

Field Notes
by Stanley W. Harris
23 October-24 November 1998

This was a pretty routine month. Most of the fall migration 'silly season' is over, the last of the normal wintering birds seem to have arrived, and we are now in 'countdown mode,' looking forward to Christmas Bird Count season. Please contact the leaders of your favorite count circles to volunteer –we always need all the help we can get! The local CBCs and schedules appear elsewhere in this edition of the *Sandpiper*. Abbreviations used: **AB** = Arcata Bottoms; **AMP** = Arcata Marsh Project; **AOP** = Arcata Oxidation Ponds; **EL** = Expected Location; **EM** = Expected Migrant; **EW** = Expected Winterer; **ES** = Escape?; **FR** = Few Records; **GW!** = Gee Whiz record; **IB** = Interesting Behavior; **ID** = Interesting Date; **IL** = Interesting Location; **IN** = Interesting Numbers; **MO** = Many Observers; **MS** = Monitored Species; **NC** = Not Confirmed; **RES?** = Resident?

HIGHLIGHTS: HARLEQUIN DUCK (EW): 1-2 males, North Jetty, King Salmon, 23 Oct-1 Nov (MW); **AMERICAN GOLDEN-PLOVER** (ID): 1, AB, 23 Oct (RLeV); **PACIFIC GOLDEN-PLOVER** (EM): 1, Cock Robin I., 1 Nov (KN, MW); 1, mouth Elk R., 5 Nov (EE); 23, vic. Crab Park, 7 Nov (KI); **GLAUCOUS GULL** (FR, EW): 1 imm., Klopp L., 14 Nov (KN); **BURROWING OWL** (FR, IB): 2, at badger burrows, Kneeland, about 1 Nov (AD); **COMMON POORWILL** (IL, GW!): 1, Lanphere Dunes, 8 Nov (CJR); **LEWIS'S WOODPECKER** (IL): 1, Lewiston, 26 Oct (BD); **TROPICAL KINGBIRD** (FR): 1, Orick, 23 Nov (SM); **LEAST FLYCATCHER** (FR, GW!): 1, measured and banded, Lanphere Dunes, 29 Oct (KH); **SAY'S PHOEBE**: 1, Azalea Hill, 8-22 Nov (GL); **NORTHERN SHRIKE** (FR): 1, Lanphere Rd., 7 Nov (BC); 1, Salt R., 19 Nov (DFx); **CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER** (FR): 1, 'Airport' willows, Fairhaven, 24-27 Oct (DFa, PH, GH)(8 this fall!); **BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER** (FR): singles banded, Lanphere Dunes, 14&22 Oct (KH); 1, AMP, 20 Nov (EE)(6 in Humboldt Co. this fall!); **BLACKPOLL WARBLER** (ID): 1, AMP, 15 Nov (DFx, JP, BC) (24 in Humboldt this fall!).

Will the Grosbeak winter?

ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK (FR): 1, McKinleyville, 18 Nov (GS); **LARK BUNTING** (FR): 1, AB, 25 Oct (KI); **CLAY-COLORED SPARROW** (FR): 1, Eureka 'tallow-works,' 28-30 Oct (GH, DFx, JP); 1, Lanphere Rd., 7 Nov (BC); 1, Arcata, 19-24 Nov (GB); **HARRIS'S SPARROW** (FR): 1, Lanphere Rd. and Seidel Rd., AB, 11 Nov (DFx, JP); **McCOWN'S LONGSPUR?** (NC, GW!): 1, AB, 23&25 Oct (KI); **CHESTNUT-COLLARED LONGSPUR** (FR): 1, AB, 23&25 Oct (KI); **SNOW BUNTING** (FR): 1, AMP, 28 Oct (PL); **BOBOLINK** (FR): 1, AB, 27 Oct (RLeV); 1, South Spit, 5 Nov (DFa, PH); **ORCHARD ORIOLE** (FR): 1 female, 'Entrance patch' willows, Fairhaven, 24 Oct (DFa, PH); **ORIOLE, SP.** ("all yellow"): 1, Eureka, 4 Nov (EE); **BULLOCK'S ORIOLE** (ID): 1 female, Sunny Brae, 25 Oct (DFa et al.); **RED BISHOP** (ES, GW!): 1 female, Eureka sewage marshes, 28 Oct-12 Nov (GH et al.).

MORE ORDINARY, BUT STILL INTERESTING, REPORTS: PACIFIC LOON (ED, EM): massive numbers, accompanied by lesser numbers of **RED-THROATED LOONS**, flying south past North Jetty, 8 Nov (RH et al.); **RED-NECKED GREBE** (EW): 1, North Jetty, 24 Oct (DFa, PH); **CLARK'S GREBE** (EW): 2, North Jetty, 23 Oct (MW); 1, Cock Robin I. bridge, 3 Nov (DFx); **NORTHERN FULMAR** (EM): 1, sick, Eureka Channel, 28 Oct (DFa); **AMERICAN BITTERN** (EM): 1, AMP, 26 Oct (SH); 1, mouth Elk R., 2 Nov (JP, DFx); **CATTLE EGRET** (MS): 1, Klopp L., 25 Oct (PL); 4-5, AB, 1-10 Nov (JP, DFx, P&VS, EE); **GREEN HERON** (MS): 1, near Glendale, 3 Nov (GL); **TUNDRA SWAN** (EW): 1, AB, 26 Oct-15 Nov (JP, DFx, GG...RES?); 3, Eel R. delta, 18 Nov (SP); 3, Hookton Rd., 22 Nov (KI); **WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE** (EM): 5, AB, 26 Oct (GH); 3, Cock Robin I., 2 Nov (SPa); 2, Loleta, 11 Nov (TL, SPe); **SNOW GOOSE** (EM): 2, Lanphere Rd., 27 Oct (DFx).

Small Canada Geese

ALEUTIAN CANADA GOOSE (EM): 18, south past Table Bluff, 3 Nov (DFx); **CAKCLING CANADA GOOSE** (FR): 1, Cock Robin I., 2 Nov (SPa); **BLUE-WINGED TEAL** (EM): 1 male, 26 Oct-22 Nov (SH, KN, DFa); 1 female, 2 Nov (SH) (all Butcher Slough log pond, AMP); **EURASIAN WIGEON** (EW): 1, AB, 22 Nov (SP); **REDHEAD** (EW): 1, Fields Landing, 19 Nov (DFx); **CANVASBACK** (EW): 1, Klopp L., 28 Oct (JC); **COMMON GOLDENEYE** (EW): 2, King Salmon, 14 Nov (MW); **BLACK SCOTER** (EW): 1 male, North Jetty, 24 Oct (DFa, PH); **SURF SCOTER** (ED): "major migration," south past North Jetty, 8 Nov (RH et al.); **HOODED MERGANSER** (EW): 1, Klopp L., 1 Nov (MW); 4, AB, 21-22 Nov (JCP); 2, Orick, 23 Nov (SM).

NORTHERN GOSHAWK (FR): 1, near Eel Rock, 18 Nov (JG); **OSPREY** (ID): 1, Glendale, 3 Nov (GL); **WHITE-TAILED KITE** (IL, IB): 2, lower slopes Mail Ridge, 25 Oct (JG); 1, Bear R. Ridge, 31 Oct (KN); 20, roosting with N. Harriers, AB, 11 Nov (DFx); **BALD EAGLE** (EW): 1, South Fork Trinity R., 19 Nov (TL); **ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK** (EW): 1, Benbow, 8 Nov (JS); 2, Bear R. Ridge, 11 Nov (MM); 1, Rio Dell, 11 Nov (TL, SPe); **FERRUGINOUS HAWK** (EW): 1, Hayfork Valley, 23 Oct (GL); 1, Azalea Hill, 24 Oct (GL); 1 (same?), AB, 27 Oct-15 Nov (MO); 2, Bear R. Ridge, 11 Nov (MM); **GOLDEN EAGLE** (MS): 1, Bear R. Ridge, 31 Oct (KN); 1 imm., Mail Ridge, 1 Nov (JG); 1, Bear R. Ridge, 11 Nov (TL, SPe); **PEREGRINE FALCON** (MS): 7 reports from AB and AMP, 20 Oct-10 Nov (MO); **MERLIN** (MS, EM): 8 reports from AB, AMP, Eureka sewage marshes, Friday Ridge Rd., 25 Oct-9 Nov (MO).

The plovers are back.

SNOWY PLOVER (EW, MS): 24, Clam Beach, 14 Nov (GL); **RED KNOT** (EM): 3-5, AMP, 8 Nov (MM); 1, AB, 22 Nov (JP); **PECTORAL SANDPIPER** (EM): 2, Lanphere Rd., 26 Oct-18 Nov (JP, DFx); **LARGE ALBINO GULL** (GW!): 1, Klopp L., 1 Nov (MW); **BONAPARTE'S GULL** (IL): 1, Lewiston L., 26 Oct (BD); **HEERMANN'S GULL** (EM): migrants south past North Jetty, 8 Nov (RH et al.); **THAYER'S GULL** (EW): 2, Klopp L., 14 Nov (KN); **MEW GULL** (EW): 10, AOP, 5-9 Nov (DF, JP, SH); **BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE** (EM): 2, North Jetty, 8 Nov (RH et al.); 20, Wedding Rock, 12 Nov (DFx); **FORSTER'S TERN** (EM): 2-3, AMP, 29-30 Oct (SH); 10-17, AMP/AOP, 7-9 Nov (DFx, JP, SH); **CASPIAN TERN** (ID): 1, Klopp L., 7 Nov (JP, DFx); 1, Hookton Slough, 8 Nov (JP, DFx); **BAND-TAILED PIGEON** (IN): 8, Mail Ridge, 25 Oct (JG); 3, Sunny Brae, 25 Oct (SH); 100, Benbow, 15 Nov (JS); **W. SCREECH-OWL** (IL): 1, road kill, Caspar, 28 Oct (GL); **SHORT-EARED OWL** (EW): 3, AB, 11 Nov (DFx); **N. SAW-WHET OWL** (IL): 1, Hayfork Bally, 19 Oct (GL); **HORNED LARK** (IL): 1, AB, 24 Oct (KI); 7, Bear R. Ridge, 11 Nov (MM).

Late swallow

BARN SWALLOW (ID): 1-3, AOP/AMP, 26 Oct-4 Nov (SH, EE, KN); **COMMON RAVEN** (IB): 50 soaring in one kettle, Mail Ridge, 1 Nov (JG); **BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE** (EL): 3, AMP, 30 Oct (SH); **WESTERN BLUEBIRD** (MS): 10, Mail Ridge, 25 Oct (JG); 3, Grouse Mtn., 3 Nov (P&VS); **N. MOCKINGBIRD** (MS): 1-3, Moxon Rd., AB, 26 Oct-15 Nov (GH, JP, DFx); 2, Alton, 15 Nov (JS); **PALM WARBLER** (EM): 2, Westport, 28 Oct (GL); 2-3, AMP/AB, 2-20 Nov (MO); **SWAMP SPARROW** (IN): 24, many sites between Eel R. delta and Redwood Ck. estuary, 1-23 Nov; many more than usually detected (MO); **WHITE-THROATED SPARROW** (EW): 4 reports of 1-6 birds each at Azalea Hill, Sunny Brae, AMP, 24 Oct-10 Nov (GL, SH); **SLATE-COLORED JUNCO** (EW): 1, Arcata, 3 Nov (BF); **LAPLAND LONGSPUR** (EM): 15-75±, AB, 25-27 Oct (KI); 3, South Spit, 5 Nov (DFa, PH).

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This month was characterized by the annual conference of the Western Field Ornithologists, by a continuation of the fall migration "silly season" and by an unprecedented concentration of whales offshore. First--the whales! 30-40 Humpbacks and 2-3 "larger" whales were reported visible from shore at Patrick's Point, 9-11 Oct (MHi, et al.). A count made from the Coast Guard helicopter, 3 miles off Humboldt Bay, 12 Oct, revealed a patch of krill 1 mile wide and 4 miles long. This held 70 Humpbacks (actual count), 9 Blues, 1 Fin and 2 Gray whales! (DGo, fide MC): Also, on 11 Oct, RLeV, et al. had 2 groups of Right Whale Dolphins off Humboldt Bay. Read on for the birds!

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HIGHLIGHTS

SHORT-TAILED SHEARWATER (FR): 1, 12 miles off Trinidad, 4 Oct (SH, et al.): NORTHERN GOSHAWK (FR):2, Pack Saddle Ridge, 24 Sep (TL): FERRUGINOUS HAWK (FR): 1, Alexandre Dairy, 30 Sep (AB); 1, Hayfork Valley, 12-16 Oct (JH,GH,GL); 1, AB, 22 Oct (DFa,JW,PH): PRAIRIE FALCON (FR, IL): 1, Trinity Center, 12 Oct (JH,GH):MOUNTAIN PLOVER (FR,NC): 1, Lanphere Road, 10 Oct (CJR,CR): MONGOLIAN PLOVER (GW,NPR): 1, ERWA, 2-3 Oct (SHo, RAE, et al.):SHARP-TAILED SANDPIPER (FR): 1, ERWA, 26 Sep (KI); 1-3, Lanphere Road, 2-11, 22 Oct (KN,JW, et al.): STILT SANDPIPER (FR): 2, Alexandre Dairy, 27 Sep (KN): BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER (FR, NC): 1, ERWA, 2 Oct (SH): WHITE-WINGED DOVE (FR, NC): 1, Crescent City, 8 Oct (AB): BARRED OWL (FR): 1-(3?), Prairie Creek St. Park, 3-9 Oct (Anon, SP): COMMON POORWILL (ID,IL): found dead North Bank Road, 19 Oct (fide 1PSt) COSTA'S HUMMINGBIRD (FR,NC): 1 imm male, Bayshore Mall, 16 Oct (GH): LEWIS' WOODPECKER (FR): 1, mouth Willow Creek, 5 Oct (TL): RED-NAPED SAPSUCKER (FR,NC): 1, upper Lewiston Lake, 12 Oct (JH,GH):WILLOW FLYCATCHER (MS): 8 reports (10 birds) from AMP, Salt River, Fairhaven, Eureka, Todd Ranch, Howard Creek, Mendocino Co. (SH,SMc,KI, KN,JH,GH,GS): SAY'S PHOEBE (FR): 1, Fountain Ranch, 27 Sep (JH); 1, Hyampom, 12 Oct (JH,GH); 1-2, Kneeland, 13-16 Sep (BB): TROPICAL KINGBIRD (FR): 1-2, North Spit, 8-13 Oct (GH), 1, Eel River Bottoms, 19-22 Oct (GH,TL): SAGE THRASHER (FR): 1, MacKerricher St. Park, 26 Sep (GH,DT): RED-THROATED PIPIT (FR): 1, Lake Talawa shoreline, 30 Sep (AB); 1, AB, 2 Oct (JH): NORTHERN SHRIKE (ED,AD,FR): 1 imm, Pacific Shores, 19 Oct (RR); 1 imm, mouth Willow Creek, 22 Oct (TL): LOGGERHEAD SHRIKE (FR, NC): 1, Goble Lane, 20 Oct (Anon): PLUMBEOUS VIREO (FR, NC, AD): 1, Salt River, 18 Oct (KN): PHILADELPHIA VIREO (FR): 1, Fairhaven, 2-3 Oct (DS, BD, J&NW, et al.): RED-EYED VIREO (FR): 1, Smith River riparian, 25 Sep (KS); 1, Fairhaven, 26 Sep (KI); 1, Clam Beach Lagoons, 29 Sep (DFx): TENNESSEE WARBLER (FR, NC): 1, Smith River riparian, 25 Sep (AB): VIRGINIA'S WARBLER (FR, NC,AD): 1, Scenic Drive (Westhaven), 29 Sep (TL): CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER (FR): 6 (!) reports (6 birds) from Elk Head, North Spit, Buell Creek, Mendocino Co, Eureka, Little River Drive, 26 Sep-2 Oct (DR,GL,SH,K&PH,DG,KI,GH,TL, et al.): MAGNOLIA WARBLER (FR, NC): 1, Bayshore Mall, 1 Oct (GS,GH): CAPE MAY WARBLER (FR, NC): 1, lower Smith River, 26 Sep (AB): BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER

(FR): 1-2, North Spit, 30 Sep-14 Oct (KI,TL,BW,GH,MW); 1, Clam Beach Lagoons, 30 Sep (DFx): BAY-BREASTED WARBLER (FR, IN): 1, Smith River riparian, 25 Sep (AB); 1-2, North Spit, 26 Sep-2 Oct (SH, KI, GS, DFX, WFO, et al.): BLACKPOLL WARBLER (FR, IN): 9 (!) reports (9 birds) from Salt River, MRCP, North Spit, Elk Head, Ft. Bragg, Scenic Drive, 23 Sep-13 Oct (SM,DFx,TL,KI,GL,GH,DT, DA,MD): PINE WARBLER (FR,NC,AD): 1, mouth Redwood Creek, 12 Oct (KI): BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER (FR): 1, Elk Head, 26 Sep (DR,GL, et al.); 1, Eureka, 28 Sep (BW); 1, Bayshore Mall, 2 Oct (GM): AMERICAN REDSTART (FR): 1 male, MRCP, 25-26 Sep (SM,TL); 1, Elk Head, 26 Sep (GL): PROTHONOTARY WARBLER (FR): 1 Scenic Drive, 1-6 Oct (TL, MHi): HOODED WARBLER (FR,NC): 1, Eureka, 12 Oct (PH): SUMMER TANAGER (FR): 1, Smith River riparian, 25-26 Sep (KS,AB): DICKCISSEL (FR, NC): 1, HBNWR, 1 Oct (WFO): AMERICAN TREE SPARROW (FR,NC): 1, mouth Redwood Creek, 12 Oct (SH); 1 North Bank Road 19 Oct (PSt): CLAY-COLORED SPARROW (FR): 2, Ft. Bragg, 30 Sep (JW); 1, ERWA, 2-8 Oct (GM, KN,SM,GF); 1, Arcata, 7 Oct (GB): BREWER'S SPARROW (FR): 1, ERWA, 8 Oct (KN,SM,GF): LARK BUNTING (FR,NC): 1, Ft. Bragg, 30 Sep (JW): BOBOLINK (FR, IN): 1-14, Lanphere Road, 2-11 Oct (WFO,CJR,CR,MMc): TRICOLORED BLACKBIRD (FR): 1, Moxon Road, 16 Oct (BD, SH): YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD (FR): 1, Alexandre Dairy, 25 Sep (AB); 1-5, Moxon Road, 26 Sep-16 Oct (KS,SP,BD,SH): RUSTY BLACKBIRD (FR,NC): 1, Ft. Bragg, 9 Oct (FF-W); 1, Moxon Road, 22 Oct (DFa, JW,PH).

INTERESTING OTHER, MORE USUAL THINGS: COMMON LOON (IL): 1, Trinity Center, 12 Oct (JH,GH): EARED GREBE (EM): 1, AMP, 6 Oct (SH): CLARK'S GREBE (EM): 2, Eureka Channel, 4 Oct (SH, et al.): BLACK-FOOTED ALBATROSS (IN): 3-4 (only), offshore trip from Humboldt Bay, 4, 11 Oct (SH,RLeV, et al.): BULLER'S SHEARWATER (EN): 3-30, offshore trips, 4-11 Oct (SH,RLeV, et al.): AMERICAN BITTERN (MS): 1, AMP, 4-19 Oct (FF,SH): WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE (FR,EM): 2, AB, 2 Oct (WFO); 3, HBNWR, 3 Oct (GH, et al.); 5, Patricks Point flyover, 17 Oct (GH): LESSER SNOW GOOSE (FR): 2 white, 1 blue, HBNWR, 2-20 Oct (SH, L, J); 40, flyover Redwood State Park, 12 Oct (JG): CACKLING CANADA GOOSE (IL): 1, Ruth Lake, 18 Oct (SP): ALEUTIAN CANADA GOOSE (EM): At least 8 flocks of 80-150 birds in flight over Patricks Point, Azalea Hill, Arcata, mo. Mattole River, 8-18 Oct (GL, GH, SH): RING-NECKED DUCK (IN): 75 (actual count), Butcher Slough Pond, AMP, 6 Oct (SH); 50 (actual count), mouth Redwood Creek, 12 Oct (SH): HARLEQUIN (FR): 3, False Klamath Cove, 27 Sep (KN); 1, King Salmon, 22 Oct (MW): BLACK SCOTER (FR): 1, North Jetty, 26 Sep (SH, K&PH): GOLDEN EAGLE (FR): 1 adult, over McKinleyville, 6 Oct (no details, Anon); 1, south of Grouse Mountain, 9-14 Oct (CO); 4, Bear River Ridge, 12 Oct (TL): MERLIN (MS): 9 reports (9 birds) from North Bay, North Spit, Trinity Center, Hayfork, ERWA, Elk Head, Scenic Drive, Eel River Bottoms, 2-19 Oct (MO): PEREGRINE (MS): 6 reports from Fairhaven, ERWA, AMP, Little River, Table Bluff, 30 Sep-20 Oct (MO): BLUE GROUSE (FR, IL): 1, Bear River Ridge, 18 Oct (KN): NORTHERN BOBWHITE: 7, MRWA, 29 Sep (DA, reported to be recent releases for dog training): VIRGINIA RAIL (IL): 7, Lewiston Lake, 12 Oct (JH, GH): SORA (IL): 7, Lewiston Lake, 12 Oct (JH,GH): GOLDEN-PLOVER SP. (FR): 1, AB, 3 Oct (KS,et al.): AMERICAN GOLDEN-PLOVER 1, AB, 23 Oct (RLeV): PACIFIC GOLDEN-PLOVER (FR): 8 reports (15 birds) from ERWA, Eel River Bottoms, MRCP, AB, 2-19 Oct (MO): SNOWY PLOVER (MS): 15, Virgin Creek Beach, 26 Sep (GH,DT); 23-28, Clam Beach, 28-30 Sep (TL): LONG-BILLED CURLEW (IN): 335 (actual census), Humboldt Bay, 4-5 Oct (MC, et al.): SANDERLING (IN): 400, North Jetty beach, 26 Sep (SH,K&PH): PECTORAL SANDPIPER (ED,EN): 6 reports (22 birds) from ERWA, Alexandre Dairy, Westport Oxidation Pond, AB, 25 Sep &endash 3 Oct, (KS,SM,KI,GH,WFO,GL): CALIFORNIA GULL (IL): 1, Sandy Bar, 27 Sep (GL): BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE (IL): 1, mouth Big River, Mendocino. Co., 4 Oct (DG): SABINE'S GULL (IL): 1 imm. flyby, MRCP, 4 Oct (GH): MARBLED MURRELET (MS): 2, Elk Head, 2 Oct (TL): SAW-WHET OWL (FR): 1, Fairhaven, 4 Oct (WFO): VAUX'S SWIFT (ID): last seen at a roost chimney, Arcata, 4-5 Oct (CW): WHITE-HEADED WOODPECKER (EL): 1, Hayfork Bally, 14 Oct (GL): HAMMOND'S FLYCATCHER (ID): 1, calling, Howard Ck., Mendocino Co., 25 Sep (GH): PACIFIC-SLOPE FLYCATCHER (ID): 1, Fairhaven, 13 Oct (DA,MD): ASH-THROATED FLYCATCHER (EM): 1, Alexandre Dairy, 30 Sep (AB): WESTERN KINGBIRD (EM): 1, Eel River Bottoms, 19 Oct (GH,TL): HORNED LARK (EL,EN): 11, Bear River Ridge, 12 Oct (TL): GRAY JAY (EL): x, Prairie Creek St. Park, 9 Oct (SP): SCRUB JAY (IL): 1, Crescent City, 21 Sep (AB); 2, Lower

Smith River, 30 Sep (AB):BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE (EN,EL): 8 reports (67 birds) from Little River Drive, Blue Lake riparian, MRCP, AB, North Spit, AMP, 25 Sep-19 Oct (DFx,SH, K&PH, DT): WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCH (IL): 1, Smith River Bottoms, 24-25 Sep (AB,KS): PYGMY NUTHATCH (FR): 10, MacKerricher St. Park, 4 Oct (DG): WESTERN BLUEBIRD (MS): 1-5, Kneeland, 15-30 Sep (BB); 1, Humboldt Redwoods State Park, 9 Oct (JG): TOWNSEND'S SOLITAIRE (IL): 1, Patricks Point St. Park, 3 Oct (DT, et al.): NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD (MS): 1-2, Moxon Road, 3-22 Oct (P&VS,DFa,JWa,PH): CASSIN'S VIREO (ID): 1, Salt River 3, 18 Oct (GH, KN, et al.): PALM WARBLER (EL,ED): 6 reports (11 birds) from Ft. Dick, North Spit, Salt River, AB, ERWA, 25 Sep-16 Oct (MO): VESPER SPARROW (FR): 2, Fountain Ranch, 27 Sep (JH): LARK SPARROW (IL): 5 reports (8 birds) from Ferndale , AB, King Salmon, ERWA, Kneeland, 4 Sep-8 Oct (SM, MM, BW, DG, KN, GF, BB): SWAMP SPARROW (FR): 1, Crannell Road, 2 Oct (KI): WHITE-THROATED SPARROW (EM): 8 reports (11 birds) from lower Smith River, Elk Head, AMP, AB, North Spit, Azalea Hill, Sunny Brae, 26 Sep-19 Oct (MO): LAPLAND LONGSPUR (EM): 2, ERWA, 3-4 Oct (GL, RH): EVENING GROSBEAK (IL,IN): 6 reports (145 birds, including one flock of 75!) from Arcata, Pack Saddle Ridge, Elk Head, Scenic Drive, Prairie Creek St. Park, Eureka, 24 Sep-9 Oct (GL, TL,PH,GH): BOBCAT (GW): 2 (!), mouth Redwood Creek, 12 Oct (KN).

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Space does not permit including all observations submitted in the last four months so if you don't find your contributions listed here, please do not think they are not important to our overall, long-term data base to increase our understanding of North Coast bird populations. Please continue to report observations that will add to the seasonal, numerical, habitat, migratory, breeding, or geographic knowledge of even common species. I only have room for some of the highlights from this summer's observations.

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Start with Grebes

CLARK'S GREBE (ID): 1, Hookton Slough, 24 May (MW): CATTLE EGRET (ID): 1-3 (breeding plumage), AB/AMP, 3 May-17 Jul (DA,SH,PL): WHITE-FACED IBIS (NC/D): 1, Elk River, Eureka Slough, 27 Apr (KI): WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE (NC/D, ID): 1, Lower Eel River, 7 Jul (BS): LESSER SNOW GOOSE (ID, GW): 2 white, 1 adult blue; HBNWR, 5-7 Jun (SL, G&LL, SH): BLUE-WINGED TEAL (IN,IL): 1-14!, Loleta Pond, HBNWR, AMP/AOP, North Fork of Mad River, mouth of Redwood Creek, Freshwater Lagoon, Smith River Bottoms, Ship-a-Shore, 2 May-13 Jul (MO): BALD EAGLE (IN): 1-2, Weott, Humboldt Bay, Freshwater Lagoon, mouth of Klamath River, north of Weitchpec, South Fork, Trinity River, 11 May-18 Aug, (MO): NORTHERN GOSHAWK (FR): Adults, acting territorial, Trinity Alps, 26 Jun (KS); Hoopa Reservation, 3 Jul (JWa, TB): MERLIN (ID, IL): 1, North Jetty, 9 May (TL, SP); 1, 2 miles so. Hayfork, 3 Jul (JH): PEREGRINE FALCON (MS): 1-2, Cain Rock, Holmes, Centerville Road, Klopp Lake, Azalea Hill, Trinidad Head (acting territorial), Hoopa Reservation, 29 Apr-16 Aug (MO): RUFFED GROUSE (FR): 1-3, vic. Groves Prairie, Tall Trees Trail, Bald Hills, 27 May-13 Jul (TL,BK,CO,DF,JP): BLUE GROUSE (IL): 1, Humboldt Redwoods State Park, 26 Jun (JG): SORA (ID): 1, AOP, 25-27 Jul (SH, ST, DFa); 1, AMP, 31 Jul-3 Aug (SH): GOLDEN PLOVER SP. (ED): 1, ERWA, 13 Aug (SM): AMERICAN AVOCET (GW, ID): Did NOT breed this year at HBNWR for first time in several years (SL,SH); 6, Butcher Slough, 16 Aug (PS): GREATER YELLOWLEGS (ID): 6, ERWA, 22 May (SM); 1 Klopp Lake, 1 Jun (SH); 1, AMP, 29 Jun (DF); 2, Mouth Redwood Creek, 30 Jun (BF): SOLITARY SANDPIPER (ED,EL,FR): 1-2, Fortuna Levee, Loleta Pond, Moxon Road, 27 Apr-3 May (KN,DA,RC,IC,JP); 1, ERWA, 21 Aug (SM): BRISTLE-THIGHED CURLEW (NPR!): 1, Big Lagoon Spit, 9 May (JH); 1, Crescent City Harbor, 14-16 May (AB, et al.): WANDERING TATTLER (ID): 3, South Jetty, 9 Jun (DD): STILT SANDPIPER (FR): 1, breeding plumage, Smith River Bottoms, 26 Jul (AB): COMMON SNIFE (ID): 1, Hookton Slough, 23 May (MW); x, Scott Valley, 12 Jun (BC): WILSON'S PHALAROPE (FR): 1-6, ERWA, mouth of Jacoby Creek, Butcher Slough, Klopp Lake, Smith River Bottoms, 30 Apr-3 May; 25 Jul-15 Aug (ST,DFa,AB,DF,PL): BONAPARTE'S GULL (ID): 1-8, AMP/AOP, 28 May-4 Jul (SH,DF): FRANKLIN'S GULL (IN): 1-3; Fortuna, Fields Landing, AMP, Lake Earl, Lower Smith River, 5 May-22 Jun (MO): SABINE'S GULL (ED,IL): 1 ad on shore, MacKerricher S.P., 16 May (DT): ELEGANT TERN (ID): 8-10, North Bay, 29 May (DF); 3-37, Crescent City Harbor, 1-2 Jun (AB); 130, Klopp Lake, 26 Jun (DF); 200, Redwood Creek Mouth, 12 Jul (BF); and 160, Klopp Lake, 17 Jul (PL).

One without white wings

BLACK TERN (NC/D): 2, AMP, 20 May (CK): MARBLED MURRELET (MS): 2-5, North Jetty, Trinidad Harbor, Crescent City Harbor, Pt. St. George, 5 May-1 Jun (MHi,DF,AB); 2-168 (actual count), off Big Lagoon, Pt. St. George, off Ship-a-Shore, 21-21 Aug (AB,CS,MF, ANON): "LONG-BILLED MURRELET" (FR, NC/D): 1, Pt. St. George, 21 Jul, 29 Jul (AB); 1, off Ship-a-Shore, ±20 Jul (CS,MF): XANTUS' MURRELET (FR, ID!): 1, picked up injured, Samoa Saw Mill Parking lot, 25 Apr, later died (SB,KP,SH,photos): ANCIENT MURRELET (ID): 1-7 at sea off Big Flat (Lost Coast), North Jetty, Trinidad, Stone Lagoon, 30 May-22 Jul (MO): FLAMMULATED OWL (FR,EL,ED): 2, Island Mtn. Road, 9 May (DF,JP): WESTERN SCREECH-OWL (IN): 22 at 17 locations, Bald Mtn to Korbel, 23 Jun (DF): COMMON NIGHTHAWK (IN,EL,ED): 1-3, Arcata, Azalea Hill, Glendale; 1-10, Horse Mtn, Grouse Mtn, Lake Prairie at Snow Camp Mtn, Weaverville, 4 Jun-2 Jul (MO): WHITE-WINGED DOVE (NC): 1, Ft. Bragg, 20 Aug (MP): BLACK SWIFT (FR,ED): 1-9, Table Bluff, North Jetty, vic. Blue Lake, 16-28 May (JM,JL,MW,CO,GB,BH,A,DF): CHIMNEY SWIFT (FIRST CONFIRMED NORTH COAST RECORD!): 1, Smith River, 4-17 Jul (AB, et al.): WHITE-THROATED SWIFT (FR,IL, FIRST APPARENT NESTING RECORD FOR HUMBOLDT COUNTY): 2, New River Overlook/Highway 299, 2 May (MaH); 1, 1997 Zenia Bluff nest site, 30 May (JH,GH,TL); 1-15, apparently nesting in drain holes under Highway 101 bridges at milepost 100.0, northern Mendocino County and Edward C. Wagner Memorial Bridge and Benbow Bridge, southern Humboldt County, 19 Jun-8 Aug (DF,JP, et al.).

Little Hummers

CALLIOPE HUMMINGBIRD (FR, NC/D): 1, near Somes Bar, 16 May (SM); 1, Mud Springs, 2 Jun (KS); 2-4, mouth Salmon Creek (eastern Humboldt Co), "Jun" (EE); 1+, Friday Ridge Road, 20 Jun (CO): COSTA'S HUMMINGBIRD (FR, NC/D): 1 male, Ft. Bragg, 22 Apr (DT); 1, west of Trinity Mtn, 5 Jun (GB): WHITE-HEADED WOODPECKER, Black Lassic, 19 Jul (TL): ACORN WOODPECKER (IL): 1 male, Fieldbrook, 2-3 Jun (CL): WILLOW FLYCATCHER (MS): 1-3, some singing, including some adults carrying food to begging juv, Dyerville Loop Road, Fortuna, Lower Eel River, Sunny Brae, mouth of Mad River, north of Orick, Boyes Prairie, mouth of Willow Creek, Todd Ranch, Hoopa, north Humboldt County, Trinity Center, 18 May-21 Aug (MO): SAY'S PHOEBE (FR,ID,NC/D): 1, Fortuna Levee, 24 May (J&AF); 1, Rio Dell, 28 Jun (IS): EASTERN PHOEBE (FR,GW,NC, oral description only): 1, Mad River Fish Hatchery, 17-18 May, 8 Jul (BH): EASTERN KINGBIRD (FR): 1, Scenic Drive, 4 Jun (KI); 1-2, Pt. St. George, 5-6 Jun (AB,JH,RH,SM): BANK SWALLOW (EL,ED): 100± birds at nest colony, lower Smith River, 5 Jul (SH,PS): PURPLE MARTIN: nine sighting swidely scattered in Humboldt Co., 6 Jun - 21 Jul (mob): OAK TITMOUSE: 1, Cain Rock, 25 Jun (DF): ROCK WREN (FR,EL,ED): 1-6, singing, carrying fecal sacs, Eel River Canyon near Cain Rock, 24-30 May (JH,TL, et al.); 1, upper Trinity Lake, 1, Trinity Dam, 13 Jun (J,K&LH): CANYON WREN (FR): 1, northeast of Hoopa Reservation, 3 Jul (JW,TB): BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER (FR): 1 male, Ten Mile River, 19 Apr (DT); 2 (1 carrying food), near Cain Rock, 24-30 May (JH,GH,TL); 2 ad + nest with young, Friday Ridge Road, 21-22 Jun (BR,TL): NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD (ED): 1-3, Toroni Road, Moxon Road (nesting pair and 1 newly fledged young), Mad River Fish Hatchery, Trinidad, mouth Redwood Creek, 28 Apr-9 Aug (MO): SAGE THRASHER (FR): 1, AB, 12-25 May (SM, KI): 1, Orick, 25 May (KI): CALIFORNIA THRASHER (FR, EL): 1, Kings Peak, 22 Apr (JG): PHAINOPEPLA (FR,IL!,GW): 1 female with Cedar Waxwings (adequate oral description), McKinleyville, 19 May (JaP); 1 male (NC/D), Gasquet, 25 Jun (MaMo, fide AB): LOGGERHEAD SHRIKE (ID): 1, Eel River Bottoms, 7-14 May (RLeV, SM); 1, AB, 26 May (KI).

Lost Vireos and Warblers

PLUMBEOUS VIREO (FR): 1, Crescent City, 4-7 Jun (AB, et al.): WHITE-EYED VIREO (GW!, NPR!): 1, singing, Pt. St. George, 27 Jun (AB,KI): RED-EYED VIREO (FR): Single birds, Arcata, Azalea Hill, Elk Head, Crescent City, Smith River, 21 Jun-5 Jul (TL,GL,AB, RHo, JP,DF): NORTHERN PARULA WARBLER (FR, NC/D): 1, west end of Crannell Road, 20 Jun (KI): MAGNOLIA WARBLER (FR): 1, singing, Elk Head, 6-18 Jun

(TL, GL, et al.): PALM WARBLER (NC, ID): 1, V St and Samoa Road, 16 Aug (DaD): TOWNSEND'S WARBLER (ID): 1, Red Mountain (Trinity County), 27 Jul (TL, JS, JH, JL): PRAIRIE WARBLER (FR, NC/D): 1, Fairhaven, 21 Jun (KI): BLACKPOLL WARBLER (FR, ID, NC/D): 1 male not singing, Fairhaven, 5 Jun (GL): BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER (FR): 1, McCann, 15 Jun (JG); 1 singing male, mouth Mattole River, 27 Jun (GH): AMERICAN REDSTART (EL, ED): Singing male, Mad River County Park, 26-31 May (BC, KI, RLeV); singing male, Endert's Beach, 12 Jun (AB); 1 female, Centerville Beach Road, 8 Jul (SM): PROTHONOTARY WARBLER (FR, NC/D): Singing male, Westhaven, 4 Jun (KI): OVENBIRD (FR, NC/D): 1 singing, between Tish Tang Campground and Tish Tang Ridge, 25 Jun (KS): HOODED WARBLER (FR): Singing males, Endert's Beach, 11 Jun (AB), Azalea Hill, 1-31 Jul (GL, et al.): ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK (FR): Single males at feeders, Manila, 6 Jun (NW); Eureka, 16-19 Jul (L& EW, et al.): INDIGO BUNTING (FR): Singing males north of Weitchpec, 14 Jun-8 Jul (DF, JP, JH), and mouth of Van Duzen River, 14-28 Jul (PH, JS, BW): LARK BUNTING (FR, NC/D): 1 female, Pt. St. George, 1 Jun (AB): BREWER'S SPARROW (ID, IL, NC/D): 1, singing, near Crescent City, 2 Jun (AB): CLAY-COLORED SPARROW (FR, ID, NC/D): 1, Smith River mouth, 23 May (AB): RUFIOUS-CROWNED SPARROW (GW, FR): 2-16, including new fledglings, Eel River Canyon from Cain Rock to ± Mendocino County line, 24 May-28 Jun (JH, TL, et al.): VESPER SPARROW (EL): 1, Schoolhouse Peak, 3 May (TL, SP); 2 (carrying food), Lake Talawa, 6 Jun (JH, RH, SM): GRASSHOPPER SPARROW (EL): 1-2, singing, Mattole Road, near Petrolia, near Schoolhouse Peak, 27 Jun-25 Jul (all GL): LARK SPARROW (IL): 1, Prairie Creek S.P., 7 May (BK); 1, Trinidad, 26 May (KI): LINCOLN'S SPARROW (IL): 1 nest above Upper Canyon Creek Lake, 18-19 Jul (G, K&AL): GOLDEN-CROWNED SPARROW (ID!): 1, McKinleyville, 25 May (RLeV); 1, full breeding plumage, Mail Ridge, 23 Jun (SR), 1, Samoa Dunes, 16 Jul (GL): TRICOLORED BLACKBIRD (MS): 1-10, vic. Drake Hill and Sandy Prairie Roads, including evidence of nesting, 28 Apr-16 Jul (JSo, et al.): YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD (FR, NC/D): 1, Smith River Bottoms, 28 May (+ "others seen earlier in the month") (AB): ORCHARD ORIOLE (FR, ID): 1 female (adequate oral description), Azalea Hill, 17 Jul (LL): HOODED ORIOLE (MS): 1 male, AMP, 1 May (JSo); 1 pair, 28 Apr, 2 adults and 2 juv, all vic. 14th and I Sts. Arcata (RJA, CW). RED CROSSBILL: fledged young, Humboldt Hill, Jul (PSP).

Some Mammals

MINK: 1, North of Weitchpec, 1 Jul (DF, JP): SPOTTED SKUNK: 1, Island Mtn. Road, 9 May (DF, JP): BOBCAT: 1, North of Weitchpec, 14 Jun (JP, DF): RIVER OTTER: 1-4, AMP, 29 Apr-6 Aug (SH); 4, Mad River Slough at Lanphere Road, 1 Aug (SH, LH, TY).

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Field Notes

By Stan Harris

12 January-19 February 1998

Rain, Rain, Rain! Spring is gradually arriving anyway to a saturated, soggy world! In spite of the wet landscape and skies, the spring birds are migrating on schedule. Many thanks to all the intrepid birders who got out in spite of the weather and who shared the following observations with the rest of us.

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HIGHLIGHTS: YELLOW-BILLED LOON (FR): 1, Fields Landing, 18 Jan (MM, JP, DF, EE, good description): CATTLE EGRET (MS): 8-10, AB, 30 Jan-10 Feb (KN, RJA, GB): BLUE-WINGED TEAL (EL, ED): 2 males, 1 female, AMP, 17 Jan (MM, KN): OLDSQUAW (FR): 1, Lower Mad River, 25 Jan; 1, Pt. St. George, 15 Feb (both SK): FERRUGINOUS HAWK (FR): 1, Azalea Hill, 15 Feb (DG): PRAIRIE FALCON (FR): 1, Kneeland Airport, 22 Jan (RJA, MD): RUFFED GROUSE (EL): 1, Tish Tang Ridge, 28 Jan (TL): GLAUCOUS GULL (EL): 1 imm., Fields Landing, 8 Feb (SK, JP, DF); 1, Samoa Beach, 13 Feb (KN): SAY'S PHOEBE (FR): 1, Azalea Hill, 3-13 Feb (RR, BR, GL): LEAST FLYCATCHER (WOW!): 1, South Fork, Trinity River, 9, 18 Feb (TL); identified with good phone description, 20 Feb (DF, JP): BLUE JAY (WOW!): 1, Willow Creek, 27 Jan (SK); UPDATE!, word and photos have arrived of a Blue Jay, near Crescent City, 27 Nov-1 Dec 1997 (C & BS, fide, AB, GL): BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER (FR): 1 female, still present at AMP, Log Pond, 27 Jan-12 Feb (KN, KB, MaC, MiC photos!): YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER (FR): 1, Eureka, 14 Jan (MM): NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH (FR): 1, AMP, log pond, 13-27 Jan (SH,EE,BC,CD,SK); 1, Bayshore Mall, 30 Jan (JH): BLACK-HEADED GROSBEAK (ID): 1, Fortuna feeder, 21 Jan (present since at least Sept, AD,MP): LARK SPARROW (ID, IL): 1, Fortuna, feeder, 26 Jan-4 Feb (RC).

MORE USUAL, BUT STILL INTERESTING THINGS: PIED-BILLED GREBE (IL): 2, mouth Willow Creek, 13 Jan (TL): RED-NECKED GREBE (EL, IL): 2, Stone Lagoon, 13 Jan (DF); 3, Lake Earl, 20 Jan (EE, BC, JM); 1, Klopp Lake, 31 Jan (KN): EARED GREBE (IN): 15, Stone Lagoon, 13 Jan (DF); 2-3, AOP, 1-18 Feb (SH): CLARK'S GREBE (EL): 1, Stone Lagoon, 13 Jan (DF); 2, Hookton Slough, 8 Feb (JP, DF); 1, Fields Landing, 8 Feb (JP, DF): BROWN PELICAN (OW): 2, Fields Landing, 17 Feb (DG): AMERICAN BITTERN (EL): 1, AMP, 17 Jan (KN): TUNDRA SWAN (EL, M): 120, Cock Robin Island, 24 Jan (TL); 1, AB, 21 Jan (MM); 2 (flyby), Luffenholtz Beach, 8 Feb (TL): GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE (FR): 6-10, AB, 21 Jan-13 Feb (MM,GB); 1, Willow Creek Golf Course, 17 Feb (TL): SNOW GOOSE (FR): 1, AB, 21 Jan-13 Feb (MM, GB): ROSS' GOOSE (FR): 1, South Spit, 5 Feb (GL); 1, AB, 5-13 Feb (RJA, GH, GB); 1, 7 miles north Ft. Bragg, 7-8 Feb (Jay ?, DT, fide TL): WHITE GOOSE sp: 1, Spruce Point, 22-23 Jan (DL, PH): ALEUTIAN CANADA GOOSE (EM): 6, AB, 13 Feb (GB): AMERICAN WIGEON (IL): 1, Willow Creek Golf Course, 17 Feb (TL): CANVASBACK (IN): 70-90, Stone Lagoon, 13 Feb (DF): REDHEAD (IN): 167, South Bay at Fields Landing, 19 Feb (DF): RING-NECKED DUCK (ID): 3 pair, Starvation Flat, 9 Feb (RC): BLACK SCOTER (EL): 1 female, Pt. St. George, 20 Jan (EE, BC, JM); 1 female, Freshwater Lagoon, 15 Feb (SK): HOODED MERGANSER (EM): 4 females, milepost 24.77, Van Duzen River, 18 Feb (RH): TURKEY VULTURE (EM): 3-5, AMP, 1-18 Feb (SH); 1, Willow Creek, 17 Feb (TL); 3, Fruitland Ridge, 19 Feb (JG): OSPREY (OW): 2-3, Freshwater Lagoon, 13-21 Jan (DF, DL): WHITE-TAILED KITE (IL, IN): 1, Dinsmore, last half of Jan (BS, fide, JH); 75, Cock Robin Island roost, 24 Jan (TL):

BALD EAGLE (MS): 1, South Fork, Trinity River, 13 Jan (TL); 1 adult, Arcata/HSU, 19 Jan, 19 Feb (KN, GS); 1 adult, Big Lagoon, 20 Jan (EE, BC, JM); 1 adult, Mad River/299, 23 Jan (GL, AL, KL); 1 adult, Big Bar, 19 Jan (AP); 1 adult, HBNWR, 8 Feb (JP, DF); 1, Orleans, 10 Feb (MD); 1 adult, AB, 15 Feb (KI):

ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK (ED, EL): 1 adult, HBNWR, 11 Jan (KS): MERLIN (ED, EL): 1, Cock Robin Island, 24 Jan; 1, McKinleyville, 11 Feb (both TL): 1, Arcata, 17 Feb (SC): PEREGRINE FALCON (MS): 1, Eureka, 22 Jan (AP); 1, AMP, 22 Jan (SH); 1, AB, 25 Jan (DA); 2, Humboldt Bay, 26 Jan (EE); 1, Wedding Rock, 29 Jan (TL); 1, Azalea Hill, 16 Feb (GL): GREATER YELLOWLEGS (IN): 210, actual count!, AB, 19 Jan (DF): SPOTTED SANDPIPER (EM): 1, AB, 25 Jan (DA): RED KNOT (FR): 5, AB, 25 Jan (SK): ROCK SANDPIPER (EL): 1, MacKerricher State Park, 13 Jan (DT): RED PHALAROPE (OW): 1, AMP, 30 Jan (SH); 1, Wedding Rock flyby, 3 Feb (DF); 3, South Spit, 5 Feb (GL); 1-8, AB, 5-14 Feb (RJA, GB, SK): HEERMANN'S GULL (ID, IN): 1 adult, Trinidad, 29 Jan (TL); 1 adult, 4 immature, Eureka, 2 Feb (BC); 1 imm, Trinidad, 6 Feb (TL); 1 imm, AMP, 8-9 Feb (SH); ca 20-30, Eureka to Redwood Creek, 13-15 Feb (KI); 1, Field's Landing, 17 Feb (DG): HERRING GULL (IN): 1, Klopp Lake, 19 Jan (KN); 10, between Luffenholtz and Redwood Creek, 13 Feb (KI): THAYER'S GULL (EL): 1, Klopp Lake, 31 Jan (KN); 1, Eureka, 10 Feb (GH); 2-3, between Luffenholtz and Redwood Creek, 13 Feb (KI): BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE (ED): 1-3, Wedding Rock, 13 Jan-6 Feb (DF, TL); 1, Crescent City Harbor, 20 Jan (EE, BC, JM): FORSTER'S TERN (EL, ED): 23-27, AMP/AOP, 9-18 Feb (SH): CASPIAN TERN (ID): 4-5, HBNWR, 8 Feb (JP, DF): MARBLED MURRELET (ID): 2, Wedding Rock, 13 Feb (DF): BAND-TAILED PIGEON (EM): returning migrants, Upper Bull Creek, 30 Jan (JG); Azalea Hill, 20-24 Jan (L&GL); Sunny Brae (20), 19 Feb (SH): MOURNING DOVE (EM): 3, Fruitland Ridge, 19 Feb (JG): GREAT HORNED OWL (IL): 1, AMP, log pond, 26 Jan-12 Feb (CD, HD, RJA, EE, MaC, MiC photos): SPOTTED OWL (EL): 1 roadkill, South Fork, Trinity/299, 20 Jan (TL): SHORT-EARED OWL (EL, EN): 1-3, Fay Slough, mouth Eel River, Cock Robin Island, AB, Kneeland, HBNWR, 17 Jan-8 Feb (mo): ALLEN'S HUMMINGBIRD (EM): 1, Azalea Hill, 4 Feb (LL): RUFIOUS HUMMINGBIRD (EM): 1, Azalea Hill, 15 Feb (GL): ALLEN/RUFIOUS HUMMINGBIRD: 1, Elk Head, 14 Feb (MM): TREE SWALLOW (EM): 1, Table Buff, 5 Feb (GL); 3, Fortuna levee, 9 Feb (RC); 3, AMP, 16 Feb (SH): TREE/VIOLET GREEN SWALLOW (EM): 1, AMP, 10-16 Feb (RJA, EE, GZ): BARN SWALLOW (EM): 1-3, AMP, 21 Jan-18 Feb (BC, EE, RJA, SH): BEWICK'S WREN (EL): x, Upper Bull Creek, 30 Jan (JG): NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD (OW): 1, AB, 30 Jan (KN): CEDAR WAXWING (EM): 20, Azalea Hill, 16 Feb (GL); 70, Westhaven, 16 Feb (TL); 30, HSU, 17-18 Feb (BA): ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER (OW): 1, AMP, log pond, 13 Jan (SH): NASHVILLE WARBLER (OW): 1, Ft. Bragg, 7 Jan (DT); 1, Arcata, 8 Feb (BF): PALM WARBLER (OW): 1, AMP, log pond, 13-27 Jan (SH, SK); 1, Redwood Creek, 12 Feb (KI): COMMON YELLOWTHROAT (OW): 1, AMP, log pond, 27 Jan-3 Feb (RJA, EE): CALIFORNIA TOWHEE (EL): x, Upper Bull Creek, 30 Jan (JG): BROWN-HEADED COWBIRD (EM): 75, AB, 30 Jan (KN): RED CROSSBILL (EM): 10, Azalea Hill, 16 Feb (GL): EVENING GROSBEAK (EM): 6, Azalea Hill, 15 Feb (GL).

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Field Notes

By Stan Harris

30 November - 11 January

This period was marked by the annual Christmas Bird Counts. Arcata had 175, Del Norte 162, Centerville 180, and Willow Creek 88 species respectively. Recently, more than 2400 dead birds (mostly coots) have been picked up by California Department of Fish and Game personnel from Arcata and Eel River Bottoms, dead, apparently from Fowl Cholera. In this long report, some observations have been summarized to save space. This does not mean that your continued observations of these species are not of interest for the long term data base, so please continue to report them even if you don't find the details here. Abbreviations used are as follows: AB = Arcata Bottoms; AMP = Arcata Marsh Project; anon = Phone record in which caller failed to leave his/her name or phone number; AOP = Arcata Oxidation Pond; CBC = Christmas Bird Count; EL = Expected Location; EM = Expected Migrant; ERWA = Eel River Wildlife Area; ESRWA = Eureka Sewage Riparian Wildlife Area (along mouth of Elk River, foot of Hilfiker Lane); FR = Few Records; HBNWR = Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge; ID = Interesting Date; IL = Interesting Location; IN = Interesting Numbers; mob = Many Observers; MS = Monitored Species.

HIGHLIGHTS: BLACK-VENTED SHEARWATER, (FR): 4, MacKerricher State Park, 4 Dec (DT): EURASIAN GREEN-WINGED TEAL (EM): 1 male, No Name Pond, 30 Nov-13 Dec (SH,CO, et al.): BLUE-WINGED TEAL (FR): 1 male, 1 female, 29 Nov-13 Dec (RS,SH,CO,KS, et al.); 2, AMP, 1 Jan (MaM): HARLEQUIN DUCK (FR): 1 male, North Jetty, 6 Dec (MW); 1 female, King Salmon, 28 Dec (SH,RR): OLDSQUAW (EM): 1-4, Cock Robin Island, 30 Nov-28 Dec (CO, et al.); 1, North Jetty, 6 Dec (MM,MW): BARROW'S GOLDENEYE (FR): 1, Lewiston, 10 Jan (GH, SR): OSPREY (ID): 1, Big Lagoon, 6 Dec (SH, et al.); 1, Mad River at Blue Lake, 13 Dec (JO,JW): 1, North Bay, 9 Jan (MK).

Kite Roost!

WHITE-TAILED KITE (IN): The discovery of a roost west of Cock Robin Island, 30 Nov-2 Dec that contained 120 birds on 2 Dec and 105 on 28 Dec (actual counts) (PS,VS,HP,SH,DF,JP, JS, CD), the most ever recorded at a single roost along the northcoast: BALD EAGLE (MS): 1 (second year), Wedding Rock, 4 Dec (KI); 1, Benbow, 16-25 Dec (JS); 1 ad, Lake Earl, 8 Jan (PS,DJ,SF): 1-2 ad, 1 imm, vic. Willow Creek/Salyer, 1 Dec, 3 Jan (TL, L & SH, T & L H-H): FERRUGINOUS HAWK (FR): 2, Ferndale Bottoms, 13-28 Dec (PH, JK, GM, CD, SS, TM, KT): 1-2, AB/Azalea Hill, 12-20 Dec (RC,GL): 1, Blue Lake Bottoms, 20 Dec (MM); 1, Table Bluff, 28 Dec (TL, JH); 1, Smith River Bottoms, 8 Jan (PS,SF,DJ): PRAIRIE FALCON (FR): 1, Trinity Center, 6 Dec (GH,JH,GS): 1, ERWA, 13 Dec (PH,JK,GM); 1, near Hayfork, 19 Dec (JH, et al.); 1, South Jetty, 28 Dec (T&L H-H): RUFFED GROUSE (FR): 1, 1.5 miles north junction of French Camp Road and Bald Hills Road, 27 Dec (MRg, MMe): PACIFIC GOLDEN PLOVER (FR): 2, Ferndale Bottoms, 28 Dec (RLeV, SM); 1, Lower Eel River Delta, 28 Dec (BS,GB,EE): HEERMANN'S GULL (ID): 2-3, Eureka Waterfront, 7-20 Dec (RJA, DA, JSt); 1, Crab Park, 28 Dec (DF, JP, JS, CD); 50 (!), Shelter Cove, 3 Jan (GH): GLAUCOUS GULL (FR): 1 ad, 3 first year, Wedding Rock, 4 Dec (KI); 6 (!, no details); Wedding Rock, 4 Jan (KI); 1 (no details), Klopp Lake, 13 Dec (CO); 1 (?), Arcata CBC, 20 Dec: LONG-EARED OWL (FR): 1, Elk River Road, 28 Dec (SH,RR,CH, T&L H-H): YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER (FR): 1, Willow Creek, 25 Dec (JH et al.); 1, Ferndale, 28 Dec (GL).

Winter Flycatchers are good!

"WESTERN" (PACIFIC SLOPE?) FLYCATCHER (ID): 1, Wildcat Road, 28 Dec (RJA,DA,RB): SAY'S PHOEBE (FR): 1, Azalea Hill, 20 Dec (GL); 1, Capetown, 3 Jan (GH); 1, Hayfork, 10 Jan (GH,SR): TROPICAL KINGBIRD

(FR): 1, Ferndale, 28 Dec (GL); 1, Westhaven, 5 Jan (KI): BLUE JAY (FR): 1, north of Willow Creek on Patterson Road, 2 Dec-3 Jan (BB, et al.): ROCK WREN (FR): 1, Wedding Rock, 4 Dec, 4 Jan (KI): CANYON WREN (FR): 1, junction of Mad River and Wilson Creek, 6 Dec (MC, photo): LOGGERHEAD SHRIKE (FR): 1, Ferndale Bottoms, 21 Dec (JSt, GH); 1, Centerville Beach, 28 Dec (BC): NORTHERN SHRIKE (FR): 1 imm., Hookton Slough, 11 Jan (JP, DF, et al.): CASSIN'S VIREO (FR): 2, Ferndale Bottoms, 28 Dec (RLeV, SM): PLUMBEOUS VIREO (FR): 1, V Street Log Pond, 6-7 Dec (MM, JH); 1 (same bird?), Zhender Ave, west Arcata, 5 Jan (GB): TENNESSEE WARBLER (FR): 1, Eureka, 20 Dec (JSt); 1, ESRWA, 22 Dec (AB); 1, Trinidad Lighthouse, 5 Jan (KI): LUCY'S WARBLER (FR): 1, Bayshore Mall, 30 Nov (RS): PARULA WARBLER (FR): 1 female, Bayshore Mall, 30 Nov-2 Dec (RS, KN,SMc): BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER (FR): 1 female, AMP, 9-25 Dec (RA,JW,RJA,KN,EE): MACGILLVRAV'S WARBLER (ID): 1, Eureka, 20 Dec (JSt): NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH (FR): 1, Butcher Slough Log Pond, 25 Dec-7 Jan (EE, SMc): COMMON YELLOWTHROAT (ID): 1, AMP/Arcata CBC, 11 Dec-5 Jan (KN,EE, et al.); 1, Del Norte CBC, 21 Dec: 1, Centerville CBC, 28 Dec (AB, MG): HOODED WARBLER (FR): 1 male, ESRWA, 21-22 Dec (BA, WS, JSt, SH, T & L H-H, et al.): ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK (FR): 1 male, Eureka, 1-5 Dec (BS, fide JHe); 1 female, Westhaven, 18-25 Dec (TM); 1 male, Elk River Valley, 3-5 Jan (JSi): BLACK-HEADED GROSBEAK (ID): 1 winter male, Fortuna, Sep through at least 9 Jan, seen at sunflower feeder almost daily (MP): INDIGO BUNTING (FR): 1 winter male, Eureka, 10 Jan (JA): CHIPPING SPARROW (ID): 1, Arcata, 5 Dec (GB); 1, Willow Creek, 3 Jan (SH): FOX SPARROW (ID): 1 (red race), Trinity Center, 6 Dec (GH, JH, GS); 1 (gray headed race) singing, AMP, 19 Dec, 29 Dec (SH, et al.): HARRIS' SPARROW (FR): 1, Scotia, 1-11 Dec (anon); 1, Willow Creek CBC, 3 Jan (PS): TRICOLORED BLACKBIRD (ID): 1, Smith River Bottoms, 21 Dec (RE):

Good Grebes

MORE USUAL GOOD STUFF: RED-NECKED GREBE (IL): 1, Trinity Dam, 6 Dec (GH,JH,GS): EARED GREBE (IN): 12-20, AMP/AOP, 11-16 Dec (SH, KN): CLARK'S GREBE (IL): 1-8, Humboldt Bay Entrance, 6-28 Dec (MM,SH, RR, L&T H-H); 1-2, Lower Eel River, 26-28 Dec (JP,DF, JS,CD,GB, et al.); 2, vic. AOP, 16 Dec (KN): SHORT-TAILED/SOOTY SHEARWATER (EM): 1, seawatch from Table Bluff, 28 Dec (TL, JH): BROWN PELICAN (IN): 348, mouth of Eel River, 30 Nov (BS); 260, Del Norte CBC, 21 Dec; 250, Centerville CBC, 28 Dec: AMERICAN BITTERN (FR): 9 reports from usual coastal locations throughout period (mob): CATTLE EGRET (MS): Only 4 reports! 5, AMP, 29 Nov (RS); 1-3, AB, 16-20 Dec (SH, et al.), 5 Jan (KI): GREEN HERON (FR): 1, Fortuna (AD, MG), 1, Salt River (SMc), both 28 Dec; 4, Willow Creek CBC, 3 Jan (SH, T & L H-H, RJA): TUNDRA SWAN (ID): Our usual wintering birds arrived late this year; only 140 could be found during an aerial census from False Cape to Smith River, 11 Dec (MK), but 700+ were reported on Eel River Bottoms/HBNWR, 28 Dec (Centerville CBC) and 700-800 were counted there, plus 60-70 on Arcata Bottoms, and 180 on Smith River Bottoms during an aerial survey on 9 Jan (EB, MK, SH); 30 were reported flying north past Wedding Rock, 4 Jan (KI).

Great goose sightings

GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE (FR): 1, AMP, 1 Dec (SH); 1, AB, 13 Dec (SMc); 1, Willow Creek Golf Course, 3 Jan (SH, LH, T & L H-H): SNOW GOOSE (FR): 1, AMP, 1 Dec (SH): ROSS' GOOSE (FR): 2, AMP, 1 Dec (SH); 1, AB, 29 Nov (RS): TAVERNER'S CANADA GOOSE (FR): 10-12, AMP, 1 Dec (SH); 1, Lanphere Road, 16 Dec (SH): ALEUTIAN CANADA GOOSE (ID): 170, Smith River Bottoms, 6 Dec (none present on 13 Dec) (PS, SH, et al.): CACKLING CANADA GOOSE (FR): 3, AMP, 1 Dec (SH); 2, Smith River Bottoms, 6 Dec (PS, SH, et al.); 1, AB, 13 Dec (SMc); 1, Willow Creek Golf Course, 3 Jan (SH, T & L H-H): GADWALL (IL): 1 female, Willow Creek Golf Course, 25 Dec (JH, et al.): EURASIAN WIGEON (EM): 6 reports of males, from AMP, AB, Orick, HBNWR, and south Humboldt Bay, 30 Nov-28 Dec (mob): REDHEAD (IL): 3, Trinity Center, 3, Lewiston Lake, both 6 Dec (GH, JH, GS); 2, Lewiston Lake, 10 Jan (GH, SR); 4 reports of 1-19 from coastal

locations, 13 Dec-6 Jan (mob): BLACK SCOTER (EL): 1-2 Entrance, Humboldt Bay, 6 Dec-28 Dec (T & L H-H, MW, SH, RR); 1 pair off Redwood Creek, 7 Jan (MM): COMMON GOLDENEYE (IN): 60, Lewiston, 10 Jan (GH, SR): HOODED MERGANSER (EL): 5 reports of 1-4 from AOP, AB, Eureka sewage marshes, King Salmon, Lake Earl, 2 Dec-8 Jan (mob); 7, Willow Creek CBC, 3 Jan (SH, et al.).

Raptors again

ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK (EM): 8 reports of single birds from AB, Eel River Bottoms, HBNWR, Hayfork, 19 Dec-5 Jan (mob): MERLIN (EM): 11 reports from AB, Eel River Bottoms, King Salmon, Table Bluff, South Spit, Hayfork, 6-28 Dec (mob): PEREGRINE FALCON (MS): Reports of at least 17 individuals from AB, mouth of Elk River, mouth of Jacoby Creek, South Jetty, Eel River Bottoms, McKinleyville, Wedding Rock, near Willow Creek, Benbow, 4 Dec-9 Jan (mob): MOUNTAIN QUAIL (IL): 8, McCann, 1 Dec (JG): SEMIPALMATED PLOVER (IN): 30, near AOP, 16-17 Dec (KN): SNOWY PLOVER (IL): 3, South Spit, near the jetty, first report there in several years!, 28 Dec (T & L H-H, et al.); 2, Arcata CBC, 20 Dec (only the second ever report for this count circle): AMERICAN AVOCET (IL): 20, Lanphere Road, 16 Dec (SH); 1, Ferndale Bottoms, 28 Dec (RLeV, SM); 56!, HBNWR, 28 Dec (BD): RED KNOT (ID): 9, AB, 2 Jan (SMc): ROCK SANDPIPER (EL): 1-3, North Jetty, 3 Dec-1 Jan (KS, MW, SMc); 1, South Jetty, 28 Dec (T & L H-H): DUNLIN (IL): 1, Trinity Center, 6 Dec (JH, GH, GS): COMMON SNIBE (IL): 1, near Hayfork, 19 Dec (JH, et al.): HERRING GULL (IN): many more than usual, examples: 14, Wedding Rock, 4 Dec (KI); 25-41, Crab Park, 26-28 Dec (DF, JP, et al.); 50, South Bay, 28 Dec (SH, et al.); 35, Wedding Rock, 4 Jan (KI): THAYER'S GULL (IN): many more than usual: 7, Wedding Rock, 4 Dec (KI); 1, Crab Park, 26-28 Dec (JP, DF); 7, South Bay, 28 Dec (MK, T & L H-H, CH); 5, Wedding Rock, 4 Jan (KI); 1 imm, Big Lagoon Spit, 10 Jan (JP, DF): BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE (IN): 5 reports of 1-4 from South Jetty, Crab Park, mouth of Redwood Creek (mob).

Winter Terns

CASPIAN TERN (ID): 6, Hookton Slough, 11 Jan (DF, JP); 2, Centerville CBC, 28 Dec: FORSTER'S TERN (IN): actual counts of 35 (30 Nov), 33 (11 Dec), 45 (16 Dec), from AOP (SH, KN), the most ever recorded here in winter: BAND-TAILED PIGEON (IN): 20-65, South Fork, Trinity River, 3-22 Dec (TL); 200, near Benbow, 25 Dec (JS); 16-17, Whale Gulch, 26 Dec (JS); 1, Sunny Brae, 6 Jan (SH): WESTERN SCREECH-OWL (FR): 3, Elk River Road, 28 Dec (SH, et al.): NORTHERN SAW-WHET OWL (FR): 1, Elk River Road, 28 Dec (SH, et al.): SPOTTED OWL (FR): 2, Elk River Road, 28 Dec (SH, et al.); 1, near Fortuna, 28 Dec (AD, MG); 1, Arcata, 9 Jan (RG, et al.): WHITE-HEADED WOODPECKER (EL): 1, Horse Mountain 3 Jan (KL); HORNED LARK (IL): 1, Trinity Center, 6 Dec (GH, JH, GS): GRAY JAY (EL): 5 reports of 2-11 from College of the Redwoods, Tompkins Hill, Poole Road, Elk River (RS, JD, PH, MW, RJA, DA, RB, JF): BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE (EL): 10 reports of 1-14 from expected coastal locations north of Ferndale (mob): WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCH (IL): 1, Del Norte CBC, 21 Dec: AMERICAN DIPPER (FR): 1, below Little Pine Creek Bridge, 27 Dec (MRg, MMe): TOWNSEND'S SOLITAIRE (FR): 1, Del Norte CBC, 21 Dec: NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD (FR): 5 reports (4 locations) of singles from Arcata, AB, Loleta, 8-28 Dec (mob).

Wintering Warblers

ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER (EL): 17 reports of 1-15 from Ft. Bragg north to Del Norte County, all coastal locations (mob), except one at Willow Creek, 3 Jan (L H-H): NASHVILLE WARBLER (EL): 10 reports of 1-5 from Ferndale, Fortuna, Eureka, Arcata, 30 Nov-5 Jan (mob): BLACK-THROATED GRAY WARBLER (ID): 1, Eureka, 6 Dec (BD): YELLOW WARBLER (ID): 1, Salt River, 28 Dec (SMc); 1, Ferndale, 28 Dec (GL): PALM WARBLER (EM): 17 reports of 1-7 from expected coastal locations near water, 30 Nov-7 Jan (mob): CALIFORNIA TOWHEE (EL): 1, Blue Lake levee, 20 Dec (MM); 2, Jacoby Creek, 20 Dec (JP); 4, Tompkins Hill,

28 Dec (PH, MW); 3, Fortuna, 28 Dec (AD, MG): SWAMP SPARROW (EM): 6 reports of singles at AMP, mouth Jacoby Creek, South Bay, Loleta Bottoms, Ferndale, Salt River, 6-28 (mob): SLATE-COLORED JUNCO (EM): 1, Willow Creek, 4-13 Dec (TL, et al.): LAPLAND LONGSPUR (EM): 32, scattered along Centerville Beach, 28 Dec (BC).

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