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Sonoma County Coast Long-Term Data Sets

by Diane Hichwa

Looking back sixteen years, our coastal stewardship effort in the far NW corner of the County began in 2007. That was the second, and last, year that Fourth of July fireworks were sent up over the ocean towards Gualala Point Island. Folks had been concerned that the action disturbed nesting seabirds----and they were correct! Volunteers from Madrone joined with locals near Sea Ranch to observe, record, verify and photograph. Over several summers, Santa Rosa help came from: Betty Burridge, Bryant and Diane Hichwa, Elmarie Hutchison, Phil Persons, Phyllis Schmitt, Bob Speckels, Dennis Wheeler and Ken Wilson. Visually and in photos we verified Brandt's Cormorants taking off in the darkness as fireworks exploded and then documented nests that failed in the following two weeks. Those became testimony before the California Coastal Commission. The seabird nesting study begun in 2007 persists today with a long-term data set. In 2007 and 2008, some



Nest Exchange, Black Oystercatchers with Eggs

Courtesy of Craig Tooley

Common Murres were seen, "prospecting." By 2012, they were confirmed to be nesting---the first documented nesting in Sonoma County---and they persist today at Gualala Point Island and south of Goat Rock near Jenner. In both locations, the Common Murres stand amidst the Brandt's Cormorant nesting colony.

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GENERAL MEETING

Monday, April 17, 2023

Raptors of Sonoma County – Presented by Larry Broderick **6:30-8:15 p.m.**

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

An introduction to and review of our migratory and resident raptors. How to observe, develop skill sets for identification and also understand behavior and conservation needs.

Larry Broderick is a Naturalist and Lead Visionary/Project Coordinator with West County HawkWatch. He also serves on the Madrone Audubon Board of Directors and co-chairs the Conservation Subcommittee on Renewable Energy.



American Kestrel Courtesy of Tom Reynolds

Monday, May 15, 2023 How to Bird by Ear – Presented by Lisa Hug 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Join biologist Lisa Hug to enjoy a presentation featuring more than listening to recordings of birds and identifying them. We will discuss the many ways to actually improve our listening skills so we can remember bird songs and calls longer. We will review some new resources available to birders such as the Merlin app with the sound ID features and Nathan Pieplow's "Peterson Field



Hermit Thrush Courtesy of Tom Reynolds

Guide to Bird Sounds of Western North America." Consider bringing pencil and paper to this one for some listening activities!

This meeting also represents Madrone Audubon's annual membership meeting and the second in the Ernestine Smith Lecture Series. Our meetings are always open to members of the public.

6:00-6:30 pm – Refreshments, enjoy seeing old friends and making new friends

6:30-6:45 pm - Meeting begins, welcome, announcements

6:45-7:45 pm - How to Bird By Ear with Lisa Hug



LONG-TERM DATA SETS

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The rocky intertidal nesting Black Oystercatcher (BLOY) is considered "climate endangered" and is listed as a "species of high concern" by both U.S. and Canadian Shorebird Conservation Plans. One study we participated in counted Black Oystercatcher nests, from the NW corner of Sonoma County to the SW corner of the County. This count was made more difficult by the large areas of privately held land with no access. Many Madrone and Redwood Region Ornithological Society members helped locate and count nests. This data was added to information from the entire coast of California. It is about time to repeat this survey to see if the oystercatchers are "holding their own." Another coastal stewardship study in a 10-mile stretch in far NW Sonoma County ran from 2011 to 2021, a study of nesting Black Oystercatchers and their success. This data is part of a set from parts of Mendocino County south to San Luis Obispo. Noted were: types of nesting locations (offshore rocks or onshore), success of fledging a chick, and types of disturbance. This ten-year study is being analyzed now and is being prepared for publication. Following that, in 2022, we began participation in a 5 to 10-year "Index Survey" of Black Oystercatcher nesting, consistently monitoring a randomly selected sample from the BLOY breeding pairs monitored as part of the 2012-2021 California coastwide monitoring effort.

Interested in volunteering: If you live near Sea Ranch, contact Diane Hichwa, dhichwa@earthlink.net.

In mid to southern Sonoma County, monitoring efforts are organized through Stewards of the Coast and Redwoods, see their website: https://stewardscr.org/ Seabird surveys are done of Bodega Rock and of several rocks near Jenner.

Active Nesting Season -Petaluma Wetlands

Madrone Audubon recently coordinated a meeting with CA Dept. of Fish and Wildlife Warden Demetri Esquivel and City of Petaluma Parks & Recreation and Public Works staff, along with the Petaluma Wetlands Alliance (PWA) President. The gathering was to help elucidate requirements of the federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) and State Fish and Game Code for protection of nesting birds. Nesting season is February 15 to early September. We're now coordinating nesting surveys for April, to demarcate active nesting areas with flags or colored markers - to prevent injury or harm from vegetation management activity or unnecessary encroachment. Biologist Lisa Hug has agreed to conduct the surveys, and we are grateful. An anonymous donor will cover the expense for the work. Standard procedures during this important season include no use of power equipment in the vicinity of or encroaching into active nesting sites. The Petaluma Wetlands are comprised of the Ellis Creek property, Shollenberger Park and Alman Marsh

New Members

Cotati

Andre Morand Jay Walsh Sebastopol
Blake Rushworth
Larry Dellard

Petaluma

Laura Seidenberg

Santa Rosa

Jimmie Doyle

Spring Membership Renewals Are Now Due

(Renewal request letters are in the mail)

BOARD OPENINGS

Volunteer for Madrone Audubon

We're seeking a new *Leaves* Editor. If you love Nature, birds and wildlife and enjoy writing and editing, this volunteer role may bring you joy and us a new Editor! Time commitment is about 8 hours every 2 months, except June-August when we are on break. We publish 6 Leaves issues per year.

Publicity Chair is another volunteer role we'd like to fill. The time commitment is about 1.5 hours every 2 months and your activity would be coordinated with the Leaves Editor and our President. You'll help our members and Sonoma County residents learn about our outings and activities.

For more info about either position or both, please contact our Chapter President, Susan Kirks, (707) 241-5548, susankirks@sbcglobal.net.

(Gray's property is also part of the wetlands.) These properties are the *Ramsar Wetland of International Importance*, awarded in 2018 following Madrone Audubon's sustained 4-year effort to obtain the honor for Petaluma's wetlands. This area with the Petaluma River environs represent(s) the northernmost part of the San Francisco Bay Estuary. Earlier in the Spring, Chapter President Susan Kirks gave a presentation to the new PWA Docents in training on the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, State Code, and observing for concerns as well as how to report concerns. The presentation was well received, and we appreciate the collaboration.



Bird-A-Thon 2023 - For our Chapter and Conservation!

by Carolyn Greene, Bird-A-Thon Coordinator

Now that the long rains seem to be clearing, bird activity in Sonoma County is plentiful! Each year, our Chapter hosts the Bird-A-Thon to help raise funds for our many programs and activities. Our teams will be out for a marathon day or week(s) until June 15 to identify and record species and bird counts. Each of our teams is fortunate to have long-time and new donors to support the teams' efforts. The team will share with you their results and you can send your check to the team leader or make a donation via our Madrone Audubon website's PayPal button. This year, we are focusing on support for our operations as well as habitat garden projects with our local public schools. A coalition has formed to collaborate and share responsibilities - Madrone Audubon, School Garden Network, Paula Lane Action Network (PLAN), Native Songbird Care & Conservation (wonderful habitat garden on the songbird hospital grounds), Amigos Alados (Pacific Flyway education for migratory birds between the US and Mexico), and SASS



Yelllow-bellied Sapsucker

Courtesy of Tom Reynolds

(Sonoma Safe Agriculture Safe Schools – to educate about and prevent pesticide use). We have been supporting the lovely habitat garden at McNear Elementary School in Petaluma and began support for McDowell Elementary School this year. Habitat gardens on school grounds expand areas for nutrition and cover for birds and wildlife, along with providing a water element. We really look forward to sustaining and expanding this program! Habitat gardens are also pollinator support areas near food gardens and offer spaces where students discover their own relationships with Nature and how to cultivate and care for areas that support our beloved species.

Our fundraising goal this year is \$3,500. Please help us if you can with a small or large donation to your favorite team, or make a general donation to the Chapter and your donation will be divided among our teams.



Burrowing Owl

Courtesy of Tom Reynolds

This year's teams:

Grey-headed Seersuckers – led by Becky Olsen, Ian Morrison and Ken Wilson

March Madness – led by Gene and Nancy Hunn.

Oakmont Birding Buddies – led by Carolyn Greene (formerly the Roadrunners of Betty Groce and the late Don McCarthy).

Burrowing Owlers – led by Susan Kirks and Art Slater.

Featherquesters – led by Diane Hichwa for many years, still on break; but if this is your favorite team, please make a donation and it will be divided among our active teams.

Questions, info or to join a team, please contact Carolyn Greene – cgnpark@icloud.com – (805) 443-7289. General donations to support the Chapter: Mail check to Madrone Audubon, PO Box 1911, Santa Rosa, CA 95402. Write: Bird-A-Thon on memo line. Or, donate using the PayPal button at https://www.madroneaudubon.org. We can accept donations up to June 30, 2023.

For planting and habitat consideration, see our
Tree & Vegetation
Planting Guide

https://madroneaudubon.org/pdf/ Tree and Plant List.pdf



Into the Wild at Schulz Museum

Wednesday, February 22nd, was a great day of fun and education. The theme for this year's Home Schooling Day at the Cbarles M. Schulz Museum in Santa Rosa was "Into the Wild." Madrone Audubon shared a display with Paula Lane Action Network (PLAN) for our activities. Students, guardians and parents stopped by our display to learn about different habitat types and to match wildlife and bird figurines with mounted photos of habitats. The habitat choices included grassland, hills, mountains, forests, areas of trees and grassland, the ocean, and an international choice of the African plain.

Students selected various figurines from a total of about 35 in a basket to place in front of mounted habitat photos. We learned and talked about one habitat where only certain wild creatures can live and survive (the ocean) and also discovered that some birds and wild creatures move from one habitat area to another – seeing that keeping open areas for movement and forested areas to help birds is very important Sets of blank coloring pages for home enjoyment were also given – Common



Short-eared Owl

Courtesy of Tom Reynolds

Raven, Great-horned Owl, Allen's Hummingbird and Great Blue Heron, along with a baby Badger. We appreciated being invited to participate with other organizatinos and agencies. What a wonderful experience with students who were astute, open to learning and naturals about Nature.

Spring 2023 Happenings

West 9th Street Nesting Support Project – Beginning the 11th annual project, Madrone Audubon will manage the encroachment permit for the nesting area of Great Egrets, Snowy Egrets, Cattle Egrets and Black-crowned Night Herons. We enjoy collaborating with Audubon Canyon Ranch observers who document the nest counts and species. We will provide support for the Bird Rescue Center's amazing volunteers who monitor the area 24/7, to rescue fallen nestlings and/or injured adult birds. The installation of fencing and straw mats is planned for the second week in April.



White-breasted Nuthatch

Courtesy of Tom Reynolds

Earth Day, April 22, Safari West Wildlife Preserve, 10 AM-2 PM – This year's theme is Earth, Air and Water. Madrone Audubon will share a display with Paula Lane Action Network

(PLAN) to provide information about Sonoma County's birds, badgers, conservation needs and wildlife corridors. We will be joined by many rescue, rehab and conservation groups – and will be in good company. Safari West is located at 3115 Porter Creek Road in NE Santa Rosa.

2023 Scholarship Applications Now in Review – The annual Ernestine Smith/Madrone Audubon Scholarship will soon be awarded; the Review Committee is active. This year's grantee will be announced in our Summer 2023 Leaves. We're excited about awarding the \$2,000 scholarship to a Santa Rosa Junior College student who'll continue education in environmental studies or science, or a related field, at a 4-year university.

May 2023, Annual Bird/Nature Day, Lincoln Elementary School, Santa Rosa — Audubon Canyon Ranch (ACR) has graciously agreed to be the primary organization for this day in Nature. We in Madrone Audubon will support and hope to provide volunteers. Two days for a few hours each day are planned for this year in May, dates TBD. Students will walk from the school to a grassy area near the heron and egret nesting site, and will learn to view nests and birds through scopes. ACR is providing curriculum info for teachers' use in their classrooms prior to the days of viewing. Volunteering for a few hours in a morning into early afternoon is a great opportunity to help! Please contact Chapter President Susan Kirks to sign up and learn more. (707-241-5548, susankirks@sbcglobal.net).

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SPRING 2023 HAPPENINGS

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Friday, May 26, 2023, Sea Otter Summit, Bodega Bay – Sea Otter sightings in coastal waters vicinity in recent months have generated great interest. This one-day summit hosted by Sonoma County 5th District Supervisor Lynda Hopkins will include elected national, state and county officials, regulatory agency representatives, and many conservation organizations with experience and interest in our Sonoma County coastal and marine wildlife protection and balance. Madrone Audubon will be represented at the summit. We appreciate being invited to attend and will report on discussions and plans arising from the day's program.



Chestnut-backed Chickadee

Courtesy of Tom Reynolds

Birds are Everywhere! We're receiving many calls and reports about large numbers of birds at Sonoma County residents' feeders. Member Liz King has shared that hulled millet in 50# bags can be purchased at a good price from Western Farm Supply (call and ask for a bulk order). You know your yard areas

and feeder areas best. Extended rains may be impacting timing of nest building as well as ability to seek nutrition.

Birdy Hour, Birding the Bay Area, May 2, Tuesday, 6:30 PM – San Francisco Bay Bird Observatory (SFBBO) offers an interesting



Bullock's Oriole Courtesy of Tom Reynolds

free Zoom series in April and May. The series will introduce San Francisco Bay Area birding sites of interest with highlights of our counties. Madrone Audubon and Napa-Solano Audubon will share the presentation space on Tuesday, May 2. For more info and to register, please visit this link: https://www.flipcause.com/secure/cause_pdetails/MTc4NTg1

April dates/times and areas:

Tuesday, April 4, 6:30 pm: Ohlone Audubon, Golden Gate Audubon, Mt. Diablo Audubon.

Tuesday, April 18, 6:30 pm: Santa Clara Valley Audubon, Sequoia Audubon.

Learn more about the series: https://www.sfbbo.org/birdy.html

We appreciate Environmental Education Specialist/Biologist Sirena Lao for inviting us to participate. This series is also an opportunity for Bay Area Audubon Council members to share about our areas of responsibility and care.

Are you a National Audubon member?

Please consider joining our local chapter, Madrone Audubon.

(see membership form, back page)

Legacy Giving

Helping Sonoma County's Birds and Wildlife into the Future

Madrone's Legacy Care Program



Please contact Madrone Audubon 707-241-5548



Our Board and Conservation Committee meetings are held virtually. For Board meeting information, contact President Susan Kirks, 707-241-5548, susankirks@sbcglobal.net. For Conservation Committee meetings and information, please contact Diane Hichwa, 707-785-1922, dhichwa@earthlink.net. Also, please visit our website, www.madroneaudubon.org for updates.

April-May 2023 Outings

Bring binoculars and wear outdoor clothing suitable for the weather forecast. ***And, please check website of Sonoma County Regional Parks. Parks may be closed due to flooding and/or debris in a park.***

April 13

Thursday, 8:30 to 10:30 AM

Sonoma Valley Regional Park, Glen Ellen, 13630 Hwy #12. Leader: Janet Bosshard

Parking permit is required. We will walk the level asphalt path through the park, listening for Spring bird songs and looking for nesting activity. Rain will cancel the walk. For info. 707 526-5883.

April 27

Thursday, 8:30-10:30 AM

Bodega Bay

Leader: Janet Bosshard

We will meet at Port'o Bodega Marina to begin, then bird around the bay towards Campbell Cove. Moderate rain will cancel. It can be windy, so layer up to keep warm. Carpooling is recommended. For info: 707-526-5883.



Eared Grebe Courtesy of Tom Reynolds

May 11

Thursday, 8:30 – 10:30 AM

Crane Creek Regional Park, 5000 Pressley Road, Rohnert Park. Leader: Janet Bosshard

Parking permit required. We will walk up a small hill to listen for meadowlarks and watch for raptors, then walk down through the park for Spring songbirds. Moderate rain will cancel. Leader: Janet Bosshard. For info: 707 526-5883.

Out & About

Spring Feather Fest

May 6, 9:30 AM

Shollenberger Park, 1400 Cader Lane, Petaluma

The 2023 'fest is for young people ages 6-12. Petaluma Wetlands Alliance (PWA) hosts this event, a walk of about 1-1/2 miles, observing for birds and identifying various species. Participants will be in small groups, accompanied by experienced birders. Binoculars and materials are loaned at the event. Note: A parent or guardian must accompany the children. Please register by May 3rd. Contact Sheryl Nadeau with PWA - 33sheryln@gmail.com (707)-318-6760.

May 20

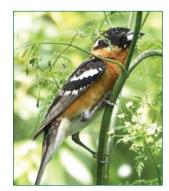
Saturday, 8:00-10:30 AM

Santa Rosa Creek Trail (at Willowside Road).

Leader: Linda Fraley

Park carefully along the roadside and meet at the trail entrance to walk west towards Delta Pond. We will look for summer warblers, orioles and grosbeaks.

For info: 559-779-5211.



Black-headed Grosbeak Courtesy of Jan Casavant

May 25 Thursday, 8:30-10:30 AM Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery,

Santa Rosa

Leader: Janet Bosshard

Park along the street, near the Presbyterian Church, on the corner of Pacific and McDonald Ave. We will meet there and walk over to the original main entrance to the cemetery together. For Info: 707-526-5883.



Juvenile Peregrine Falcon Flight Testing Courtesy of Tom Reynolds



Female and Male Common Merganser

Courtesy of Tom Reynolds



Observations	Winter 2022-2023	• Dan Nelson • 479-2918 • birdsurf6	54@sbcglobal.net
Long-tailed Duck	2/10	Fish Docks, Pt. Reyes Marin Co.	DHa
Barrow's Goldeneye (4)	1/5	Bel Marin Keyes , Marin Co.	DN
Tufted Duck (fem.)	3/9	Petaluma River W. side of Shollenberger Park	PC
White-winged Scoter	3/7	Doran Park jetty area	DN
Snow Goose (4)	1/6	NE of R.P. Expressway x Stony Point Rd.	DB
Ross' Goose (1)	3/5	Fremont Dr. Sonoma	JV, et al
Tundra Swan (1 imm.)	1/16	Wet fields near R.P Expressway x Stony Point Rd.	DK, et al
Trumpeter Swan (1 ad)	1/16	Probable at above location with Tundra Swan	DK, M.Ob
Black Skimmer (1)	1/5	Corte Madera Marsh	RC
Black Skimmer (8)	1/7	Bolinas Lagoon, W side near schoolhouse	JW, et al
Black Skimmer (1)	1/9-10	Bodega Bay at Doran Park	SB, TE
Glaucous Gull (1st yr. bird)	2/11	Shollenberger Park	DE
White-faced Ibis	3/3	R.P. Expressway x Stony Point Rd. area	M.Ob
Least Bittern (2)	3/1	Ellis Creek	LR
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	Feb.	Sausalito Sailing Club, continuing	DN
Long-billed Curlew (1)	12/24	Paula Lane; new yardbird, calling nocturnal fly-over	DN
Red Phalarope (2)	1/1	Bodega Head; seen just offshore	DN
Pacific Golden-Plover (8)	12/18	Drake's Estero area	DW, et al
Pacific Golden-Plover (2)	1/21	Flooded fields E. of trail to Lower Tubbs' Island	DN, et al
Sandhill Crane (1)	1/6	Spring Hill Rd. (returnee from 2022 (?))	LSt, MSt
Parakeet Auklet (1)	3/8	Specimen rec'd on Salmon Creek Beach	M Stafford, fide PP
Prairie Falcon	3/1	Shorttail Gulch	MF
Bald Eagle (2 ad's)	Dec-Mar	Bodega Harbor, first confirmed nesting	DN, RR, M.Ob
Bald Eagle (ad.)	3/9	Santa Rosa Creek Trail	BW
Burrowing Owl	2/25	Tolay Regional Park	R.R.O.S. et al
Northern Saw-whet Owl	1/30	Monte Rio residence	JS
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker (ad.male)		River Rd area; Oakwild Ln. near Olivet Rd. bend	JS
Red-naped Sapsucker (1)	12/15	Ragle Park	JS
Lewis's Woodpecker (1)	3/6	Nagasawa Park, Santa Rosa (continuing)	AW
"Yellow-shafted" N. Flicker	1/31	Penngrove	L Schneider
Rufous Hummingbird (male)	2/25	Willow Creek Rd.	DK
Allen's Hummingbird (male)	2/12	Rail Ponds	DN
Least Flycatcher	3/3-4	Ellis Creek	JV, et al
Pacific-slope Flycatcher	3/3	Santa Rosa Creek Trail	MF
Eastern Phoebe	12/3	Rodeo Lagoon, Marin Co.	WL
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	3/5	Ellis Creek treatment ponds	LF
American Dipper	1/5-22	Westminister Woods Campground (limited access)	RS
White Wagtail	11/8-20	Novato Creek (moved over from Las Galinas)	RL, RC et al
Horned Lark (12+)	1/21	Tubbs' Island - E. of trail to San Pablo Bay	DN
Hooded Oriole (male)	3/3	Santa Rosa Creek Trail	MF
	1/31	A Place to Play Park	JS
Western Tanager	1/12	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	MH
Summer Tanager (ad. male) Townsend's Solitaire (1)	11/20	Diekmann's Store, Bodega Bay Helen Putnam Park	PC
Townsend's Solitaire (1)	12/30	Calabazos Cr. Preserve; E. of Kenwood	TE
* *	12/30 Dec Mar.	Diekmann's Store	M. Ob
Tennessee Warbler (1)			M. Ob BW
Northern Waterthrush	Jan- Mar.	Santa Rosa Creek Trail Layer Tibbe' Island First County Pagard (pb'd)	
Nelson's Sparrow	1/2-21	Lower Tubbs' Island – First County Record (ph'd)	DN; LH, GH
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	2/14	Ragle Rd, visiting feeder. 1st yr. male	MD
Evening Grosbeak (2)	2/5	Napa residence, in Chinese Pistache tree	DH

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