

Field Notes
by Stanley W. Harris
20 March-25 April 1999

Spring migrants are beginning to become obvious, but the season seems behind normal years:

H.S.U. pelagic trips on 17 and 25 Apr, results as follows (fide LG) a "few" Black-footed Albatrosses (both dates), Sooty Shearwaters (both), about 10 Pink-footed Shearwaters, Marbled Murrelets (4 on the 17th, 9 on the 25th), **NO** Cassin's Auklets on the 17, "about 6" on the 25th, and about 20 Sabine's Gulls (17th) but only 3 on the 25th. More details below. KI reported heavy use of ERWA by shorebirds on 25 April with movement from South Bay across Table Bluff to ERWA 3-4 hours before high tide: Examples: (all 25 Apr), 550 Black-bellied Plovers, 8 Semipalmated Plovers, 2800 Dunlin, 2600 Least Sandpipers and 1700 Western Sandpipers, plus others detailed below. Abbreviations used: **AB** = Arcata Bottoms; **AMP** = Arcata Marsh Project; **CCH** = Crescent City Harbor; **ED** = Expected Date; **EL** = Expected Location; **EM** = Expected Migrant; **ERWA** = Eel River Wildlife Area; **FR** = Few Records; **GW** = Gee Whiz Report; **HBNWR** = Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge; **ID** = Interesting Date; **IN** = Interesting Location; **IN** = Interesting Numbers; **IR** = Interesting Report; **mo** = Many Observers; **MS** = Monitored Species; **ND/C** = No Details, not Confirmed.

HIGHLIGHTS: HORNED GREBE (IN): 1 (only), South Bay, 1 Apr (SH): **FORK-TAILED STORM PETREL (IL):** 2-5, King Salmon/North Jetty, 31 Mar-1 Apr (MM, MW, KN); 3-10, CCH, 3-5 Apr (AB): **LEACH'S STORM PETREL (IL, NC):** 1, North Humboldt Bay flying across mud flats, 17 Apr (MC): **CATTLE EGRET (MS):** 1-4 vic and at AMP, 30 Mar-11 Apr (JT, EE, SH): **BLUE-WINGED TEAL (FR):** 1 pair, HBNWR, 15 Apr (SL); 1-2 males, Allen Marsh, 15, 24 Apr (PL, PF); 1 male, Hookton Slough, 18 Apr (SP et al.); 1 male, Copenhagen Road, 18 Apr (SP, et al.); 1 male, No Name Pond, 24 Apr (JP): **HARLEQUIN DUCK (FR):** 1 pair, CCH, "all winter through 5 Apr" (AB): **OLD SQUAW (FR):** 2, CCH, 5 Apr (AB): **PACIFIC GOLDEN PLOVER (ID):** 35, north side of Eel River Mouth, 12 Apr (SMc, RLeV); 2, AB, 13 Apr (KI), 2, ERWA, 25 Apr (KI): **BLACK-NECKED STILT (FR):** 2, Lanphere Road, 16 Apr (BC); 1, Copenhagen Road, 18 Apr (AS, fide SP); 2, ERWA, 25 Apr (KI): **SOLITARY SANDPIPER (FR):** 1, Hilton Road "south of Orick," 25 Apr (JP, DF): **STILT SANDPIPER (FR, GW):** 1, AB, 13 Apr (KI): **POMARINE JAEGER (ID):** 1, Mad River View Point, 31 Mar (DF); 1, Offshore, Eureka, 25 Apr (LG): **PARASITIC JAEGER (ID):** 1, Mad River Viewpoint, 31 Mar (DF): **GLAUCOUS GULL (FR):** 1, second winter, Mouth Elk River, 2 Apr (SH, et al.); 1, second winter, CCH, 5 Apr (AB); 1, first winter, Eureka, 22 Apr (GL): **BARRED OWL (FR):** 1, near Whitethorn, 17 Apr (SP); 1, Big Trees Parking Lot, 15-17 Apr (PH); 1-2, Cal Barrel Road vic., 12-20 (DF, MH): **LONG-EARED OWL (FR):** 1, near Whitethorn, 5 Mar, 17 Apr (SP): **WHITE-THROATED SWIFT (FR):** 1-2, Edward C. Wagner Bridge (Smith Point Bridge), 28 Mar-11 Apr (J & MS).

Busy Humming Mom

ANNA'S HUMMINGBIRD (GW): 1 female, feeding full grown young in a nest while simultaneously (alternately) incubating eggs in a second nest about 10 feet away, Mad River Community Hospital, 24 Mar (KI). This same bird was seen incubating, 8 Apr (SH) and feeding newly hatched young, 10 Apr (KI), but the nest with 2 half grown young appeared to be abandoned 23 Mar (KI): There was a sugar feeder about 5 feet from the first nest. **SAY'S PHOEBE (FR):** 1, Smith River Bottoms, 26 Mar (PS); 1, Elk Head, 28 Mar (BC); 1, Fieldbrook Valley, 4 Apr (BS, ST); 1, AMP, 11 Apr (JT): **NORTHERN SHRIKE (FR):** 1, Smith River Bottoms, 28 Apr (JH); 1 (update), 10 Mile-River, near Ft. Bragg, 15 Mar (DT): **BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER (IL):** 1, Azalea Hill, 24 Apr (GL): **NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH (FR):** 1, AMP log pond, 30 Mar, 11 Apr (JT, EE): **CALIFORNIA TOWHEE (IL):** 1, Arcata Feeder, 18 Apr (JM): **AMERICAN TREE SPARROW (NC/D):** 1, Kneeland, 19 Mar-6 Apr (BB):

OTHER INTERESTING REPORTS: PACIFIC LOON (EM): 1000, North Jetty, 24 Apr (anon); 1000's migrating past Mad River Vista Point, 25 Apr (BC): **COMMON LOON (EM):** 20, North Jetty, 24 Apr (anon): **RED-NECKED GREBE (EL, ED):** 3-5, King Salmon, 31 Mar-11 Apr (MM, BD): **CLARK'S GREBE (ED, EL):** 2, Klopp Lake, 11 Apr (JT): **NORTHERN FULMAR (ED):** 1, offshore, 25 Apr (LG): **BROWN PELICAN (ID):** 1, King Salmon, 11 Apr (BD): **AMERICAN BITTERN (MS):** 1, AMP, 4 Apr (GG): **GREAT BLUE HERON (EL):** "in rookery in pines," Hookton Road, 11 Apr (JP, DF): **GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE (FR):** 1, HBNWR, 31 Mar-15 Apr (SL): **ROSS' GOOSE (FR):** 2-3, AB, 27 Mar-2 Apr (GH, JH, SH, et al.); 2, Smith River Bottoms, 28 Mar (JH): **BLACK BRANT (EL, IL):** 3000, South Humboldt Bay, 11 Apr (BD); 85 in pasture, HBNWR, 15 Apr (SL): **WESTERN CANADA GOOSE (IL):** 2, near Eel Rock on Eel River, 22 Apr (JG): **ALEUTIAN CANADA GOOSE (IN, MS):** 350-1000+, AB, 31 Mar-2 Apr (SH, et al.); PS reports the peak count of spring migrants at about 32,000 this year in spite of the loss this winter of about 800 to Fowl Cholera in the Central Valley. **GREEN-WINGED TEAL (IL):** 3 pair along Eel River, near Eel Rock, 25 Apr (JG): **CINNAMON TEAL (IL):** 1, along Eel River at junction with South Fork, 25 Apr (JG): **EURASIAN WIGEON (FR):** 5 reports (8 birds represented) from North Bay, Hookton Slough, HBNWR, AB, Copenhagen Road, 11-18 Apr (JT, DF, JP, SL, PS, SP): **REDHEAD (FR):** 1 male, Lanphere Road, 31 Mar-9 Apr (SH, GG, BW, et al.): **COMMON GOLDENEYE (FR):** 1-2, AB, 27 Mar-10 Apr (DA, BD).

Ospreys and Eagles

OSPREY (ED): 4 reports (4 birds) from Benbow, South Bay, Mouth Eel River, Big Lagoon (on nest), 28 Mar-20 Apr (JS, SH, BS, DF): **BALD EAGLE (IN):** 8 reports (8 birds) from Benbow, Mouth Eel River, King Salmon, AB, Klopp Lake, North Bay, 28 Mar-24 Apr (mo): **COOPER'S HAWK (IR):** 1, "acting territorial," Hookton Road, 11 Apr (DF, JP); 1-3, near Eel Rock, 22-24 Apr (JG): **GOLDEN EAGLE (FR):** 1 pair, near Benbow, 11 Apr (JS): **MERLIN (MS):** 1, Klopp Lake, 15-16 Apr (TR, PL): **PEREGRINE FALCON (MS):** 1, AMP, 31 Mar-16 Apr (SH, GG, PS, TR, PL); 1, HBNWR, 15 Apr (SL): **BLUE GROUSE (EL):** 4, Bald Hills, near School House Peak, 25 Apr (BF): **MOUNTAIN QUAIL (EL):** 1, "singing," Mail Ridge, 18 Apr (JG): **AVOCET (IL):** 3, ERWA, 25 Apr (KI): **GREATER YELLOWLEGS (IN):** 40 ± (one flock), AB, 27 Mar (DA): **LESSER YELLOWLEGS (EM):** 2, ERWA, 25 Apr (KI): **WANDERING TATTLER (ED):** 3, breeding plumage, North Jetty, 18 Apr (KS): **WHIMBREL (EM):** 150, 15 Apr, 235, 25 Apr, (both mouth Little River, KI): **RUDDY TURNSTONE (IL):** 3, CCH, 27 Mar (PS): **SURFBIRD (ED):** x (breeding plumage), North Jetty, 18 Apr (KS): **RED KNOT (IN, ED):** 2-13, Klopp Lake island, 11-16 Apr (JT, PS, PL); 3, ERWA, 25 Apr (KI): **COMMON SNIPE (IN):** 40 in one field, West End Road/Hatchery Road, 12 Apr (MV, CW): **BONAPARTE'S GULL (ED):** 100 migrating past mouth Elk River in 10 minutes, 6 Apr (GL): **MEW GULL (ID):** 3-4, AB, 31 Mar (SH): **CASPIAN TERN (ED):** 1, CCH, 27 Apr (PS); 9, South Bay and mouth Elk River, 2 Apr (SH, et al.); 100, migrating past mouth Redwood Creek in 10 minutes, 6 Apr (DF): **ANCIENT MURRELET (FR):** 4, Offshore Eureka, 25 Apr (LG): **MARBLED MURRELET (MS):** "good aerial show," Boye's Prairie, 19 Apr (23 seen in flight, 20 Apr; 35 seen in flight, 25 Apr, all DF, JP): **RHINOCEROUS AUKLET (FR):** 4, near Green Rock, 24 Apr (MW); 3-4, Offshore Eureka, 25 Apr (LG): **TUFTED PUFFIN (MS):** 1, Green Rock and vic, 17, 24 Apr (MW).

Lots of owls

BARN OWL (IL): 1, Smith River Bottoms, 28 Mar (JH): **PYGMY OWL (EL):** 1, in open habitat, Mail Ridge, 18 Apr (JG): **SPOTTED OWL (MS):** 1, near Whitethorn, mid March-mid Apr (SP): **SHORT-EARED OWL (EL):** 1-2, AB, 8-17 Apr (KI, RC); 1, Hookton Slough, 11 Apr (JP, DF): **SAW-WHET OWL (FR):** 1, well described **juvenal plumage**, Petrolia, 19 Mar (MP): **VAUX'S SWIFT (ED):** 1, AMP, 8 Apr (JT, EE); x, southern Humboldt Co, 18 Apr (JS); 50 ±, dropping into a chimney, 13th and I, Arcata, 21 Apr (CW): **RUFOUS HUMMINGBIRD (ED):** 12 reports (in the spring sweepstakes) (18 birds), Garberville to Crescent City, 28 Mar-21 Apr (mo): **YELLOW-SHAFTED (TYPE) FLICKER (NC):** 1 female, Arcata Airport, 5 Apr (RD): **PILEATED**

WOODPECKER: 1, Fruitland Ridge, 17 Apr (JG): **HAMMOND'S FLYCATCHER (IL, ND):**1, "singing," Boye's Prairie, 15 Apr (DF, GH, TL): **PACIFIC-SLOPE FLYCATCHER (ED):** 1, McKinleyville near a traditional nest site, 1 Apr (JD); 1, Arcata Community Forest, 18 Apr (KS); 1, Bayside, 1, Boye's Prairie, 1, Davison Road/101, all 20 Apr (DF): **WESTERN KINGBIRD (EM):** 1, Cannibal Road, 18 Apr (SP): **CASSIN'S VIREO (EM):** 1, singing, Todd Ranch, 21 Apr (TL): **WARBLING VIREO (EM):** 2, Blue Lake Bottoms, 18 Apr (KS): **GRAY JAY (EL):** 2, Prairie Creek St. Park, 6 Apr (DF, JP); 1, Patrick's Point Drive x Highway 101, 24 Apr (DF): **HORNED LARK (IL):** 1, Freshwater Lagoon, 15 Apr (SMc).

Swallows are Back

: **PURPLE MARTIN (EM):** x, AB, 25 Apr (BC): **ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW (EM):** 2, Edward C. Wagner Bridge, 21 Mar (JS): **CLIFF SWALLOW (EM):** 1, AMP, 30 Mar (JT, EE); x, Lanphere Road bridge, 16 Apr (BC); x, southern Humboldt Co., 18 Apr (JS): **BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE (IL):** 2, Korbel, 5 Apr (SC); 1, AMP, 13 Apr (GG): **HOUSE WREN (EM):** x, Bald Hills, near School House Peak, 25 Apr (BF): **WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCH (FR):** 2 pair, Mail Ridge, 18 Apr (JG): **WESTERN BLUEBIRD (IL):** 2, Korbel, 27 Mar (SC): **TOWNSEND'S SOLITAIRE (IL):**1, Prairie Creek St. Park, 12 Apr (DF): **NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD (FR):** 1, AB, 24 Apr (BC): **CEDAR WAXWING (EM):** 45, Sunny Brae, 21 Apr (SH): **ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER (IN, EM):** 30-40 singing along 3 miles of Eel River near Benbow, 11 Apr (JS); 20 in one tree, Davison Road/101, 20 Apr (DF): **HERMIT WARBLER (EM):** 1, Azalea Hill, 4 Apr (GL): **PALM WARBLER (FR):** 1-2 (1 singing), AMP log pond, 30 Mar-11 Apr (JT, EE): **COMMON YELLOWTHROAT (EM):** 6 ±, Eureka Sewage Marshes, 6 Apr (GL); 7±, AMP, 8 Apr (JT, EE); 1, AMP, 13 Apr (GG); 1, singing, No Name Pond, 24 Apr (JP): **WILSON'S WARBLER (EM):** 1, Bald Hills Road, 3 Apr (JR, fide GL); 2, Blue Lake Bottoms, 18 Apr (KS); x, singing, Boye's Prairie, 19 Apr (DF): **CHIPPING SPARROW (EM):** 1, Bayside, 14 Apr (DF, JP); "some," singing, near School House Peak, 25 Apr (BF): **LARK SPARROW (EM):** 8, Mail Ridge, 18 Apr (JG); 1, Big Trees Parking Lot, 18 Apr (PH): **LINCOLN'S SPARROW (IN, ID):** 7±, AMP, 8 Apr (JT,EE).

Poor Sam Peabody to leave

WHITE-THROATED SPARROW (ED): 1-2, Sunny Brae, 25 Mar-23 Apr (SH); 1, Smith River Bottoms, 28 Mar (JH); 3, Blue Lake Bottoms, 18 Apr (KS); 1, singing, Azalea Hill, 21 Apr (GL): **SLATE-COLORED JUNCO (FR):** 1, Ft. Bragg, 4 Apr (DT); 1, Elk Head, 15 Apr (TL); 1, Azalea Hill, 21 Apr (GL): **BLACK-HEADED GROSBEAK (EM):** 2, Todd Ranch, 21 Apr (TL): **TRICOLORED BLACKBIRD (MS):** x, at nesting colony, Sandy Prairie Road, 19 Apr (JS): **WESTERN MEADOWLARK (IN):** ±10 singing, Mail Ridge, 18 Apr (JG): **BULLOCK'S ORIOLE (EM):** 1 female (type), AMP log pond, 26 Mar, 8 Apr (SH, JT, EE); 1, Todd Ranch, 21 Apr (TL): **PACIFIC WHITE-SIDED DOLPHIN:** Offshore Eureka, 25 Apr (LG): **MINK:** 4, Humboldt Redwoods State Park, 7 Apr (JG): **BOBCAT:** 1, Kneeland, 16 Mar (BB): **GRAY FOX:** 1, Sunny Brae (on my deck), 5 Apr (SH); 1, Fruitland Ridge, 3 Apr (JG):

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A rather quiet month with very few surprises reported. Early migrants are beginning to arrive. Abbreviations used: AB = Arcata Bottoms; AMP = Arcata Marsh Project; CR = College of the Redwoods; EL = Expected Location; EM = Expected Migrant; EWM = Expected in winter or migration in small numbers: FR = Few Records: IN = Interesting Numbers: MS = Monitored Species: ND/C = No details or description, not confirmed, identification?

HIGHLIGHTS: GLAUCOUS GULL (FR): 1 (second winter), new mouth Mad River, 13 Mar (GL): **BURROWING OWL (FR):** 1, South Spit, 12 Mar (MW) (only one reported this winter!): **WHITE-THROATED SWIFT (FR):** At least 3 returned to the Edward C. Wagner Bridge on Highway 101 just south of Benbow by 7 Mar (JP), **not** seen there on 1 Mar (J&MS): **SAY'S PHOEBE (FR):** 1, Glass Beach at Ft. Bragg, 26 Feb & 10 Mar (JH); 1, Big Lagoon, 16 Mar (TL): **BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER (FR):** 1, Manila, 22 Feb (DA): **NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH (FR):** 1, AMP, 26 Feb (EE, GZ): **CLAY-COLORED SPARROW (FR):** 1, Arcata, 9 Mar (GB).

HOW ABOUT THESE TOO? RED-NECKED GREBE (EWM): 1, South Jetty, 12 Mar (MW): **CLARK'S GREBE (EWM):** 1, North Bay at AMP, 26 Feb (PL): 1, Liscomb Slough, 27 Feb (PL); 1, Butcher Slough, 3 Mar (PL): at least 8 in a flock of 318 Western type grebes off Field's Landing, 9 Mar (MW): **AMERICAN BITTERN (MS):** 1, Pound Road, south Eureka, 16 Mar (GL): **TUNDRA SWAN (EWM):** "Some" (how many Bryon?), AB, 14 Mar (BC): **ROSS' GOOSE (EWM):** 2, AB, 22 Feb-5 Mar (EE, KN, PS): **ALEUTIAN CANADA GOOSE (EWM):** 120-900, AB, 22 Feb-7 Mar (EE, KN, DF, JP, PS), 220, AB, 15 Mar (DF): 1, Ft. Bragg, 12 Feb (update) (DT): **PINTAIL (IN):** 100, AB, 25 Feb (JSe): **EURASIAN WIGEON (EWM):** 2, AB, 25 Feb (JSe); 1, near Orick, 5 Mar (PF): **REDHEAD (FR):** 1, AB, 17 Mar (BC): **RING-NECKED DUCK (FR):** 2-20, Eel River near Fortuna, 9-15 Mar (RC): **BLACK SCOTER (MS):** 1 female, mouth Klamath River, 21 Feb (GH); 2-12, MacKerricher St. Park, 5 Feb-10 Mar (DT, JH): **HARLEQUIN (FR):** 2-4, Glass Beach & MacKerricher St. Park, 26 Feb-10 Mar (JH, DT): **OLD SQUAW (FR):** 1, King Salmon, 28 Feb (MW); 1, Big Lagoon, 16 Mar (TL); 1, Ft. Bragg, 10 Mar (JH): **COMMON GOLDENEYE (EWM):** 1, AMP, 21 Feb (JSe); 1, CR, 25 Feb (BF); 2, AMP, 2 Mar (PL): **OSPREY (EM):** 1, Big Lagoon, 16 Mar (TL): **BALD EAGLE (MS):** 1 (age?), Big Lagoon, 20 Feb (BK); 1 ad, 1 imm, Eel River Bottoms, 21 Feb (DF, JP); 1 (age?), Hookton Slough, 21 Feb (CO); 1 adult, Benbow, 15-22 Feb (J&MS); 1 adult, Miranda, ± 20 Feb (J&MS); 1 adult, overhead, Arcata, 25 Feb (GG); 2 adults, South Bay, 9, 17 Mar (MW, RLV): **FERRUGINOUS HAWK (FR):** 1, AB, 26-28 Feb (JS, GL): **GOLDEN EAGLE (FR):** 1, Kneeland,

20 Feb, (BB): 2, Benbow, 7 Mar (J&MS); 2 adults feeding on a deer carcass near Maple Creek, 17 Mar (KK):

MERLIN (EWM): 1 (richardsoni), Eel River Bottoms, 21 Feb (DF, JP); 1, AB, 26 Feb (JS); 1, Bald Hills, 5 Mar (PF): **PEREGRINE FALCON (MS):** 1 Big Lagoon, 7 Mar (TL); 1 flushed from Blank Rock off Trinidad, 7 Mar (MM); 1 flushed from White Rock off Patrick's Point, 7 Mar (MM): **SNOWY PLOVER (MS):** 25 (9 banded), Clam Beach, 20 Feb (GL); 1, Big Lagoon Beach, 16 Mar (TL): **SEMPALMATED PLOVER (IN):** 180, South Spit, 1 Mar (DF, JP): **BLACK OYSTERCATCHER (EL):** 1, South Jetty, 12 Mar (MW): **SPOTTED SANDPIPER (IL):** 1, Trinidad, 22 Feb (TL): **RED KNOT (FR):** 3-8, Klopp Lake

high tide roost, ± 1 Mar (1 seen taken by a Peregrine, 27 Feb) (PL): **ROCK SANDPIPER (EWM)**: 2, North Jetty, 6 Mar (MW); 2, MacKerricher St. Park, 1 Mar (DT).

CASPIAN TERN (EM): 1, Patrick's Point, 11 Mar (TL): **BAND-TAILED PIGEON (EM)**: 5, Azalea Hill, 27 Feb (GL); 2, Sunny Brae, 28 Feb (SH): **RUFIOUS HUMMINGBIRD (EM)**: 1, Sunny Brae, 3 Mar (SH); 1, Bayside, 6 Mar (BF); 1, Fortuna, 10 Mar (KW): **ALLEN'S HUMMINGBIRD (EM)**: 1, Garberville, 8 Mar (MW): **NORTHERN FLICKER (IN)**: 11 on one lawn at once, Ft. Bragg, 12 Feb (DT); 1 intergrade, Fortuna, 10 Mar (KW): **TREE SWALLOW (EM)**: 4-100, AMP, 24 Feb-6 Mar (MM, EE, GZ, RC): **VIOLET-GREEN SWALLOW (EM)**: 2, AMP, 26 Feb (EE, GZ); x, Azalea Hill, 2 Mar (GL); 4, Starvation Flat, 6 Mar (RC): **ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW (EM)**: 1, Pound Road, south Eureka, 16 Mar (GL): **WESTERN BLUEBIRD (MS)**: 1, Ferndale, 27 Feb (RC); "some" (how many Bryon?), Highway 101 x Little River, 14 Mar (BC): **TOWNSEND'S SOLITAIRE (IL)**: 1, Azalea Hill, 1 Mar (GL): **NORTHERN SHRIKE (FR)**: 1, 10-mile River north of Ft. Bragg, 10 Mar (good description, DT): **SHRIKE SP? (FR)**: 1, AB, 11 Mar (BC): **LOGGERHEAD SHRIKE (ND/C)**: 1, Bald Hills, 5 Mar (PF): **BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE (EL)**: "several", Dry Lagoon, 21 Feb (BC): **PALM WARBLER (FR)**: 1, AMP, ±1-5 Mar (PL, EE): **COMMON YELLOWTHROAT (EWM)**: 1, Pound Road, south Eureka, 16 Mar (GL): **WHITE-THROATED SPARROW (EWM)**: 1, AMP, 5 Mar (EE); 2, Sunny Brae, 6 Mar (SH): **LAPLAND LONGSPUR (FR)**: 1, AB, 25 Feb (DF): **EVENING GROSBEAK (EM, MS)**: x, Azalea Hill, 22-25 Feb (RR); 10-12, West End Road, 22 Feb (EK); 3-14, Blue Lake, 25-28 Feb (CK, SB); 4, Prairie Creek St. Park, 28 Feb (anon); 17, HSU campus, 5 Mar (KN); 7, Hydesville, 6 Mar (I&WC); 10-20, Fortuna, 10-17 Mar (KW); 20, Azalea Hill, 13 Mar (GL).

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After the Christmas Bird Count madness, things have settled down a bit, but early spring migration is already underway, many ducks (and some avocets?) have left us, and Allen's and Rufous Hummingbirds are arriving, so spring can't be far behind. Abbreviations used in this report:

AB = Arcata Bottoms; AMP = Arcata Marsh Project; ED = Expected Date; EL = Expected Location; EM = Expected Migrant; FR = Few Records; GW = Gee Whiz Report; ID = Interesting Date; IL = Interesting Location; IN = Interesting Numbers; MS = Monitored Species; NC = Not Confirmed; ND = No Details; NPR = No Previous Record; SR = Sample Records:

HIGHLIGHTS: BLUE-WINGED TEAL (FR): 1 pair, AMP, 17 Jan (BK); **EURASIAN WIGEON (FR):** 1, Orick, 13 Jan (TL); 5 (!), Hookton Slough (Humboldt Bay NWR), 14 Feb (MW); **OLDSQUAW (FR):** 1 ad. male, MacKerricher State Park, 24 Dec-through Jan (DT); 1, Elk River mouth, 25 Jan (SL); 1 imm. male, ocean off Noyo River, 1 Feb (DT); 1 female, MacKerricher S. P., 3 Feb (DT); **HARLEQUIN DUCK (FR):** 1-2, North Jetty, 8-10 Jan (PR, EE); 1, South Jetty, 11 Feb (DG); **PRAIRIE FALCON (FR):** 1, AB, 24 Jan-12 Feb (BC, EE, MM, LG); **BLACK-NECKED STILT (FR):** 1, Vigo St. Marsh, 15 Jan (BF); 1, Vance Road, North Bay (flyby); 1 Feb (DG); **ROCK SANDPIPER (FR):** x, North Jetty, 8 Jan (PR); 1-2, MacKerricher S. P., throughout Jan (DT); **SLATY-BACKED GULL (GW, NPR, NC):** 1, Crescent City, 18 Jan (AB); **GLAUCOUS GULL (FR):** 1 (first winter), Crescent City, 24 Jan (KN); 1 ad., (ND), Vance Road, 25 Jan (BC); 1 (second winter), mouth Elk River, 31 Jan (MW); 1, Eureka, 7 Feb (RLeV); **SAY'S PHOEBE (FR):** 1, Friday Ridge Road (Flat), 8 Jan (GH); **LOGGERHEAD SHRIKE (FR):** 1, Loleta, 28 Jan (RC); **NORTHERN SHRIKE (FR):** 1, Kneeland, 1,16,20 Jan (BB); **ROCK WREN (FR):** 1, Eel River upstream from Alderpoint; 1, Mail Ridge (both 10 Jan, JH, TL, DF, JP); **TENNESSEE WARBLER (ID, ND, NC):** 1, McKinleyville, 30 Jan (DG); **BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER (ND):** 1, Manila, 17 Feb (DA); **NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH (ND):** 1, AMP, 23 Jan (EE); **CLAY-COLORED SPARROW (FR):** 1, Arcata, 7 Feb (LG); **RUFIOUS-CROWNED SPARROW (EL, ID):** 2, near Cain Rock, 10 Jan (JH, TL, DF, JP); **RUSTIC BUNTING (GW, FR, NC):** 1, AB, 4 Feb (KI); **HOODED ORIOLE (NC, ND):** 1, Arcata, 13 Jan (SS); **BULLOCK'S ORIOLE (ID):** 1, Arcata, 9-13 Jan (EE, Jason); 1 female, AMP, 14 Feb (GG).

LET'S NOT FORGET THESE TOO

PACIFIC LOON (ID): 1, North Jetty, 13 Jan (RC); **RED-NECKED GREBE (EL):** 2, South Jetty, 11 Feb (DG); **BROWN PELICAN (ID):** 43, near 10-Mile River, 5 Jan (DT); "small numbers" along Mendocino coast, all Jan (DT); 1, Fields Landing, 29 Jan (RC); **AMERICAN BITTERN (FR):** 1 imm., MacKerricher S. P., 6 & 27 Jan (DT); **CATTLE EGRET (MS):** 2-4, AB, 9 Jan-15 Feb, AB (Moxon Road) (PR, BC, SH, LH); **GREEN HERON (FR):** 1, Willow Creek Golf Course, 1-8 Feb (TL); **WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE (FR):** 1-8, AB, 24-30 Jan (GB, BC); **ROSS' GOOSE (FR):** 2, AB, 24-30 Jan (GB, BC, KN); 1, MacKerricher S. P., mid Nov through 7 Jan (DT); **DUSKY CANADA GOOSE (FR):** 1, Crescent City, Front Park, 19 Jan (SH, PS); **ALEUTIAN CANADA GOOSE (ID):** 1-15, AB, 24 Jan-15 Feb (GB, SH, LH); **GADWALL (IL):** 4, Orick, 13 Jan (TL); **REDHEAD (MS, IN):** 210, Fields Landing, 30 Jan (MW); **COMMON GOLDENEYE (ED, EL):** 1 female, Lower Mad River, 12 Feb (BF); **HOODED MERGANSER (FR):** 1 pair, Bear River Ridge pond, 16 Jan (DoF); **WHITE-TAILED KITE (IL):** 1 imm. Salyer, 26-28 Jan (TL, GH); 1 ad., Willow Creek, 1 Feb (TL); 1, Kneeland, 4, 15, 19 Jan (BB).

More Eagle news

BALD EAGLE (MS): 1 ad., mouth Willow Creek, 7-13 Jan (TL); 1 ad., 1 imm., near Cain Rock, 10 Jan (JH, TL, DF, JP); 1 ad., AB/AMP/lower Mad River, 24 Jan-15 Feb (JP, BC, KN, JS); 1 third year, near Cain Rock, 3 Jan (BD): 1-2, Big Lagoon, 23-25 Jan (BC, EE); 1 ad., Capetown, 7 Feb (MM): **HARLAN'S HAWK (FR):** 1, Hayfork, 8 Jan (GH): **FERRUGINOUS HAWK (FR):** 1, Smith River Bottoms, 24 Jan (KN); 1, AB, 30 Jan-11 Feb (GL, MM): **ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK (MS):** 2-3, Capetown, 7 Feb (MM): **GOLDEN EAGLE (EL):** 1, Alderpoint, 10 Jan (JH, TL, DF, JP); 2 ad., Capetown, 7 Feb (MM): **MERLIN (MS):** 1, Arcata, 9 Jan (EE); 1, Rohnerville, 10 Jan (GH); 1, near Crab Park, 30 Jan (BD); 1, AB, 7 Feb (MM): **PEREGRINE FALCON (MS):** 1, Mail Ridge, 10 Jan (JH, TL, DF, JP); 1, Eureka, 7 Feb (MM): **WILD TURKEY (FR):** 21, Fruitland Ridge, late Jan-e. Feb (JG): **MOUNTAIN QUAIL (IL):** 1 (road kill), milepost 9.0, south of Crescent City, highway 101, 24 Jan (KN): **SNOWY PLOVER (FR):** 2, Big Lagoon beach, 18 Jan (TL): **LESSER YELLOWLEGS (FR):** 1, AB, 25 Jan (DF); 2, near Crab Park, 30 Jan (BD): **WHIMBREL (ID):** 1, Fields Landing, 13 Jan (RC): **RED KNOT (FR):** 1-2, AMP, 30 Jan-12 Feb (PL); 4, AB, 31 Jan (MV, CW): **COMMON SNIPE (IN):** 35, Vance Road, 13 Jan (RC): **BONAPARTE'S GULL (ID):** 8, AOP, 11 Jan (SH): **HEERMANN'S GULL (ID):** 1 first year, MacKerricher S. P., 17 & 30 Jan (DT): **THAYER'S GULL (FR):** 1, mouth Redwood Creek, 23 Jan (DF): **BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE (FR):** 1, North Jetty, 10 Jan (EE): **RHINOCEROS AUKLET (ID):** 1-3, North Jetty, 8-10 Jan (EE, PR): **BAND-TAILED PIGEON (ID):** 2, Sunny Brae, 26 Jan (SH).

Hummers return

ALLEN'S HUMMINGBIRD (EM): 1, Azalea Hill, 15 Feb (GL): **RUFOUS HUMMINGBIRD (EM):** 1, Bayside, 18 Feb (DF): **SELASPHORUS SP. (EM):** 1, Azalea Hill, 11 Feb (LL); 1, east McKinleyville, 15 Feb (GL): **YELLOW-SHAFTED FLICKER (ED):** 1, Hookton Road, 11 Jan (DD); 1, Arcata, 16 Feb (GB): **MELANISTIC RED-SHAFTED FLICKER (GW):** 1, Blue Lake Fish Hatchery, Jan (MV, CW): **HORNED LARK (EL):** 1, Bear River Ridge, 7 Feb (MM); 1, near Virgin Creek, MacKerricher S. P., 26 Dec-18 Jan (DT): **TREE SWALLOW (ID):** 2, Lake Earl, 8 Jan (EE): **BARN SWALLOW (ID):** 1, AMP, 31 Jan (BC, PL); 1, Moxon Road, 6 Feb (PH, KM): **GRAY JAY (EL):** 5, Fieldbrook, daily at feeder, Jan (BP): **WESTERN BLUEBIRD (MS):** 17, Azalea Hill, 9 Jan (GL); 6, Kneeland, 4 days in Jan (BB); 9, Willow Creek, 25-26 Jan (TL); 6, Elk Prairie, 31 Jan (BK, MMc); 10, south Eureka, 1 Feb (SN, MD); 4, McKinleyville, 2 Feb (RCh); 3, Hatchery and West End Road, 5 Feb (CK); 3, Fruitland Ridge, 7 Feb (JG); 12, Table Bluff/Hookton Slough, 14 Feb (MW).

Another coastal solitaire

TOWNSEND'S SOLITAIRE (FR): 1, Westhaven, 15 Feb (TL): **NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD (FR):** 1, Lewiston, 8 Jan (GH): **NASHVILLE WARBLER:** 1-2, Arcata, 18-29 Jan (EE, KN): **PALM WARBLER:** 1, AMP, 31 Jan (KN): **COMMON YELLOWTHROAT (ID):** 1, AOP, 31 Jan (KN): **SWAMP SPARROW (FR):** 1, No Name Pond, 6 Feb (PH, KM): **WHITE-THROATED SPARROW (SR):** 1, Arcata, 12 Jan (GH); 1, Elk Head, 18 Jan (MHi); 4, Sunny Brae, 3 Feb (SH): **EVENING GROSBEAK (FR):** 3-20, Freshwater Valley, late Jan-11 Feb (RH, TR); 15-20, Hatchery Road, 14 Feb (anon): **BOBCAT:** 1, Kneeland, 3 Feb (BB): **GRAY FOX:** 1, Sunny Brae, 14 Feb (SH, et al.).

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Field Notes
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A period of mixed weather, holiday activities, and Christmas Bird Counts. Result? I don't have room to mention all the birds reported so please don't be offended if your report is not here. Many personal thanks to David Fix for filling in for me and finishing the report for November while I was out of town. Summaries of the Christmas Bird Counts as follows: Arcata (ACBC), 19 Dec: ice and cold in a.m., very strong, cold wind in p.m. = 165 species; Willow Creek (WCCBC), 26 Dec: ice, cold, calm, overcast, some snow on ground in a.m. = 83 species; Del Norte (DNCBC) 27 Dec: overcast, rain with terrible strong SW wind all day = 143 species; Lewiston (LCBC), 2 Jan: clear, warm, calm = 82 species; Centerville (CVCBC) 3 Jan: clear, warm, calm = 184 species (a new all time record by 1!); Abbreviations used: AB = Arcata Bottoms; AMP = Arcata Marsh Project; AOP = Arcata Oxidation Pond; EL = Expected Location; EM = Expected Migrant; EN = Expected Numbers; FR = Few Records; GW = Gee Whiz; HBNWR = Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge; ID = Interesting Date; IIT = Interesting if True; IL = Interesting Location; IN = Interesting Numbers; MO = Many Observers; MS = Monitored Species; ND/C= No Description/Not Confirmed.

HIGHLIGHTS

BULLER'S SHEARWATER (ID): 1-2, Wedding Rock, 3-6 Dec (DF, JP): **SHORT-TAILED SHEARWATER (FR):** 1-6, Wedding Rock, 3-6 Dec; 1, North Jetty, 1 Jan (all DF, JP): **ATLANTIC BRANT (FR):** 3 shot, South Bay, 3-6 Dec (fide, GL); 1 (alive), Freshwater Lagoon, 17 Dec (SP): **DUSKY CANADA GOOSE (FR):** 1, Crescent City, 27 Dec (S & LH): **BLUE-WINGED TEAL (FR):** 1-2, AMP, 14-31 Dec (KN, ACBC, BD); 1, Loleta Pond, 6 Jan (RH): **HARLEQUIN DUCK (FR):** up to 6, Glass Beach, throughout Dec (DT); 1 female, King Salmon, 3 Jan (BD); 1 male, North Jetty, 6 Jan (SP): **OLDSQUAW (EL):** 1-3, Fields Landing, 3 Dec- 3 Jan (MW, DF, JP, SH, BD, CVCBC); 1, MacKerricher St. P., 24 Dec + (DT); 1, Crescent City, 25-27 Dec (JB,CM,SH); 1, mouth Smith River, 25 Dec (JB,CM): **OSPREY (ID):** 1, Big Lagoon, 16 Dec (EE,BC); 1, CVCBC, 3 Jan): **PRAIRIE FALCON (FR):** 1, CVCBC, 3 Jan; 1, AB, 8 Jan (RLeV): **RUFFED GROUSE (FR):** 1, Rowdy Creek, (DNCBC), 27 Dec (KL): **GOLDEN-PLOVER (FR):** 1 (sp?), mouth Mad River Slough, 3 Dec (KI); 1 (sp?), AB, 18 Dec (DA); 5 (Pacific), Crab Park, 3 Jan (DF,JP).

Winter Stilts

BLACK-NECKED STILT (FR, GW): 1 (2?), Eel River Bottoms, 3 Jan (LD, RLeV, DF, JP): **RUFF (GW):** 1, South Spit, 4 Dec (TD): **WANDERING TATTLER (ID):** 1-2, South Jetty, 1-3 Jan (SH, BD,EE): **ANCIENT MURRELET (FR):** "many," vic. Ft. Bragg, nearshore, throughout Dec (DT); 5, Wedding Rock, 6 Dec (DF,JP); 4-9, North Jetty, 24-29 Dec (MW, DF, JP, BD); 1-2, Elk Head, Trinidad, 24 Dec-1 Jan (MM, MiH): 1-7, South Jetty, 1-3 Jan (BD,SH,EE): **YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO (???) IIT):** 1, caught by a cat, rescued, examined, released (no photos --Boo Hiss), interesting description, not totally convincing, but probable), McKinleyville, <16 Nov (RG): **LONG-EARED OWL (GW):** 2, CVCBC, (AD): **BARRED OWL (GW):** 1, Elk River Valley, 3 Jan (SH, BB): **ASH-THROATED FLYCATCHER (ID):** 1, HBNWR, 9-12 Dec (DD, SL): **HORNED LARK (IL):** 1, MacKerricher St. P., 26 Dec+ (DT): **MOUNTAIN BLUEBIRD (FR):** 1 male, Crescent City, 18 Dec (AB): **LOGGERHEAD SHRIKE (FR):** 1, South Spit, 3 Jan (MK): **SOLITARY VIREO SP? (ID):** 1, Arcata, 19 Dec (TL, JO, SS): **BLACK-THROATED GRAY WARBLER (ID):** 1, Fortuna, 3 Jan (AD): **BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER (ID):** 1, Canal School, 14-19 Dec (KN, SH); 4, ACBC: **NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH (FR):** 1, AMP, 21 Dec (EE, JT): **COMMON YELLOWTHROAT (ID):** 1, Loleta Bottoms, 3 Jan (KS): **CANADA WARBLER (FR, GW):** 1 female, McKinleyville, 26 Nov (RLeV): **CLAY-COLORED SPARROW (FR):** 1,

Arcata, 27 Nov-19 Dec (GB, ACBC): **YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD (FR)**: 1, AB, 5 Dec (KN): **BULLOCK'S ORIOLE (ID)**: 1, HBNWR, 12 Dec (SL); 1, ACBC; 1, Ferndale, 3 Jan (GL,LL).

OTHER INTERESTING REPORTS:

RED-NECKED GREBE (EM): 1-6, vic Hum. Bay Jetties, King Salmon, 10 Dec-3 Jan (MO): **CLARK'S GREBE (EL,EN,EM)**: 1-9, Humboldt Bay, 4 Dec-3 Jan (MO): **PACIFIC LOON (ID, IL)**: 1, Lewiston Lake, 6 Dec (BD, TE); 1, Elk Head, 2 Jan (MeH); 7, CVCBC: **COMMON LOON (IL)**: 2, Trinity Lake, 6 Dec (BD, TE): **BROWN PELICAN (IN)**: 14, Trinidad, 2 Jan (MeH); 30, CVCBC: **BRANDT'S CORMORANT (ID)**: 1 Trinidad, 2 Jan (MeH): **CATTLE EGRET (IN, low)**: 2-6, AB, 26 Nov-31 Dec (MO); 1 (only), CVCBC: **GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE (FR)**: 1-3, AB, 25 Nov-18 Dec (SP, DF, DA): 1 imm., MacKerricher S. P., 5-8 Dec (DT); 4-5, Hookton Road, 1-3 Jan (SH,BD): **SNOW GOOSE (FR)**: 1, AB, 14-19 Dec (KN, ACBC); 1, Hookton Slough, 23 Dec (MW); 1, CVCBC: **ROSS'S GOOSE (FR)**: 1-2, AB, 25 Nov-19 Dec (MO); 1 imm. MacKerricher S. P., throughout Dec (DT): **ALEUTIAN CANADA GOOSE (ID)**: 20-40, AB, 25 Nov-14 Dec (SP, SH); 50, Smith River Bottoms, 16 Dec (SH, MK); 2 Hookton Slough, 1 Jan (SH, BD): **ACKLING CANADA GOOSE (FR)**: 1, AMP, 14 Dec (SH); 2, Willow Creek Golf Course, 26 Dec (SH); 30-40, Hookton Slough, 1-3 Jan (SH, BD): **GADWALL, AMERICAN WIGEON (IL, IN)**: 1 each, Willow Creek Golf Course, 7-26 Dec (TL, SH): **EURASIAN WIGEON (FR)**: 1-4, 24 Nov-5 Dec (SP, DA); 1-2, CVCBC: **CANVASBACK (EN, ED)**: 1-12, Klopp Lake, 14 Dec-7 Jan (SH, DF); 1000-1200, Lake Earl, 16 Dec (SH, MK, EE, BD): **REDHEAD (MS)**: 4-143, Field's Landing, 3 Dec-3 Jan (MW, DF, SH); 2 males, near MacKerricher St. P., 23 Dec (DT): **BLACK SCOTER (EL)**: 1-3, South Bay, 8 Dec-3 Jan (DF, CVCBC); up to 12, MacKerricher St. P., throughout Dec (DT): **HOODED MERGANSER (EL)**: 14-21, Willow Creek, 20 Nov-26 Dec (TL, WCCBC); 1, AB, 6 Dec (DF, JP); 1, AMP, 11-14 Dec (BC, SH); 2-4, Lower Mad River, 16-19 Dec (KN, RR); x, Briceland, 24 Dec (NW); 4, CVCBC.

Raptors galore

WHITE-TAILED KITE (IL, IN): 1, Briceland, 24 Dec (NW); 1, Salyer, 26 Dec (SH); 78, Cock Robin Island Roost, 3 Jan (DF, JP): **BALD EAGLE (MS)**: 2 ad, Mad River Fish Hatchery, 16 Dec (WC); 1 imm., Arcata, 26 Dec (TD); 1 ad, 1 imm., WCCBC; 4 ad, DNCBC; 1 ad, AB, 1 Jan (BC); 1 ad, CVCBC: **FERRUGINOUS HAWK (ED, EL)**: 1, AB, 29 Nov-2 Jan (MO); 2, McKinleyville, 30 Dec (DG); 1, CVCBC: **ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK (MS)**: 1, AB, 3-6 Dec (CO, DA); 3, CVCBC: **GOLDEN EAGLE (IL)**: 1 ad, near McCann, 12 Dec (JG); 1, CVCBC: **MERLIN (EL)**: 1, Humboldt Bay area, 26 Nov-2 Jan (MO); 13, CVCBC; 1, LCBC: **PEREGRINE FALCON (MS)**: 12 reports of 1-2 from AB, AMP, Smith River Bottoms, Humboldt Lagoon, Trinidad and vicinity, Ocean Ranch, 27 Nov-2 Jan (MO); 9, CVCBC: **SNOWY PLOVER (IN)**: 36 (7 banded), Clam Beach, 27 Nov (GS); 22, Crab Park, 6 Dec (MW); 1 (only), Mouth Eel River, 3 Jan (BC): **AVOCET (IN, IL)**: 70-165, Hookton Slough, CVCBC, 13 Dec-3 Jan (MO): **LESSER YELLOWLEGS (ID)**: 1, Klopp Lake, 8 Dec (PL); 9, CVCBC: **WHIMBREL (ID)**: 2-3, Arcata, ACBC, 18-19 Dec (DA, et al.) 2, CVCBC: **RUDDY TURNSTONE (EL)**: 2-3, Fields Landing, 12 Dec-3 Jan (MW, BD, SH, BB, RR): **ROCK SANDPIPER (EL)**: 1-2 North Jetty, 12 Dec- 1 Jan (MW, DF, JP, BD); 1, MacKerricher S. P., 23 Dec (DT): **RED KNOT (FR)**: 1, Eureka, 27 Dec (TD); 1, Klopp Lake, 29 Dec (BD), 1, South Bay, 1 Jan (SH, BD): **BONAPARTE'S GULL (ID)**: 1, HBNWR, 13 Dec (DF, JP); 2, AOP, 14 Dec (SH); 55, ACBC; 2, CVCBC: **HEERMANN'S GULL (ID)**: 2, ACBC; 1 ad, Eureka, 31 Dec (BD); 2, Trinidad, 2 Jan (MeH); 3, CVCBC: **HERRING GULL (IN)**: 15 adults, Wedding Rock, 6 Dec (DF, JP); 65, CVCBC: **THAYER'S GULL (EN)**: 1 imm, mouth Mad River, 16 Dec (DF, JP); x, ACBC; 3, CVCBC: **GLAUCOUS GULL (EN, ED)**: 1 ad (no details), mouth Mad River Slough, 3 Dec (KI); 1, ACBC; 1; Crescent City Harbor, 27 Dec (SH, LH); 1, MacKerricher St. P., 28 Dec (DT); 1, Crab Park, 3-6 Jan (DF, JP, RH): **BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE (FR)**: 1, Wedding Rock, 6 Dec (DF, JP); 2-6, North Jetty, 25 Dec-1 Jan (DF, JP): **CASPIAN TERN (ID, IN)**: 2, HBNWR, 13 Dec (DF, JP); 7 (!), CVCBC: **MARbled MURRELET (MS)**: 2, Wedding Rock, 6 Dec (DF, JP); 2-4, North Jetty, 25 Dec-1 Jan (MO); 7, CVCBC: **RHINOCEROS AUCKLET**

(ID, IL): 1, Trinidad, 1 Jan (MiH); 1-2, Humboldt Bay Jetties, 3-6 Jan (SP, BD, EE): **ALLEN'S/RUFOUS HUMMINGBIRD SP. (ID):** 1 female, Sunny Brae, 29 Dec (SH): **PILEATED WOODPECKER (FR):** 1, Azalea Hill, <7 Jan (GA): **SAY'S PHOEBE (IL):** 1, West End/Hatchery Road, 8 Nov (update, MV, CW); 1, ACBC; 1 Kneeland, 20 Dec (AD); 1, Friday Ridge Flat, 26 Dec (CO); 1 CVCBC (PH, MW): **TREE SWALLOW (ID):** 3, AMP, 26 Nov (BC); 1, Arcata CBC; 12 (!), DNCBC (GL): **VIOLET-GREEN SWALLOW (ID):** 2, DNCBC (GL): **BARN SWALLOW (ID):** 2, DNCBC (GL): **GRAY JAY (IN):** 2, Westhaven, 5 Dec (TL); x, ACBC; 41 (!), CVCBC: **SCRUB JAY (EL):** 1, Fortuna, 3 Jan (MW, PH): **WESTERN BLUEBIRD (MS):** 5, Arcata Airport, 30 Dec (BC); 9, CVCBC.

Mockingbirds in winter

NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD (ED): 1-2, Moxon Road, 4-30 Dec (BC, DA); 1, Arcata, 6-9 Dec (MC); 1, Pt. Kenyon Road, 17 Dec (RC); 2, Garberville, 19 Dec (JS); 1, Eureka, 22 Dec (LB-O); 1, McKinleyville, 30 Dec-8 Jan (RLeV); 1, CVCBC; 1, Cannibal Island Road, 4 Jan (DD): **NORTHERN SHRIKE (FR):** 1, North Spit, 16 Dec (BC, KN); 1, Cannibal Island Road (carrying a Savannah Sparrow), 6 Dec (KS); 1, AB, 28 Dec (BC); 1 imm., Lewiston Lake, 2 Jan (JH): **ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER (IN):** 36 (!), CVCBC: **NASHVILLE WARBLER (IN):** 1, Cannibal Island Road, 6 Dec (KS); 1, Arcata, 6 Dec, 23 Dec (KS, BF); 2 (only), CVCBC: **PALM WARBLER (ED):** 1, AMP, 6, 14 Dec (KS, KN); 5 (only), CVCBC: **YELLOW WARBLER (ID):** 1, Glass Beach, 8 Dec (DT): **CALIFORNIA TOWHEE (IN):** 1-2, Bayside, 12 Dec, 1 Jan (JP, DF); 1, ACBC; 1, Salyer, 26 Dec (SH); x, Briceland, 24 Dec (NW); 16 (!), Fortuna Area, CVCBC: **VESPER SPARROW (FR):** 1, AB, 4 Dec (KI): **SWAMP SPARROW (ED, EL):** 1, Mad River Slough, 6 Dec (JP, DF); 1, Cannibal Island Road, 6 Dec (KS); 1, AMP, 21, 31 Dec (EE, JT, BD); x, ACBC; x, CVCBC: **TRICOLORED BLACKBIRD (FR):** 1, Lewiston, 2 Jan (fide, JH): **RIVER OTTER (FR):** 2, Dead Lake near Crescent City 16 Dec (EE, BC): **GRAY FOX:** 1, Sunny Brae, 29 Dec (SH); 1, Elk River Valley, 3 Jan (RR, BB, SH):

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