



LEAVES

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Beginning Fall 2020 Together

by Susan Kirks

We've anticipated sharing our newsletter again following a challenging summer. We hope you enjoy the September *Leaves*.

We're more certain now about our ability to host membership meetings this Fall in the fellowship room of United Methodist Church in Santa Rosa. Unfortunately, we will not be able to gather for meetings in September, October or November. Church staff anticipate opening the church for gatherings in early 2021. Our September program with Dr. Martins and Living With Lions – oh, how we were anticipating that. Also, our October and November programs with Michael Ellis and Peter Warner, respectively. These are times when being present and being flexible in our daily lives are both necessities and attributes. We appreciate your understanding, Anticipated good news is we may be able to host membership meetings at the church beginning January 2021. Dr. Martins' Living with Lions program has been rescheduled tentatively to September 2021. Our January 2021 program, at least as of today, will be Naturalist Michael Ellis' sharing about Nature in Brazil. February 2021 will feature Botanist Peter Warner's discussion about aftermaths of wildfires and native plant recovery.



Barred Owl

Courtesy of Gordon Beebe

Meanwhile, our newsletter and web site (www.madroneaudubon.org) will be our channels of communication with our members. If you have any questions or need information, please also refer to the Contacts list in *Leaves*.

Good news, also, is Gordon Beebe is planning a September bird walk. See Small Group Bird Walk article, page 5, for more information and how to register for the walk. If registration for this walk fills up quickly, and if Gordon finds managing the walk is safe and feasible, more walks may be scheduled in Fall and early Winter. We will also

plan our Christmas Bird Count day as we always do at the end of December; but, this year our post count dinner may not occur, with an alternative for each team to receive snacks and beverages during the counting day.

Spring into Summer was a time when sheltering in place for us humans was balanced by the vibrant presence of birds and wildlife in their habitats. This was also the time of Birdathon, our annual fundraiser coordinated by Carolyn Greene. Please see our report for

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GENERAL MEETING

NOTE: In-Person Meetings at First United Methodist Church cannot occur in September, October or November.

We look forward to our January 2021 program.

Check our web site, www.madroneaudubon.org, for updates.

This program has been rescheduled to September 2021

“Audubon Canyon Ranch – Living With Lions Program Update”

Dr. Martins last joined us to share about the Living With Lions program in 2016. We had planned an update meeting in October 2017 when the wildfires occurred and the meeting could not occur. We hope we can gather together in September 2020 to receive news of the program's latest information on mountain lions, our population and how it is surviving in Sonoma County and the expanded area. The Living With Lions principal investigator is Dr. Quinton Martins, a leading expert on large mountain cats. Together with a team of ACR staff and advisors, Dr. Martins studies the movement of mountain lions fitted with GPS collars within an expanded study area of over 1,000 square miles, including the Mayacamas Mountains (areas east of Highway 101 and west of 29) in Sonoma and Napa Counties. The project aims to enhance understanding of mountain lion ecology, connectivity in fragmented landscapes, and identification of priority areas for conservation. (ACR is one of only four organizations in California to hold a capture and collaring permit issued by CA Dept. of Fish and Wildlife).



Mountain Lion
Courtesy of Quinton Martins-Audubon Canyon Ranch

Dr. Martins has over 24 years of field experience in wilderness areas throughout much of Africa, Saudi Arabia and the USA. His work highlights the manner in which charismatic and iconic apex predators like leopards and mountain lions, act as umbrella species, and can lead to broad ecosystem conservation.



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you in the article below. West 9th Street herons and egrets arrived in late March for the 2020 nesting season. Our support project under the median street trees was installed just in time to cushion the falls of nestlings from the trees. This year's West 9th Street story is on page 5.

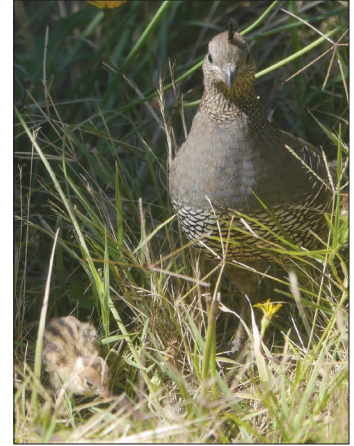
This *Leaves* issue will be editor Asenath LaRue's last one for Madrone Audubon. Asenath began editing in September 2015 and has provided a caring approach with exceptional skills for five years. We're so grateful to Asenath for her service to our Chapter and her contributions as a member of our Board of Directors. Many are aware Asenath continued to edit *Leaves* after relocating to Wisconsin. This is one time we were grateful for internet connections for sure! Thank you, Asenath. We welcome our new editor, Christine Cohen, who begins her role with October-November *Leaves*. And, Larry Broderick, Ex Officio Board member and Co-Chair of Renewable Energy, will serve as Assistant Editor. Read more about our editors on page 7.

Bird Rescue Center of Sonoma County (BRC) continues their capital campaign to raise funds to relocate to Cotati. An interesting and important update on their progress and their needs is included in our September *Leaves*. Nancy Hair who's served as Madrone's Publicity Chair for many years, as well as Investment Advisory Committee Chair, is also transitioning off the Board. We thank Nancy for her service to the Chapter, including coordinating this past year's challenge grant for donations to the BRC relocation campaign.

In September, we publish our annual Funds Statement for the prior fiscal year. You'll find our statement on page 10. We thank our loyal members and generous donors who help us maintain Madrone Audubon's place in Sonoma County, for conservation, appreciation of birds and wildlife, and community service.

We planned to give our Chapter awards in a modified September meeting, since we missed the annual May membership meeting and first Ernestine Smith Lecture Series on Recovery of the California Condor. We will be waiting to receive nominations and presenting awards, as well as reschedule Recovery of the California Condor for May 2021.

As we continue to practice daily adapting, please know we're here for our members just as each of us is present each day to appreciate and support Sonoma County's birds and wildlife. Let us know if you have questions and how we can be of support. We hope to see you soon!



California Quail with chick Courtesy of Gordon Beebe

Backyard Nature Revealed – Spring 2020

by Carolyn Greene

This year, our main fundraiser March to May could have been a significant challenge for our Chapter. As it turned out, we decided to revise downward our annual goal to \$5,000 and hope for the best. In true Madrone Audubon form, an experience for which we are grateful to team leaders, birders and donors, we met our goal and exceeded it by a little over a thousand dollars!

We hope you enjoy reading the stories of our teams who adapted to current circumstances and "made it work." Notably, with less human presence, birds and wildlife were often quite visible and audible. And, we dedicate this year's Birdathon to our dear friend, the late Ted Eliot, a long-time member of the Grey-headed Seersuckers.

2020 Fundraising Total: \$6,133

Grey-headed Seersuckers

Team Leaders: Ken Wilson, Becky Olsen, Ian Morrison
Total Raised: \$407

Donors: Mary Bates Abbott, Rita Bevans, William Doyle, Barb & Bill Kobabe, Marguerite & Stacy Li, David Leland, Earl Rathbun, MD.

This year, the Grey-headed Seersuckers elected to do our BAT on March 12th again. Due to the passing of our valued team member, Ted Eliot, this year we were down to a team of three consisting of Ian Morrison, Becky Olsen and myself. We followed a similar route to that which we took last year, starting again at Howarth Park in Santa Rosa where I was able to capture a photo of a Red-shouldered Hawk catching some sunrise lighting high in a Eucalyptus tree. Our first birds at the park were the local flock of Great-tailed Grackles that frequent this park and the local neighborhood followed by nice looks at a Townsend's Warbler accompanied by several Yellow-rumped Warblers.

Moving on to the south end of Spring Lake Park we found an abundance of finches including House and Purple plus Lesser and American Goldfinches. We then headed west stopping at the Sebastopol Community Center where we found an abundance of sparrows including Lincoln's, a favorite of mine. The fields to the north yielded a large flock of Long-billed Curlews moving quietly through the long grasses while the ponds held Hooded Mergansers and Cinnamon Teal. Unfortunately, the Cliff Swallows had not returned to their traditional nesting site on the walls of the center. The Laguna de Santa Rosa was active with large numbers of Great and Snowy Egrets, Greater Yellowlegs and a few Wilson's Snipe.

On the way to Bodega Bay we stopped off in the town of Bodega to look for the Red-naped Sapsucker and Evening Grosbeaks that had been reported. Unfortunately, luck was not with us, but we did find Barn Swallows which added to a total count of five swallows for the day. Bodega Harbor and the bay were much more productive with three species of cormorants, three species of loons, large numbers of Marbled Godwits and other shorebirds which a Peregrine Falcon drove into the air on occasion. A visit to Salmon Creek produced a Common Gallinule and a few species of duck plus numerous Mew Gulls. Driving towards Petaluma we stopped at Harmony Ponds where the only new species was several Ring-necked Ducks.

At Shollenberger Park in Petaluma, new species included Black-necked Stilts and many hundreds of American Avocets. We ended our day at the Ellis Creek wastewater treatment ponds where we had excellent views of many birds, including many Long-billed Dowitchers, a solitary American Pipit and White-faced Ibis.



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We had a very nice day with great looks at many species of birds, thus diminishing our disappointment at missing some species we were hoping to see. Our total for the day amounted to 125 species in 41 families. Our thanks to all the members of Madrone Audubon for the work they do for our environment and to all those that give support to the organization.

Zonotropias

Team Leaders: Bill Doyle, Helen Kochenderfer, Don Kirker

Total Raised: \$947

Donors: Mary Bates Abbott, Anita Doyle, Sally Doyle, Teresa Doyle, Sarita Eastman, William German, Jeffrey Hanson, Barb & Bill Kobabe, Helen Kochenderfer, Helen & Floyd Lemley, Marguerite & Stacy Li, Brooke Loomis, Frederick Marsh, Anne Marston, William Nelson, Monica Schwalbenberg-Peña, Ken Wilson.

After two consecutive rained-out Saturdays, we (Bill Doyle, Helen Kochenderfer and Don Kirker) were finally able to do our fossil-fuel free big day on Saturday, April 11th. Though the day began gloomy and cold, we were anxious to get going. We walked for three miles along Santa Rosa Creek, from Fulton Rd. to Delta Pond, around the pond, and back along the other side of the creek, for a total of nine miles. At the start, we discussed what number of species might be a noble goal, and decided that 60 might be achievable, and give us something to shoot for. As soon as we hit the trail, we were overwhelmed with bird song, which kept us absorbed and excited through the entire long day. We were tired and happy as we neared the end of our 6-1/2 hour hike, looking forward to computing our species total. Imagine our shocked surprise when we discovered that we had counted not 60, but 90 species in that one habitat, reminding us once again what a birding paradise we enjoy here in Santa Rosa.

Roadrunners

Team Leader: Carolyn Greene

Total Raised: \$1,966

Donors: Mary Bates Abbott, Malcolm Blanchard, Janet Bosshard, Brendan & Trish Brown, Geri Brown, Vicki Chambers, Jan Conklin, Susan Dean, Darlene & Richard Donat, Marilyn Edmondson, Marta and Joel Eisenberg, Claire Etienne, Joe Ferrari, Stan & Hedda Gold, Carolyn Greene, Betty Groce, Bruce and Leslie Lee Hartsough, Margaret Hein, Richard Hurley, Barbara Kendrick, Mary Kennedy, Barb & Bill Kobabe, Dale Kuhn, Marguerite & Stacy Li, Patricia Marsh, Sandra Martensen, Kathy and Mike McNeill, Terry and Judy McNeill, Isabel Meisler, Marisol Munoz-Kiehne, Claudia Norby, Marilyn & John Pahr, Jacqueline Rienecker, Carolyn Rich, Kathy Schultz, Paula Scull, Barbara Spain, Jennifer Uken, Cathy Vancik, Diane Ziola.

The Roadrunners (spoiler alert - sadly, no actual roadrunners were spotted) re-constituted into a large group of bird aficionados - and honored the legacy of Betty Groce and the late Don McCarthy's team by recording 85 species during our 3-day April count - social distantly birding mostly around Oakmont and along Santa Rosa Creek. Team members included Geri Brown, Carolyn Greene, Barbara Kendrick, Carolyn Rich, Ruthie Rudesill, Barbara Spain, Isabel Meisler, Margaret Braisted, Cathy Vancik, Marilyn Pahr, Marisol Muñoz-Kiehne, Melinda Harris, and Leslie Lee Hartsough. Small bird-related gifts were given in appreciation to each sharp eyes/ears team member.

Highlights were a Golden Eagle above Kenwood (thank you, Ruthie!), a Gallus gallus domesticus, a common loon on Delta Pond and 3 Swainson's Hawks circling overhead, Cooper's Hawk nestlings, 5 Great-horned Owls, 10 Pileated Woodpeckers, 12 Western-wood Peewees, 3 Vireo species, 21 Orange-crowned Warblers, Hooded and Bullock's Orioles. Distinguished birders we met along the way

- Brian, Bill Doyle and Helen Kochenderfer - helped increase our enjoyment and final count.

Most importantly, we formed and deepened our birding knowledge and friendships, and will gather together again - definitely for BAT 2021. Many thanks to all our sponsors, donors and team members!

March Madness

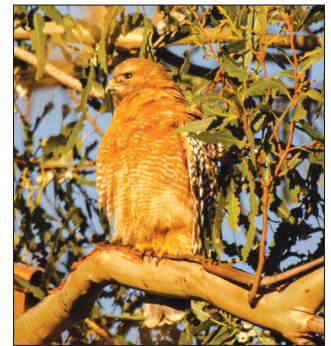
Team Leader: Gene Hunn

Total Raised: \$230

Donors: Mary Bates Abbott, Carolyn Greene, Barb & Bill Kobabe, Marguerite & Stacy Li.

"Hike and Bike Petaluma Big Day" - I had planned to run my Petaluma Big Day route before the COVID-19 catastrophe hit. However, as exercise was ruled an "essential service," I judged it safe to chase the birds. March 21 was predicted to be sunny and dry, so I set off. My route starts at my front door, completes a 4+ mile loop along upper Lynch Creek, then north along the fence line to the Junior College, then back via Capri Creek, a two-hour plus hike. This is my "patch" that Nancy (wife) and I cover regularly year-round. We detoured around Lucchesi Pond, which produced coots, a gull or two, and a nice variety of swallows: Tree, Northern Rough-winged, Barn, and Violet-green. We found the "usual suspects," including our resident Cooper's Hawk and White-tailed Kite. Bonus birds included fly-over Great-blue Heron and Great Egret, a Great-horned Owl, two "singing" Brown-headed Cowbirds, a FOS Wilson's Warbler, and a surprise House Wren. By 10:30 AM we had listed 57 species. I then climbed on my old bike (tires inflated and chain oiled) and set off for Shollenberger Wetland, four miles distant, where it seemed most of Petaluma was "sheltering in place." I was careful to keep my six-foot perimeter clear. Nancy joined me by car and we hiked another five miles around Shollenberger and the Ellis Creek wetlands. Here we counted Northern Shovelers and Green-winged Teal by the hundreds and the usual dabblers (and several bright male Cinnamon Teal) plus two Common Goldeneyes and a single Lesser Scaup. Male Ruddy Ducks were turning on their mating colors: brick red backs and powder blue bills. Shorebirds included some 400 American Avocets, fewer Black-necked Stilts, 100 lingering Long-billed Dowitchers, and a smattering of peeps. Black-crowned Night-Herons lurked in the reed beds at Ellis Creek and a vocal male Great-tailed Grackle competed with a nesting pair of Red-shouldered Hawks for the tall eucalyptus snag. A decent variety of the larger gull species loafed on the mud at Shollenberger and I was (barely) able to discern a Long-billed Curlew sleeping across the pond. Marsh Wrens, Savannah Sparrows, and several Common Yellowthroats sang out. Our only Northern Harrier tilted briefly over the far side of the sewage ponds. But, still, no Cliff Swallows at their traditional nesting sites.

By 3 PM I was ready for the finishing touches: Cypress Hill Memorial Park in West Petaluma, then Rainsville Road off Stony Point north of town, and last (but perhaps not least), the Willowbrook Ct. seasonal pond beside the freeway off N. McDowell extension. Pickings had slimmed in the heat of mid-afternoon, but I was able to add Acorn Woodpeckers and one locally-scarce Steller's Jay (reliable residents of Cypress Hill), the 40 Greater White-fronted Geese hanging on off Rainsville, and a Snowy Egret at Willowbrook Pond. Though I missed the expected White-breasted Nuthatch at Cypress Hill and the Hooded Mergansers that had been regular off Willowbrook Ct., I got lucky with a small flock of Cliff Swallows over Rainsville Road, a Wilson's Snipe at Willowbrook, and the



Red-shouldered Hawk Courtesy of Ken Wilson

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day's best find, my first of season brilliant golden Hooded Oriole, also off Rainsville.

I had hoped to tally 100 species, but had to settle for 96. Big Days always involve striking a strategic balance between lingering wintering birds and arriving spring migrants. I enjoyed a nice mix of both, so can't complain. I hiked 10.5 miles (Nancy joined me for nine of them) and biked 21. Sore legs and buttocks, but otherwise intact. All for a worthy cause: Madrone Audubon's conservation efforts.

Feather Questers

Team Leader: Diane Hichwa

Total Raised: \$2,083

Donors: Mary Bates Abbott, Rhonda Berney & Richard Shipp, Lynn Cominsky, Karen Daine, Donna & Donald Friedrich, Dorothy Gregor, Dr. Sharon Hansen & Dr. David Rachor, Carol Harrison & Donald Tanner, Joanne & John Kleis. Deborah Kreuzer, Paget & William Lenarz, Marguerite & Stacy Li, Ann Luft, Kathleen Mugele, Michael Nelligan, Rebecca Olsen, Christine & David Powell, David Rice, Judy & Jim Seeser, Gloria Shay, Karen & Ted Vogel, Cathy Zbikowski.

At first, I was just not going to do BAT this year, but that would break my record of the 24 years in a row, so I gave in and did what I could and when I could. The list of birds may be smaller, but the need for helping the environment is ever greater!

Spring brought back the "Quick, 3 Beers!" call of the Olive-sided Flycatcher. I have not found a nest but am excited when he returns each spring and sits prominently calling from a tree top in our neighborhood. And being a Species of Special Concern it is good to know his habitat is still available. The Red-tailed Hawk nest has youngsters screeching away, insisted that a parent bring food NOW. Two Vaux Swifts circled over Stewart's Point; certainly, there will be more in August, roosting in a nearby chimney.

My feeding area gets 12 Steller's Jays and up to 20 Band-tailed Pigeons, maneuvering well through the shrubbery. I also tallied 3 young and 1 adult skunk, 3 gray squirrels, 1 red squirrel and a fox under the feeder. And an Acorn Woodpecker was fluttering INSIDE the bedroom window; he took a wrong turn from the suet feeder and came inside!

Down at the ocean, we have a Bald Eagle pair that is hanging around the Gualala River. Pelagic cormorants and Black Oystercatchers were both upset from their nests along Breaker Reach; the oystercatchers quietly went onto nests - the right-sized depression in the black coastal rocks. They had chicks now - little fuzzballs that run out to get a mussel or worm from the parent. I can hear then call from our house! Loudmouths!

It is great to see the Cliff Swallows milling around catching insects and swooping under the eaves. They are kicked out of so many spots!

I am very much into songs and calls. The Spotted Towhees say Tow WHEE Tow WHEE! In the evening, it is fun to sit on the deck and listen to the Swainson's Thrush with a lovely flutelike song.

Earlier in the day, the Orange-crowned Warbler has a song like an orange rolling off a slanted board. And the Wilsons Warbler sings LOUD in an uphill trend. The Hutton's Vireo is just stuck on one note, over and over. I listened to a new song; I stayed with it until I could see a beautiful Townsend's Warbler with bright yellow on the head and black cheek.

Dark-eyed Juncos are common and hide their nest right on the ground. One was feeding 2 youngsters, chasing tiny moths, circling and whirling down from the tree branch in pursuit. A Robin lands regularly on the road and brought insects into a nest in our neighbor's tree. A Chestnut-backed Chickadee was peeking out of a nest-hole and the Ravens are

Donations

In Memory of Helen Bulinski

by Lawrence Bulinski

watching closely since they need to feed the ever-bigger youngsters in their nest in a tall Grand Fir.

The birds are all around us, if we look and listen.

My list this year includes: Brewers and Red-winged Blackbird; Western Bluebird; Bush-tit; Chestnut-backed chickadee; Brandt's + Double-crested + Pelagic Cormorants; Brown-headed Cowbird (Boo!); Brown creeper; Eurasian-collared, Mourning and Rock doves; BALD EAGLE; Great and Snowy Egrets; House Finch; Northern Flicker; Olive-sided and Pacific-slope Flycatchers; American Goldfinch; Canada Goose; Pigeon Guillemots; Glaucous-winged, Herring and Western Gulls; Coopers Hawk plus Red-shouldered and Red-tailed Hawks; Great Blue Heron; Allen's and Anna's Hummingbirds; California Scrub and Steller's jays in numbers; Dark-eyed Junco; Killdeer; White-tailed Kites; Mallard; Common Merganser; Common Murre (many hundreds of them atop Gualala Point Island!); Pygmy Nuthatch; Osprey; Barn Owl with chicks; Black Oystercatcher; Brown Pelican; Black Phoebe; Band-tailed Pigeons; California Quail; Common Raven; American Robin; Least and Western Sandpipers; Sanderlings; Red-breasted Sapsucker; Surf scoter; Pine siskin; Golden-crowned sparrow; Savannah sparrow, Song Sparrows, White-crowned Sparrow; European Starling; Barn, Cliff, Rough-winged and Violet-green Swallows; Vaux Swift; Caspian Tern; Swainson's Thrush; Spotted Towhee; Wild Turkey (boo); Hutton's and Warbling Vireos; Turkey Vulture; MacGillivray's, Orange-crowned, Townsend's and Wilson's Warblers; Whimbrel; Acorn, Downy, Hairy and Pileated Woodpeckers; Pacific Wren; Wrentit

84 species, all while sheltering in place!

Burrowing Owls

Team Leaders: Susan Kirks, Art Slater

Total Raised: \$500

Donors: Mary Bates Abbott, Coco & Chester Kirks, Marguerite & Stacy Li, Jean Martin, Friends of Paula Lane Action Network, Art Slater. With shelter-in-place for people, especially in mid-March to late April, bird life - sightings and songs - were exceptional. People stayed in, the birds and wildlife came out. From Red-shouldered Hawks screeching and soaring to Black-headed Grosbeaks, Allen's and Rufous Hummingbirds, and



Western Bluebird Courtesy of Gordon Beebe

Hooded Orioles, our approach to backyard and daily birding over time, mostly in Petaluma and Sebastopol, helped us add our species day by day. Trips to the grocery store and other places for essentials also meant binoculars on the front seat of the pick-up truck, windows slightly opened, looking and listening. The West 9th Street Santa Rosa heron and egret nesting site also yielded 3 species for our team - Great Egret, Snowy Egret and Black-crowned Night Heron, with our support project installation and beginning maintenance in late March. The arrival of Cliff Swallows from Argentina at the Petaluma River Bridge in April was a familiar and welcomed treat. This year, our team identified a total of 102 species.



Small Group Bird Walk - September 9th

Madrone Audubon will be offering a bird walk at Bodega Bay on Wednesday, September 9, 2020. Please read the following requirements carefully. Due to COVID-19 regulations in Sonoma County, participation in the event requires that each person is in good health (has no symptoms, nor recent exposure to someone with COVID-19), wears a mask, and maintains a minimum of six feet distance from others whenever possible during the walk. Carpooling is not possible at this time, unless you are traveling with people you live with. As this is the first walk in several months, we will start with a limited number of participants, and then re-evaluate for future walks.

Since some stops on the trip have limited parking available, the number of vehicles needs to be no more than five, plus the leader's car. The number of people who can join the bird walk depends on how many can safely ride in each car, usually only one person (in that case, the total would be five), or two or more in a family group riding together (in that case, the total could be up to eleven), for a maximum number of 12, including participants and leader.

To reserve a space on the walk, please contact Gordon Beebe at gordbb@gmail.com, or text at (707) 583-3115. Please specify how many people will be with you in your vehicle. Reservations will be accepted on a first-come-first-

served basis. Future walks, if there are no changes regarding the COVID-19 situation, will favor those who were not able to join this first walk.

Thank you in advance for your participation, while understanding this complex situation we are currently in. Hopefully, this model will allow everyone a chance (eventually!) to get out birding with a safe group of friends in our beautiful county.

Gordon Beebe has led Saturday bird walks for Madrone Audubon since 2011. Since circumstances have changed this year, a weekday seemed a safer bet for this bird walk, to reduce the risk of running into crowds at popular locations.

A note on Madrone's bird walks: We continue to exercise caution with regard to scheduling bird walks or other activities. At the discretion of bird walk leaders, additional walks may be scheduled as the Fall progresses, keeping in mind current county regulations on group gatherings. **Please check our website at www.madroneaudubon.org for any updates on possible additional walks.**

The same goes for Board meetings and General Meetings – please **check madroneaudubon.org for updates.**

West 9th Street Herons and Egrets

by Susan Kirks

Egrets and herons arrived in March to nest at West 9th Street. The human shelter in place order likely impacted the ability to obtain an accurate nest count for the North Bay Heron and Egret Project. Avian ecologist David Lumpkin of Cypress Grove Research Center reported he likely missed the peak colony nest count, given the number of Black-crowned Night Heron chicks away from nests when he obtained his counts by early May. David recorded 42 active Great Egret nests, 157 Black-crowned Night Heron nests, 14 Cattle Egret nests, and 46 Snowy Egret nests. Of note, both rescuer Gayle Kozlowski and I believed, based on our observations, more Great Egrets nested this year compared to last year.

for rehabilitation and hoped-for release. A few healthy Green Herons this year were able to be released through the Bird Rescue Center. Ashton also shared this year's nesting season was challenging in ways they had not anticipated with the COVID-19 pandemic. Fewer rescuers were available overall to help the Center. But, at West 9th Street, Senior Rescuer Gayle Kozlowski was present daily throughout the season. I've observed Gayle on many occasions walk toward a fallen nestling and quietly scoop it up, holding the bird close to her heart, then calmly walking to her parked vehicle and carefully placing it in a carrier for transport. Gayle often interacts with families and individuals walking by, to facilitate understanding of how nestlings fall or are pushed from nests and how the little birds are rescued. This year, Gayle witnessed a Black-crowned Night Heron juvenile, standing in the active traffic lane near the trees, struck and killed. It did not have time to move before a car struck and killed it. Speeding vehicles are always an issue in this area during our 6 months there each year. In the midst of nesting season and rescues this year, Gayle moved into action, contacting me as well as the Department of Fish and Wildlife and City of Santa Rosa, to ask what can be done for traffic calming and additional signage. In our communication and brainstorming process, we once again requested a speed bump for traffic slowing, but West 9th Street is a regular bus route and installing speed bumps would not likely be approved. With City of Santa Rosa biologist Denise Cadman's



Black-crowned Night Heron rescues Courtesy of Gayle Kozlowski

assistance and Santa Rosa City Manager Jason Nutt's approval, in coordination with Traffic Engineering, we agreed on additional large signage to be installed at the site for next year. Gayle designed the signage – CAUTION – Birds On Ground – and will add art work of a juvenile Black-crowned Night Heron to the signs. Each of two large signs will be installed a distance from the median street trees to caution drivers to slow down, birds are on the ground (and in the street). We hope this can make a difference. Gayle and her husband, John Kozlowski, are donating the signs for the site and will remove and safely store them each year in off-season months.

For Madrone's nesting support project, now in our 9th year, we obtained rice straw from our reliable supplier, **Larsen's Feed and Pet Supply**, and in mid-March installed fencing, straw and Migratory Bird Treaty Act signage just days before the first nestlings

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Great Egret with nesting material Courtesy of Tom Reynolds

By late July, Bird Rescue Center Executive Director Ashton Klutz reported the Center had received 148 rescues from West 9th Street. According to Ashton, 80% of the birds brought to the center are transferred to International Bird Rescue in Fairfield



From the Trenches - Bird Rescue Center Update

By Ashton Kluttz, Executive Director

With spring behind us and summer winding down, we're beginning to breathe a bit easier here at The Bird Rescue Center. The past few months have been challenging and exciting! While we had cancelled our Open Houses and educational events due to the COVID pandemic, our season has been no less exciting bird-wise. In fact, this year brought a few firsts!



First Baby Golden Eagle Courtesy of Bird Rescue Center (BRC)



Released chick, back to nest Courtesy of Bird Rescue Center (BRC)

We received our first-ever baby Golden Eagle - and after treating a broken bone, we were successful in reuniting the baby with its parents. This was no small feat since we had to rebuild a nest (who knew a papasan chair would work!) and then climb 80+ feet to secure the nest before “reinstalling” the baby!

Shortly following this experience, we received our first-ever Chipping Sparrow fledgling - a species we had never seen at BRC since this bird's local habitat is extremely limited. In fact, once ready for release we initially were at a loss of where to release it. But after thorough research, we successfully “soft-released” into a vineyard that is one of the only habitats for this species in our area. (A “soft-release involves continued feeding and monitoring the bird until we know that the little one is doing

well.) In addition, we had our first adult Lazuli Bunting, a gorgeous, colorful species only seen in post-wildfire ecosystems. It is heartening to know that after tragedy something so beautiful has appeared in our area.

In the midst of these exciting firsts, we've also had our usual crowds of everyday locals—as many as 40 new arrivals a day—crows, jays, towhees, finches, woodpeckers, hummingbirds, hawks, egrets and more! In fact, despite having to operate with a skeleton crew due to the pandemic, we've admitted more than 1,700 birds since April 1st.

As I walk through the wards, I think of the many bird enthusiasts I know—undoubtedly people like you who feel the excitement of the rare, yet appreciate the beauty in the common—especially as our local ecosystems are still recovering from the past few years of natural disasters.

For over 44 years through wildfires, floods, and now a pandemic, BRC has been rehabilitating birds as well as educating our public about why birds are so important in our environment. We plan to be around for the next half-century and have been working diligently toward that goal.

A New Home for Bird Rescue Center

With the county putting up for sale the land we currently occupy, this requires moving to a new



Lazuli Bunting Courtesy of Bird Rescue Center (BRC)

location and building a new facility. We took our first major step last year by signing a long-term lease with private landowners Heidi and Dave Jacquin. And thanks to the generous support of architects Ken Coker and Daniel Strenig, the design for the new facility and its aviaries is almost complete.



Chipping Sparrow Courtesy of Bird Rescue Center (BRC)

We are so thankful to Madrone Audubon! You have been a staunch ally to BRC and provided help in so many ways. Almost exactly one year ago your board showed an outpouring of support by creating a ‘challenge match’ with \$13,000 in donations to back our fundraising efforts. We are forever grateful for that extraordinary gift, which thanks to public support from your membership and ours, turned into over \$34,000 and helped spread the word about our relocation project.

This kind of community backing propelled us to launch our capital campaign Invest in the Skies. We have a campaign goal of \$6.7 million. To date we have raised more than \$3.6M in gifts and donations, pledges, pro bono services and materials! In no small part this is because of you.

Midway through 2020, we are extraordinarily encouraged to have passed the halfway mark of our campaign goal. Now we are thrilled to announce that a single donor has stepped up in a major way with another challenge match. On behalf of her late husband David, Mary Love has made a \$250,000 commitment to The Bird Rescue Center—that is if we can match her gift before year-end. Every dollar donated will go toward the \$3M still needed to make the new Bird Rescue Center a reality. As we finalized this article for print, local philanthropist Joanne Dow announced her contribution of \$50,000 toward the match and capital campaign. Generous community members who value nature and wildlife advance us ever forward! We are so very thankful!

From eagles to hummingbirds, BRC is where the injured find refuge. We hope you will continue to be part of this vital work. As you support The Bird Rescue Center and help spread the word, you help more birds spread their wings!

To learn more about plans for the new BRC facility and how donated funds will be put to use, visit <https://birdrescuecenter.org>.

WEST 9TH STREET

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began to fall from the trees. I always feel heartened when drivers slow their vehicles and call out “thank you” when they see us there, cleaning and maintaining the site during the season. The early days of this year's season were quiet, with shelter in place, and less traffic. When the strict shelter in place order

was lifted, traffic increased and people came to visit and view the nesting phenomena.

This year, we implemented a new cleanup process for the end of the season. **Need A Hand Movers** of Santa Rosa once again provided excellent service to remove the soiled straw and clean up the site as required via our annual encroachment

permit. And, our new addition was provision of bins by **Recology Sonoma Marin**, so the straw could be placed in bins, rather than the clean-up crew having to drive and make several trips to the recycling center to dispose of the straw. We appreciate our new partnership with Recology for this donated service!



Honoring Bryant Hichwa's Service to Audubon Canyon Ranch

Audubon Canyon Ranch (ACR) began in 1961, and over the years, relationships between Madrone Audubon and ACR have been strong and mutually beneficial. No one better signifies that relationship than long-term Madrone member, Bryant Hichwa, who recently stepped down from the ACR Board after 17 years of service.

ACR highlighted some of Bryant's crucial contributions in their recent online newsletter:

"Bryant's service on the board began as the Madrone Audubon chapter representative in 2003 and grew to include four terms as board president—not only providing steady leadership during the financial crisis of 2008 but also in 2009 shepherding a collaborative agreement with ranchers Jim and Shirley Modini to acquire the 1,725-acre Modini Ranch near Healdsburg.

In 2012, again under Bryant's leadership, the acquisition of the Mayacamas Mountains Audubon Sanctuary from the National Audubon Society, located adjacent to the Modini Ranch, safeguarded an additional 1,600 acres of pristine natural habitat that now serves as the gateway to 12,000 contiguous acres of protected open space in northern Sonoma County."

Because of social distancing requirements, Bryant's departure from the ACR Board was celebrated at a distance, but what a thoughtful recognition it was! Bryant shared these thoughts:

"A lovely THANK YOU from ACR was a painting by Ane Carla Rovetta. We immediately recognized Ingalls Bluff and the Modini Ranch. It was a reminder of wonderful people, places and times. And of the vision we all share of protecting broad swaths of the land for the future.

Diane and I have been a part of ACR for many years and in many different roles. She became a docent in 1989, getting an introduction to the ecology of Sonoma County, having moved gradually across the country from Connecticut, then the Great Lakes states. My path



*Bryant Hichwa with Jim Modini and Scott Feierabend, former ACR Executive
Courtesy of Diane Hichwa*

took me, originally as a Madrone representative, onto the Board and Committees of ACR.

It is good to see the organization in a strong positive position to move forward. The education program remains at ACR's core while the organization has exciting programs to take into the future. Fire Forward, looking at fire ecology, is more timely than originally imagined. CSI, Conservation Science Initiative, held a very successful virtual program this summer for teenage girls to be mentored by ACR's women in science. Biologic research stepped into the future with radio-telemetry on some herons and egrets. And the Living with Lions project reaches far into our communities with a charismatic subject carrying a conservation message. We in Sonoma and Marin Counties can be proud we support such programs!"

Heartfelt thanks to you both, Bryant and Diane, from everyone at Madrone!

Leaves Transition

Beginning with the October-November issue, Madrone Audubon welcomes Christine Cohen as the new editor. Larry Broderick, Ex Officio Board member and Co-Chair of the Renewable Energy Subcommittee of Conservation, has agreed to serve as assistant editor.

Christine shared some her background and her vision for *Leaves*:

"After volunteering for more than a year for the Phenology Project at the Paula Lane Nature Preserve and the Cliff Swallow observations at the Petaluma River Bridge, to my great surprise I was invited to consider becoming the Editor of the Madrone *Leaves*. I do bring with me a love of birds from early childhood. At ten I purchased my first Roger Tory Peterson book in 1954 and started identifying birds. My first bird was the Brown Towhee. From there, I have continued to observe birds, to provide home bird feeders, and to actively fight for local open space as well as support environmental and wildlife protection at home, in this country, and in other parts of the world. I belong to many environmental organizations, including having an Audubon membership of about 50 years. I am in awe of the members of Audubon. The contributions and hard work of gifted and knowledgeable Audubon members, who bring awareness to the public, monitor and protect birds, and save and enhance habitat, reflect a deep dedication to the natural world. This dedication and talent are all the more needed as Global Warming is now upon

us, as well as with the pandemic and social inequities besetting us at every turn. My goal is to reflect and record as faithfully as possible your observations, work, and plans, while retaining the very lively, interesting and informative spirit of this wonderful Newsletter. Please contact me with suggestions and ideas – forearhandsea@gmail.com, (707) 762-9642."

As for leaving *Leaves*, Asenath LaRue writes: "I've learned a lot about birds and people working to improve the welfare of birds in my time as editor these past 5 years. I especially enjoyed sifting through old articles and newspaper clippings and talking to long-term Madrone members while preparing the 50th anniversary issue (April-May, 2017), and when we lost our home in the 2017 wildfires, getting out the next couple of issues served as a normalizing, grounding activity. I appreciate the many articles contributed by members and the photos sent by Madrone's talented bird photographers. Thank you all! Fortunately, there are birds in Wisconsin, too, and this past year, I've helped with a Bald Eagles Nest Watch survey through the Madison Audubon Society and a grassland birds monitoring project on a restored prairie. I've treasured the opportunity to be outside, observing with a sense of purpose, during these mainly-at-home months. And perhaps, at last, I'll get serious about improving my ability to recognize the many fall warblers who will be passing our home in the weeks to come."



Recap of Summer at the Coast

by Diane Hichwa

The Coast had lots of fresh air and the birds continued their nesting, which is still in progress, even as we continue to be hunkered down. We welcomed getting out to track 22 nests of Black Oystercatchers on the 10 miles of NW Sonoma County coast at Sea Ranch. By July 31 we had 7 fledglings from five nests and a late hatch of 2 eggs on August 3! Our last nest site has an egg due to hatch mid-August! So, as we go to press we wait and watch: 5 chicks remaining to fledge at 3 nests AND 2 more nests with chicks suspected but not yet seen. Nearly 400 hours of volunteer time go into the program as well. The reward is watching a chick hatch, or be fed, or fly for the first time. These data go in to Audubon CA and a larger study along the CA coast.

Brandt's Cormorants, Common Murres, Western Gulls, Pigeon Guillemots and Black Oystercatchers share nesting sites atop Gualala Point Island (GPI). We were able to do several drone flights, after delays first from COVID-19 sheltering in place, then delays from fog. We are working towards developing protocols for drone flights to collect counts and nest data without causing disturbance to the different species. Estimates from the June photos showed 75 Brandt's Cormorant nests enveloped by at least 1200 murres! This year Bodega Rock has had some Common Murres scouting the site; wait for news next summer as nesting may begin there too! By August GPI was covered by 275 Brown Pelicans, for a change in scenery.

Mill Bend Property Update

by Diane Hichwa

There is more information to share about the 113-acre Mill Bend property at the border of Sonoma and Mendocino Counties at the mouth of the Gualala River.

The property has been held by a conservation buyer, until funds could be accrued. Grants have been sought to pay for the property and several grant applications have been successful! A state grant for \$845,000 had been received towards purchase and since then Redwood Coast Land Conservancy has been awarded a \$1 million US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) grant that will help purchase the Mill Bend property.

The state grant was awarded by the California Natural Resources Agency and the California Transportation Commission through the Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program designed to offset environmental impacts caused by state transportation projects. The \$1 million grant was awarded to Redwood Coast Land Conservancy (RCLC) from USFWS. In addition, RCLC received a \$300,000 grant from California State Coastal Conservancy (SCC) to do environmental assessments of the site and create a conservation master plan.

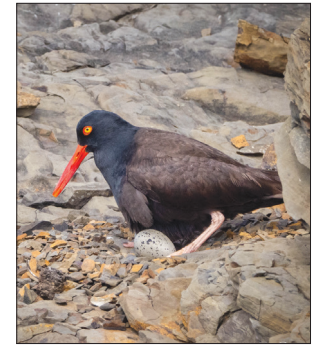
The website has been recently overhauled and is: <https://www.rclc.org/>. There is a good map and diagram of the Mill Bend area. I think you will find it fun to look over the maps and photos.

Sonoma County's Gualala Regional Park is on the south side of the river. The entire area is a gateway leaving Sonoma County and passing through Mill

Now the transition is underway as easy-to-recognize breeding plumage of shorebirds changes to the monotonous of winter plumage. Pigeon guillemots, once all black with white wing patches become mostly white birds with a little black. Even the murres as they jump-ship from the island top have sleek black tuxedo-like feathers on the adult and lots more white on body and face of the unfledged juvenile; unfledged when they jump off the island top to the water and for several more weeks as the male feeds them.

Their calls of a guttural "muhrrrrrrrr" carry far across the water.

The Bald Eagle pair has remained all summer, perching along the coast and guarding the river mouth. By late summer a family of four Peregrine Falcons is practicing, hazing the birds over the river. Once called "duck hawks," they have been seen carrying a murre off for dinner, and they take their toll on the nesting Western Gulls. All part of the nesting cycle and the food chain.



Black Oystercatcher with egg
Courtesy of Craig Tooley



Bald Eagle pair at Gualala River
Courtesy of Chris Beach

Bend just before the town of Gualala in Mendocino County. NOAA is interested in salmon restoration in the river there as well. (And as Cheryl Harris and I mentioned in our article in the February-March 2020 *Leaves*, although the County line runs through the river center in this final stretch, three quarters of the Gualala River's watershed of 298 square miles is in Sonoma County! So, we have an important stake in seeing all aspects of the river improved.)

The RCLC is currently in its final fundraising stage from the Community! Seeking to raise \$600,000 locally-- they got \$300K put up to be matched, and as of August 1 are working on the final \$49,731!

"I have been a supporter of this project from the start and have been glad to advocate on behalf of Redwood Coast Land Conservancy so they can obtain vital funding. Restoring and preserving these lands will not only bring much-needed recreational value to the area, but it will have long-lasting benefits for our invaluable coastal wetlands and uplands habitat."

Jared Huffman, U.S. Congressman, CA. Second District

Good News for Migratory Bird Treaty Act

On August 11, a federal court "threw out the administration's rollback of the MBTA, ruling the policy is contrary to the foundational 100-year-old bird protection law...In 2018 Audubon, multiple conservation groups, and 8 states filed lawsuits challenging the US Department of the Interior's elimination of longstanding bird protections under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act..." (to include only birds purposefully killed). In the judge's August 11 ruling, he stated, "It is not only a sin to kill a mockingbird, it is also a crime. That has been the letter of the law for the past century. But if the Department

of the Interior has its way, many mockingbirds and other migratory birds that delight people and support ecosystems throughout the country will be killed without legal consequence."

National Audubon cautions the fight is still on. "Congress must pass the permanent legislative fix to protect the MBTA from being weakened through administrative and regulatory changes."

(Source: *National Audubon Society News, August 2020*)



MEMBERS' COLUMN

Western Scrub Jays and Their Nest

by Nathaniel Roberts

In early April, we noticed some very focused activity in the large Camellia bush directly outside our front picture window. It quickly became apparent that a pair of jays were building a nest deep in the foliage, not 12" from the glass! The jays made countless trips in and out of the bush with sticks and leaves and sundry



Camellia bush with hidden nest
Courtesy of Nathaniel Roberts

debris. That these parents-to-be would choose a location so close to possible human activity surprised us, but they are, after all, jays who seem to have a fearless approach to life. Our household is comprised of bird, wildlife and animal lovers. Perhaps something about the energy of our yard helped the jays know this was a safe place for their nest. Before long, they were tending the eggs and in true to form jay fashion, taking over our entire yard, front and back, in defense of their prodigies. A few examples of their many challenges - A young gray cat that hangs around here got the worst of it as the jays followed her everywhere for a month, screaming at her and dive bombing her at every opportunity. Their tactics were successful, as the kitty never got close to their nest. But, other perils awaited. One morning, my daughter noticed one of the fluffy, newborn chicks was outside of the nest, hanging by a leg from some string that had been part of the nest structure. Due to the proximity of the nest to our front window, which could be carefully and quietly opened, she was able to open the window, remove the screen and reach the nestling, untangling the chick and placing it back in the nest. Soon thereafter, my wife heard a loud cacophony of jay squawking and, going to the window, she saw a squirrel stealthily making its way up the bush in search of lunch! She ran out and chased it away, and the jays continued ... My daughter saw the little nestlings stretching their wings in the nest. Soon after, in late May, the family was no longer in or at the nest. We welcome our new neighbors!

Nathaniel Roberts and his family, wildlife and animal advocates and caregivers, live in West Petaluma near the Paula Lane open space property.

New Members

San Anselmo

Suzan Hahn & David Donnenfield

Cliff Swallows of Petaluma, 2020

by Christine Cohen

As part of the Madrone Audubon Phenology Project, I volunteered to count Cliff Swallow nests and observe for feeding and fledging. The primary site is the western side of the Petaluma River Bridge.



Cliff Swallow
Courtesy of National Audubon Society

Additional locations are the Lakeville Highway Overpass and a gravel offloading dock across from Shollenberger Park just south of the river bridge. In all, this year we counted 671 gourd-like nests clustered at the top of the pillars, on the sides of the bridge and under the offloading dock. These amazing, high flying swallows migrate from Argentina to build nests and breed. They, like the Bank Swallows, nest in colonies and share in the incubation of the eggs and feeding of the

young. Since cliffs are less available, these swallows now use human-made structures such as bridges to form colonies. Cliff Swallows may make up to 1500 trips in a day to build nests and feed their young as they catch insects, drink water and bathe on the wing. A typical nest will hold 3 to 5 eggs. Sometimes, they will even have a second clutch or take another mate! Cliff Swallows clearly like the protected, leeward side of pillars, where most of the nests are clustered. Fewer nests on the west side of the river bridge can be seen because of the westerly winds of Petaluma. I saw many feedings, but was not timed in my monthly observations to see the fledglings. By August, after four months of nesting, the numbers of Cliff Swallows are now dropping off. Their speed, endurance and engineering ability are breath-taking to watch. (Many thanks to Andy LaCasse for sharing his knowledge and lending me his bird behavior books.)

A note to all Madrone members...

Do you have bird observations or nature experiences to share? Something seen in your backyard, on a walk or hike in one of Sonoma County's parks or open spaces, or on a recent vacation? Please send a brief description (and a photo if you have one), and *Leaves* will include as many of these contributions as we can in the **Members' Column** in future issues.



Madrone Audubon Society Funds Statement
July 2019 through June 2020

	Operating	Conservation & Education	Subtotal	Stewardship Task Force	TOTAL
Balance as of June 30, 2019	132,831.08	13,430.44	146,261.52	6,566.00	152,827.52
Income					
Friends' Dues	12,075.00	0.00	12,075.00	0.00	12,075.00
Donations	10,195.23	0.00	10,195.23	0.00	10,195.23
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
In Kind Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bird-A-Thon	5,677.00	0.00	5,677.00	0.00	5,677.00
NAS Sharing	5,460.75	0.00	5,460.75	0.00	5,460.75
Investment Income	643.87	0.00	643.87	13.18	657.05
Miscellaneous Income	246.49	0.00	246.49	0.00	246.49
STF Grants	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Total Income	34,298.34	0.00	34,298.34	1,013.18	35,311.52
Expense					
ADMINISTRATIVE	8,949.64	10.00	8,959.64	0.00	8,959.64
CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT	0.00	1,957.79	1,957.79	0.00	1,957.79
CONSERVATION	0.00	11,763.98	11,763.98	0.00	11,763.98
EDUCATION	0.00	4,624.34	4,624.34	0.00	4,624.34
LEAVES	15,329.40	0.00	15,329.40	0.00	15,329.40
MEMBERSHIP EXPENSES	2,460.55	0.00	2,460.55	0.00	2,460.55
OUTREACH	91.97	132.00	223.97	0.00	223.97
JUNIOR AUDUBON	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
GENERAL MEETINGS	2,068.34	297.50	2,365.84	0.00	2,365.84
PUBLICITY	17.07	17.69	34.76	0.00	34.76
FUNDRAISING	1,528.04	0.00	1,528.04	0.00	1,528.04
STEWARDSHIP TASK FORCE	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,650.00	3,650.00
BREEDING BIRD ATLAS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
INVESTING	-3,752.35	0.00	-3,752.35	0.00	-3,752.35
Total Expense	26,692.66	18,803.30	45,495.96	3,650.00	49,145.96
Net Income	7,605.68	-18,803.30	-11,197.62	-2,636.82	-13,834.44
Balance at end of period	140,436.76 *	-5,372.86	135,063.90	3,929.18	138,993.08

*E.I. Smith Bequest: \$102,450.89 balance, June 2020/Operations Fund Balance = \$37,985.87

**Observations**

Summer 2020 • Dan Nelson • 479-2918 • birdsurf64@sbcglobal.net

NOTE: *While varying restrictions and warnings remained in place, a growing number of birders ventured out into the field over the summer. Social distancing and having masks at the ready are becoming the new normal while birding socially or engaging in any public interaction.*

Horned Puffin (1)	6/20	Bodega Head, just offshore	GH, et al
Rhinoceros Auklet (imm.)	7/30	Russian Gulch, just offshore	MT, TT
Parasitic Jaeger	7/25	Stinson Beach, just offshore harassing terns	DN
Leach's Storm-Petrel (1)	6/20	Doran Park, photographed	CO
Sharp-shinned Hawk (ad.)	5/2	Bodega Bay, N. of Diekmann's; carrying food	DN, RL
Swainson's Hawk (2 ad.)	May-July	S.W. of Delta Pond; on territory	DN, SC, et al
Swainson's Hawk (2 ad.)	Jun.- July	Reclamation Road	DN
Swainson's Hawk (dk. ad.)	Jun	Hwy #12 just E. of Napa River, Napa Co.	DN
Common Black-Hawk	Jun	Lynmar Winery	M.Ob
Common Crane (3rd CA record)	7/26	S. of Goose Lake, Modoc Co.	K. McKereghan
White-faced Ibis (1 cont.)	6/21	Shollenberger Park	GH
Least Tern (ad. ph'd)	7/19	Smith Brothers Ln., Bodega Bay	AW
Wilson's Phalarope (26+)	8/1	Hudemann Slough wetlands	JV
Stilt Sandpiper	7/14-24	Valley Ford wetlands at Estero Americano	LH, et al
Semipalmated Sandpiper	7/17	Valley Ford wetlands at Estero Americano	LS, et al
Lesser Yellowlegs (6)	7/31	Valley Ford wetlands at Estero Americano	MB, et al
Pectoral Sandpiper (1)	7/31	Valley Ford wetlands at Estero Americano	MB
Wandering Tattler (3)	8/1	S. Stinson Beach, Marin Co.	DN
Common Poorwill	May-Jun	Limantour Rd., Marin Co.	DN
Common Poorwill	7/1	Salt Point S.P.; near Pygmy Forest	RR
Common Nighthawk	7/1	Salt Point S.P.; near Pygmy Forest	RR
Barred Owl	7/30	Russian River near Summerhome Park	JH
Vaux' Swift (1)	7/4	Paula Lane, residence	DN
White-throated Swift (4)	7/7	Petaluma River bridge, Hwy #101	DN
Costa's Hummingbird (male)	5/31	Fountaingrove, Santa Rosa	D. Schmidt
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher(fem.)	5/2-5	Bodega Bay, just N. of Diekmann's	RL, M.Ob
Phainopepla (male)	6/8	Pine Flat Rd. near MM 11	L. Fraley
Red-eyed Vireo (singing)	5/30	Spud Pt. myoporum patch (recorded)	DN
Red-eyed Vireo (silent)	5/30	Bodega Bay Marine Lab entrance grove , 2nd bird	DN
Black-and-White Warbler	6/28	Hinebaugh Creek, Rohnert Park	LC
MacGillivray's Warbler	6/1	Coleman Valley Rd.; just W. of Hunter's Camp trail	D. Moring
MacGillivray's Warbler (2)	7/9	Annapolis Rd. at Gualala River crossing	LH
Hermit Warbler (2)	7/28	Annadel S.P.	R O'D
Northern Parula Warbler	5/30	Campbell Cove, Bodega Bay (photo)	DN
Northern Parula Warbler	6/28	Montgomery Rd., seen previously	RR
Orchard Oriole (ad. male)	5/30	Eastshore Rd.; Bodega Bay in Eucalyptus	RR
Hooded Oriole (3)	5/2-3	Bodega Bay, just N. of Diekmann's	DN, RL
White-throated Sparrow	7/26	Valley Ford- Freestone Rd. yard; rare in summer	JS
Lawrence's Goldfinch (3)	6/16	Pine Flat Rd. near summit	SC
Lawrence's Goldfinch (3)	7/4-6	Paula Lane residence; Petaluma	DN, SM
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	5/30	Eastshore Rd.; singing ad. male	DN
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	7/14	Boyes Hot Springs residence; at feeder	JV

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