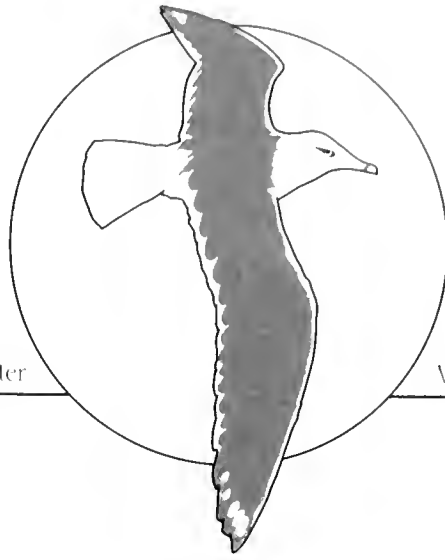


# The Gull



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## Action Alert Keep Nature in San Francisco's Parks

**T**he San Francisco Board of Supervisors is about to adopt a plan for the City's parks which contains no mention of wildlife, birds, habitat, flora & fauna, biodiversity, ecology or biology.

The only animal mentioned is the urban canine, in the context of how the parks can better serve its needs.

The "Community Parks Task Force Plan" is a product of the Community Parks Council and SPUR (San Francisco Urban Research Association). The attractively

designed 32-page document offers valuable recommendations for improving managerial efficiency in the Recreation and Park Department and for seeking new funding sources. That's the good part. The problem is that, while the document covers the need for greener lawns, more artwork, attractive recreation centers and restored

flower beds, it fails to acknowledge the need to preserve habitat for wildlife.

When the Parks Plan was released last May, many environmentalists were aghast, but decided to ignore it as one more policy document that would just gather dust. But the plan is being taken seriously, even without Board adoption. Its implementation has already begun, with the establishment of a new Parks Committee of the Board of Supervisors and with the creation of a Canine Committee to "address concerns from dog owners and public agencies in San Francisco about the need for better dog services." The committee composition includes no slot for a wildlife advocate.

The plan recommends the re-constitution of the Recreation and

Park Commission by increasing it to eleven members and specifying nine areas of expertise, not one of which is related to biology, ecology, natural history or biodiversity.

The existing Significant Natural Areas Management Program is not mentioned once, and there are no policies calling for the expansion of the City's natural areas. The plan calls for the creation of a strategic plan which "should be in synch with the City's General Plan," but there is no acknowledgment anywhere of the City's Sustainability Plan.

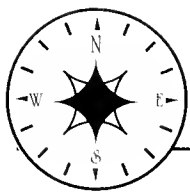
To find out how to obtain a copy of the Community Parks Council Plan, call

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### Needed: New Editor

It has been a great two years being editor of the *Gull*. Interesting, challenging, educational, fun.....But, life has bitten another huge chunk out of my free time and I'm afraid I won't have the time it takes to do the newsletter well. So unfortunately, I have to give it up.

And so, GGAS is looking for someone who is interested in picking up where I will leave off as Editor of the *Gull*. It is produced on a monthly basis and comes equipped with many faithful contributors. It's a great and interesting way to be directly involved with your organization. If interested, please contact me, John Gibbons at (415) 621-3899 or the GGAS office at (510) 843-2222.



# Field Trips Calendar

**G**AS field trips are conducted by experienced birders who wish to share their knowledge and love of birds with others. All trips are free of charge (except for entrance fees that may be charged by regional, state, or national parks) and are open to everyone, regardless of membership in the National Audubon Society or Golden Gate chapter.

## **Saturday and Sunday, December 5 & 6 Sacramento Wildlife Refuges.**

See November Gull for details. Leaders: Steve and Renee Margolin. (916) 342-6905. \$

## **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, STRYBING ARBORETUM.**

See November Gull for details. Leaders: Allan Ridley and Helen McKenna (415) 566-3241.

## **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, MINI-TRIP TO LAKE MERRITT, OAKLAND.**

See November Gull for details. Leaders: Anna Wilcox (510) 351-9301 and Jean-Marie Spoelman.

## **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, MONTEREY BAY AND COASTAL AREAS.**

See November Gull for details. Leader: Don Starks (408) 266-2969 (eve.) (\*)

## **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20, OAKLAND CBC.**

## **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29, SAN FRANCISCO CBC.**

## **SATURDAY, JANUARY 2, CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT WRAP UP!**

Meet at Merrie Way above the Cliff House at 8:00 a.m. We will look for highlights found, as well as species missed, on the San Francisco Christmas Bird Count. Bring lunch and liquids. We will bird until about 3:00 p.m. The itinerary will be determined at the last minute. Carpooling would be helpful. Leader: Alan Hopkins (415) 664-0983. (\*)

## **SUNDAY, JANUARY 3, STRYBING ARBORETUM.**

Meet at 8:00 a.m. at the front gate of the Arboretum (9th Ave. and Lincoln Way) for this regular 1st Sunday of the month half-day trip. The Strybing Arboretum is a delightful section of Golden Gate Park, with several micro-habitats attracting a varied array of resident, migrant and vagrant birds. Beginners and all others welcome. Leaders: Allan Ridley and Helen McKenna (415) 566-3241.

## **SATURDAY, JANUARY 9, SANDHILL CRANES!**

We will go to the San Joaquin Delta to see our wintering sandhill cranes. These are members of the *Grus canadensis tabida* subspecies, the Greater Sandhill Crane. There are only about 7,000 cranes in the Central Valley population. They are among the largest of the sandhills, standing over one meter tall with a

wingspan of two meters. They will make their clacking sounds, and they will dance before our eyes. It will be a sight worthy of photography. We will also see ducks, swans and other wintering birds. Expect icy, damp and foggy weather. Wind possible. Gloves recommended. We'll buy lunch at some gourmet spot near Isleton; too cold to picnic. Due to limited parking, participation will be by reservation only. The number of cars will be limited. Call leader, Harry Fuller, to reserve a spot and for meeting time and location. (415) 668-8229. (\*)

## **SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, UPPER SAN LEANDRO RESERVOIR, MORAGA.**

Meet at 9:00 a.m. in the Valle Vista Staging Area for a one-half day trip. Take Hwy. 24 to Orinda and exit on Moraga Hwy. Continue approximately four miles to Canyon Road. Turn right at the traffic signal and continue 1.2 miles to the Valle Vista Staging area on the left. Grassy hills, pines, oaks and open water provide varied habitats for land birds and waterfowl. Beginners welcome. Rain cancels. Leader: Bob Lewis (510) 845-5001. (\*)

## **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, MINI-TRIP TO ARROWHEAD MARSH.**

Meet at 9:30 a.m. at the marsh. Take Hwy 880 (Nimitz) to the Hegenberger Rd. exit. Drive west to Doolittle Drive and turn right. Go a short distance and turn right again onto Swan Way. Turn left

after a block and follow the sign to the marsh. Beginners and all welcome. Leaders: Anna Wilcox (510)551-9501 and Jean-Marie-Spoelman.

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 16,  
PALO ALTO BAYLANDS.**

Meet at 8:00 a.m. Take Hwy. 101 south to Palo Alto; exit at Embarcadero and drive east toward the airport and the Baylands Nature Center. Continue beyond the airport to the duck pond (on the left) and park at the east end. Bring lunch, scope and clothes appropriate for rain and mud. We should see waterfowl, rails and shorebirds. Trip will end about mid-afternoon. Beginners welcome. Leader: Dan Murphy (415) 564-0074. (\*)

**PLAN AHEAD:** February 6, Panoche Valley, and February 7, Merced Wildlife Refuge and area. Participants will be able to attend either or both trips. Details will be in the January Gull.

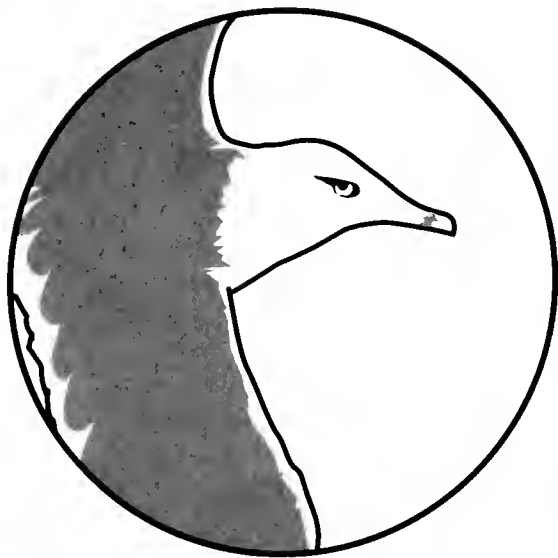
Trips marked with a (\$) go to parks or other sites which require an entrance fee. Carpooling arrangements will be attempted by leader for trips marked with a (\*). Problems, etc.: If you need a ride or can take a passenger (even if a trip is not marked with an (\*), if you need information and have difficulty reaching a field trip leader, if you have suggestions for trips, or if you are interested in leading a trip, call Lillian Fujii (510) 256-4167, Field Trips Committee Chair.

## Improve Your Vision

Take the mystery out of choosing and caring for the right pair of binoculars and clarify the misunderstandings that seem to cloud the judgment of so many binocular buyers and owners. Binoculars are used for one purpose: to improve your view of a distant object. how you plan to use your binoculars, and when and where you use them are critical in selecting the right model and maintaining them.

Bring your binoculars to class and learn basic maintenance, repair techniques, and enhance wildlife viewing for years to come. Binoculars are available for loan to those who do not own a pair.

Edgar Lehmann  
January 21 (Thursday)  
California Academy of Science  
415/750-7100  
7:00 - 9:00pm



## Audubon Calendars Return to GGAS

Once again we are offering the beautiful Audubon Calendars for the Christmas season and New Years. The 1999 Calendars will be as beautiful as ever. This year we are offering two kinds of wall calendars and the ever-popular Audubon Engagement Calendar. The "Bluebirds and Other Back Yard Songbirds" calendar features birds from across the country. The Wildflower calendar speaks for itself.

The Audubon Engagement Diary Calendar offers 128 beautiful color photos. We have priced our Calendars to be very affordable. The wall Calendars are \$7.50 each and the engagement calendars are \$8.50 each.

We have only a limited number of these calendars so get them soon. You can get them by coming to the office at 2530 San Pablo Avenue in Berkeley (at Dwight St) or through the mail. We have to charge \$2 for postage and handling if you wish us to mail them to you.

Come by or give us a call at 510-843-2222

# Christmas Bird Counts

The holiday season is upon us which means friendly gathering, good tidings, and, of course, the Christmas Bird Counts!! Let's hope for good weather, lots of birds, and fun fellow birders. Golden Gate Audubon's two counts, Oakland and San Francisco, are well along in preparation.

## The Oakland count is on Sunday, December 20.

Extending from Point Isabel in the north to south of the Oakland Airport and from the Bay to Lafayette Reservoir, the Oakland count circle encompasses a variety of habitats that always produce a good number of species. Bird for the day with a group or be a feeder watcher in the comfort of your own home.

## The San Francisco count is on Tuesday, December 29.

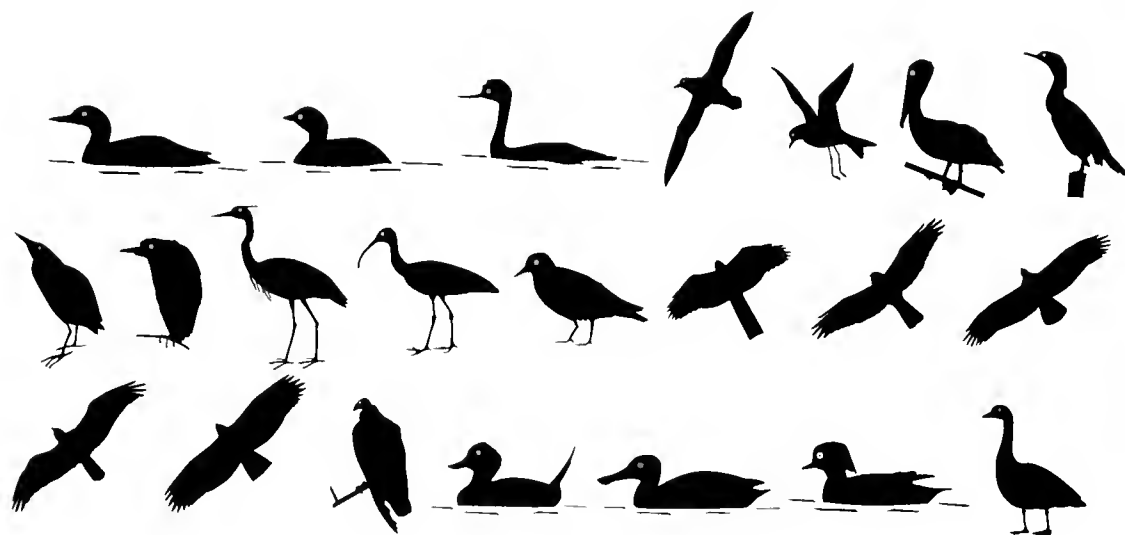
The circle covers the northern San Francisco Peninsula from San Bruno to the Golden Gate. Join

one of the teams for a full day of birding; help for a few hours by covering your neighborhood park, be a mid-day birder for a few hours in downtown San Francisco, or watch in your backyard for as little as 30 minutes.

Both counts welcome more participants, so if you are interested but haven't signed up, phone the appropriate contacts listed below. Folks who let us know early are very much appreciated by the compilers! Neither count will be able to place counters at the last minute. If you call after mid-December, some areas may be filled. If you have sent in a form but haven't received an assignment yet, you can expect to hear from us soon. We look forward to seeing you in the field and at the count day dinner.

**Oakland CBC:** Joelle Buffa & Clyde Morris (510) 494-1098

**San Francisco CBC:** Alan Hopkins (415) 664-0983



## Docents Needed

Friends of the Alameda Wildlife Refuge is pleased to announce that it is expanding its *Docent Outreach Program*. The goal of the program is to work collaboratively with the local Alameda community in establishing an educational opportunity for elementary school students to learn about the Alameda National Wildlife Refuge. The program's activities will center on classroom, experiential and in-the-field education and volunteerism.

FAWR is currently recruiting classroom docents and will begin offering the program to classrooms within the next two months. An exciting component of the program is FAWR's new relationship with two Healthy Start Collaboratives in Alameda. These partnerships will help further the Program's outreach into the schools and community. For information on the Docent Outreach Program, including docent recruitment, please call Lani Alo, Docent Outreach Coordinator, at (510) 748-2376.

# Backyard Birder

by Meg Pauletich

Feeding your feathered friends has some side effects we sometimes don't anticipate. When night falls all sorts of critters gather to harvest the leftovers: raccoons steal my suet feeder, attempting to pry it open for a calorie-filled snack; skunks poke their sharp noses into the ground or my planters, digging for scrumptious grubs and worms; and those creepy roof rats scavenge everything. Daytime brings those pesky rodents with the furry tails: the dreaded eaters of birdseed, squirrels.

A friend loaned me a copy of a book I can recommend for tips to discourage, even to thwart, these clever creatures. "Outwitting Squirrels (101 clever strategems to reduce dramatically the egregious misappropriation of seed from your birdfeeder by squirrels)" by Bill Adler, Jr. It is hilarious and I'm sure you will be able to relate to his tales.

In our household, my husband has taken a very strong dislike to "our" squirrels. He takes very personally their methods of outwitting a more intelligent being. First he used wire hangers to suspend feeders from tree branches. His first mistake was hanging a feeder from a tree. Squirrels love trees, play in trees, sleep in trees, make nests in trees, mate and give birth in trees, even eat trees. The long wires holding the feeder were the equivalent of fire poles to slide down to their snacks. So he greased the wire, making the trip faster for them. Then he decided clear fishing line would foil them. In a day or so, they simply bit the line and the feeder dropped, spilling their meals for

them. We hung the feeders on long rods from the deck railing. It was just like Disneyland for them as they jumped from railing to feeder, swinging back and forth while munching. The human then erected a "barrier" of plastic bird netting—which they went around but used as a trampoline when escaping the yelling of the human. Our one "squirrel-proof" feeder is nicely constructed so that he can hang upside down on the cage while he eats, reaching in with his paw to select a morsel. The metal baffle on our pole-mounted feeder serves as a perfect springboard to get to the mesh cylinder holding his favorite delicacy, sunflower seeds. He has even pushed so hard with his nose that the mesh is dented and has a hole in it.

As you can see, it is WAR. The two squirrels in the back yard are much more athletic and wily than the less talented pair in the front. I have a small wire "squirrel proof" feeder in front and I actually trapped one of the intellectually challenged group for a half an hour. I went out yelling at it, expecting it to escape quickly. But the metal surrounding the tube was too narrow for his head except in one spot and it took him awhile to find that space. I actually felt sorry for the poor thing as it screamed with terror of me.

The search is on for a fur foiling feeder. Since we are SUPPOSED to be smarter, I'm sure we will figure it out. In the meantime, I'm concentrating on feeding more of the "little" birds. Squirrels don't like thistle unless they are virtually starving. And I can suspend the suet and finch

wire cages from skinny branches to foil the little devils. They have chewed my plastic tube feeder and my satellite globe feeder, so those are gone now. Only metal feeders from now on! I'm tempted to try the feeder that gives squirrels electric shocks when they land on it. And I'm sprinkling red pepper flakes in my planters to foil the diggers (raccoons, skunks and squirrels). Ah! Nature in all its finery! Bill Adler, Jr. suggests a poster of Clint Eastwood in the yard. ("Go ahead. Make my day!") Haven't tried that yet. Nor have we tried any kind of weapon, trap, or poison. Darned nature lovers!

Speaking of feeders, I would like to remind you that with winter on the way, it's time to clean your feeders well, dry completely, then re-fill. Watch during rainy periods that the seed doesn't get wet and mildew. Toss it out and clean feeders again. Then maybe re-position your feeder to a place less open to the elements. To protect the feeding birds from predatory birds, find a less open area for your feeders. It's nice to have feeders with large capacities, but in wintertime don't fill them completely so seed isn't wasted. Between bird poop, communicable bird diseases, mildew and wet seed, your birdies can get very sick. AND be sure you wash your own hands thoroughly after handling bird feeders. Then sit down and enjoy the show. You may decide to give up and build a playground for squirrels. Then you could enjoy the antics of those squirrels along with the bird parade.

# Action Alert

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the Neighborhood Parks Council at (415) 621-3260.

The resolution to adopt the Parks Plan is tentatively scheduled for a hearing at the Supervisors' Parks and Recreation Committee on December 1st. Write, fax or e-mail to the Committee members:

Amos Brown— fax: 554-7604  
e-mail: Amos\_Brown@ci.sf.ca.us  
Gavin Newsom— fax: 554-5163  
e-mail: Gavin\_Newsom@ci.sf.ca.us  
Sue Bierman— fax: 554-6685  
e-mail: Sue\_Bierman@ci.sf.ca.us

And please write to:  
Honorable Amos Brown, Chair  
Parks and Recreation Committee  
San Francisco Board of Supervisors  
401 Van Ness Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94102

If you cannot write by december 1st, please write to the full board Before its meeting on december 7th. Address your letter to Gloria L. Young, clerk of the board, and ask her to distribute copies to the board Members.

Refer to File Number 98-0816.

Tell the Supervisors that while the Parks Plan includes many valuable recommendations, it is glaringly deficient in its failure to call for the preservation and enhancement of wildlife habitat in our parks. Before the Supervisors adopt it, the plan

should be amended to include the incorporation, at least by reference, the Biodiversity Goals in the City's Sustainability Plan. The Parks Plan should acknowledge the fact that wildlife watching is a major recreational activity for many San Franciscans as well as visitors, and wildlife observation is an activity proven throughout the world to attract tourists and boost local economies.

The plan should include recommendations for:

- Policies and staff training that will result in a cessation of practices harmful to wildlife
- Acquisition and restoration of our remnant natural ecosystems
- Biodiversity education for staff
- Interpretive programs for the public
- Wildlife-friendly landscaping and management practices in developed parks as well as natural and naturalistic open spaces
- Natural science to be included in the areas of expertise sought for the Recreation & Park Commission
- Creation of wildlife corridors as well as greenways, and the addition of the Audubon Society and other wildlife advocacy groups to the list of organizations to be included in planning them.

## Gifts and Bequests

James Avila, Franklin & Elizabeth Silver

### Birdbox:

Ruth Doty, William & Harriet Fraser, Courtenay Peddle

### Memorium:

Winifred Nelson in memory of George Dubail  
Harriett Bamford Peabody in memory of Kathy Plamondon  
William & Carol Stockbridge in memory of Kathy Plamondon  
Signe Vik in memory of Evelyn Litrell

The Society welcomes gifts in general or gifts in honor of or in memory of relatives and friends. Such gifts will be used as specified by the donor or, if unspecified, at the discretion of the GGAS Board of Directors. This includes their use of general GGAS activities or for special programs of the Society. Please send your gift in the form of a check made out to Golden Gate Audubon Society, 2530 San Pablo Avenue, Suite G, Berkeley, CA 94702. All gifts are tax deductible. The Society is also appreciative of any bequests. Such bequests should specify as recipient the Golden Gate Audubon Society, Inc. All gifts, donations and bequests will be acknowledged in *The Gull*, as well as personally on behalf of the Society by the Secretary.

## Behind the Scenes at Alameda

by Dana Kokubun

The group gathered outside the electrified fence surrounding the crumbling patch of macadam. To the west, the high-rises of San Francisco, to the east, empty hangers squatted in a row at the edge of the old airfield. It was not the setting one would expect on an Audubon trip, but the Alameda National Wildlife Refuge is situated in an unusually urban place.

Inside the fence, bright bits of oyster shell were scattered about, trucked in over five winters from Point Reyes by Laura Collins. Laura's mission as dedicated protector and biological monitor for the endangered California Least Tern colony at Alameda Point began in 1981. She is not here on this sunny Saturday, but evidence of her devotion to the tiny terns is everywhere. Besides the oyster shells, short lengths of clay pipe, just the right size for a least tern chick to hide in, dot the triangular-shaped parcel. Hiding places become important if you are a tern chick and share your habitat with various raptors, like Northern Harriers and Red-Tailed Hawks.

Alamedan Leora Feeney is also a biologist, and chairperson of the Friends of the Alameda Wildlife Refuge Committee of GGAS. Today, Leora is one of two experts leading an afternoon visit to the temporarily vacant tern colony. Her experience with the colony is as long as Laura's. She and John Luther, another founding member of FAWR and a biol-



ogy instructor at the nearby College of Alameda have just spent several morning hours with this eager group of students, mostly residents of Alameda or Oakland. They shared with the class the importance of the national wildlife refuge, and what the establishment of a refuge at Alameda Point means to efforts to improve the status of the endangered California Least Tern.


Now they stand on the land that will be the Alameda National Wildlife Refuge. They talk about tern management, which mostly involves monitoring the colony for losses from predators, both native and introduced. Leora shares the disturbing report of a recent sighting of an introduced red fox outside the Posey Tube, the arterial into Alameda closest to the refuge. She says one red fox could destroy the entire nesting season in one night. Although the fox couldn't eat all the chicks, the tern parents are so sensitive to predators they would abandon their nests. Small wonder the terns have chosen a site as flat as a plate; it is so they can see

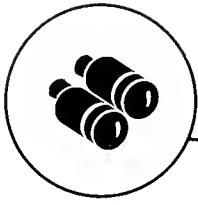
predators approach from a distance.

This natural history course in mid-October is the first step for people interested in becoming classroom volunteers for FAWR's presentations in elementary schools, or natural history guides to lead walks on the refuge. The land designated for the refuge has not yet trans-

ferred from the Department of the Navy to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service so the public does not yet have open access to the refuge. Regular field trips, led by trained volunteers will have to wait a bit longer. GGAS staff is working hard to gain access for FAWR programs even before the land transfer takes place. Navy permission for this visit was received on a case-by-case basis only.

Leora and John look out on the colony grounds, where weeds are beginning to obscure the clay pipe and oyster shells in spots. November marks FAWR's 2nd year anniversary. To celebrate, Leora, Laura, John, and the FAWR faithful will be back at the colony removing those weeds, sprucing up the grounds in anticipation of the terns' spring homecoming. Getting things just the way the terns like it - bare and beautiful.

Another natural history course is scheduled for January 1999. Call the FAWR office at (510) 748-2376 to receive the class announcement. 



September 26 - October 26, 1998

The outstanding parade of rarities across Northern California continued unabated during the past month, with no fewer than 16 CBRC review species (8 non-passerine, 8 passerine) coming through or lingering in our area. The pelagic trips were particularly rewarding for observers. As in the previous report, unusual Wood Warbler species were also very abundant.

## Albatross to Ducks

Only one Laysan Albatross was reported during the month, on an Oct. 11 trip to the Cordell Banks (Dan Nelson). Also recorded on that day were 60 Black-footed Albatross, a high count for the period (DN, DLSh), with at least 15 more found on other pelagic excursions. The best *Phoebastria* sighting was that of a **Short-tailed Albatross** (*Phoebastria albatrus*) found Oct. 26 at the Cordell Banks (AD). This Japanese species, once nearly extirpated by plume hunters, has few post-1900 CA records (Small, 1994). A most exciting find was a **Great-winged Petrel** (*Pterodroma macroptera*), well-seen and photographed 9.5 mi. W. of Pt. Pinos on an Oct. 18 MTY Bay pelagic trip (SHo, DLSh). (Photograph by Stephen J. Davies on Joe Morlan's website). This sighting represents a second or third North American and first Monterey County record for this species, whose range is normally limited to a nearly circumpolar distribution in Southern Hemisphere oceans (*Seabirds*, Harrison). A rare bayside Northern Fulmar was near Coyote Pt., SM, Oct. 18 (RT). The high count for Pink-footed Shearwater was 300 on an Oct. 18 Monterey Bay pelagic trip (DLSh). Over the period, Monterey pelagic trips yielded 16-18 Flesh-footed Shearwaters (DISH, AD), 3 were seen at the Cordell Banks (DN, AD), and another was at the Farallones (PRBO fide KH).

A Monterey pelagic trip Oct. 10 viewed a dark-phase **Wedge-tailed Shearwater** (*Puffinus pacificus*) in Santa Cruz County waters for an hour, and it was seen again the next day, that time in Monterey County waters (DLSh). (Photo by Mike Rogers on Joe Morlan's website). What appeared to be the same dark-morph individual was found again on Oct. 25 (DLSh). California records are extremely few for this tropical species, and it probably represents a

3rd or 4th North American record. The first 3 Short-tailed Shearwaters of the winter were recorded on an Oct. 21 Monterey Bay pelagic trip (MPRBA). On Oct. 5, a **Manx Shearwater** (*Puffinus puffinus*) was seen off the south-east Farallones (PRBO fide KH), and another was sighted Oct. 24-25 on Monterey Bay (AD). One Wilson's Storm-Petrel was found on a Sept. 26 Monterey pelagic trip (MPRBA), and there were 7 at the Cordell Banks Oct. 11 (DLSh), along with 14 Fork-tailed Storm-Petrels (DLSh). High count for Least Storm-Petrels was 12 on Sept. 26 Monterey pelagic trip (MPRBA). On Sept. 26, a Booby sp. flew past Battery East, SF (Mark Eaton). A sub-adult male of the "brewsteri" or Western Pacific race of the **Brown Booby** (*Sula leucogaster*) was viewed on the south-east Farallones on an Oct. 12 pelagic trip (BF fide KH) and remained through at least Oct. 24. This tropical species has made several recent visits to Northern California waters, the last being in June.

A Least Bittern at Olema Marsh, MRN, Oct. 11-15 was probably the same bird seen there most of September (RS, KH). A wounded Least Bittern was rescued in San Francisco Oct. 26 (Rich Stallcup). A White-faced Ibis made a rare mountain appearance at S. L. Tahoe, ALP, Oct. 3 (TE). A Eurasian Wigeon seen at the Farallones ~Sept. 30 held the honor of representing the 400th species recorded there (PRBO fide KH). In other words, almost two-thirds of all species ever documented in California have now been seen at the Farallones. Thank you, plucky observers! Four other Eurasian Wigeons were reported from Marin and Santa Clara counties during the period. The second county record for a Tufted Duck was at the Modesto Sewage Ponds, STA, Oct. 17 (MF). A Harlequin Duck was at Brooks Island, CC, Sept. 27 (SG), another at the Fish

**Abbreviations for Observers:** SA, Steve Abbott; GB, Grant Ballard; FB, Florence Bennett; JB, Jim Booker; LCh, Les Chibana; JC, Josiah Clark; LC, Luke Cole; CC, Chris Corben; HC, Hugh Cotter; AC, Al Curts; AD, Al De Martini; GD, Gary Deghi; ME, Mark Eaton; LE, Leo Edson; AE, Al Eisner; TE, Todd Esterla; GE, Graham Etherington; GEw, Gil Ewing; MF, Mike Feighner; GF, George Finger; BF, Brian Fitch; JG, Jim Gain; SG, Steve Glover; SGo, Sarah Gooch; PG, Phil Gordon; TG, Tom Grey; KG, Kevin Guse; AG, Andy Guthrie; SH, Steve Hampton; KH, Keith Hansen; EH, Ed Harper; RH, Roger Harshaw; DH, Don Henry; DHo, David Hoffman; JH, Jim Holmes; SHo, Steve Howell; LH, Lisa Hug; JHu, Joan Humphrey; AK, Alan Kaplan; NL, Nick Lethaby; RL, Randy Little; DL, Douglas Long; CL, Calvin Lou; JL, John Luther; DM, David Macintyre; MM, Mike Mammoser; MOB, Many Observers; MMA, Matthew Matiesen; MMc, Mack McCormick; BM, Bert McKee; KM, Kevin McKereghan; GM, Gray Methrington; PM, Peter Metropulos; CM, Carol Miller; MMi, Mark Miller; JM, Joe Morlan; DMu, Dan Murphy; CN, Christy Nelson; DN, Dan Nelson; BN, Bill Noble; NP, Noel Perkins; RR, Richard Redmond; MR, Mike Rogers; JR, Joost Romeu; SR, Steve Rottenborn; PS, Paul Saraceni; DS, Don Schmoltd; DSh, Doug Shaw; DLSh, Debra Love Shearwater; LS, Larry Silver; DSi, Dan Singer; BS, Bo Soderstrom; BSp, Bob Spark; RS, Rich Stallcup; GS, Gary Strachen; RT, Ron Thorn; DT, Dorothy Tobkin; NW, Nick Whelan; AW, Alan White; JW, Jerry White; DW, Dan Williams; AWi, Adam Winer

**Abbreviations for Counties and Others:** ALA, Alameda; ALP, Alpine; AMSP, Andrew Molera State Park; BSOL, Big Sur Ornithology Lab; CBRC, California Bird Records Committee; CC, Contra Costa; CCRS, Coyote Creek Riparian Station; GGP, Golden Gate Park; HUM, Humboldt; KIN, King; MRN, Marin; MEN, Mendocino; MOD, Modoc; MTY, Monterey; MPRBA, Monterey Peninsula Rare Bird Alert; PLA, Placer; PRBO, Point Reyes Bird Observatory; PRNS, Point Reyes National Seashore; SBF, San Benito; SF, San Francisco; SM, San Mateo; SCL, Santa Clara; SCZ, Santa Cruz; SON, Sonoma; STA, Stanislaus; YOL, Yolo



Docks, PRNS, MRN, Sept. 25 (RL), and there were 5 at Glass Beach, MEN, Oct. 24 (DT). The only Oldsquaw reported was at Brooks Island, CC, Sept. 27 (SG).

### Raptors to Murrelets

Sept. 26 was the day of the Broad-winged Hawk, with one sighted over Angel Island, MRN, Sept. 26 (JC), another on the Earthquake Trail, PRNS, MRN, (MMa), 3 seen from Battery East and West, SF (HC, ME, DMu) and 15 reported from the Marin Headlands Hawkwatch, MRN (JM). A single Swainson's Hawk was found on the Sept. 26 Marin Headlands Hawkwatch (JM). The first fall Ferruginous Hawk for AMSP, MTY, was recorded Oct. 16 (MPRBA), one was at the Marin Headlands, MRN, Oct. 20 (RS) and there were 2 at AMSP, MTY, Oct. 25 (MPRBA).

*Charadrius* species were much in evidence. Single American Golden-Plovers were at the Modesto Sewage Ponds, STA, Sept. 26 and Oct. 17 (JG, MF) at Spaletta Plateau, PRNS, MRN, Oct. 4 (DS), at the Farallones ~Oct. 16 (PRBO fide KH), at Abbott's Lagoon, PRNS, MTY, Oct. 18 (RS) and two were at the Woodland Wastewater Treatment Plant, YOL, Oct. 23 (SH). Twenty Pacific Golden-Plovers were reported over Marin, San Mateo, Sonoma, Stanislaus, and Yolo counties and the Farallones. A **Mongolian Plover** (*Charadrius mongolus*) was discovered in Arcata, HUM, Oct. 2-3 (CN). This species is an extremely rare fall transient with only a few Northern California records (Small, 1994). A single Mountain Plover, unusual on the coast, and a 3rd county record, was at Coyote Pt. Co. Pk., SM, Oct. 8 (RT).

The **Bar-tailed Godwit** (*Limosa lapponica*) first reported Sept. 12 was still at Ravenswood Preserve, SM, Sept. 27 (RT). A juvenile of this species was at the confluence of Coyote & Alviso Sloughs, SCL, and then crossed

over into Alameda County Oct. 2 (SR). The first San Benito County record of a Red Knot was at Hollister Sewage Ponds Sept. 26 (JL). Single Baird's Sandpipers were at New Mendoza Guano Ponds, PRNS, MRN, Sept. 26 (RS), at Carmoday Rd., SON, Sept. 27 (AW), and at Pescadero Marsh, SM, Oct. 4 and 7 (PM), where two were seen Oct. 11 (PS). Pectoral Sandpipers were present in good numbers, with at least 72 reports covering Marin, Monterey, Santa Cruz, San Mateo and Sonoma counties. Again this fall, a single Rock Sandpiper was reported from Glass Beach, MEN, Oct. 24 (DT). The first San Benito County record of a Stilt Sandpiper came from the Hollister Sewage Ponds Sept. 26 (JL), there were 3 at the New Chicago Marsh, SCL, Oct. 5 (MM), and another was seen at Rush Creek Wetlands, Novato, MRN, Oct. RS). A Ruff was found at Limatour Lagoon, PRNS, MRN, Oct. 18 (RS fide KH).

The first Alpine County record of a Long-tailed Jaeger was at Indian Creek Reservoir Oct. 3 (TE). An adult basic-plumaged Laughing Gull was at the Sausalito Yacht Club, MRN, Oct. 25 (SA), a 4th or 5th county record. A Franklin's Gull was found at Davis Sewage Ponds, YOL, Sept. 26 (JHu), another at CCRS, SCL Sept. 28 (SR), and a third at Kettleman City, KIN, Oct. 17 (SG). A second-summer-third-winter **Lesser Black-backed Gull** (*Larus fuscus*) was at Seaside, MTY, Oct. 17 (MPRBA). An adult of the same species seen in Alviso, SCL, beginning Oct. 2, was likely the same bird that has wintered here over the past couple of years (SR). Three inland Sabine's Gulls were at North Lake Tahoe, PLA, Oct. 5 (TE), and a Sabine's flyby over Pt. Isabel Oct. 19 was a third record for Contra Costa County (SG). The first Black-legged Kittiwake of the season was recorded on a Monterey Bay pelagic trip Oct. 18 (DLSH) and another was sighted on an Oct. 25 Monterey Bay trip (AD).

Individual Arctic Terns were in San Francisco Bay, SF, Sept. 26 (JC) and at Rodeo Lagoon, MRN, Sept. 27 (JM). Three Craver's Murrelets were seen at the Farallones ~Oct. 12 (PRBO fide KID).

### Doves to Pipits

There were two White-winged Doves at AMSP, MTY, Sept. 30 (MPRBA), and single birds were reported from Big Sur, MTY Oct. 8 (MPRBA), the Farallones ~Oct. 7 (PRBO fide KID), and PRNS, MRN, Oct. 15, 24 and 25 (GF, KM, DM). A Yellow-billed Cuckoo was found at Big Sur Ornithology Lab (BSOL) at the end of Sept., MTY (JB). A first Stanislaus County record for the Spotted Owl was at Frank Raines Pk. Oct. 17 (MF) and a Black-chinned Hummingbird was at BSOL, MTY, Oct. 16 (MPRBA).

Two Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers, the Eastern U.S. cousins of our Red-bellied Sapsucker, were reported; one at Upton and Kobbe Sts., SF, Sept. 27 (JC) and the other at the UC Botanical Gardens, ALA, Sept. 30 (BS). A Red-naped Sapsucker, unusual on the coast, was at Briones Regional Park, CC, Oct. 8 (AK). A Cordilleran Flycatcher and a Dusky Flycatcher were at the Nunes Ranch, PRNS, MRN, Sept. 26 (RS), and another Dusky was on the Farallones ~Oct. 7 (PRBO fide KH). At least 15 Single Least Flycatchers were reported over Marin, Monterey, San Mateo, San Francisco counties and the Farallones. A Vermilion Flycatcher, an extremely rare fall visitant to Northern California, was at AMSP, MTY, Oct. 16 (MPRBA). An Eastern Phoebe was at the Half Moon Bay Airport, SM, Oct. 11 (BM).

Pt. Sur, MTY, hosted a Plumbeous Vireo Sept. 30 (MPRBA), and other single birds were at at Crespi Pond, Pacific Grove, MTY, Oct. 7 (MPRBA), AMSP, MTY, Oct. 10 (MPRBA), and Ano Nuevo State Reserve, SM, Oct. 24

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(PM). A Blue-headed Vireo (*Vireo solitarius*) was banded at BSOL, MTY, Sept. 28 (MPRBA), one was at the Farallones ~ Sept. 30. and another ~ Oct. 11. Another report came from Pine Gulch creek, Bolinas, MRN, Oct. 26 (KH). A **Philadelphia Vireo** (*Vireo philadelphicus*) was reported Sept. 30 at the Mendoza Ranch, PRNS, MRN (RH), and another individual was at Pine Gulch Creek, Bolinas, MRN, Oct. 1 (GB fide KH). Another of this species was seen at Arcata, HUM, Oct. 2-3 (CN), and still one other at Princeton, SM, Oct. RT). This very rare but regular fall transient from the Eastern U.S. was also reported in Sonoma County early in Sept. (details in Nov. Gull). Single Red-eyed Vireos were seen at Princeton, SM, Oct. 3 (RT), at Ft. Funston, SF, Oct. 4 (DSh), and at Tunitas Creek Rd., SM, Oct. 14 (GD). The Lighthouse trees at PRNS, MRN, hosted a **Yellow-green Vireo** (*Vireo flavoviridis*) Sept. 28 (RS). A second of this species was seen Sept. 30-Oct. 4 at Fort Funston, SF, (BF, LC and MOB), a third was at Moss Beach, SM, Oct. 4 (PM). This tropical vireo is a very rare post-breeding fall visitor, with only 2-3 records per year in the state (Small, 1994).

The **Gray Catbird** (*Dumetella carolinensis*) reported earlier in Sept. still remained at Campbell Cove, SON, up until at least Oct. 2 (DN), and another was at Upper Bidwell Park, BUT, Oct. 8 (RR). In addition, a first SM county record for the species was at Tunitas Creek Rd. Oct. 23 (AWi). A Sage Thrasher was at MacKerricher State Park, MEN, Sept. 26 (DT) and other individuals were seen at the Farallones ~Sept. 30, Oct. 7 and 12 (PRBO fide KH) and at the Fish Docks, PRNS, MRN, Oct. 11 (RS). Single Brown Thrashers, rare but regular fall visitants, were at the Lighthouse trees, PRNS, MRN, Oct. 6 (FB) and on Gazos Creek Rd., SM, Oct. 23 (CC).

A **White Wagtail** (*Motacilla lugens*) was at Big Sur, AMSP, MTY (MPRBA).

This species is found in Western Alaska and Siberia and is extremely rare here, with only one previous Northern California record. Possibly even more exciting was the first state and possibly the first lower-48 record of an **Olive Backed-Pipit** (*Authus hodgsoni*), a Siberian species, banded at the Farallones Sept. 26, where it remained until Sept. 27 (PRBO fide KH). Single Red-throated Pipits were at Limatour Lagoon, PRNS, Oct. 18 (RS fide KH) and at the Hall Ranch, PRNS, MRN, Oct. 23 (JH).

### Wood Warblers to Orioles

Again this period, the warbler sightings were extensive (see chart), including three CRBC review species: the **Golden-winged Warbler** (*Vermivora chrysoptera*), which is a very rare spring and fall transient from the Northeastern U.S. with about 2-3 annual records, the **Mourning Warbler** (*Oporornis philadelphia*), a bird of the Eastern U.S. and Canada and is a rare fall transient, and the **Painted Redstart** (*Myioborus pictus*), a bird of Mexico, Southern Arizona and Southern New Mexico, a rare but somewhat regular California visitor with ~ 5 records per year, but very rarely found in Northern California (Small, 94). Three of the warbler species were too numerous to report in detail: There were 20 Tennessee Warblers seen over MRN, MTY, SF, SM, and SCL counties and the Farallones, 25 Chestnut-sided Warblers in ALA, MRN, MTY, SM, SF, SCL, and SON counties and the Farallones, and approximately 100 Palm Warblers in MRN, MTY, SF, SM, SCL, and SON counties and the Farallones!

A Summer Tanager was in a rare inland location in Cedarville, MOD, Oct. 6-11 (SGo). For the second time this year, a **Scarlet Tanager** (*Piranga olivacea*), a rare coastal transient, was reported from Pt. Reyes, MRN, Sept. 30, at the Fish Docks (RS). Single

American Tree Sparrows were found in three locations: at AMSP, MTY, Oct. 16 (MPRBA), the Farallones ~ Oct. 6 (PRBO fide KH), and at Keith's Gallery, Bolinas, MRN, Oct. 18 (KH). Large numbers of Clay-colored Sparrows were seen, with at least 64 reports over CC, MRN, MEN, MTY, SM, SF, SCL, and SON counties and the Farallones. Single Brewer's Sparrows were at the Farallones ~ Sept. 28 and 30 (PRBO fide KH), at New Willows, PRNS, MRN, Sept. 30 (SH), and at AMSP Oct. 14 and 17 (MPRBA). Two Vesper Sparrows were recorded in the Presidio, SF, Sept. 30 (JC) and single birds were at AMSP, MTY, Oct. 3 (MPRBA), at the Farallones ~ Oct. 12 (PRBO fide KH), at Tomales Bay, MRN, Oct. 16 (BN). Additional small numbers were reported on their normal wintering grounds in the Panoche Valley, SBT, Oct. 15 (DLSH).

Individual Lark Buntings were reported from Gazos Creek, SM, Sept. 29 (GS fide BM), Ft. Bragg, MEN, Sept. 30 (JW), at the Farallones ~ Sept. 30 (PRBO fide KH), near Chimney Rock, PRNS, MRN, Oct. 1 (MMi), near Silver Creek Ranch, SBT, Oct. 15 (DLSH). A Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow was at the Carmel R. mouth, MTY, Oct. 1 (MPRBA) and another was sighted at the Farallones Oct. 5 (PRBO fide KH). A total of 28 Swamp Sparrows were seen over MRN, MTY, and SM counties and the Farallones, whereas there were at least 69 reports of White-throated Sparrows over ALA, MRN, MTY, SF, SM, and SON counties and the Farallones. Calcarius species were also well-represented, with as many as 15 Lapland Longspurs concentrated near a plowed field near the North Beach turnoff, PRNS, MRN, Oct. 18-26 (RS, JM, MOB) and one sighting at Ano Nuevo State Reserve, SM Oct. 8 (BM). Chestnut-collared Longspurs also favored the PRNS location with 1-5 birds at the North Beach turnoff Oct. 18-25 (JM, MOB) and one report

## Warbler Sightings

### Golden-winged Warbler (*Vermivora chrysoptera*)

~Sept. 28 Farallones PRBO fide KH

### Virginia's Warbler

Sept. 26-27 Carmel R., MTY MPRBA  
 Sept. 28 (2) AMSP, MTY JB  
 Oct. 5 Princeton, SM GD

### Lucy's Warbler

Sept. 26 Big Sur, MTY JB

### Northern Parula

Oct. 10 Big Sur, MTY MPRBA

### Magnolia Warbler

Sept. 26 Ft. Funston, SF CL  
 Sept. 27,30 Owl Canyon, SON DN  
 Sept. 29 Gazos Ck., SM BM  
 ~Sept. 30 Farallones PRBO fide KH  
 Oct. 1 Big Sur, MTY MPRBA  
 Oct. 1 Rancho de Oso, SCZ MPRBA  
 Oct. 2,3 Owl Canyon, SON DN, KG  
 Oct. 4 Muir Beach, MRN Rich Stallcup

### Cape May Warbler

Sept. 20-27 Middle Lake, GGP, SF HC  
 (first SF city record)  
 Sept. 27-28 Pacific Grove, MTY JB  
 Sept. 28 Farallones PRBO fide KH

### Black-throated Blue Warbler

Sept. 27 Nunes Ranch, PRNS, MRN AWi  
 Sept. 27-29 Ft. Funston, SF JR  
 ~Sept. 28 Farallones PRBO fide KH  
 Sept. 29 Fish Docks, PRNS, MRN GEw  
 Sept. 29 (2) Fish Docks, PRNS, MRN FB  
 Sept. 30 Road Forks Pook PRNS, MRNRH  
 Sept. 30 New Willows, PRNS, MRN

Sept. 30, Oct. 1 Ft. Funston, SF  
 JC, LC

~Sept. 30 Farallones PRBO fide KH  
 Oct. 2 (2) Fish Docks, PRNS, MRN LE  
 Oct. 2 Princeton, SM NL  
 Oct. 2 Campbell Cove, SON DN  
 Oct. 2,3 Owl Canyon, Bodega, SON DN, KG

Oct. 4 Mendoza Ranch, PRNS, MRN KH

Oct. 20,25 Drake's Monument, PRNS, MR FB, DM

Oct. 21 Carmel R., MTY MPRBA

### Black-throated Green Warbler

Sept. 30 Ft. Funston, SF BF  
 Sept. 30 Pescadero Ck., SM BM  
 Oct. 7 L. Merced, SF DMu  
 Oct. 9,13,14 Princeton, SM AE, GD

### Blackburnian Warbler

~Sept. 28 Farallones PRBO fide KH  
 Sept. 28,29 Mendoza Ranch, PRNS, MRN RS, FB  
 Sept. 28-30 Ft. Funston, SF JM, MOB  
 ~Sept. 30 Farallones PRBO fide KH  
 Oct. 2-4 Ft. Funston, SF NL, AG, CL  
 Oct. 15 Tunitas Creek Rd., SM GD

### Prairie Warbler

Sept. 27 Pacific Grove, MTY MPRBA  
 Oct. 6 Fish Docks, PRNS, MRN FB  
 Oct. 9,12 AMSP, MTY MPRBA

### Bay-breasted Warbler

Sept. 28 PRNS Lighthouse, MRN RS  
 Oct. 16 Feather R., Oroville, BUT RS

### Black-and-white Warbler

Sept. 26 Moon Glow Dairy, MTY MPRBA  
 Sept. 26 banded at BSOL, MTY MPRBA  
 Sept. 27-28 Mendoza Ranch, PRNS, MRN DW  
 Sept. 28 Bolinas, MRN KII  
 Sept. 29 Presidio, SF HC fide JC  
 Sept. 30 Pt. Sur, MTY MPRBA  
 Sept. 30 Schoolhse. haystacks, PRNS, MRN SH

Oct. 1 Ft. Mason, SF JC  
 Oct. 2 Banded at BSOL, MTY MPRBA  
 Oct. 2,3,7 Princeton, SM NL, MOB  
 Oct. 5,6,8 AMSP, MTY MPRBA  
 Oct. 7 Owl Canyon, SON LH  
 Oct. 7 Nat. Bridges St. Pk., SCZ BM  
 Oct. 9 Carmel R., MTY MPRBA  
 Oct. 10 Pine Gulch Creek, MRN RS  
 Oct. 14-22 Princeton, SM GD, MOB

### American Redstart

Sept. 27,29 Drake's Monument, PRNS, MRN AWi, FB  
 Sept. 27 Ft. Funston, SF DMu  
 ~Sept. 28 (3) Farallones PRBO fide KH  
 ~Sept. 30 Farallones PRBO fide KH  
 Sept. 30 Drake's Beach, PRNS, MRN JH fide SH  
 Sept. 30 Campbell Cove, Bodega, SON DN

Oct. 2 Francisco & Larkin above Bay, SF JC

Oct. 2 Owl Canyon, SON DN  
 Oct. 2 Hole-in-the-Head, SON DH  
 Oct. 2,3 Princeton, SM NL, AWi  
 Oct. 6 (5) Wright's Beach, SON DH  
 Oct. 6 Gazos Ck. Rd., SM BM

### Prothonotary Warbler

Sept. 26-Oct. 3 North Lake, GGP, SF PG, MOB  
 Sept. 26 Nunes Ranch, PRNS, MRN RS  
 Sept. 28-Oct. 1 Keith's Gallery, MRN KII  
 Oct. 1-5 Princeton, SM CM, NL, RT  
 Oct. 5 GGP, SF DL  
 Oct. 7,8,12,15 Carmel R., MTY MPRBA, BM  
 Oct. 7,10 Princeton, SM AWi  
 Oct. 18 Olema Marsh, MRN EH

### Ovenbird

Sept. 30 Schoolhse. haystacks, PRNS, MRN SH  
 Oct. 1 PRNS Lighthouse, MRN RS  
 ~Sept. 30 Farallones PRBO fide KH  
 Oct. 14 Banded at BSOL, MTY MPRBA

### Northern Waterthrush

Sept. 26 Carmel R., MTY MPRBA  
 Sept. 26 Big Sur, MTY MPRBA  
 Sept. 30 Carmel R., MTY MPRBA  
 Sept. 30 Banded at BSOL, MTY MPRBA  
 Oct. 1 (2) Carmel R., MTY MPRBA  
 Oct. 20,21 Environ. Educ. Center, SCL MPRBA

### Mourning Warbler (*Oporornis philadelphia*)

Sept. 28 AMSP, MTY JB

### Painted Redstart (*Myioborus pictus*)

Sept. 30 Lighthouse, JH, SH fide RS  
 & Nunes Ranch PRNS, MRN  
 Sept. 28,30 Hawk Hill, MRN BSp fide DH, NW  
 Oct. 2 Fish Docks, PRNS, MRN JC, RS

from the Farallones ~ Oct. 16 (PRBO fide KH).

One Rose-breasted Grosbeak came to the Nunes Ranch, PRNS, MRN, Sept. 27 (DW), and one was at the Carmel R., MTY, Sept. 30 (MPRBA). Others were at the Farallones ~ Sept. 30 and Oct. 7 (PRBO fide KH), at Pine Gulch Creek, MRN (KII DATE, at Stevens Creek, SM, Oct. 8-10 (MR, TG, SR), and at AMSP, MTY, Oct. 12 (BM). Single Blue Grosbeaks were at Campbell Cove, SON, Sept. 30 (DN), at AMSP, MTY, Oct. 2 (MPRBA), and at Crespi Pond, Pacific Grove, MTY, Oct. 18 (MPRBA). An immature **Painted Bunting** (*Passerina ciris*) was reported from the Fish Docks, PRNS, MRN, Sept. 29 (GEw). As usual, the possibility of escapee status for this species cannot be ruled out.

Two Bobolinks were reported from Wilder Ranch State Park, SCZ, Sept. 26 (MPRBA), and another two were seen ~Sept. 28 at the Farallones; one was at the Farallones ~Sept. 30 (PRBO fide KH). Individual birds were also at Big Sur, MTY, Oct. 2 (MPRBA), at Pacific Grove Oct. 7 (MPRBA), at Redwood City, SM, Oct. 11 (RT) and at AMSP, MTY, Oct. 16 (MPRBA). Single Orchard Orioles were reported from Middle L., GGP, SF, Sept. 26 (PG,) at the Fish Docks, PRNS, MRN, Sept. 29 (KH), Big Sur, MTY, Sept. 30 (MPRBA), the Presidio, SF, Oct. 2 (JR), Drake's Beach, PRNS, MRN, Oct. 3 (LCh), at AMSP, MTY, Oct. 9-12 and 14 (MPRBA). Baltimore Orioles, representing the common Eastern U.S. [Icterus] species, were seen in several locations: AMSP, MTY, Sept. 28 and Oct. 17 (MPRBA), Pine Gulch Creek, MRN, Sept. 27 (KII) and Portola & Rodriguez, SF, Sept. 26, 28 (JC, SG), the PRNS Lighthouse, MRN, Oct. 1 (RS), the Farallones ~Sept. 28 and ~Oct. 7 (PRBO fide KH), and the Carmel R., MTY, Oct. 12,13 (BM).



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