Ellen Rayner, Santa Rosa Bird Rescue Executive Director, describes the rescue/rehabilitation process for birds fallen from nests. She says The Bird Rescue Center's volunteer release transporter, Joy, made this season's release coordination streamlined and easy. Joy drove weekly to the International Bird Rescue (IBR) in Cordelia and picked up 2-3 carriers, each carrier containing 15-20 birds for release back at the Laguna site in Santa Rosa. Birgitta, Gayle, and Elwood continued regular patrols of the rookery and quickly brought fallen nestlings to the Bird Rescue Center (BRC) for stabilization. Amazing and dedicated volunteers, Janet, Mary, Dee, Karen, Elaine, Sue, Dana, and Patti made almost daily trips to Cordelia to transport injured birds for rehabilitation. Thanks to them, the

birds spent a short time in the Intensive Care Unit and got expertise care from Michelle, Isabel, and volunteers at IBR. Tom Reynolds committed to attend each Laguna release and captured many wonderful photos. This truly takes a village!

This dedication supported successful release this year of 166 birds by August 2nd (105 Black-crowned Night-Herons, 57 Snowy Egrets, 2 Great Egrets and 2 Cattle Egrets) compared to 137 birds last year.

Madrone Audubon's "big nest under the trees" contributes to the collaborative effort and interfaces with the urban resi-



Snowy Egret Photo courtesy of Tom Reynolds

dential neighborhood. In our 2nd year for this project, the "big nest" area was created from traffic delineators using "fence posts" with plastic security fencing attached and filling the inside area with rice straw mats, as well as placing the mats

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SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETINGS

Monday September 15, 7:00 PM
First United Methodist Church
1551 Montgomery Drive, Santa Rosa

"Marvelous Madagascar"

Madagascar has been separated from other land masses for over 90 million years. It has an assortment of life forms found nowhere else on earth. Among them are five families of birds, half the world's chameleons, all the lemurs on earth, and some spectacular insects. We'll make a brief stop in South Africa, and then hurry on to this remarkable island. The concepts of endemism and adaptive radiation will be illustrated with colorful images of Madagascar's creatures, and we'll visit a variety of habitats on this fourth largest island in the world.

Join Robert Lewis, a Golden Gate Audubon board member, award-winning photographer, and world traveler, as he presents the marvels of Madagascar. Bob is chair of Audubon's adult education committee, and teaches classes for Audubon at the California Academy of Sciences in San Francisco and at the Ed Roberts center in Berkeley. He is a frequent speaker on things birdy at Audubon meetings and other gatherings. Bob has seen over 4,000 of the world's birds, has been to over 40 countries, and enjoys photographing avian creatures wherever they may be.



Malagasy Kingfisher Photo courtesy of Robert Lewis

COMING OCTOBER 20: Nationally known bird photographer, Marie Read, takes us on a journey exploring the birdlife of the Mono Lake Basin. Marie's stunning photography reveals the fascinating lives of the birds that breed or migrate through this spectacular birding hotspot.

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September 2014 calendar

All walks and meetings are open to the public. Bird walks are recreational and educational in purpose, and all levels of expertise are welcome. Bring field equipment and wear comfortable shoes and layered clothing for variable weather conditions. Please carpool whenever possible. Forecasted heavy rain cancels. There is no charge for activities unless otherwise specified, but some parks have day-use fees.

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE exchanges information by phone and email as soon as possible when an issue surfaces. Please contact Diane Hichwa at 785-1922 or dhichwa@earthlink.net.

Monday September 1, 9:00 AM

ELLIS CREEK WATER RECYCLING FACILITY, PETALUMA. Petaluma Wetlands Alliance leads a walk at the Ellis Creek ponds. Go to the end of Cypress Drive and through the gates. Parking lot is on the left. Rain cancels. Contact Gerald Moore, 763-3577.

Wednesday September 3, 7:00 PM

BOARD MEETING. Sonoma County Environmental Center, 55A Ridgway Avenue, Santa Rosa. For agenda information, contact Gordon Beebe at gdbeebe@earthlink.net.

Wednesday September 3, 8:30 AM – 2:30 PM

BODEGA BAY. Bird Walk. From the center of the town of Bodega Bay, drive north on Highway 1, turn left at East Shore Road (the Bodega Head turnoff), then turn right at the stop sign, and continue 0.3 miles to the unpaved parking lot on the right. Bring lunch. Information: Tom McCuller, sisyphus@sonic.net, 546-1812.

Saturday September 6, 8:00 AM – Noon

RAGLE RANCH REGIONAL PARK on Ragle Ranch Road, Sebastopol. Join us to look for early fall migrants, as well as a wide variety of our familiar county birds. Meet in the parking area near the dog park. Parking fee (\$7) for non-permit holders. Leaders: Bill Doyle, 483-8773 and Gordon Beebe, 583-3115.

Thursday September 11, 8:30 AM – Noon

LAS GALLINAS SEWAGE TREATMENT PONDS. Bird Walk. Search for migrating birds at the Las Gallinas ponds in Marin County. Go south on US 101 from Novato, take the Lucas Valley/Smith Ranch Road exit. The ponds are at the east end of Smith Ranch Road. Smith Ranch Road turns left immediately past the railroad crossing near the entrance to McInnis Park. Information: Tom McCuller, sisyphus@sonic.net, 546-1812.

Wednesday September 17, 8:30 AM – Noon

SHOLLENBERGER PARK. Bird Walk. Search for migrating birds at the Shollenberger Park ponds and wetlands in Petaluma. From Santa Rosa, take the Highway 116 exit (Lakeville Highway),

go left under Highway 101, turn right at the South McDowell traffic light, proceed to the City Park sign and turn right into the park lot. Information: Tom McCuller, sisyphus@sonic.net, 546-1812.

Saturday September 20, 8:00 AM – Noon

SPRING LAKE REGIONAL PARK. Parking fee (\$7) for non-permit holders. From Summerfield Road in Santa Rosa, go east on Hoen Ave, turn left onto Newanga Ave, turn right inside the park entrance gate, and meet in the parking lot near the restrooms at the top of the hill. Leader: Bill Doyle, 483-8773.

Saturday September 20, 9:00 AM

ALMAN MARSH. Meet at the kiosk located at the trail entrance to Alman Marsh on the southern edge of the Petaluma Marina/Sheraton Hotel. We will take a look at how the Petaluma River daily affects the life in the marsh with two high and two low tides everyday. This movement in the marsh supports many species of wildlife, although most of them are shy and difficult to see. Contact Gerald Moore, 763-3577.

Thursday September 25, 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM

POINT REYES. Bird Walk. We will search for fall migrants, vagrants, and early wintering birds. Meet in the parking lot across from the Bear Valley Visitor Center, which is just west of Olema. Bring lunch. Information: Tom McCuller, sisyphus@sonic.net, 546-1812.

Wednesday October 1, 8:30 AM – Noon

SPRING LAKE REGIONAL PARK. Bird Walk. Parking fee (\$7) for non-permit holders. From Summerfield Road in Santa Rosa, go east on Hoen Avenue, turn left onto Newanga Avenue, turn right inside the park entrance gate, and meet in the parking lot near the restrooms at the top of the hill. Information: Tom McCuller, sisyphus@sonic.net, 546-1812.

Saturday October 4, 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM

POINT REYES NATIONAL SEASHORE. Our annual trip to the Point to search for fall migrants. Meet at the Whitehouse Pool parking lot, just east of the intersection of Sir Francis Drake Boulevard and Bear Valley Road, at 8:00 AM. Bring lunch. Rain cancels. Leaders: Ken Wilson, 665-5127 and Gordon Beebe, 583-3115.



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over closed asphalt traffic lanes. This setup served to receive and cushion falls of young birds. We maintain the site under an encroachment permit from the City of Santa Rosa, then dismantle and cleanup when all nesting is completed. We are seeking grant funding for a permanent expansion of the median to encompass the closed traffic lanes.

We are grateful to BABS (Bay Area Barricade Services), Clavey Paddleboards, and Need a Hand Movers for supporting Madrone's effort this year. Madrone Audubon's annual Bird Festival each spring at Lincoln Elementary School also gives area students the opportunity to learn about the birds, their nesting process, and other environmental and nature-related activities.

Being able to participate in the releases at the Laguna was inspiring. Mary Ellen Rayner says, "For me, all releases are positive and often humorous events. Yet, this season's most memorable one was on August 2, exactly one week following the moving memorial to IBR's Jay Holcomb in San Francisco. On a foggy morning, 12 black-crowned night herons and 9 snowy egrets returned to the wild while a bald eagle flew right over our heads; 2 belted kingfishers visited the newcomers and on a nearby snag, a juvenile turkey vulture was fed by an adult. These are the moments when your heart simply bursts with gratitude!"

The collaborative effort among the City of Santa Rosa, Santa Rosa Bird Rescue, International Bird Rescue, Madrone Audubon, and the Laguna de Santa Rosa Foundation, also provides support for the scientific work of the North Bay Heron and Egret Project of ACR's Cypress Grove Research Center.

A dear friend departs us – Jay Holcomb

by Susan Kirks

Jay Holcomb, long-time Executive Director and internationally renowned rehabilitator, passed away June 10, 2014. Jay was 63. He unhesitatingly pioneered methods to save birds that are victims of oil spills. His work is recognized internationally, from South Africa to Europe to Asia to the United States. Madrone worked with Jay to increase rehabilitation success in the W. 9th Street heronry.

A lovely memorial was held at Fort Mason in San Francisco July 26th. Almost 300 people gathered, including friends from five continents and seven countries, to honor Jay and his contributions to the natural world. The International Bird Rescue-Jay Holcomb Legacy Fund has been established to help Jay's work continue and to fund completion of three critically needed aviaries at International Bird Rescue for seabirds and wading species. Information can be obtained at <http://bird-rescue.org/>.

At the memorial, Filmmaker Judy Irving (*Wild Parrots of Telegraph Hill*) received the first Jay Holcomb Memorial Award for her many years of effort on behalf of pelicans, culminating in Judy's documentary, *Pelican Dreams: Ready to Fly*. Hosted by Sonoma Birding, Judy's film will screen on October 31 at the Sebastiani Theater in Sonoma.

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Beach Watch Training

Become a Volunteer "Citizen Scientist" and Ocean Steward of our Coast!

The Farallones Marine Sanctuary Association in partnership with NOAA's Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary needs volunteer citizen scien-

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tists. These volunteers will help collect data used to assess the condition of our shores along the Sonoma and southern Mendocino coasts. During monthly surveys Beach Watch volunteers will monitor an assigned beach segment: count, identify, and photo-document live and dead birds, marine mammals, and human activity along the coast. We are now adding survey sites northward to the Point Arena area.

This fall there will be two training classes: Bodega Bay October 16-19 and Guadalupe November 6-9. To become a Beach Watch volunteer you must attend one of two orientations, be 18 years old, attend all required training, and commit to surveying your beach once every four weeks for a minimum of one year. Some knowledge of local birds and marine mammals is highly encouraged.

Please reserve a seat at one of the orientation presentations. Visit www.beachwatch.farallones.org and click on Get Involved!

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Are you a National Audubon member?

Please consider joining our local chapter, Madrone Audubon (see membership form, back page)





Ernie's Birthday

by *Betty Burridge*

An important date is approaching for Madrone Audubon. Amazingly, one of our charter members will soon celebrate her hundredth birthday. Most of Ernie Smith's friends and cohorts in the wide world of ecology are no longer able to join her in her fervent efforts to keep northwestern California on the straight and narrow toward saving our natural heritage. However, it is impressive what she has accomplished in her many decades of trying to educate the politicians, citizens, and educators of Sonoma and neighboring counties. Ernie was active in Conservation projects including those of Madrone Audubon, Bouverie, and the Coastal Commission.

Ernie was born September 22, 1914 in San Louis Obispo and lives in Santa Rosa. She was a graduate of our local Junior College, San Jose State, and Stanford, teaching and playing for many years in all forms of Physical Education. Her classmates and students have mostly faded away, but she was and still may be very well respected for her keen knowledge of biology, natural history, and ecology. What a Gal!

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Free Tours of Petaluma's Public Wetlands

by *Gerald Moore*

Because Shollenberger Park has dried up, the Petaluma Wetlands Alliance (PWA) has changed, temporarily, its venue for free tours. The docent-led tours of Alman Marsh and Ellis Creek will continue under the guidance of experienced PWA docents.

The Ellis Creek tours will be offered on the first Monday of each month and start in the Ellis Creek parking lot. The

Alman Marsh tours will be offered the third Saturday of each month and start at the new kiosk on the southern edge of the Petaluma Marina/Sheraton Hotel. All tours will begin at 9:00 AM. Information: Gerald, 763-3577.

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New 2014 Self-Guided Tree Tour of the Historic Sonoma Plaza

by *Tom Rusert*

The map and tour was first created in 2008 by Tom Rusert of Sonoma Birding as an "outdoor classroom" for community education, focusing on birds and trees. The walking tour highlights the abundance of unique trees, representing a wide range of countries. Historic monuments are highlighted, as well as a list of some of the amazing urban birds recorded in this habitat. The tour map is also available at Sonoma Valley Visitors Bureau on the plaza.

Fall is off to a great start...

Visions of the Wild Festival - Connecting Nature, Culture, and Community

Wednesday-Saturday September 3-6, starting times vary

This festival, based in downtown Vallejo, celebrates the 50th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act. Field trips, talks, performances, film screenings, art showings and panel discussions highlight the magnificent public lands and area wildlands. Visit www.visionsofthewild.org for details.

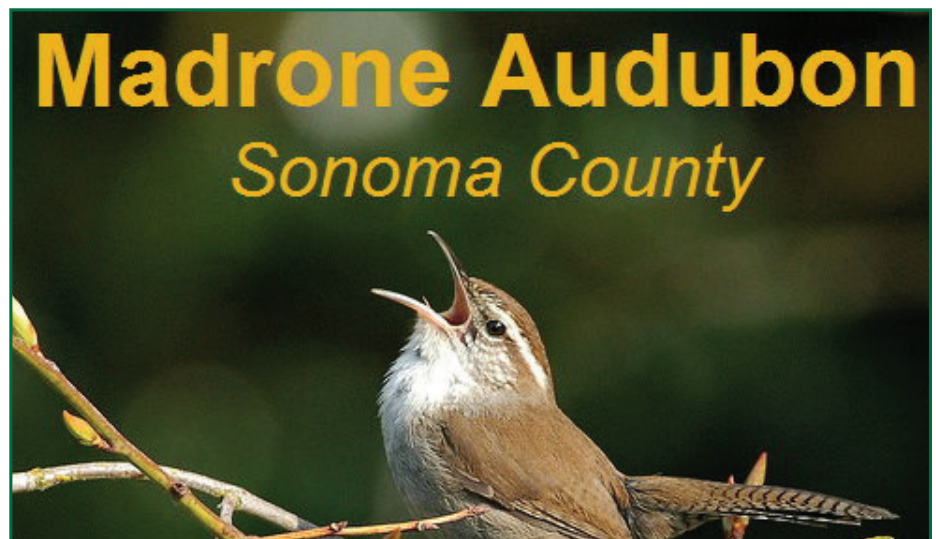
The Return of the Wolf

by *Amaroq Weiss, West Coast Wolf Organizer and staff biologist at the Center for Biological Diversity*

Wednesday September 10, 7:00-8:30 PM

California's first confirmed wild wolf in nearly 90 years is here! OR-7 has found a

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mate and is raising puppies just over the border. A big wake-up call for California is evolving rapidly. The state's wolf management plan could set the tone for the rest of the United States. The wolf is here, but the question is... will we be ready to protect this complex endangered species? Join us for an exciting evening of education, awareness, and updates on this major new challenge. Cost \$8.00. Hosted by Sonoma Birding, www.sonomabirding.com. Location: Veteran's Memorial Building, 126 First Street West, Sonoma (free parking).

Feathers and Bones

by David Lukas, Naturalist and Bird Guidebook Author

Friday September 12, 7:00 PM

How do birds manage to fly and function in such challenging environments? How do feathers grow? The amazing structure and functions of plumage will be covered, as well as the specialized features of bird bones—getting to the essence of what it means to be a bird. How do birds manage to fly and function in such challenging environments? How do feathers grow? The amazing structure and functions of plumage will be covered, as well as the specialized features of bird bones—getting to the essence of what it means to be a bird. Free lecture hosted by The Bird Rescue Center 523-2473, www.birdrescuecenter.org. Loca-

tion: Church of the Roses, 2500 Patio Court, Santa Rosa (Patio Court & Hahman Drive, Montgomery Village). Parking available across from the church in Lucky's parking lot.

Third Annual Wine Country Optics & Nature Festival

Sunday September 14, 10 AM – 4 PM

Sonoma Birding will host another festive, daylong event featuring most of the major binocular and scope companies in the United States, nature organizations, artists, and authors from Northern California. Free family event and free parking at the beautiful Cornerstone Gardens, 23570 Arnold Drive, Sonoma 95476

Identifying Birds of Prey

by Larry Broderick, West County Hawk Watch

Friday September 19, 7:00 PM

What to look for when viewing hawks, falcons, eagles and other resident, migrant and over-wintering raptors, whether in-flight or perched. Tips for quick identification in the wild will be covered. Free lecture hosted by The Bird Rescue Center 523-2473, www.birdrescuecenter.org.

Same location as listed on September 12.

Songbirds of Sonoma County

by Veronica Bowers, founder of Native Songbird Care and Conservation

Friday September 26, 7:00 PM

Join us for an evening devoted to our regional songbirds as Veronica describes her highly specialized work to rehabilitate and successfully release these native treasures back into the wild.

Free lecture hosted by The Bird Rescue Center 523-2473, www.birdrescuecenter.org.

Same location as listed on September 12.

Owls of Northern California

by Paul Bannick, author of *The Owl and The Woodpecker*

Friday October 3, 7:00 PM

Enter the fascinating and often-hidden world of the owls that are all around us. Explore the diverse habitats and behaviors of these mysterious birds with this noted author and nature photographer. Free lecture hosted by The Bird Rescue Center 523-2473, www.birdrescuecenter.org. Same location as listed on September 12.



Barn Owl

Photo courtesy of Bob Dyer

Memorial Gifts

In honor of Joyce Eleanor Hansen

Scott Burchell and Linda Zala

In memory of June Lorraine Anderson Whittaker

Theo Evans

Morna & Michele Fitterer



MADRONE AUDUBON SOCIETY										
FUNDS STATEMENT										
Twelve months ended June 30, 2014										
	BOARD DESIGNATED FUNDS							COMMITTEE FUNDS		
	Operating	Sanctuary	Les & Evelyn Bowen	Conservation and Education	Bently Smith	Memorial	Total	PWA	Stewardship Task Force	Total
Balance at June 30, 2013	\$ 4,574.10	\$ 5,756.29	\$ 1,314.87	\$ 52,923.99	\$ 1,647.64	\$ 5,387.37	\$ 71,604.26	\$ 42,944.26	\$ 15,569.85	\$ 130,118.37
Revenues:										
Friends dues	11,070.00						11,070.00	1,135.00		12,205.00
Donations	5,885.84			6,670.00			12,555.84	2,511.00	520.00	15,586.84
Burridge award gift				500.00			500.00			500.00
Bird-A-Thon				8,834.05			8,834.05			8,834.05
Grants							-	4,550.00		4,550.00
NAS Sharing	5,460.75						5,460.75			5,460.75
Breeding Bird Atlas							-			-
Docent manuals							-	280.00		280.00
Miscellaneous income	327.78						327.78			327.78
Merchandise sales							-			-
Investment income	1,202.27						1,202.27		10.21	1,212.48
	23,946.64	-	-	16,004.05	-	-	39,950.69	8,476.00	530.21	48,956.90
Disbursements:										
Christmas Bird Count	1,692.50						1,692.50			1,692.50
Conservation				10,027.30		3,809.01	13,836.31			13,836.31
Education				2,389.20			2,389.20			2,389.20
Leaves	12,849.66						12,849.66			12,849.66
MMAS		321.65					321.65			321.65
General Meetings	2,136.00						2,136.00			2,136.00
Publicity							-			-
Walkabouts/Field Trips							-			-
Website	1,583.99						1,583.99			1,583.99
PWA							-	1,927.11		1,927.11
Stewardship Task Force							-		7,150.00	7,150.00
Administrative	3,221.53			315.00			3,536.53			3,536.53
Membership	544.45						544.45			544.45
Fundraising	1,211.24						1,211.24			1,211.24
Total Disbursements	23,239.37	321.65	-	12,731.50	-	3,809.01	40,101.53	1,927.11	7,150.00	49,178.64
Excess (deficit) revenue over disbursements	707.27	(321.65)	-	3,272.55	-	(3,809.01)	(150.84)	6,548.89	(6,619.79)	(221.74)
Prior period adjustment	7.27	-	-	-	-	-	7.27	-	-	7.27
Balance at end of period	\$ 5,288.64	\$ 5,434.64	\$ 1,314.87	\$ 56,196.54	\$ 1,647.64	\$ 1,578.36	\$ 71,460.69	\$ 49,493.15	\$ 8,950.06	\$ 129,903.90

New Friends of Madrone Audubon Society

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Observations

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Marbled Murrelet	6/25	South fork of Gualala River, Stewart's Point, Skaggs Springs Road	RR
Northern Gannet	June-July	Alcatraz Island, inside San Francisco Bay	M.Ob
"Salvin's" Albatross	7/29	Offshore Pillar Point, San Mateo County	AJ, et al.
Swainson's Hawk	6/28	Hudeman Slough	LH
Turkey Vulture (Prtl.-leucistic)	7/20-28	Inverness Road near Crane Canyon Road ("calico" plumaged)	RW
Peregrine Falcon (adult)	8/1	Richardson Bay Bridge	DN
White-faced Ibis (9)	6/4	Adobe Road at Wagner Road	BDP
Green Heron (immature)	7/31	Campbell Cove	SC
Least Bittern (up to 4)	July	Las Gallinas treatment ponds (fledged juveniles)	M.Ob
Least Tern (10-12)	7/27	South of Buchli Station Road	GH
Semipalmated Sandpiper (adult)	7/28	Doran Park, Bodega Harbor	LH
Western Sandpiper (6)	6/23	American Canyon wetlands, Green Island lagoon	DM
Red-necked Stint (adult)	7/20-21	Richmond, west of Richmond Parkway	LK, et al.
Solitary Sandpiper (adult)	8/3	Las Gallinas treatment ponds	D DeS
Ruff (adult male)	7/21	Napa River Bay Trail, American Canyon	RR
Wilson's Phalarope (1)	6/28	Hudeman Slough	LH
Wilson's Phalarope (5)	7/26	Ellis Creek wastewater treatment ponds, Petaluma	PC, GH
Wilson's Phalarope (5)	7/28-8/3	Bodega Farm Pond	DF
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	5/28	Benicia, west side of Lake Herman	DSw
Common Poorwill	6/25	Stewart's Point, Skaggs' Springs Road, west of Rancheria	RR
Costa's Hummingbird	7/26	Bolinas residence, visiting feeder (immature male)	KHo, HL
Vaux's Swift (1)	7/26	Ellis Creek wastewater treatment ponds, Petaluma	PC
Cassin's Kingbird (1)	6/11	Point Reyes, Nunes Ranch	NA
Varied Thrush (late)	6/5	Owl Canyon, Bodega Bay (heard and seen)	DN, RR
Varied Thrush (continuing)	6/6-7	Owl Canyon, (heard only)	DN
Gray Catbird	6/8	Campbell Cove, Bodega Head	DH
Loggerhead Shrike	7/12	Tolay Lake Regional Park, (adult feeding fledglings)	KB, BD
Gray Jay (4)	6/25	Mountain, a few miles west of Annapolis on Annapolis Road	RR
Yellow-throated Vireo (photos)	6/4-5	Owl Canyon, Bodega Bay (singing male), 2nd County record	DN, et al.
Prothonotary Warbler (female)	6/4	Drake's Beach, Point Reyes	RR
Northern Parula Warbler	5/28	Pine Flat Road, m.p. 4, turnout 2 (singing male)	fide RR
Northern Parula Warbler	6/15-18	Gravenstein Highway at Todd Road (singing male)	AW, LH, et al.
Magnolia Warbler	6/7	Owl Canyon, (singing male, photographed)	DN, et al.
Bay-breasted Warbler	6/6-8	Point Reyes, Mendoza Ranch	JC, JT, et al.
Hermit Warbler (immature)	7/22	North end of Spring Lake	RO'D
Chestnut-sided Warbler	6/6	Point Reyes, Mendoza Ranch	JC, JT
Yellow-breasted Chat	5/6	North end of Spring Lake	RR
Yellow-breasted Chat	5/21	East side of Kelly Pond	GH
Common Grackle	6/3	Point Reyes Lighthouse trees	MD
Blue Grosbeak (female)	6/4	Along path to Point Reyes Lighthouse	RR, DF
Common Nighthawk	7/8	Bodega Bay Marine Laboratory (photo)	fide J. Sones
American Bittern	5/6	Spring Lake, carrying food/nesting material	RR

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