

Field Notes
by Stan Harris
March 19-April 16, 2006

Spring Migration is on, most wintering ducks have left, wintering feeder birds are thinning out rapidly and new migrants are showing up daily. The rains continued all month, but somewhat more intermittent than last month; we are still well ahead of normal for rainfall. Abbreviations used: **AB** = Arcata Bottoms; **AMP** = Arcata Marsh Project; **AOP** = Arcata Oxidation Pond; **BRR** = Bear River Ridge; **BSE** = Butcher Slough Estuary; **BSLP** = Butcher Slough Log Pond; **HWCC** = Humboldt Wildlife Care Center; **KS** = King Salmon; **mo** = Many Observers; **MRE** = Mad River Estuary; **MRFH** = Mad River Fish Hatchery; **MRSWA** = Mad River Slough Wildlife Area; **NB** = North Humboldt Bay; **NJ** = North Jetty, Humboldt Bay; **RCE** = Redwood Creek Estuary; **SCW** = Salmon Creek Watershed near Miranda; **SRB** = Smith River Bottoms.

White-fronted Goose: 8, V. St. Loop, 21 Mar-9 Apr (SC); 6, Bald Hill, Ft. Bragg, 23-29 Mar (DT): **Snow Goose:** 1 ad, Reservation Ranch, Del Norte Co., 14 Apr (OH): **Emperor Goose:** 1 adult, SRB, 7-10 Apr (OH, SC, et al., photos): **Cackling Cackling Goose:** 1, ??, Bald Hill, Ft. Bragg, 27 Mar (DT): **Aleutian Cackling Goose:** PS reported that direct counts for the population this winter was in the neighborhood of 50,000. **DuskyCanada Goose:** 1, SRB, 29 Mar (OH): **Wood Duck:** Somewhat late returning to AOP, but as of 9-10 Apr at least 10 birds were there (mo); 5, Bayside Golf Course Road, 1 Apr (CH): **Gadwall:** 20-100 seen daily on NB south of AOP/AMP (SH): **Eurasian Wigeon:** 2-4, V. St. Loop, 25 Mar; 9 Apr (SC): **Blue-winged Teal:** 1 male, AOP, 4 Apr (SH): **Cinnamon Teal:** only 2 pair reported, 1 pair, AMP, 26-27 Mar (SH); 1 pair, lower Janes Creek, 1 Apr (GF): **Eurasian Green-winged Teal:** 1-2, BSE, AOP, Klopp Lake and vic, 21 Mar-9 Apr (mo, seen almost daily): **Eurasian x American Green-winged Teal intergrade:** 1-2 seen almost daily, Klopp Lake, BSE, Hunt Pasture, 24 Mar-16 Apr (mo): **Tufted Duck x Scaup hybrid:** 1 reported on AOP, 9 Apr (KS, SFB): **Harlequin:** 8-9, Glass Beach, 27 Mar, 8 Apr (DT); 1 male, KS, 4 Apr (AL): **Black Scoter:** 6, RCE, 19 Mar (JA); 2 males, 1 female, near Castle Rock, 31 Mar (RH); 1, Pt. St. George, 10 Apr (SC): **Common Goldeneye:** 1-2, Gearheart Marsh, Klopp Lake, 20-30 Mar (mo): **Hooded Merganser:** 1-2 pair, SCW, 25, 30 Mar (KK).

Blue Grouse: 1 heard hooting, BRR, 13 Apr (DF): **Ruffed Grouse:** 1 seen regularly above Big Lagoon in Feb-Mar (JA, fide GL); 5 seen in 1.8 miles of trail off Big Hill above Hoopa Valley, 23 Mar (JT): **Mountain Quail:** x, SCW, 4 Apr (KK): **Red-necked Grebe:** 10-15 reported in Entrance Channel of Humboldt Bay, 29 Mar (CC, LC): **Double-crested Cormorant:** 22 (!), mouth of Willow Creek, 14 Apr (TL): **American Bittern:** 1, seen 4 times, Allen Marsh, BSLP, 21 Mar-3 Apr (SH): **Cattle Egret:** 1 beginning breeding plumage, Hunt Pasture, BSLP, 20 Mar-14 Apr (SH): **Osprey** have returned in force, 1-2+ seen almost daily on Humboldt Bay (mo); 5, Freshwater Lagoon, 2 Apr (CO); 2 on nest, Willow Creek, 14 Apr (TL): **Bald Eagle:** 6 reports of 12 from MRFH, Fay Slough, SRB, KS, NB, 18 Mar-5 Apr (mo): **Cooper's Hawk:** 1, acting territorial, Indianola Road, 16 Apr (JT): **Ferruginous Hawk:** 1, BRR, 3 Apr (DF): **Rough-legged Hawk:** 1, AMP, 29 Mar (EE); 12, BRR, 3 Apr (DF): **Merlin:** 7 reports (at least 2 birds represented), hawking insects flycatcher fashion off AMP towers, 20 Mar-7 Apr (SH, AL, DF); 1, RCE, 2 Apr (SC); 1, Orick, 13 Apr (DR, SM): **Peregrine:** 7 reports of 1-2 from AMP, South Spit, Lanphere Dunes, SRB, AB, 21 Mar-9 Apr (mo): **Sora:** 2-3 still responding vocally daily at No Name Pond through 16 Apr (SH), but **Virginia Rails** seem to have either migrated away or have become silent as only 1 was reported, a bird seen running across BSLPdike, 4 Apr (AL): **Coot:** DF reported 3000 at HBNWR, 6 Apr, but numbers at AOP have declined from 300+ in mid winter to about 40 as of 10 Apr (SH): **Whimbrel:** 5, RCE, 2 Apr (SC): **Long-billed Curlew:** 1, RCE, 2 Apr (SC): **Red Knot:** 1, west end Samoa Bridge, 19 Mar; 1, Klopp Lake, 2 Apr (both SC): **Rock Sandpiper:** 2, North Jetty, 1 Apr (SC): **Ruff:** 1 V. St. Loop, 21 Mar, photos (SC): **Short-billed Dowitcher:** Birds arrived in force in 2nd week of Apr at NB (SH): **Glaucous Gull:** 1 imm, Samoa Blvd, Arcata, 19 Mar (SC); 1 imm, Pt. St. George, 10 Apr (SC): **Caspian Tern:** 14, MRE, 24 Mar (KR); 9, Smith River Estuary, 29 Mar (OH): **Forster's Tern:** 1-8, bay pilings at Klopp Lake, 21 Mar-6 Apr (SC, SH, DF): **Pigeon Guillemot:** 1, MRE, 24 Mar (KR): **Marbled Murrelet:**

7, MRE, 24 Mar (KR); 15, NJ, 1 Apr (SC), 6 (4 in winter plumage), NJ, 9 Apr (KR); 0-1, seen, few heard at Elk Prairie, 4-13 Apr (DF, KR): **Horned Puffin**: 1, picked up alive, Samoa Beach, turned in to HWCC, 16 Mar (fide KS).

Western Screech Owl: calling, SCW, 15 Mar (KK): **Pygmy Owl**: 1, calling Elk Prairie, first half of Apr (DF, KR); 1 calling, SCW, 17 Mar; 4 Apr (KK): **Barred Owl**: 1 calling, Elk Prairie, 12 Apr (KR): **Short-eared Owl**: 2, MRSWA, 19 Mar (SC): **Vaux's Swift**: 1, Garberville, 26 Mar (JS, MT); 3+, AMP, 16 Apr (SH, BT); 1-2 vic Bayside, 16 Apr (JT): **White-throated Swift**: 5, 1 mile north of Benbow, 26 Mar (JS, MT): **Acorn Woodpecker**: 1, Monument Road above Rio Dell, 3 Apr (DF); 1, Fortuna, 14 Apr (MK): **Pacific Slope Flycatcher**: 1 singing, Cutten, 6 Apr (GL); 1 Indianola Road, 16 Apr (JT): **Say's Phoebe**: Our winter invasion continued with these reports: 2, Orick and vic, 17 Mar (JA, poor but recognizable photos); 1, McKinleyville, 19 Mar (SC); 1, Lanphere Dunes, mid-late Mar (CJR, fide JT); 1, Bald Hill, Ft. Bragg, 23 Mar (DT); 2, Patrick's Point State Park, 24 Mar (KI); 1, Fay Slough, 26 Mar (PH, KB); 1, South I Street at AMP, 1 Apr (FA, et al.): **Western Kingbird**: 1, Willow Creek, 14 Apr (TL): **Western Bluebird**: 2 pair, MRFH, 18 Mar (SC); resident birds at Kneeland (1-5 seen on 13 of 31 days in Mar (BB, DVZ); 2 males, 1 female investigating nest boxes, SCW, 3 Apr (KK): **Townsend's Solitaire**: 1, Crescent City, 31 Mar (AB, fide RH); 1, along South Fork of Trinity River road, 14 Apr (TL): **Gray Jay**: 2 by call, Cutten, 6 Apr (GL) **Blue Jay**: 1 (extralimital), Brookings Oregon, 12 Apr (LS, fide PH): **Scrub Jay**: 1, Monument Road above Rio Dell, 3 Apr (DF): **Purple Martin**: x, Fortuna, 14 Apr (MK); 1 heard only, AMP, 14 Apr (SH): **Tree, Violet-green, and Barn swallows have become common by mid Apr.** **Rough-winged Swallow**: 1, Hiller Park, 24 Mar (KR); 1, Tyee City, 25 Mar (SC): **Cliff Swallow**: 3, AMP, 28 Mar (EE); 1, AMP, 15 Apr (SH, BT).

Mockingbird: 1, Freshwater Road, 29 Mar (RH): **Orange-crowned Warbler**: almost daily reports of 15 from AMP, MRFH, Shay Park, Sunny Brae, Benbow, 18 Mar-16 Apr (mo): **Nashville Warbler**: 1, BSLP, 5 Apr (EE): **Townsend's Warbler**: 1, AMP, 13 Apr (JC): **Palm Warbler**: our wintering birds generated at least 16 reports of 1-2 at AMP, 22 Mar-14 Apr (mo): **Black-and-white Warbler**: 1, AMP, 7 Apr (AL): **Northern Waterthrush**: 1, BSLP, 18 Mar; 1, Allen Marsh, 25 Mar (both JT, same bird?): **Common Yellowthroat**: 1, AMP, 25 Mar-16 Apr (mo): **Wilson's Warbler**: 1, Ft. Bragg, 8 Apr (DT); 1, Davison Road x 101, 13 Apr (DF): **Western Tanager**: 1 window kill, McKinleyville, 15 Apr (CM, fide GL): **Chipping Sparrow**: 1, Azalea Hill, 28 Mar (GL); 1, BRR, 14 Apr (DF): **Harris's Sparrow**: 1, Crescent City, 1 Apr (JR): **Lincoln's Sparrow**: 1, AMP, 13 Apr (JC, GT): **Swamp Sparrow**: 1, BSLP, 5-13 Apr (EE, AL, CR): **Slate-colored Junco**: 1, McKinleyville, 24 Mar (KR); 1, Ft. Bragg, 5-6 Apr (DT); 1, Cummings Road, 10 Apr (JA): **Red Crossbill**: 3, Cummings Road, 21 Mar (TL); 13, Hiller Park, 24 Mar (KR); 1 pair, Sunny Brae, 26-27 Mar (SH).

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February 24-March 19, 2006

March came in like the proverbial lion, one storm after another for the first 2 weeks. Lousy birding weather generally resulted in a light report this month. Aleutian Cackling Geese continue to swarm over bottomland pastures. True to the historical precedents, many wintering waterfowl left our area this month and swallows, Band-tailed Pigeons, and Rufous/Allen's hummingbirds continued to arrive. By the end of the period, at least some Western Canada Geese were incubating eggs.

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White-fronted Goose: 8, V St. Loop, 4-11 Mar (SC, KR). **Black Brant:** 1 reported as a "hybrid" brant x cackling goose (no details) at HBNWR, 15 Mar (KR). **"Cackling" Cackling Goose:** 550, HBNWR, 15 Mar (KR). **Dusky Canada Goose:** 1, V St. Loop, 26 Feb (KR). **Wood Duck:** 1 pair, AOP, 25 Feb (SH), only ones of these there so far this spring. **Eurasian Wigeon:** 1, mouth of Elk River, 23 Feb (SC); 3 males, V St. Loop (9-11 Mar (KR, SC); 1, HBNWR, 12 Mar (DF, JP). **Gadwall:** at least 100 on North Humboldt Bay near AOP, 28 Feb (SH). **Shoveler:** Numbers at AOP continued to decline, dropping from 120 on 1 Mar to 15 by 19 Mar (SH). **Eurasian Green-winged Teal:** 1-2 males, Butcher Slough, Klopp Lake Island, 28 Feb-18 Mar (SH, AL). **Intergrade Eurasian x American Green-winged Teal:** 2, Klopp Lake Island, 28 Feb (SH). **Common Goldeneye:** 1 female, Gearheart Marsh, 26 Feb-18 Mar (SH, SC). **Hooded Merganser:** 7, 2 miles up from mouth of Elk River, 15 Mar (KR); "migrating through Salmon Creek Watershed (Miranda area), seen on many farm ponds, 5 Mar (KK). **Common Merganser:** 2 males, 1 female, New River at Denny, 1 Mar (LM). **Ruddy Duck:** numbers declined from 265 at AMP/AOP on 28 Feb to 2 on 19 Mar (SH). **Green Pheasant:** 1, Old Arcata Road, 6 Mar (CM).

Red-throated Loon: 1, Klopp Lake, 15-18 Mar (EW, MA, SH, AL). **American Bittern:** 1, Allen Marsh, 17 Mar (SH). **Cattle Egret:** 1 seen almost daily, Hunt Pasture of AMP, 25 Feb-19 Mar (SH); 1, AMP, 5 Mar (CC). **White-faced Ibis (GW, NC, ND, PS):** "A flock" reported "floating," seen without binoculars while driving across Samoa Bridge, 2 Mar (DW). **Bald Eagle:** 10 reports of 1-2 from Mad River Fish Hatchery, north Humboldt Bay, AEB; Arcata Community Forest, mouth of Redwood Creek, mouth of Salmon Creek (Miranda), HBNWR, 23 Feb-12 Mar (KK, RF, BM, MM, GL, SC, JMCI, JA). **Merlin:** 1, AMP, 18-19 Mar (SH, et al.). **Greater Yellowlegs:** maximum of 60, Hunt Pasture, AMP, 26 Feb (SH). **Lesser Yellowlegs:** 10-12 with "many" Greater Yellow Legs, Loleta Bottoms, 12 Mar (RF, MW). **Whimbrel:** 1, Eureka Channel, 16 Mar (GL). **Wilson's Snipe:** 2-7, Pine Hill x Elk River Road, 24 Feb (KD). **Thayer's Gull:** 1 "second year" + 2 "first year" reported, no details on identification. criteria used, Arcata, 10 Mar (RF). **Glaucous Gull:** 1 adult (photos), mouth Redwood Creek, 23 Feb (JA); 1, first year, Samoa Blvd x I Street, Arcata, 11-15 Mar (SC, RH); 1, first year, Gobel Lane, 12 Mar (MW, RF); 1 second year, Blue Lake Fish Hatchery, 3 Mar (SC). **Caspian Tern:** 1-5, HBNWR, 12 Mar (RF, MW, DF, JP, et al.). **Forster's Tern:** maximum actual counts of 14 at AMP/AOP, 26-28 Feb (SH). **Rhinoceros Auklet:** 1 dead on Samoa Beach, 7 Mar (HB). **Burrowing Owl:** 1, mouth Redwood Creek, 23 Feb (JA). **Pygmy Owl:** 1, Trinidad Head, 12 Mar (SN). **Barred Owl:** 1, (photos), Denny, 28 Feb (LM). **Short-eared Owl:** 1-4, MRSWA, 18 Feb, 11 Mar (SC).

Black Phoebe: "1 all winter at Denny," but increased to "several" in early Mar (LM). **Say's Phoebe:** 1, north Eureka, 2-8 Mar (KB, CO, BM); 1, McKinleyville, 6-15 Mar (DJ); 1, Mad River Road, Arcata Bottoms, 16 Mar

(KR). **Cassin's Vireo:** 1 calling, McKinleyville, 25 Feb (anon from bird box). **House Wren:** 1, Elk River at Boy Scout Camp, 11 Mar (CO). **Western Bluebird:** first seen at Denny on 31 Jan, up to 6 seen daily by early Mar (LM); 1, Murray Road exit x HWY 101, 26 Mar (KR); 1, McKinleyville, 1 Mar (BM); 6, Elk River Valley, 11 Mar (CO); 4-15, vic Blue Lake Hatchery, West End Road, 11-15 Mar (SC, RH). **Varied Thrush:** 1, south of Legget, 22 Feb (HR); 25-30, Hatchery Road, 11 Mar (SC). **Northern Mockingbird:** 1, NW Arcata, early Mar (BW). **Tennessee Warbler:** 1, Eureka, 6, 16 Feb (UPDATE), (BS). **Orange-crowned Warbler:** 1, AMP, 11 Mar (SC). **Nashville Warbler:** 1, Arcata, 11 Mar (SC). **Palm Warbler:** 1-3, AMP, 15-17 Mar (SH, RH). **Black-and-white Warbler:** 1 BSLP, 12 Mar (PB, BA). **Swamp Sparrow:** 1, AMP, 6 Mar (CC). **Slate-colored Junco:** 1, Arcata, 11 Mar (SC). **Lapland Longspur:** 8 flyovers, AB, 10 Mar (RF). **Hooded Oriole:** 1 male, NW Arcata at sugar feeder, 11, 17 Mar ("here all winter," BW). **Red Crossbill:** 10, McKinleyville, 25 Feb (anon).

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Generally rainy conditions through January but nice, clear, crisp days with frosty mornings so far in February. Our usual “January thaw” was a month late getting here this year! Signs of spring include the departure of some wintering ducks and swans, the arrival of Aleutian Cackling Geese, and the sporadic continuation of swallow arrivals; new willow and alder catkins are being investigated by warblers and kinglets and eaten by crowned sparrows, waxwings, and house finches. RR recorded copulation by his resident pair of White-tailed Kites (Azalea Hill) on 21 Feb, and the Canada Geese have reclaimed the islands on Klopp Lake—eggs any day now. Arcata city personnel removed marsh pennywort from the AMP and AOP units beginning in mid-Feb.

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White-fronted Goose: 5 reports of 5-20+, Ft Bragg to AB, 18 Jan-18 Feb (RH, SFB, DT, KR). **Lesser Snow Goose (White form):** 6 reports of 1-4, Ft Bragg to AB, 16 Jan-18 Feb (mo). **Ross's Goose:** 8 reports of 1-6, Ft Bragg to AB, 18 Jan-18 Feb (mo). **Black Brant:** Peak of 9,800 reported, KS, 25 Jan (MW); 1 with 2,159 Aleutian Cackling Geese at FSWA, 27 Jan (KR, OH). **Aleutian Cackling Goose:** “1,000s”, HBNWR, 18 Jan (RH); 10,000-12,000 on AB, 11-17 Feb (KR). **“Cackling” Cackling Goose:** 12, Bald Hill (Ft Bragg), 27 Jan (DT). **Tundra Swan:** 250, HBNWR, 18 Jan (RH); 11 in flight, KS, 27 Jan (MW); 12 flying north over Eureka, 29 Jan (HB); 5, Tyee City Pond, 17 Feb (gone the next day; KR). **Wood Duck:** 50±, CBP, 22 Jan (MV, CW). **Eurasian Wigeon:** 2, 17 Jan (OH), 1 23 Feb (SC), both at MER; 1, HBNWR, 18 Jan (RH); 1, V St. Loop, 3 Feb (KR). **Blue-winged Teal:** 1 male, AOP, 15 Feb (SH). **Eurasian Green-winged Teal:** 10 reports of up to 3 males and 1 female, AOP, Klopp Lake, BSE, 19 Jan-16 Feb (mo). **Intergrade Eurasian x American Green-winged Teal:** 1-2, BSE, AOP, 16 Jan-11 Feb (SH, AL). **American Green-winged Teal:** 1 flock of 2,200± on high tide NB, 10 Feb (SH). **Redhead:** 10, HBNWR, 23 Jan (SFB); 307, maximum count at Field's Landing, 22 Jan (MW). **Ring-necked Duck:** 6±, CBP, 22 Jan (MV, CW). **Greater Scaup:** “a boatload” (come on guys, how many?), LL, 26 Jan (SG, JL). **Harlequin:** Up to 15, Glass Beach, MKSP, 12 Jan-13 Feb (DT); 2 males, Trinidad, 22 Jan (MM); 1-4, KS, 19 Jan-20 Feb (MW); 2, CCH, 29 Jan (KR, OH). **Steller's Eider (!UPDATE!):** 1 male reported, brief, distant view, but reasonable description, KS, 22 Dec 2005 (MW) **not** found the same day or subsequently by mo, but reported (casual word of mouth reports) to have been seen by duck hunters before this date. **White-winged Scoter:** 1, LL (!), 26 Jan (SG, JL); 31-47 on 4 dates, 23 Jan-19 Feb, KS (MW). **Black Scoter:** 1, KS, 25 Jan (MW); 1, CCH, 29 Jan (KR, OH); 1 pair, Pt St George, 4 Feb (KS, et al.); 2, mouth, Redwood Creek, 11 Feb (KR). **Long-tailed Duck:** 8 reports of singles from KS, 10-mile River, Eureka Channel, Teal Island, 12 Jan-13 Feb (MW, HB, DT, GL, DF, JP). **Common Goldeneye:** 8 reports of 1-2 from KS, BSLP, AOP; Hauser Marsh, AB, LMR, BL, 18 Jan-24 Feb (DD, KR, TL, SH). **Barrow's Goldeneye:** 1 female, KS, 26 Jan (MW); 1 female, LL, 26 Jan (SG, JL). **Hooded Merganser:** 5 reports of 1-“several” and “numerous” (come on guys, numbers please) from LL, RHWY, AB/AEB, Kinman Pond on BRR, 26 Jan-11 Feb (SG, JL, RH, KR, PH, LB).

Wild Turkey: x, RHWY, 28 Jan (RH). **Red-throated Loon:** 4-11, KS, 21 Jan-31 Jan; 30-53, KS, 4-20 Feb (MW). **Red-necked Grebe:** 7-26, KS, 17 Jan-20 Feb (RH, MW). **Horned Grebe:** 20 (!), Trinity Center, 27 Jan (SG, JL).

Clark's Grebe: 1, KS, 22 Jan, 4 Feb (MW); 1 pair, NB at AOP, 31 Jan (SH, AL). **Laysan Albatross:** 1 fresh, dead on beach, BL, 19 Jan (TL). **American Bittern:** 1, BSLP, 23 Jan-15 Feb (BM, SH, KR, SFB); 1, HBNWR, 8 Feb (CC); 1, Copenhagen Road, 7 Feb (DD). **Little Blue Heron (!):** 1, Alexandre Dairy near Ft Dick, 2-16 Feb (OH, et al., photos). **Cattle Egret:** 1-2, AB (especially in Hunt Pasture unit of AMP and Moxon Dairy), BSLP willow roost, 16 Jan-20 Feb, seen almost daily (mo). **Green Heron:** 1, Arcata, 29 Jan (GB); 1, MRFH, 28 Jan (SC). **Turkey Vulture:** 1, Kneeland (first spring date), 22 Jan (BB, DVZ). **Osprey:** 9 reports of 1-2 from BL, KS, LC, FWL, 22 Jan-16 Feb (CO, MW, DL, DT, TL).

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Bald Eagle: 18 reports of 1-4 from near Miranda to Smith River Bottoms, 15 Jan-20 Feb (mo). **Harlan's Hawk:** 1, Bayside Cutoff x Hwy 101, 22 Jan-11 Feb (CS, SH, EE, KR). **Ferruginous Hawk:** 7 reports of 1-2 from AB, BRR, Smith River Bottoms, 20 Jan-11 Feb (mo). **Rough-legged Hawk:** 1, V St. Loop, 24 Jan-4 Feb (KR, SC); 1, BRR, 11 Feb (PH, LB). **Merlin:** 1, KS, 4 Feb (MW); 1, AOP, AMP, 8, 13 Feb (SH). **Peregrine:** 13 reports of 1-3 from AMP, BRR, MRFH, BL, "Del Norte County," 21 Jan-20 Feb (mo). **Prairie Falcon:** 1, AB, 27 Jan (KR, OH); singles in two locations along BRR, 11 Feb (PH, LB). **Sandhill Crane:** 1 "immature" (no details), RHWY, 28 Jan (RH). **American Avocet:** maximum count at BSE/Klopp Lake, 300 ±, 14 Feb (SH). **Lesser Yellowlegs:** x (numbers please), AB, 24 Jan (KR). **Wandering Tattler:** 1, Glass Beach, 12, 26 Jan, 13 Feb (DT). **Whimbrel:** 1, "Del Norte County" (where?), 16 Jan (RH). **Long-billed Curlew:** 50-250, FB, 14-30 Jan (AM). **Rock Sandpiper:** 3-5, Laguna Point, 26-31 Jan (DT). **Red Knot:** 6, MER, 28 Jan (RF). **Red Phalarope:** last one of this year's invasion reported on 19 Jan, KS (MW). **Bonaparte's Gull:** up to 30 were hawking emerging midges, swallow fashion, at AOP, 13 Feb (SH). **Heermann's Gull:** 1 adult in breeding plumage, flying north past Todd's Point (Ft Bragg), 12 Jan (DT). **The unconfirmed Kumliens' Gull** at MRC, reported 28 Dec by JA was rediscovered 11 Feb (JA), photographed and described, 11-12 Feb (KR, RF, et al.), photos still leave some doubt as to Thayer's Gull. **Glaucous Gull:** 12 reports of 1-2 first or second year-birds (maximum of 5 individuals represented) from Arcata, Alexandre Dairy, MRC, 24 Jan-17 Feb (mo). **Caspian Tern:** 1-2, KS, 19 Jan-16 Feb (MW), 2 presumed courtship display in flight seen on 16 Feb); 1-3 at MER, 17-28 Jan (OH, RF) and HBNWR, 12 Feb (DF, JP). **Forster's Tern:** maximum actual counts of 19-36 at AMP/AOP, 25 Jan-15 Feb (36 on 10 Feb, all SH).

Horned Puffin: 1 live bird, good written description, NJ, 21 Jan (IG). **Band-tailed Pigeon:** 1-11, Sunny Brae, Eureka, Azalea Hill, 16 Jan-22 Feb (SH, TL, RR). **Burrowing Owl:** 1, South Spit, 23 Jan-18 Feb (SFB, KC); 1, Bald Hill (Ft Bragg), 29, 31 Jan (DT); 1, Kneeland, 15-16 Jan (anon on bird box). **Short-eared Owl:** 1, Hookton Slough, 19 Jan (DD); 1-5, MRSWA, 28 Jan-18 Feb (SC). **Chuck-wills-widow:** the bird reported last month at Humboldt Wildlife Care Center was released near Indianola early in Feb after permission to transport it to a more suitable region was denied (release date not given, fide, GF). **Allen's Hummingbird:** 1, Arcata, 22 Jan (KB); 1, Eureka, 16 Feb (PB). **Say's Phoebe:** 1, Hayfork, 26 Jan (SG, JL); 1, Kinman Pond, 11 Feb (PH, LB). **Horned Lark:** 2, BL beach, 19 Jan (TL); 9, Trinity Center, 27 Jan (SG, JL); x, BRR, 11 Feb (PH, LB); 1, MRC, 17 Feb (OH).

Tree Swallow: 11 reports of 1-50+ from BL, AMP, AB, FSWA, LL, 16 Jan-24 Feb (mo). **Violet-green Swallow:** 1, AMP, 15 Feb (DF). **Barn Swallow:** 5 reports of 1-12 from AMP, Eureka, AOP, 19-29 Jan (EE, SH, PS). **Western Bluebird:** 1, BL, 16 Jan (MM); 3-6, Hunt Pasture at AMP, 19-27 Jan (EE, CO); 3, Cutten, 31 Jan (RLV); 1-14 seen on 11 of 31 days in Jan at Kneeland (BB, DVZ); "lots" (numbers?), BRR, 11 Feb (PH, LB); 1-2, near Blue Lake 4, 12 Feb (SC, PSe); 4, College of the Redwoods, 19 Feb (JT). **Northern Mockingbird:** 1, Arcata, 25 Jan (EC). **Cedar Waxwing:** 15-16, AMP where feeding on Alder catkins, 10-20 Feb (EE, SH). **Orange-crowned Warbler:** 1-3, AMP, Arcata, (SC, BM, EC, SH). **Nashville Warbler:** 1, Arcata, 24 Jan (GB); 1, Sunny Brae, 27 Jan (SH). **Yellow Warbler:** 1, BSLP, 19 Jan-14 Feb (EE, AL, SH, GC); 1, Eureka, 2-7 Feb (GL). **Palm Warbler:** 1-2, AMP, 4-15 Feb (BM, SC, EE, DF, SH). **Black-and-white Warbler:** 1 BSLP, 21-23 Jan (SH, JCe, EE). **Northern Waterthrush:** 1, BSLP, 19 Jan-13 Feb (mo). **Clay-colored Sparrow:** 1, Arcata feeder, 29 Jan (GB). **Swamp Sparrow:** 1, AMP, 24 Jan-8 Feb (KR, SC, EE); 1, HBNWR, 8 Feb (CC); 1, Del Norte County, 17 Feb (OH).

Lapland Longspur: x (numbers?), BRR, 11 Feb (PH, LB). **Snow Bunting:** 1-2, BL Spit, 19 Jan-9 Feb (TL). **Rusty Blackbird:** 1 (“female”—how sexed?; no details on ID), Alexandre Dairy, 4-15 Feb (KS, OH). **Hooded Oriole:** 1 male, AMP, 24 Jan (KR, photos). **Bullock’s Oriole:** 1 (holdover, photos), Fortuna, seen almost daily in Jan, latest on 30 Jan (DM, fide, AL).

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Field Notes
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A period generally marked by rain, high winds, and tough birding conditions. The period included Christmas Bird Counts as follows: Arcata (**ACBC**), 17 Dec, good weather, 177 species; Del Norte (**DNCBC**), 18 Dec, heavy wind and rain, 146 species; Willow Creek (**WCCBC**), 24 Dec, some fog, generally good weather, 90 species; Centerville (**CVCBC**), 1 Jan, combination of monthly high tides, heavy rains the week before, and up to 100 m.p.h. winds the day before caused severe and widespread flooding; count day had 20-40 m.p.h. winds and rain in the a.m., clearing by about 1500 hours, 169 species; Etna (**ECBC**), 2 Jan, 86 species. Many thanks to all who participated in the CBCs and who submitted reports; I regret that I do not have room to include them all.

Abbreviations used: **AB** = Arcata Bottoms; **AMP** = Arcata Marsh Project; **AOP** = Arcata Oxidation Pond; **BRR** = Bear River Ridge; **BSLP** = Butcher Slough Log Pond; **DL** = Dry Lagoon; **FB** = Ferndale Bottoms; **FWL** = Freshwater Lagoon; **HBNWR** = Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge; **KS** = King Salmon; **LC** = Lake Cleone; **LMR** = lower Mad River, **MKSP** = MacKerricher State Park; **MRSWA** = Mad River Slough Wildlife Area; **NB** = North Humboldt Bay; **NJ** = North Jetty; **SB** = South Humboldt Bay; **SJ** = South Jetty.

White-fronted Goose: 11 reports of 1-35, Ft. Bragg to AB, 4 Dec-14 Jan (mo). **Lesser Snow Goose (White form):** 14 reports of 1-5, Ft Bragg to AB, WCCBC, 9 Dec-8 Jan (mo). **Lesser Snow Goose (Blue form):** 1, V St. Loop, 4-7 Dec (RH, RF, JK, MI); 1, HBNWR, 7 Dec (DB, fide EN). **Ross's Goose:** 10 reports of 1-6, Ft Bragg to AB, 2 Dec-15 Jan (mo). **Black Brant:** Up to 2,610, SB, (CVCBC, et al). **Aleutian Cackling Goose:** 2-70, AB; up to 3,000, HBNWR, 4 Dec-11 Jan (mo). **"Cackling" Cackling Goose:** 1, LC, 22 Nov-10 Jan (DT); 1-2, AB, 7 Dec-4 Jan (mo); 81, CVCBC. **Tundra Swan:** 8, ACBC; Only 200, CVCBC. **Wood Duck:** 6, near Miranda, 14 Dec (KK); 31, Clam Beach Ponds, 3 Jan (KR). **Eurasian Wigeon:** 6 reports of single males at FB, HBNWR, South Spit, Eureka Sewage Ponds, AMP, 30 Nov-15 Jan (mo). **Blue-winged Teal:** 1-2, AMP, 9-23 Dec (SH, EE, JT), includes a female apparently paired to a male Cinnamon Teal; 1 male, HBNWR, 15 Jan (SC). **Northern Shoveler:** 20, Lewiston Lake, 19 Dec (DK). **Eurasian Green-winged Teal:** 8 reports of single males, FB, HBNWR, AMP, AOP, 3 Dec-11 Jan (mo). **Intergrade Eurasian x American Green-winged Teal:** 1, AOP, BSLP, 8-13 Dec (SH). **Canvasback:** 1, Tyee City, 11 Dec (SC); 22-43, Stone Lagoon, 22 Dec-11 Jan (KS, KR, AL, BS); 3 Klopp Lake, 13 Jan (EE). **Redhead:** 288, CVCBC; 1, Tyee City, 11-17 Dec (SC, et al). **Harlequin:** 5-16, Ward Ave, Glass Beach, 27 Nov-5 Dec (DT); 1-4, KS, NJ, 7 Dec-1 Jan (mo); 2, mouth of Wilson Creek, 5 Dec (RR). **White-winged Scoter:** 6 flyby, Laguna Point, 5 Dec (DT). **Black Scoter:** 1-2, KS, 23 Dec-1 Jan (SC, MW, SH, et al); "several", Pt. St. George, 11 Dec (RH); 9, Ward Ave, 27 Nov (DT). **Long-tailed Duck:** 5 reports of singles from Ten Mile River, NJ, CVCBC, Klopp Lake, 15 Dec-10 Jan (KR, SC, RH, DT, et al). **Hooded Merganser:** 11 reports of 1-13, from ECBC, Lewiston Lake, near Bayside, BRR, HBNWR, AMP, KS, AB, WCCBC; 3 Dec-14 Jan (mo).

Wild Turkey: 6, ECBC. **Ruffed Grouse:** 1, WCCBC. **Red-throated Loon:** 3-15, KS, 12 Dec-1 Jan (MW, et al). **Pacific Loon:** 2, CVCBC. **Red-necked Grebe:** 12 reports of 1-16 from Ward Ave, KS, Eureka Waterfront, Stone Lagoon, 27 Nov-11 Jan (MW, BS, DT, et al.). **Clark's Grebe:** 1, KS, 1-21 Dec (MW); 16, CVCBC. **Northern Fulmar:** 1-2, Ward Ave, Laguna Point, 27 Nov, 3 Dec (DT); 5 (ACBC). **Short-tailed Shearwater:** 3, off Centerville Beach, 6 Dec (MW, et al); 2, ACBC. **Leach's Storm-Petrel:** 1 off Pt. Delgada, 6 Jan (RS). **Brown Pelican:** 1 (ACBC). **Double-crested Cormorant:** 14, Lewiston Fish Hatchery, 19 Dec (DK). **American Bittern:** 1-2, AOP, BSLP, MRSWA, HBNWR, 3 Dec-13 Jan (mo). **Snowy Egret:** 27 (1 flock); AB, 15 Dec (KR). **Cattle Egret:** 1-3, AB, BSLP, 8 Dec-14 Jan (KR, RF, SH, et al). **Black-crowned Night-Heron:** 1, WCCBC (new record). **Osprey:** 10 reports of 1-2, MKSP, NJ, Big Lagoon, LMR, NB, FWL, DL, CVCBC, 22 Nov-11 Jan (mo).

Bald Eagle: 2 ad, 3 juv, Lewiston Fish Hatchery, 19 Dec (DK); 20, ECBC; 7, WCCBC; 8, CVCBC; 11 reports of 1-2, HBNWR, H. Bay, Eureka, Hatchery Road/Korbel, Denny (mo). **Harlan's Hawk:** 1, Bayside Cutoff x Hwy 101, 3 Dec-9 Jan (EC, KB, et al). **Ferruginous Hawk:** 12, ECBC; 7 reports of 1-2 from AB, CVCBC, BRR, Lake Earl, 4 Dec-6 Jan (mo). **Rough-legged Hawk:** 10, ECBC; 9 reports of 1-4 from BRR, Bayside Cutoff, AB, 3 Dec-9 Jan (mo). **Golden Eagle:** 6, ECBC; 2, Kneeland Tower, 17 Dec (anon); 2, Fountain Ranch, 24 Dec (AL, SH). **Merlin:** 15 reports of 1-2 from AB, AMP, HBNWR, MRSWA, AOP, Crab Park, 30 Nov-11 Jan (mo); 9 CVCBC. **Peregrine:** 18 reports of 1-2 from ECBC, AMP, AB, MRSWA, NJ, Big Lagoon, KS, mouth Elk River, SB, 4 Dec-9 Jan (mo); 16, CVCBC. **Prairie Falcon:** 1, ECBC, 1, MRSWA, AMP, 10 Dec-7 Jan (RF, JK, SC, JAn); 1 FB, 29 Dec (SMcA). **Snowy Plover:** 4, mouth, Lake Talawa, 18 Dec (JG); 5, Samoa Beach, 17 Dec (BS); 45, CVCBC. **American Avocet:** 1, Ten Mile Beach, 22 Nov (DT); 166, CVCBC. **Lesser Yellowlegs:** 2, HBNWR, 1 Jan (SH, RR, DR). **Wandering Tattler:** 1, Fields Landing, 30 Dec (SH). **Whimbrel:** 2, Eureka Waterfront, 31 Dec (AL). **Rock Sandpiper:** 1-2, NJ, SJ, 7 Dec-1 Jan (MI, SC, MW, SMcA); 1-6, Laguna Point, 3 Dec-10 Jan (DT). **Red Knot:** 10 reports of 1-3 from AMP, KS, CVCBC, 10 Dec-11 Jan (mo). **Wilson's Snipe:** 20 in open, Pudding Creek estuary, 5 Dec (DT). **Red Phalarope:** 100s to 1,000s blown onshore by winter storms, appeared widespread in coastal lowlands from Ft. Bragg to Smith River, 20 Dec-14 Jan (mo). **Pomarine Jaeger:** Singles at NJ, ACBC, FWL, 15 Dec-11 Jan (KR, BS). **Thayer's Gull:** 8 reports of 1-4 from AB, NJ, Hum Bay, Crescent City, mouth Redwood Creek, vic, Fernbridge, CVCBC, 4 Dec-14 Jan (mo). **Unconfirmed report of Kumliens' Gull:** mouth of Redwood Creek, 28 Dec (JA, description sounds plausible). **Glaucous Gull:** 11 reports of singles from Elk River Spit, KS, Eureka, AB, AMP, Fernbridge, mouth of Redwood Creek, 30 Nov-14 Jan (mo). **Caspian Tern:** 1, KS, 23 Dec (MW, SH); 14, CVCBC. **Forster's Tern:** 2-35, AMP/AOP, 30 Nov-14 Jan (SH, KR, AL, JH, SC, ACBC); 6, mouth Jacoby Creek (ACBC); 1, Eureka (ACBC); 1, North Spit (ACBC); 8, mouth Elk River (ACBC); 1, Field's Landing, 1 Jan (SH, RR, DR). **Ancient Murrelet:** 1-2, NJ, 7-17 Dec (BS, MI); 3, Pt. St. George, 11 Dec (RH). **Cassin's Auklet:** 6, off Laguna Point, 14 Dec (DT). **Band-tailed Pigeon:** 18, ECBC; 3, Sunny Brae, 6-9 Jan (SH). **Barn Owl:** Downy chicks in nest box, HBNWR, 15 Dec-1 Jan (SL, EN, et al.). **Burrowing Owl:** 1-2, South Spit, 10 Dec-5 Jan (LK, CMcA, RLeV, MW, SMcA, KR, OH); 1, HBNWR, 12-13 Dec (SL), 2, Bald Hill (Ft. Bragg), 20 Dec-10 Jan (DT). **Chuck-wills-widow:** 1 injured bird recovered, Crescent City 2 Dec (CB, fide GFr, photos, Humboldt Wildlife Care Center; only the second ever northcoast record).

Costa's Hummingbird: 1 female, McKinleyville, 17 Dec (RLeV, et al.). **Yellow-bellied Sapsucker:** 1, north Arcata, 14 Dec (KS); 1, Eureka, 17 Dec (TL, et al.). **Northern (Yellow-shafted) Flicker:** 1, AB, 17 Dec (JD, TCC, HD). **Say's Phoebe:** 1, west side of Elk Ridge (near Miranda), 26 Nov (KK); 1, Ocean House, 8 Jan (KR); 1, Centerville Road and vic, 6 Dec-1 Jan (MM, MW, DD, JC); 1, Copenhagen Road, 1 Jan (SMcA); 1, Fortuna, 1 Jan (AD, AL); 1, Eureka, 16 Dec (RF); 1, MRSWA, 10 Dec (RF, JK); 1, Prairie Creek State Park, 11 Jan (BS). **Dusky-capped Flycatcher (hold over):** 1, north Arcata, 30 Nov-11 Dec (GB, RF, JC, SC). **Tropical Kingbird:** 1, AB, 4 Dec (SC). **Loggerhead Shrike:** 2, ECBC. **Cassin's Vireo:** 1, FB, 8 Jan (RF, MW). **Western Scrub Jay:** 2, mouth of Guthrie Creek, 13 Dec (DD). **Black-billed Magpie:** 109, ECBC. **Horned Lark:** 1, AB, 15 Dec (KR); 1-2, Big Lagoon beach, 15-22 Dec (RF, JK, TL). **Tree Swallow:** 3, ACBC; 1-2, HBNWR, 20 Dec, 8 Jan (AL, DF); 3, Eureka, 17 Dec (LT); 1, AMP, 10 Jan (EE); 45 (!); Big Lagoon, 22 Dec (KS). **Violet-green Swallow:** 1, HBNWR, 11 Dec (anon); 1, AMP, 9 Jan (SC, SH, AL). **Barn Swallow:** 3, NJ, 15 Dec (KR); 5, Big Lagoon, 22 Dec (KS); 1-2, vic MKSP, 28 Dec-10 Jan (DT); 1-85, AMP and vic, 31 Dec-14 Jan (mo); 12-42, AB, 7-13 Jan (SC, RH); 3, FB, 8 Jan (RF, MW); 2, mouth Redwood Creek, 11 Jan (BS). **Oak Titmouse:** 79, ECBC. **Pygmy Nuthatch:** 9, ECBC. **Western Bluebird:** 352, ECBC; 2-8 seen on 14 of 31 days in Dec, Kneeland (BB, DVZ); 26 (1 flock), Elk Ridge near Miranda, 26 Nov (KK); 35-40 feeding on mistletoe berries, Elk Ridge, 15 Dec (KK); 10, Douglas City, 19 Dec (DK); 10 flyby, AOP, 11 Jan (EE). **Mountain Bluebird:** 1, Carruthers Cove, north end of Gold Bluff Beach on rocks, good description, 14 Dec (KM). **Northern Mockingbird:** 1, Ferndale, 6 Dec (MW); 1, north Arcata, 16 Dec (KS); 1, Freshwater Corners, 2 Jan (RH). **American Pipit:** 2 large flocks, BRR, 5 Jan (SMcA). **Cedar Waxwing:** 75-100, east side of Elk Ridge, feeding on mistletoe berries, 15 Dec (KK); 10, Douglas City, 19 Dec (DK).

Orange-crowned Warbler: 2, McKinleyville, 14 Dec (LD); 1, Eureka, 29 Dec (HB); 3 (only), CVCBC; 1 (“eastern type”), Ft. Bragg, 16 Dec (DT). **Nashville Warbler:** 1, Eureka, 16 Dec (RF); 2, AMP, 17 Dec (EE); 1, Arcata, 19 Dec (EE); 1, Willow Creek, 24 Dec (GL); 2, Eureka, 29 Dec (HB, LB-O); 3, CVCBC; 1, HBNWR, 15 Jan (SC). **Yellow Warbler:** 1, north Arcata, 2 Dec (RF, JC); 1, AMP, 17 Dec, 8 Jan (EE, SC). **Tennessee Warbler:** 1, Ferndale, 1 Jan (GL). **Palm Warbler:** 6-7 (1 flock), AMP, 8-9 Dec (EE); 2, AMP, 2 Jan (KR, OH); 1, Arcata, 19 Dec (EE); 3, Ferndale, 1 Jan (GL); 1, FB, 1 Jan (SMcA). **Black-and-white Warbler:** 1, BSLP, 3 Dec (SH); 2, ACBC; 1, BSLP, 14 Jan (EE). **Northern Waterthrush:** 1, Arcata Community Center, 6 Dec (TMcK); 1, Salt River, 1 Jan (SMcA); 1, BSLP, 17 Dec-12 Jan (RF). **Common Yellowthroat:** 1, Elk River Wildlife Area, 15 Dec (RH); 2, ACBC. **Yellow-breasted Chat:** 1, McKinleyville, 14 Dec (LD). **California Towhee:** 1-3, Douglas City, 1-22 Dec (DK); 4 ECBC. **Clay-colored Sparrow:** 1, Ferndale, 1 Jan (GL). **Lark Sparrow:** 1, McKinleyville feeder, 9-11 Dec (KR); 1, McKinleyville (different location than above), 17 Dec (GFr). **Rusty Fox Sparrow:** 1, Bayside, 15-17 Dec (DF, CD). **Swamp Sparrow:** 1, HBNWR, 4 Dec (DF, et al); 8, ACBC; 1, mouth of Willow Creek, 24 Dec (GL, first for WCCBC); 1-2, AMP, 2-13 Jan (KR, OH, EE); 1, mouth, Janes Creek, 8 Jan (EE); 1, mouth, Redwood Creek, 11 Jan (BS). **Slate-colored Junco:** 1, BRR, 5 Jan (SMcA). **Lapland Longspur:** 2-9, AB, 10 Dec, 9 Jan (RF, JK, SC); 2, Elk River Wildlife Area, 26 Dec (JK, AS). **Snow Bunting:** 3, Big Lagoon Spit, 12-17 Dec (TL, RS, BY, RF, JK, JA). **Rose-breasted Grosbeak:** 1, Hookton Road, 1 Jan (RH, et al.). **Tricolored Blackbird:** 1 pair, Douglas City, 21-22 Dec (M & DK); 1, Alexandre Dairy, 18 Dec (KS); 50, ECBC. **Western Meadowlark:** 75+, west side of Elk Ridge near Miranda, 27 Nov (KK). **Yellow-headed Blackbird:** 1, Moxon Road, 15 Dec (KR). **Baltimore Oriole:** 1 ad male (with another, unidentified “northern” type oriole, Eureka, 4 Dec (TL). **Bullock’s Oriole:** 1 (photos), Fortuna, 4 Dec-1 Jan (DM, et al.). **Red Crossbill:** 4, Hammond Trail, 24 Dec (MM); 8-12, Sunny Brae, 7-9 Jan (SH); 25, Prairie Creek State Park HQ, 11 Jan (BS).

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