



# Madrone LEAVES

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## Award of First Madrone Audubon Ernestine Smith Scholarship

As our Chapter's 50th anniversary year comes to a close, we reflect that 2017 was filled with unexpected and tragic and life-altering events for many of us. We're pleased to share good news with our members, good news that our Chapter will help sustain annually in Sonoma County into the future - thanks to the foresight and generosity of Ernie Smith, Co-Founder in 1967 of Madrone Audubon Society.

The \$100,000 Bequest given to Madrone Audubon by the Ernestine I. Smith Trust provides an opportunity to honor Ernie's legacy and make a positive contribution to education and conservation.



Ernie Smith and Chryssie

Courtesy of Linda Curry

With the recommendation of long-time Chapter members, past and present Board members, and Charter members, led in a committee by Diane and Bryant Hichwa, Madrone Audubon decided to invest the Bequest funds and utilize the return on our investment to (1) establish an annual \$2,000 scholarship for a Santa Rosa Junior College student or graduate, progressing to a 4-year university to study environmental and/or life sciences, and (2) establish a fund to help create and/or support annual or bi-annual conservation and education projects and activities in Sonoma County.

For the scholarship, the Selection Committee was formed in 2017. Charter member Linda Curry and Madrone past President Peter Leveque reviewed 22 applications provided to us by the Santa Rosa Junior College Foundation. Their recommendation was provided to our Board of Directors in March 2018.

The 2018 Madrone Audubon Ernestine Smith Scholarship recipient is Emily Hoeft. Emily is a Sonoma County native who lived most of her early life in Petaluma and graduated in 2004 from



Emily Hoeft

Courtesy of Emily Hoeft

Casa Grande High School. After high school graduation, Emily embarked upon a path less traveled. She wanted to become independent and

self-reliant, and so devoted 10 years to working full-time, and exploring many facets of life. As Emily shared:

"The natural world has always been a passion of mine, and some of my most cherished early memories are of spending time outside prying open seed pods to find the treasures within ...Deciding to study Botany then was a natural choice; I could not imagine going to school to study anything else. However, for my first ten years out of high school, college seemed just out of reach for me...Over those years, I never stopped loving plants. I tried to hike, garden, or spend time outside every chance. I enjoy painting and drawing and I am also an avid reader. Even within all these other areas of interest, I found myself drawn to nature through them. Leaves and flowers were often the subjects of my paintings and my reading material was decidedly inspired by nature: My favorite books became John Muir's *My First Summer in the Sierra* and Rachel Carson's *A Silent Spring*."

Emily was able to begin her studies at Santa Rosa Junior College in 2014. She graduated in 2017 with High Honors and transferred

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### GENERAL MEETING

First United Methodist Church • 1551 Montgomery Drive, Santa Rosa

Monday, September 17, 2018, 7:00 PM

#### "Saving Songbirds One Bird at a Time"

Have you ever wondered what a wildlife rehabilitator does? Does wildlife rehabilitation really make a difference for wildlife? If you find an injured or ill bird, shouldn't you just "let nature take its course?" Veronica Bowers of Native Songbird Care & Conservation in Sebastopol will answer these questions and more as she discusses her work saving native passerines through rehabilitation, release back to the wild, and community outreach and education efforts. Veronica will review some interesting cases and species received at her wildlife hospital in the summer of 2018 and share some helpful tips we can all use to support songbirds by reducing negative impacts and providing habitat in our own backyards and beyond.



Cliff Swallow logo  
Courtesy of Susan Kirks

Veronica Bowers has been a wildlife rehabilitator for 20 years and works exclusively with passerines. She is the founder and director of Native Songbird Care & Conservation, an all-volunteer non-profit wildlife rehabilitation organization, based in Sebastopol. She is passionate about passerines and is an avid birder. When she's not working hands-on with songbirds, she's out in the field learning as much as she can about these amazing and beautiful birds. NSCC, a state and federally licensed wildlife hospital, cares for approximately 1,000 songbirds annually.



## ERNESTINE SMITH

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to Humboldt State University, where she is completing her second semester as a Botany major. While at the JC, Emily participated in the California Native Plant Society local chapter and received the Stephen J. Barnhart Internship in 2016 at Pepperwood Preserve (designing and participating in a soil moisture and texture experiment related to plant diversity and phenology). Emily's summer job in 2018 will be working with two graduate students in the Klamath region, Redwood National Park, and the Sierras in a Fire Ecology project, examining burn areas and assessing vegetation response to prescribed fire.



Cobra Lily

Courtesy of Emily Hoefi

Emily's sister is a preschool teacher in Sebastopol, and Emily and her sister worked together on the school's garden committee to help the young children connect with and learn about nature. Emily's mother also studied herbalism, so education about nature, botany, and herbalism are integral parts of the daily lives of Emily's family.

As for the future, Emily considered, "It is hard for me to say exactly what a career in Botany will look like at this point in my education, but I have clear intentions in mind. I want to work in the field, to study plants, and to try to understand them so that we can take better care of the world we live in. Plants, unlike animals such as ourselves, have no voices and limited mobility which puts them in a vulnerable position. They are so commonplace in our world that I think many of us often forget we rely on them for food, shelter, life saving medicines and the very air we breathe..."

Congratulations to Emily! We hope the scholarship will support her educational path at Humboldt State University.

## Ernestine "Ernie" Smith Bequest and Establishment of Endowment Fund

by Nancy Hair

Ernie Smith was one of the grand dames of Sonoma County environmental education and advocacy. A Charter member and Conservation Chair of Madrone, she dedicated her life to encouraging people of all ages to steward nature. Through her prodigious work, not only with Madrone, but also as a docent at Bouverie and as a teacher and role model at SRJC, she was an inspiration to many young people to value the natural world. After Ernie's passing in 2015, Madrone learned that we were the beneficiary of a generous bequest of \$100,000 from her estate. Although there were no restrictions accompanying the bequest, Madrone felt strongly that the use of the funds should reflect Ernie's core values. After much committee discussion about how best to honor Ernie's memory and values, it was decided to invest the bequest as an endowment fund that would generate income for an annual scholarship of \$2000 to a student majoring in natural and/or environmental sciences or biology at SRJC. The scholarship will be in the name of Ernestine Smith and Madrone Audubon. It was also decided to invest the principal in 'socially responsible' funds through SustainVest, a Petaluma firm that specializes in SRI (socially responsible investing) and that came highly recommended by several trusted sources. Madrone has appointed an Investment Committee (chaired by Nancy Hair, a CPA/MBA with an extensive background in investments both for non-profits and high net worth families) to monitor and report to the Board on investment performance and has adopted an investment policy to guide the advisor as to asset allocation and risk profile. SustainVest has been asked to seek out, to the extent possible and practical, investments that focus particularly on safeguarding the environment.

Ernie's spirit and generosity are an inspiration that we hope will be kept alive through the management and use of the endowment fund. We also hope this will encourage others to remember Madrone as they do their estate planning.

## Lincoln School Bird Day 2018

by Janet Bosshard

May 11th was another successful Bird Day Festival at Abraham Lincoln Elementary School in Santa Rosa. The rookery on West 9th Street, just down the street from Lincoln School, is the home to breeding Great Egrets, Snowy Egrets, Cattle Egrets, and Black-crowned Night Herons. There were 259 nests this season, as of May 11th. Each year, Madrone Audubon installs protective fencing and straw cushions beneath the trees to aid nestlings who fall beneath the trees, and project partners Bird Rescue of Santa Rosa and the International Bird Rescue retrieve, transport, and rehabilitate fallen nestlings for eventual release to the wild.



Great Egret nestlings

Courtesy of Tom Reynolds

Lincoln School and Madrone Audubon cohost the annual Bird Festival day, which includes some grades going to view the rookery and looking through spotting scopes, with instruction from Audubon Canyon Ranch (ACR) staff on how to use them. Some of the other activities at the school this year included a visit from the Bird Rescue Center, with two live raptors; Tom Reynolds showing his bird slides; Gordon Beebe and his Birdo Bingo Game; a wing flapping game; lessons on worm composting, butterflies, and bats, in the garden, by Madrone members Janeann Erickson and Janet Bosshard; and a program on feathers led by docents from the Laguna de Santa Rosa.

This year's Bird Festival was held in honor of Katie Noguchi, who began the festival, but passed away last December. Her husband, Nao, attended and taught the children how to make origami birds.

Many thanks go to Tina Boaz, who helped organize the event, plus current and retired teachers, members of Madrone, ACR, the Bouverie Preserve, and Laguna Foundation docents and volunteers, to make this a great and fun day for the students. The students always look forward to Bird Day!



Protective fence and straw cushions  
Courtesy of Susan Kirks

For more about this year's Lincoln School Bird Festival, see Press Democrat coverage at [www.pressdemocrat.com/news/8307477-181/santa-rosa-schools-festival-celebrates](http://www.pressdemocrat.com/news/8307477-181/santa-rosa-schools-festival-celebrates).





## MEMBERS' COLUMN

### Right Here at Home

by Judy Withee

It was a typical early morning at Spring Lake Park -- overcast, but not cold, just me and the birds. The dawn chorus was beginning to ebb when I heard the Pileated Woodpecker's call. He can be so hard to see. I was thrilled when he landed in the top of a nearby tree as if he was posing especially for me. I walked home thinking what a great way to start the day.

About half an hour later I was standing at the kitchen sink watching an Anna's Hummingbird at the feeder about three feet away on the other side of the window. Suddenly a swoosh of wings came from out of nowhere headed right for the hummer. Within two or three seconds a young Cooper's Hawk landed in a bush about ten feet from the window and let me watch as he contemplated how to refine his technique to get the hummer next time. I had never seen a Cooper's Hawk in the backyard before, let alone just a few feet away.



Cooper's Hawk

National Audubon Society

I was still amazed at two delightful bird sightings in the same morning when my husband called me to look out the bedroom window. On a fencepost at the back of the yard sat a Turkey Vulture, wings spread wide. Another first for our small backyard.

No trips to exotic locations needed. Just a typical birding morning right here at home.

## Family Bird and Nature Walk

by Susan Kirks

Lovely weather greeted us on Saturday, March 24th, for a morning at Spring Lake Regional Park. Dave LaCasse and Meagan Horeczko of Regional Parks and Monica Schwalbenberg-Peña and Peter Leveque of Madrone co-led our very nice-sized group of adults and young people. Meagan created mini-bird photo ID pages for each participant, to help us build our skills in



Looking and listening

Courtesy of Meagan Horeczko



Ready for the walkers

Courtesy of Susan Kirks

looking, listening and knowing. In the hour and a half of many sightings, a highlight was seeing a Mink! Afterwards, we gathered outside the Environmental Discovery Center for refreshments and conversation, then moved on in our day, fortified by time together and the sights and sounds of Spring Lake Regional Park. We thank Sonoma County Regional Parks for partnering with us for this great Spring Saturday outing. Please look for a date for 2019 and join us then!

## Help Our Chapter - Openings for Service

Madrone Audubon has openings for Board Officers and Committee Chairs. Do any of these peak your interest and willingness to help for a year or two?

**Recording Secretary:** Takes notes at Board meetings, prepares draft minutes for review, and finalizes our official minutes of Board decisions and business. The Board meets once a month on Thursdays, 7-9 pm, in Santa Rosa. Skills: Fast note taking, laptop computer access and printer, Microsoft Word or comparable.

**Program Chair:** Explores topics, speakers, presenters for bird, nature and environmentally related topics of interest for our monthly membership meetings. Schedules presenters, helps with setup at meetings, introduces speakers. Note: Most of our 2018-19 programs are already scheduled, so your role would be to help with setup and introductions and begin exploring for our 2019-20 membership meeting topics of interest. Program Chair is requested to attend Board meetings whenever possible.

**Editor, Leaves:** Coordinates and compiles all information for our very popular newsletter, published every 2 months, with 2 months off in July and August (6 issues annually). Collaborates with Production Editor for layout, format and final version of each newsletter. Also provides newsletter to our Printer and coordinates with Printer for production. The Editor works closely with other Board members, including the President, for topics, timely conservation and education information, observations, and proofreading. Skills desired include organization, timely communication, writing and editing, creative thinking and new ideas. Time commitment for this volunteer role is 8 to 10 hours per month (except for the summer break). The Editor is requested to attend Board meetings.

**NOTE:** Our newsletter Editor, Asenath LaRue, has recently relocated to Wisconsin and is willing to edit the *Leaves* from a distance in the "Badger State" for a time, until a new Editor volunteers for this important Chapter role.



## Coastal Column

by Diane Hichwa

A lot is going on along our Sonoma County coast! Our Coastal Stewardship Task Force from the Sea Ranch area is beginning to monitor seabird nests. Teams on the North Sonoma Coast follow: 1) individual Black Oystercatcher (BLOY) nests weekly (counting eggs, chicks and hopefully fledglings); 2) areas of Pelagic Cormorant (PECO) nests hanging on the cliff ledges (here too eggs and chicks are tallied weekly); 3) and a regular weekly count of all local nests is taken by scoping 3 islands that support nesting. These islands may have Western Gulls, Pigeon Guillemots, Brandt's Cormorants, Common Murres plus BLOY and PECO's.



*Dancing BLOY*

*Courtesy of Craig Tooley*

Independent counts are tallied mid-coast at Jenner and at Bodega Rock. Volunteers there are organized through Stewards of the Coast and Redwoods.

Recently Coastwalk California hosted a dinner celebrating Women Coastal Advocates. We took a look back in time as we watched photos and stories of early coastal environmentalists, like Madrone's Ernestine (Ernie) Smith. Honors were extended to Lucy Kortum, Gaye LeBaron and Doris

Sloan. The focus was the roles played 50 years ago by these women, and others, in stopping the construction of a nuclear power plant below Bodega Head. (That is the construction activity that created the Hole in the Head pond and would have placed the nuclear power plant atop the San Andreas Fault at Bodega Bay!). Gaye documented what was happening—the rallies, words and actions; Doris led a geologist to locate the fault that had beenhhhh erased from the maps; and Lucy joined Bill Kortum in leading the charge for Sonoma County citizens. More citizen involvement occurred when a clever dispersal of balloons drifted across the landscape to show where radioactive fallout would go and how dairy farmers would be impacted.

In 2018 development issues still haunt the coast as an 850 feet long concrete bridge is proposed over Gleason Beach and Scotty Creek north of Bodega Bay! And oil drilling once again is being proposed off our coast! Martha Bentley, a cohort of Ernie Smith, always said that environmental issues that seem to have been decided, often come back to life and we must be always watchful!

## APPRECIATED DONATIONS

*In Honor of...*

**Gordon Beebe**  
by Richard Clarke

## NEW MEMBERS

*Welcome, New Members*

**Petaluma**  
Kenneth Gertz

**Santa Rosa**  
Kathleen Cooke  
Edmund MacDonald  
T.C. Moore  
Diane Ziola

**Scottsdale, Arizona**  
Richard Clarke



## Female Bird Song

As heard on Science Friday on National Public Radio in mid-May..... appreciation of the extent and diversity of female bird song is growing among ornithologists. Females most likely to sing are nonmigratory species, especially those that mate for life, often living in the tropics. Biologist Lauryn Benedict and her team have established a website for submitting recorded songs of female birds: [www.femalebirdsong.org/how-can-i-participate/](http://www.femalebirdsong.org/how-can-i-participate/).

Links for more information include:

[www.audubon.org/news/female-birdsong-finally-getting-attention-it-deserves](http://www.audubon.org/news/female-birdsong-finally-getting-attention-it-deserves)

[www.sciencefriday.com/segments/a-look-at-unconventional-bird-calls/](http://www.sciencefriday.com/segments/a-look-at-unconventional-bird-calls/)

## Did You Receive a Spring Membership Renewal Letter?

Please renew your membership in Madrone Audubon today and mail your renewal by June 15th.

*Thanks for supporting our Chapter!*



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

## Summer 2018 Calendar

**NOTE: There are no board meetings or general meetings in the summer.**

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

**Saturday, June 2, 7:30 AM to 3:00 PM**

**WILLOW CREEK and DUNCANS MILLS.** (New meeting location.) Meet at the Duncans Mills parking lot off of Moscow Rd. Turn right as you enter the lot, to the right of the Gold Coast Bakery. We will carpool to Willow Creek Rd. then walk sections of the road, covering riparian and chaparral/grassland habitats. Bring lunch for Duncans Mills, with a final stop at Cassini Ranch for Wood Ducks. Leader: Gordon Beebe, 583-3115.

**Saturday, June 16, 7:30 AM to Noon**

**SALMON CREEK ROAD.** Another beautiful rural road in Sonoma County, with riparian, grassland, and mixed forest habitats. If possible, please carpool before arriving in the town of Bodega, as there is limited space on Salmon Creek Rd. (Call leader to arrange carpool from Sebastopol.) Meet on Salmon Creek Road at the corner of Bodega Highway, in the town of Bodega (not Bodega Bay). We will then combine into as few cars as possible. Leader: Gordon Beebe, 583-3115.

**Saturday, July 14, 7:30 AM to 1:00 PM**

**WILLOW CREEK and GOAT ROCK SP.** (New meeting location.) Meet at the Duncans Mills parking lot off of Moscow Rd. Turn right as you enter the lot, to the right of the Gold Coast Bakery. We will carpool to Willow Creek Rd, then walk sections of the road, covering riparian and chaparral/grassland habitats, then drive to Goat Rock State Park. Bring lunch. Leader: Gordon Beebe, 583-3115.

**Saturday, August 11, 7:30 AM to 1:00 PM**

**WILLOW CREEK and GOAT ROCK SP.** (New meeting location.) Meet at the Duncans Mills parking lot off of Moscow Rd. Turn right as you enter the lot, to the right of the Gold Coast Bakery. We will carpool to Willow Creek Rd. then walk sections of the road, covering riparian and chaparral/grassland habitats, then drive to Goat Rock State Park. Bring lunch. Leader: Gordon Beebe, 583-3115.

### Attention eBirders!

Madrone is working on a checklist of the birds at Taylor Mountain Regional Park, in conjunction with Sonoma County Regional Parks. Post your sightings to eBird and help us build our database.

## September 2018 Calendar

**Thursday, September 6, 7:00 PM**

**BOARD MEETING.** Sonoma County Environmental Center, 55A Ridgway Avenue, Santa Rosa. For agenda information, contact Susan Kirks at susankirks@sbcglobal.net.

**Monday, September 17, 7:00 PM**

**GENERAL MEETING.** First United Methodist Church, 1551 Montgomery Drive, Santa Rosa. "Saving Songbirds One Bird at a Time." This is a free event and all are welcome.

## OUT & ABOUT

### Family Bird Walks – Back to the Basics

Sonoma County Regional Parks

#### First Sunday of the Month 10am-12pm

This series is designed for individuals and families who are ready to take flight into the wonderful world of birding! Participants will be guided on a leisurely stroll through the park as Regional Park staff introduces the basic techniques of birding. All levels of experience are welcome! Bring your own binoculars or borrow a set from us.

**June 3** – Helen Putnam Regional Park

**July 1** – Crane Creek Regional Park

**August 5** – Spring Lake Regional Park-Meet at Shady Oaks Picnic Area

**September 2** – Foothill Regional Park

**Information:** (707) 565-2041

**Documentary Film Screening of "A Thousand Cranes"** and presentation with Veronica Bowers, Native Songbird Care and Conservation

Heron Hall, Laguna Environmental Center,  
900 Sanford Road, Santa Rosa, CA 95401

**Thursday, June 21 (Summer Solstice!), 7:00-9:00pm**

Celebrate the summer solstice with a rare screening of a very special documentary -- Brian Kahn's Award-Winning Documentary "A Thousand Cranes." Narrated by Joanne Woodward, the film uses the parable of the cranes to explore both the threat of nuclear annihilation and the remarkable efforts by Soviet and American scientists, who worked together to save the Siberian crane from extinction. After the film, Veronica Bowers of Native Songbird Care and Conservation will talk about the role of the Laguna de Santa Rosa in the Pacific Flyway. \$12-25 sliding scale (non-refundable; proceeds benefit the Laguna Foundation and Native Songbird Care and Conservation). Pre-registration required. For information and registration, go to [www.lagunadesantarosa.org/laguna\\_walks\\_classes.html](http://www.lagunadesantarosa.org/laguna_walks_classes.html)

### Sunrise with Sunflowers Walk

July 27, 2018 and August 18, 2018- 5:30am to 10:30am

**Audubon Canyon Ranch's (ACR's) Modini**

**Mayacamas Preserves**

Are you an early riser? Explore the ridgeline separating the watersheds of Sausal Creek and Little Sulphur Creek with ACR naturalist Dave Self to see the serpentine sunflowers open to the early morning sun and to learn about other summer wildflowers of the preserves. There are bound to be birds to hear and observe, too! Meet at the junction of Pine Flat Road and Red Winery Road. Call (707) 433-8184 ext. 503 for information.

## For Notes from Your Summer Outings



Bewick's wren

Courtesy of National Audubon Society

*Please share with us at the September 17, 2018 Membership Meeting*





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Peter & Olivia Leveque.

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### **Are you a National Audubon member?**

Please consider joining our local chapter, Madrone Audubon.

(see membership form, back page)

### **Phenology Project Volunteers**

Madrone Audubon sponsored citizen science research at the *Paula Lane Nature Preserve*.

Accepting new volunteers for long-term, climate change impact project.

Visit 1 hour monthly, observe for 9 avian, 2 mammal & 4 plant species. Enter observations in Nature's Notebook/ National Phenology Project.

To volunteer, contact: Susan Kirks, Madrone Audubon President. 707-241-5548, [susankirks@sbcglobal.net](mailto:susankirks@sbcglobal.net)

*(Beginning birders/naturalists welcomed)*

**Observations**Winter/Spring 2018 • Dan Nelson • 479-2918 • [birdsurf64@sbcglobal.net](mailto:birdsurf64@sbcglobal.net)

Tufted Duck (fem.)	2/14	China Camp State Park, viewed from Buckeye Pt.	LHu, et al
Tufted Duck (fem.)	3/10	Partrick Rd. pond, Napa Co.	MB
Redhead (1m, 2 fem.)	1/31	Smith Brothers Ln. Bodega Harbor	BB, RB, NO
Redhead (1)	2/13	Corte Madera Creek area, Marin Co.	LS
Long-tailed Duck (fem.)	Jan.	Abbotts Lagoon area, Marin Co.	M.Ob
Eurasian x American Wigeon	2/12	Laguna Trail, E. of Sebastopol	YM
Tundra Swan (3)	1/21	Fallon Rd., E. of Carmody Rd.	DN
Tundra Swan (1)	4/27	Hamilton Wetlands, Marin Co.	JW
Arctic Loon	1/30-2/2	Abbotts Lagoon, Marin Co.	MD, RDcG
Glaucous Gull (1st yr.)	1/7	Lucchesi Park, Petaluma	GH
Glaucous Gull (1st yr.)	1/29	Salmon Creek Beach	TB
Glaucous Gull (1st yr.)	2/12	Goat Rock Beach fly-by (photographed)	DK
Glaucous Gull (1st yr.)	3/2	Shollenberger Park, Petaluma	TB
Black-legged Kittiwake	3/14	Bodega Head	TB
Elegant Tern (40)	4/30	Bolinas Lagoon, S. end	LH, et al
Laysan Albatross	1/23	Carquinez Strait (viewed from Benicia Pier in 2 counties)	EP
Rough-legged Hawk	2/18	Hudemann Slough	GB, et al
Common Black-Hawk	4/21	Santa Rosa Creek/Delta Pond area	MS, LS
Gray Hawk	4/12-18	Palo Verde Ecological Reserve, near Blythe, CA.	T Baxter, et al
Gyr Falcon	2/4-10	Salinas River/Potrero area, Monterey Co.	B Sullivan, et al
Bald Eagle (adult)	Feb.	Bodega Harbor	M.Ob
Bald Eagle (adult)	4/21	Spring Lake	WD
Black Vulture	3/26	Inverness, Marin Co.	SA, fide JC
California Condor	2/2	Over San Jose Samsung Bldg, flew toward Milpitas.	TG, et al
Short-eared Owl (3)	2/8	Kortum Trail, S. of Goat Rock entrance road	JM
Least Bittern	3/24	Las Gallinas treatment ponds	CL
Least Bittern	4/27	Las Gallinas treatment ponds	JW
Marsh Sandpiper	4/15-21	Yolo Bypass Wildlife area	SH, DN, M.Ob
Wilson's Phalarope	4/20	Yolo Bypass Wildlife area	DN
Rock Sandpiper	through 3/19	Bodega Head	R Storey
Solitary Sandpiper	4/21	Flooded area S.W. of Delta Pond	LS, MS
Ruff	April	Yolo Bypass Wildlife area	M.Ob
Lewis's Woodpecker (2)	1/14	Petaluma Hill Rd, N. of Crane Canyon Rd.	TE
Lewis's Woodpecker	2/17	Shiloh R.P., along Creekside trail	GB
Lewis's Woodpecker	3/31	Top of Taylor Mtn.	WA
Allen's Hummingbird (fem.)	1/18	W. Sebastopol residence	SC
Allen's Hummingbird (male)	3/10	Rail Ponds	GH
Rufous Hummingbird	3/16	Petaluma, Paula Ln. residence	DN
Rufous Hummingbird	3/25	Windsor residence	RB
Rufous Hummingbird (3)	4/14	Petaluma, Paula Ln. residence	DN
Costa's Hummingbird (male)	4/13	W. Sebastopol residence	SC
Calliope Hummingbird (male)	4/14	S. W. Santa Rosa, Stony Point/ Yuba area residence	LVC
Calliope Hummingbird	4/7	Putah Creek, 3 mi. W. of Woodland, Yolo Co.	M Kusch
Black-chinned Hummingbird (2)	4/7	Putah Creek, 3 mi. W. of Woodland, Yolo Co.	M Kusch
Black-chinned Hummingbird	4/16	Woodland, Yolo Co. - first of Spring arrival	S Skalos
Black-chinned Hummingbird	4/23	Los Gatos Cr. Trail, near Meridian Ave, San Jose	MM
Broad-billed Hummingbird	3/9-Apr.	San Francisco, N.W. section on 36th Ave.	M.Ob
Purple Martin (2)	4/14	Carson Ridge, Marin Co.	PP





Purple Martin (2)	4/26	Nicasio Reservoir, Marin Co.	BB
Barn Swallow (3)	3/26	Corte Madera Creek	RC
Western Kingbird (2)	3/4	Las Gallinas treatment ponds	CL
Tropical Kingbird	1/23	Hwy #1 just S. of Bodega Bay	BOC
Ash-throated Flycatcher	4/10	Heard along Paula Ln. Petaluma	DN
Olive-sided Flycatcher	4/22	The Sea Ranch	DH
Western Wood-Pewee	4/21	Santa Rosa Creek trail	MS, LS
Vermilion Flycatcher	Jan-2/5	Coyote Valley, Santa Clara Co.	PD, et al
Curve-billed Thrasher	1/15-16	1823 Rominger Ln. Woodland (1st C. Valley record)	SH, M.Ob
Cassin's Vireo	3/31	San Geronimo Valley, along hike to Woodacre	L Helfman
Warbling Vireo	4/3	Yount Mill Rd., Yountville, Napa Co.	MS, LS
Black-throated Gray Warbler	4/14	Alpine Lake are, Marin Co. "good numbers"	PP
Hermit Warbler (2)	4/14	Ridges above Alpine Lake, Marin Co.	PP
MacGillivray's Warbler	4/27	M.P. 2.95, Muir Woods Rd. Marin Co.	JW
Wilson's Warbler	3/31	San Geronimo Valley, along hike to Woodacre	L Helfman
Wilson's Warbler (multiple)	3/31	Tennessee Valley, Marin Co.	JC
Wilson's Warbler	4/5	Miwok Meadows, China Camp S.P., Marin Co.	GMM
Yellow Warbler (3)	4/21	Santa Rosa Creek trail	MS, LS
Worm-eating Warbler	1/26	Reichmuth Park, Sacramento, in Bushtit flock	IG, et al
Black-throated Green Warbler	4/24	Stow Lake, S.F.	R Cimino, et al
Northern Waterthrush	Mar.	Cache Creek, downstream from #128 bridge	M.Ob
Tropical Parula	1/7- Feb	Huntington Beach, Orange Co.	J Pike
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Hooded Oriole (fem.)	3/24	Bahia area, Novato	M Luff
Hooded Oriole	4/1	Olompali S.P., Marin Co.	R Cimino
Hooded Oriole	3/31	Sonoma; 5th St. W.	CB
Hooded Oriole	4/3	Salmon Creek Lane, Napa Co.	MS
Bullock's Oriole	4/3	Yount Mill Rd., Yountville, Napa Co.	MS, LS
Harris's Sparrow	1/27	Kennedy Park boat ramp, Napa Co.	MB
Harris's Sparrow	3/16	Bean Ave. E. of Ocean Ave., Salmon Creek	LHu
Lawrence's Goldfinch (2)	1/14	Near end of #16, N. Capay Valley (singing males)	SH
Lazuli Bunting	4/15	Chileno Valley Rd., S.W. of Petaluma	DN
Black-headed Grosbeak (5-7)	4/21	Santa Rosa Creek trail	MS, LS

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