



# The Sandpiper

DECEMBER 2014/JANUARY 2015



REDWOOD REGION AUDUBON SOCIETY [www.rras.org](http://www.rras.org)

## FIELD TRIPS

**Every Saturday: Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary.** These are our famous rain-or-shine, docent-led field trips at the Marsh. Bring your binocular(s) and have a great morning birding! Meet in the parking lot at the end of South I Street (Klopp Lake) in Arcata at **8:30 a.m.** Trips end around 11 a.m.

**Saturday, December 6: eBird Site Survey--Shay Park.** Join Rob Fowler (707-839-3493) to survey Shay Park in Arcata for up to 3 hours, counting every species present. For more info on the eBird Site Survey, visit [http://ebird.org/content/ebird/about/eBird\\_Site\\_Survey](http://ebird.org/content/ebird/about/eBird_Site_Survey). Even though it says "survey," this is basically a birding trip. Meet at **8:00 a.m.** at the parking lot at the east end of Foster Avenue. Waterproof shoes or boots are recommended, as we typically walk through a grassy field off-trail and up and down stairs. With 25 to 40 species tallied on each survey, this is a great trip to learn how to identify many of the local songbirds.

**Sunday, December 14: Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge.** This is a wonderful 2- to 3-hour trip for people wanting to learn the birds of the Humboldt

Bay area. It takes a leisurely pace with emphasis on enjoying the birds! Beginners are more than welcome. Meet at the Refuge Visitor Center at **9:00 a.m.** Call Jude Power or David Fix (707-822-3613) for more information.

**Sunday, December 21: Southern Humboldt Community Park.** Jay Sooter (707-444-8001) and/or John Gaffin lead this monthly easy 2- to 3-hour walk. All ages and experience levels are encouraged to participate and revel in the beauty of the park and its avian inhabitants. Binoculars are not provided and dogs are not allowed; field guides are usually available, but please provide your own if possible. Steady rain cancels. Meet at **9:00 a.m.**, parking by the kiosk near the farmhouse in the main entrance.

**Sunday, December 21: Eureka Waterfront.** Meet at **9:00 a.m.** at the foot of W. Del Norte St., Eureka, where we will scope for birds from the public dock until everyone assembles. We will then drive to the base of the Hikshari' Trail at Truesdale St. and bird along the trail to the Elk River Wildlife Sanctuary. Leader: Ralph Bucher (707-499-1247; [thebook@reninet.com](mailto:thebook@reninet.com)).

**Saturday, January 10: Winter Rarities.** This trip will start in Arcata and end near Ferndale. It will focus on looking for rarities found during the Arcata and Centerville CBCs, while also enjoying all the species we could expect to see along the way. Rob Fowler (707-839-3493; [migratoriusfwlr@gmail.com](mailto:migratoriusfwlr@gmail.com)) will lead. Meet at **7:30 a.m.** at the Arcata Marsh South G Street parking lot. Bring a lunch and expect to end around 3 p.m. or later. Dress warmly; heavy rain cancels. Most years, we see 90-100 species and sometimes find our own rarity!

**Sunday, January 11: Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge.** See December 14.

**Saturday, January 17: eBird Site Survey--Shay Park.** See December 6.

**Sunday, January 18: Southern Humboldt Community Park.** See December 21, but meeting time changes to **9:30 a.m.**

**Sunday, January 18: Eureka Waterfront.** See December 21.

### DECEMBER PROGRAM FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>

#### CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT BRUSH-UP & POTLUCK

Despising diving duck ID? Winter dowitchers gotcha' down? Gulls making you groan? Need to spiff up ID with your winter sparrow species? Join us for our annual winter potluck and Christmas Bird Count brush-up. Rob Fowler, RRAS field trip coordinator and main "fowlerope" of Fowlerope Birding Tours, will review confusing and difficult identifications often encountered during the CBC season. Bring a dish to share; RRAS will provide drinks, plates, and utensils. The potluck starts at **6:30 p.m.** and the program at **7:30 p.m.**



### JANUARY PROGRAM FRIDAY, JANUARY 9<sup>TH</sup>

#### CALIFORNIA CONDORS IN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST: A RETURN TO THE HEART OF THE RANGE

Chris West, senior wildlife biologist for the Yurok Tribe, will discuss the biology of condors and their history in the region. He will also describe their cultural significance to regional native peoples and what led the Yurok Tribe to get involved in recovery efforts. After spending 6 years assessing habitat, the Tribe has elicited current condor habitat conditions in our area. West will describe the progress of preparation work toward condor recovery here in the Pacific Northwest and the next steps to take that will hopefully lead to once again seeing the shadows of these giant birds gracing our northern forests.



Programs start at **7:30 p.m.** (potluck at **6:30** for December)

at **Six Rivers Masonic Lodge, 251 Bayside Road, Arcata**

Bring a mug to enjoy shade-grown coffee, and come fragrance free.

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## NEW MEMBERS

Redwood Region Audubon Society welcomes the following new members and subscribers:

**Canton, OH** – David Gill  
**Arcata** – Lena Ashley, Breken Davis, Richard Day, Marsha Eagles, Susan Holt, James Lowe, Jared Wolfe  
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**Trinidad** – Mark Pringle, Joyce Rodgers  
**Whitethorn** – Tobe Halton

We look forward to seeing you on field trips and at our monthly programs.

## RRAS THANKS ITS VOLUNTEERS

About 20 people attended the 4th annual RRAS volunteer appreciation event on October 24 at the Humboldt Area Foundation. Because the gathering was so close to Halloween, attendees were urged to unleash their inner child by donning a hat or coming in costume. Invitees included RRAS board members and committee chairs, field trip leaders, *Sandpiper* contributors, monthly speakers, and helpers at special events. Everyone enjoyed eating, drinking, and chatting. Thanks to Sue Leskiw for inviting and tracking volunteers and making or buying the food and drink. Our appreciation to everyone who helped set up or clean up, particularly Tom Leskiw, Cindy Moyer, Syn-dee Noel, Susan Penn, and Liz Swingler.

## CHANGE IN COMMITTEE CHAIRS

I would like to thank Lew and Judie Norton for their many years on the membership committee. We will miss their presence at board meetings and especially Lew's ability to get information and answers from National Audubon. They are both helping Susan Penn learn the ropes as the new chair. Thanks, Lew and Judie, for doing a great job and Susan for taking charge of the committee. I also want to thank Jill Demers and CJ Ralph for handling the program committee after Ken Burton's departure. Jared Wolfe is the new chair and is doing a great job finding speakers to entertain and enlighten us. Thanks Jill, CJ, and Jared!

## EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

RRAS is excited to embark on 2 different educational programs and partnerships in the coming year. One will be Audubon Adventures, a national environmental education program that provides classroom kits and online resource materials correlated to Common Core Language Arts and the Next Generation Science Standards for grades 3-5. The materials provide loads of wonderful information and activities. Our chapter will sponsor 4 classrooms during the 2014-15 school year by purchasing kits for every student and providing conservation stewardship-themed visits.

Visit [audubonadventures.org](http://audubonadventures.org) to learn more. We are also partnering with Eureka High School on the maintenance and interpretation of the Helen Clarke Collection of mounted birds, also known as the "Bird Room," located on the campus. Retired marine biology teacher, Dennis Cahill approached our chapter and principal Rick Jordan with the idea of collaborating on re-establishing the Bird Room as a resource for Humboldt County students. We will coordinate docents, which will entail assisting with updating and maintaining the collection and providing guides for visiting classes. We plan to soon host a few prearranged class visits to the Bird Room. For more information or to help with these great projects, please contact Education Committee chair Denise Seeger at [daseeger@gmail.com](mailto:daseeger@gmail.com) or (707) 444-2399.

## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

By Hal Genger

On a beautiful Sunday morning in September, the RRAS board members—Hal Genger, Susan Penn, Denise Seeger, Harriet Hill, Ralph Bucher, Joe Ceriani, Adam Brown, Cindy Moyer, Syn-dee Noel, CJ Ralph, Jim Clark, Jill Demers, and Lew Norton—met at the Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge for our yearly retreat. Jill Demers was the facilitator and led us seamlessly through the whole process. Thank you, Jill!

After brainstorming and prioritizing, we chose 4 general topics to discuss: Education/Outreach, Funding, Conservation, and Activities. Each topic was addressed by creating a problem statement, deciding how to address the problem, deciding who is in charge of this item, and setting a time-frame.

Regarding Education/Outreach, we discussed the RRAS website and the need to fix outdated information to make the site easier to navigate and keep current. Susan Penn will lead the committee to achieve these goals. Thank you, Susan! A short-term fix will be done and then a website redesign to better fit our needs for the long term.

We also considered what we want our education program to look like. We set a goal to use Audubon Adventures programs in classes in 3 schools. Denise Seeger chairs this committee. Thank you, Denise! Board members will also visit classrooms and lead field trips. We are especially interested in having students view the bird collection at Eureka High School and are working out the logistics.

While discussions on "conservation" and "activities" were vibrant, funding deserves attention here. We considered: "What does a healthy fund development program look like?" The answer, of course, is to balance our 2014/2015 budget. We receive some money from National Audubon and need to augment that with donations to cover expenses for such items as room rental and refreshments for monthly programs, storage unit rental, P.O. box, awards and scholarships, field trip expenses and insurance, *Sandpiper* publication, postage, etc. (Land purchases were also considered but are a larger ticket item.) To do this, we need to raise \$6,100. One successful method we will continue to use will be a year-end appeal mailer requesting donations that will go out near the end of November. Please consider a donation to keep our many programs running.

We are also planning to do a bird-a-thon fundraiser in partnership with the NEC in honor of Tim McKay. Gary Friedrichsen is leading this committee. Thank you, Gary! The bird-a-thon will likely happen around the first week of May (probably on any day between May 2 and 9). We hope all birders coerce their friends to give donations for all the birds they can find on their day.

## BIRD WINTER STORYTELLING

As autumn gives way to early winter, cold and rainy weather can prompt us to spend more time indoors. Our homes are often filled with family, both the one we were born into and close friends we've made along the way. For thousands of years, winter has been the preferred time for storytelling. For the Tohono O'odham (formerly known as the Papago), December was the favored month to tell the creation story—specifically, the 4 longest nights of the year that bracket the solstice. Many First Nations' peoples restrict their storytelling about animals to the winter months—when many animals are either hibernating or have migrated south—believing that it's disrespectful to speak about animals and other natural powers so directly when they are close by.

Regardless of your beliefs, winter strikes me as an appropriate time to share stories about birds: those seen or heard, narrowly missed, or dream birds—shockers that we aspire to find.

On September 30, 2014, Scott Terrill found what remains a Humboldt dream bird for all but 3 people: a Chimney Swift. John Luther had spotted this species at Table Bluff on May 16, 1998, but until Scott's sighting, Chimney Swift had never been either collected as a specimen, photographed, or seen by a subsequent party (Doc Harris's criteria for a first county record). Scott obtained diagnostic photos, and thanks to a timely phone call, the bird was later seen by Rob Fowler.

I'm not surprised that Scott was the first to document a Chimney Swift in Humboldt. For one thing, during his many years birding, he's seen about 20 Chimney Swifts in California. Also, a number of years ago, John Sterling shared a story with me that I've never forgotten, as it contained a number of compelling elements: happenstance, serendipity, and the possibilities that arise when 2 über-skilled birders look to the skies. The story goes like this:

Sterling was in the Bay Area one day, at the Alviso Marina parking lot near San Jose. He looked up to spot

a flying Chimney Swift. Not that he would ever need a refresher to remember what they look and sound like (plus, he'd seen dozens of them the day before in Washington, DC). He ran toward the bird to get a better look at it and found himself in a parking lot. Although John knew Scott, he had no idea that Scott worked in the building he'd approached or that he was simultaneously studying the bird from his second-story office window. Scott made his way to a deck outside his office, where he was surprised to see John. Scott yelled "Hi" to John, who looked up through his binoculars, recognized him and yelled "Chimney Swift," while pointing at the bird. Scott responded, "Yup"!

There's another story about Chimney Swifts I'd like to share. As recently as 1943 ornithologists had no idea where this species spent the winter months. Occasional sightings led scientists to believe that it was likely somewhere in Central or South America, but definite proof eluded them. Then in 1943 an explorer in the remote northeastern region of Peru chanced upon members of a tribe wearing necklaces made of aluminum rings. On closer examination, he recognized that the rings were bird leg bands. These particular bands had been placed on 13 Chimney Swifts while they were in North America: Tennessee (8) and Alabama, Georgia, Illinois, Connecticut, and Ontario (1 each). It was believed that members of the tribe caught the swifts while they roosted in a hollow tree.

Sometimes the story of *how* we learn things is as amazing as the knowledge itself.

For further reading on the recovery of these bands from Chimney Swifts in Peru, see: <http://www.tnbirds.org/MigrantOnline/V015/V015037-038.pdf> and <http://www.tnbirds.org/MigrantOnline/V015/V015039-041.pdf>

*Tom Leskiw*

## NORTHWEST CALIFORNIA CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNTS

Every year, RRAS sponsors 5 CBCs, which will occur from December 14, 2014, to January 4, 2015. This is the 115th national count and takes place throughout the Western Hemisphere and in Antarctica. To get on a team or form your own, contact one of the compilers listed for each count.

**Del Norte County: Sunday, December 14. Count circle:** includes Crescent City, Smith River, Fort Dick, Lake Earl, Jedediah Smith Redwoods State Park/Redwood National Park, and the western portion of the Smith River National Recreation Area. **Compiler(s):** Alan Barron (707-465-8904, [flockfinder@yahoo.com](mailto:flockfinder@yahoo.com)) and/or Gary Lester (707-839-3373).

**Arcata: Saturday, December 20. Count circle:** centered on Arcata, stretching north to McKinleyville south of Murray Road, west to Samoa and Manila, east to Bayside up to the Baywood Golf Course, and south including Freshwater and to Eureka along the waterfront to the Elk River. **Compiler:** Daryl Coldren (916-384-8089; [QuiAvisPetit@aol.com](mailto:QuiAvisPetit@aol.com)).

**Willow Creek: Saturday, December 27** (weather permitting). **Count circle:** centered on Willow Creek, includes Horse Mountain, portions of the South Fork & Main Stem of the Trinity River, Salyer, and the southern Hoopa Valley. **Compiler:** Gary Lester (see Del Norte).

**Tall Trees: Friday, January 2. Count circle:** from Big Lagoon to Orick and Lyons Ranch. **Compiler:** Ken Burton (707-499-1146; [shrikethree@gmail.com](mailto:shrikethree@gmail.com)).

**Centerville Beach to King Salmon: Sunday, January 4. Count circle:** centered on Loleta, divided into sectors of 1) Fields Landing, King Salmon, and College of the Redwoods; 2) Table Bluff; 3) Loleta; 4) Fortuna; 5) Ferndale; 6) Centerville Rd; 7) Port Kenyon Rd; 8) Grizzly Bluff Rd; 9) South Spit; 10) Centerville Beach; 11) Elk River Valley; 12) Humboldt Hill; and 13) Salt River. **Compiler:** Gary Lester (see Del Norte).



viewing and interpretation would provide added benefits to Humboldt County residents and visitors. Easy access to the wetland from Highway 101 both underscores the need for protection and the opportunity for nature-based tourism. Whether a trail only provides access for wildlife viewing and interpretation or also includes access to the wave slope needs to be determined through the required public and agency notification process, as does the status of the existing substandard trail. We know it takes a long time to get things done whenever government is involved, so let's start on this now.

## BIRD CONSERVATION IS MORE THAN PRESERVATION

by Jim Clark

Bird habitat conservation, aka "bird conservation," is more than just habitat preservation. In addition to conserving and preserving physical habitat, long-term bird conservation requires that we consider public education, interpretation, and participation. Without broad public knowledge of the importance of habitat conservation, there can be no support for it, and without public support, there can be no political will for bird habitat conservation. The best way to introduce the public to the importance of habitat conservation is through outdoor recreation. The key is to entice members of the public to the experience of combined recreation and interpretation by providing an attractive and accessible venue. This opportunity currently exists at Clam Beach County Park (CBCP) in the wetlands formed on Patrick Creek by beavers. The recent failed attempt to install a 90-foot railcar bridge through the Patrick Creek wetlands near the north parking area of CBCP drew attention to the Snowy Plover's conflict with vehicles. It was no surprise that the California Coastal Commission's requirements made it infeasible. Although

there was significant public objection to providing motor vehicle access to the beach, I heard little about the possible harm to the wetland created by beaver activities over the past few years. Unfortunately, the wetland has already been damaged by our own Environmental Services Division's Parks and Trails by the creation of a trail of pallets that is essentially a linear sacrifice zone through the wetlands. In addition to damaging the wetlands, the pallets do not meet the standards currently expected for a newly constructed public access trail. I doubt that a permit for such a trail would be granted if applied for. Aside from the environmental and regulatory issues, it's an embarrassment to Humboldt County. It appears that the wetland has been treated as merely an obstacle to beach access.

The CBCP wetland could be a feature attraction. An elevated walkway over or adjacent to the wetland could provide wildlife viewing and beach access, while avoiding damage to the wetland. Bird habitat conservation alone is a valid reason to prevent damage to the CBCP wetland, but a trail that provides access to wildlife

# Field Notes

## SUMMARY OF NORTHWESTERN CALIFORNIA BIRD REPORTS

By Daryl Coldren

### September 1 to October 31, 2014

Field Notes is a compilation of bird-sighting reports for Del Norte, Humboldt, and Trinity Counties. Sources include the RRAS Bird Box (707-822-LOON), the online northwestern California birding and information exchange ([nwcalbird@yahoo.com](mailto:nwcalbird@yahoo.com)), eBird (<http://ebird.org/content/klamathsisiskiyou>), and reports submitted directly to the compiler. Reports may be submitted to any of the sources mentioned above or to Daryl Coldren, (916) 384-8089, [QuiAvisPetit@aol.com](mailto:QuiAvisPetit@aol.com).

FOS = first of season; FOS\* = there were subsequent reports, but only FOS listed here; HBNWR = Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge; HSU = Humboldt State University; MOB = many observers; SHCP = Southern Humboldt Community Park

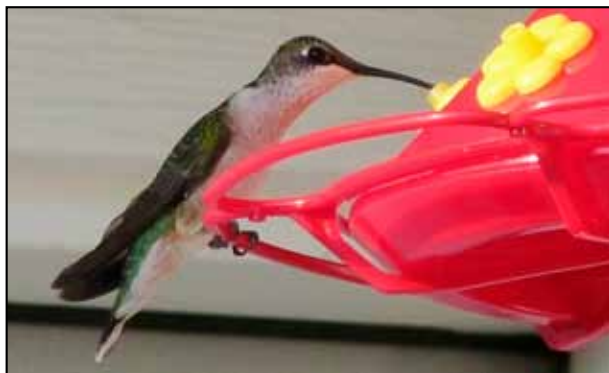
**Harlequin Duck:** 1, *Trinidad*, 17 Sep (KB, JP); 1, *Gold Bluffs Beach*, 27 Oct (CR) • **Yellow-billed Loon:** 1, *North Jetty*, 29 Oct (BE) • **Black-vented Shearwater:** 4, *Elk Head*, 17 Oct (RF); 2, *North Spit-Bay St*, 22 Oct (KS); 3, *Fleener Creek Overlook*, 24 Oct (BE) • **Brown Booby:** 1, *Trinidad-Pilot Rock*, 4-20 Oct (SL, DC, JH) • **Northern Goshawk:** 1, *Forest Service Rte 1*, 9 Sep (RF) • **Rough-legged Hawk:** 1, *Loleta Bottoms*, 30 Sep (TL) • **Prairie Falcon:** 1, *Eel River Estuary Preserve*, 27 Oct (AL, SB, BE) • **White-faced Ibis:** 1, *Lake Tolowa*, 29 Sep (LB); 20, *Arcata Marsh*, 14 Oct (SH, MH); 22 (fly-over), *Table Bluff*, 14 Oct (BE) • **Black-necked Stilt:** 1, *Eel River downstream of SHCP*, 21 Sep (AC); 1, *Lake Tolowa*, 29 Sep (LB) • **American Golden-Plover:** 3, *Crab Park*, 29 Sep (TK, JH); 1, *Centerville Wetlands*, 29 Sep-4 Oct (BE, MOB); 2, *Loleta Bottoms*, 4 Oct (RF, DF, MOB); 3, *Lake Tolowa*, 14 Oct (LB); 1, *Arcata Bottoms-V St Loop*, 17 Oct (TM) • **Pacific Golden-Plover:** 1, *Jacoby Creek Mouth*, 6 Sep (RF, MOB); 1, *Mad River County Park*, 7 Sep (JH, BH); 2-3, *Crab Park*, 8-29 Sep (CO, TK, CR, MOB); 16, *Cannibal Island Rd*, 4 Oct (RF, AL, MOB) • **Rock Sandpiper:** 1 (FOS), *North Spit*, 24 Oct (EF, JH, MOB) • **Solitary Sandpiper:** 1, *School Rd Trail-McKinleyville*, 29 Aug-5 Sep (BE, KS); 1, *Elk River Wildlife Sanctuary*, 9 Sep (SS) • **Red Knot:** 1, *Cock Robin Island*, 6 Sep (RF, MOB); 3, *Jacoby Creek Mouth*, 12 Sep (DF, JP, KB) • **Buff-breasted Sandpiper:** 2, *Smith River Bottoms*, 1-2 Sep (LB) • **Sharp-tailed Sandpiper:** 1, *Ocean Ranch*, 22 Sep (BE); 1, *Lake Tolowa*, 17 Oct (LB); 1, *Arcata Bottoms-Foster Ave*, 20 Oct (KS) • **Stilt Sandpiper:** 1, *Eel River Estuary*, 6 Sep (RF, TL, BE, MOB) • **Semipalmated Sandpiper:** 1, *Arcata Marsh*, 5 Sep (AR, CH); 1, *Jacoby Creek*, 6 Sep (JH) • **Ruff:** 1, *Lake Tolowa*, 6 Sep (LB, TK, MOB); 1, *Arcata Marsh*, 19-21 Sep (TK, MOB); 1, *Lake Tolowa*, 25 Sep (LB) • **Wilson's Phalarope:** 1, *Arcata Marsh*, 14 Sep (AL) • **Laughing Gull:** 1, *Elk River Mouth*,



Blackpoll Warbler  
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20 Sep (MC) • **Black Tern:** 1, *Eel River Estuary*, 6-8 Sep (RF, BE, MOB); 1, *Arcata Marsh*, 8-10 Sep (AP, SH, MH); 1, *Lake Tolowa*, 12 Sep (AB, MOB) • **American White Pelican:** 1, *Lake Tolowa*, 25 Aug-31 Oct (LB, MOB) • **Sandhill Crane:** 1, *Centerville Wetlands*, 9 Oct (BE, EF); 1, *Alexandre Dairy*, 24 Oct (LB) • **Burrowing Owl:** 1, *South Spit*, 17 Sep (fide CB); 2, *Bear River Ridge*, 27 Sep (BE); 1, *Eel River Estuary Preserve*, 22 Oct (SB); 1, *McKinleyville Vista Pt*, 31 Oct (GL, CR) • **Black Swift:** 16, *Eureka*, 4 Sep (BE, SM, LL) • **Chimney Swift:** 1, *Arcata Bottoms*, 30 Sep (ST, RF) • **White-winged Dove:** 1, *Arcata-Zehndner Ave*, 18-22 Oct (GB, MOB) • **Ruby-throated Hummingbird:** 1 juv. female (2nd Humboldt record), *Eureka*, 4-10 Sep (BE, RF, DC, MOB) • **Lewis's Woodpecker:** 4, *Horse Mt Clearcut*, 22 Sep (TM, MOB) • **White-headed Woodpecker:** 1, *Water Dog Lakes and Trail*, 6 Sep (AM, BH) • **Yellow-bellied Sapsucker:** 1, *Salmon Creek Rd*, 18-26 Oct (TL, JS, MOB) • **Red-naped Sapsucker:** 1, *North Spit-Cypress Patch*, 5 Oct (TK, CR, RF) • **Say's Phoebe:** 1, *Mill Creek Acquisition*, 8 Sep (TK, CR); 1, *McKinleyville Bottoms*, 9-12 Sep (KS, MOB); 2, *Grove's Prairie*, 15 Sep (GB); 1, *Orick*, 29 Sep (KSc); 1, *Arcata Marsh*, 4 Oct (MC); 1, *Mattole Rd-Bear River*, 4 Oct (BB); 1, *Ferndale Bottoms-Pt Kenyon Rd*, 4 Oct (EF); 1, *Garberville Airport*, 15-17 Sep (OH); 1, *SHCP*, 19 Oct (TL, JS) • **Ash-throated Flycatcher:** 1, *Cooper Gulch*, 1 Sep (SB) • **Tropical Kingbird:** 1, *Ferndale Bottoms*, 28 Sep (JP, DF); 3, *North Spit-Samoa Dunes*, 4 Oct (EC); 1-2, *Centerville Rd*, 4-24 Oct (BE, SS, BB, MOB); 1, *Ferndale Bottoms-Waddington Rd*, 21 Oct (TL); 1, *Manila Park*, 22 Oct (CB); 2, *Coast Guard Station*, 31 Oct (EC) • **Loggerhead Shrike:** 1 (returning for 2nd year in this location), *Quinn Rd-Loleta*, 27 Sep-4 Oct (GC, AL) • **Philadelphia Vireo:** 1, *McKinleyville*, 5 Sep (KS) • **Red-eyed Vireo:** 1, *Crannell Rd*, 15 Sep (KI) • **Blue-gray Gnatcatcher:** 1, *Salt River-Ferndale Bottoms*, 5 Sep (KS); 1, *Mad River Fish Hatchery*, 7 Oct (RF, BB) • **Northern Mockingbird:** 1, *Arcata Marsh*, 21 Sep (JH); 1, *Ferndale*, 28 Sep (LL, GF); 1, *V St Loop*, 30 Oct (LL) • **Northern Waterthrush:** 2, *HBNWR*, 4-19 Sep (TM, AL, MOB); 1, *Manila Community Park*, 5 Sep (EC); 1, *School Rd Trail*, 5-30 Sep (TK, CR, KS); 1-2, *Arcata Marsh*, 10 Sep-20 Oct (GZ, RF, DF, MOB); 1, *Bayshore Mall*, 20 Sep (TK, CR); 1, *Trinidad*, 17 Oct (GK) • **Black-and-white Warbler:** 1, *Cooper Gulch*, 2-5 Sep (CO, TL, MOB); 1, *Terwer Valley*, 20 Sep (LB); 1, *School Rd Trail*, 23 Sep (DF) • **Tennessee Warbler:** 1, *Blue Lake Cottonwoods*, 9 Sep (PL); 1, *School Rd Trail*, 20 Sep (MC); 1, *Cooper Gulch*, 21 Sep (CB); 1, *Arcata Marsh*, 22 Sep (RF, MOB); 1, *Arcata-Zehndner Ave*, 27 Sep (GB); 1, *Sunny Brae*, 28-30 Oct (AR, JH) • **American Redstart:** 1, adult male, *Redwood Creek Mouth-Oxbow Patch*, 1 Sep (TK, CR); 1, *Hiller Park*, 8 Sep (AL); 1, hybrid male, *Big Lagoon*, 16 Sep (TK); 1, *School Rd*,

*Trail*, 20-21 Sep (KB); 1, female, *Arcata Marsh*, 22-26 Sep (AL, CB, MOB) • **Hooded Warbler:** 1, *Bayside*, 8 Oct (JP, RF, MOB) • **Magnolia Warbler:** 1, *Cooper Gulch*, 8-15 Sep (TL, MOB) • **Chestnut-sided Warbler:** 1, *Cooper Gulch*, 8-9 Sep (RF, MOB); 1, *School Rd Trail*, 20-21 Sep (RF); 1, *Jacoby Creek*, 21 Sep (TK, CR); 1, *Cooper Gulch*, 27 Sep (TL) • **Blackpoll Warbler:** 1, *School Rd Trail*, 14-15 Sep (MC, RF, AL, CR); 1, *Crannell Rd*, 15 Sep (KI); 2, *HSU*, 23-27 Oct (JH, BE, EF, MOB); 1, *Shay Park*, 31 Oct (TM) • **Palm Warbler:** 1 (FOS\*), *Table Bluff*, 27 Sep (SM) • **Northern Parula:** 1, *Terwer Valley*, 19 Sep (LB); 1, *Blue Lake*, 13 Oct (PL) • **Prairie Warbler:** 1, *Pacific Shores*, 8-9 Sep (LB, TK, CR, AB); 1, *Salt River*, 27 Sep-2 Oct (TK, JH, MOB) • **Ovenbird:** 1, *Horse Pasture Patch*, 5-6 Oct (TK, CR, MOB) • **Chestnut-collared Longspur:** 1, *Lake Tolowa*, 17 Oct (LB) • **Lapland Longspur:** 1 (FOS), *South Spit*, 3 Oct (BE); 1, *Centerville Wetlands*, 4 Oct (TK, MOB); 1, *Lanphere Rd*, 9 Oct (AM); 1-2, *V St Loop*, 10-29 Oct (CR, RF, JH, MOB); 2, *Lake Tolowa*, 17 Oct (LB); 1, *Eel River Estuary Preserve*, 27 Oct (AL, SB) • **American Tree Sparrow:** 1, *V St Loop*, 29-31 Oct (JH, MOB) • **Clay-colored Sparrow:** 1, *Cannibal Island Rd*, 30 Sep (TL); 2, *V St Loop*, 18-22 Oct (RF, MOB); 2, *Lanphere Rd*, 24-26 Oct (EF); 1, *McKinleyville*, 25-26 Oct (CD); 1, *Arcata*, 26 Oct (JP, DF); 3, *Blue Lake*, 26 Oct (PL); 1, *Davison Rd*, 29 Oct (CR) • **Vesper Sparrow:** 1, *Pacific Shores*, 6-9 Sep (TK, CR); 1, *Fickle Hill Rd*, 11 Sep (CR, MOB); 1, *Lanphere Rd*, 30 Sep (RF); 1, *V St Loop*, 30 Sep (JH); 1, *Centerville Wetlands*, 4 Oct (CD); 1, *V St Loop*, 29 Oct (CO); 1, *Davison Rd*, 29 Oct (CR) • **Swamp Sparrow:** 1, *V St Loop*, 18-19 Oct (KI); 1, *Arcata-Heather Lane*, 31 Oct (TM) • **Rose-breasted Grosbeak:** 1 female, *Hiller Park*, 11 Sep (KS) • **Blue Grosbeak:** 1 female, *Arcata Marsh*, 19 Sep (RF) • **Painted Bunting:** 1, *Arcata Bottoms-Moxon Rd*, 31 Oct (CD) • **Dickcissel:** 1, *Crescent City*, 25-26 Sep (SkL, TK, GB, MOB); 1, *Mad River Fish Hatchery*, 29 Sep-5 Oct (NC, JH, EF, RF, MOB) • **Summer Tanager:** 1 adult male, *Cooper Gulch*, 1-3 Sep (CO, SB, TL, MOB) • **Bobolink:** 1-2, *School Rd Trail*, 7 Sep (RF, MOB); 1, *Arcata Oxidation Ponds*, 7 Sep (DF, AL); 2, *School Rd Trail*, 13 Sep (KS) • **Orchard Oriole:** 1 adult male, *Ferndale*, 9& 26 Oct (OH) • **Tricolored Blackbird:** 1, *Arcata Bottoms*, 15 Sep-23 Oct (AL, SB, BE, EF, MOB) • **Yellow-headed Blackbird:** 1-3, *Arcata Bottoms*, 13 Sep-16 Oct (EF, AL, CR, TK, CD, MOB) • **Lawrence's Goldfinch:** 1, *Blue Lake*, 18 Sep (PL); 1, *Arcata*, 22-23 Sep (TM); 1, *V St Loop*, 16 Oct (CD, PM).



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