



The Sandpiper

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REDWOOD REGION AUDUBON SOCIETY 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. Feb. 6: Tony Kurz; Feb. 13: Ken Burton; Feb. 20: Larry Karsteadt; Feb. 27: Cindy Moyer.

Saturday, February 13: McKinleyville Hot Spots. Join Rob Fowler ([707] 616-9841) for this half-day field trip, exploring some of McKinleyville's best birding locations. Hiller Park, the Mad River estuary and mouth, the McKinleyville bottoms, sections of the Hammond Trail, and the School Road trail will be some of the locations visited. Expect to visit diverse habitats, which will help us obtain a high species list of around 60 to 80 species. Meet at **8 a.m.** near the playground at Hiller Park, and plan to finish the trip around noon.

Sunday, February 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 a.m.** Call Jude Power or David Fix ([707] 822-3613) for more information.

Saturday, February 20: Southern Humboldt Community Park. Jay Sooter ([707] 444-8001) and/or John Gaffin will lead this monthly walk. All ages and experience levels are encouraged to participate and revel in the beauty of the park and its avian inhabitants on this easy 2- to 3-hour walk. Binoculars are not provided, and dogs are not allowed; field guides are usually available, but please bring your own if possible. Steady rain cancels. Meet at **9:30 a.m.**, parking at the Tooby Park parking lot, which is about 100 yards past the entrance to the park.

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

Sunday, March 13: Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge. See February 14.

Saturday, March 19: Southern Humboldt Community Park. See February 20.

Sunday, March 20: Eureka Waterfront. See February 21.

Winter Raptor Counts: Please join us for the 9th consecutive season of winter raptor counts in Loleta and Ferndale! Once a month, we run a standardized 27-mile route and count all vultures, raptors, and shrikes observed within a 1-km-wide transect. Surveys typically run from **8 a.m.** to 3 p.m. No experience or expertise is necessary. **LAST COUNT IS IN FEBRUARY.** For more information, call Ken Burton at [\(707\) 499-1146](tel:7074991146).



ANNUAL BANQUET: SATURDAY, FEB 27



WHAT COLOR IS YOUR FINCH?

Why are some birds so bright and gaudy they cannot go undetected and others are so drab and cryptic they are tough to spot? Why do House Finches lose their coloration when they fall ill while the colors of parrots are resistant to the effects of disease? Ornithologist and author **Dr. Geoffrey Hill** will give a fun and informative presentation summarizing the latest research on what is being signaled by the color of bird feathers and what the study of bird feather coloration might tell us about human health and aging.

Place: Arcata D Street Neighborhood Center, 13th and D Sts. **Time:** Social hour begins at **5:30 p.m.** and dinner at **6:30 p.m.** Meat and veggie options will be offered by caterer Uniquely Yours! **Cost:** Ticket price is a sliding scale between \$35 and \$50. Send check made out to RRAS to P.O. Box 1054, Eureka, CA 95502, email redwoodpost@suddenlink.net with Banquet in the subject line, or phone 442-8862. **The last day to make reservations is February 25.**

MARCH PROGRAM: FRIDAY, MAR 11

BIRD CONSERVATION IN THE AMAZON

The Amazon forest is recognized as one of the most diverse ecosystems in the world. From drab ant-following tanagers, the diversity of Amazonian bird-life is staggering. In this talk **Jared Wolfe, PhD**, research ecologist at the U.S. Forest Service, will draw on over a decade of experience studying Amazonian birds to discuss their natural history, evolution, and conservation status. Wolfe will also describe how forest clearing and climate change are altering the habitats many sensitive Amazonian bird species rely on.

Program starts at **7:30 p.m.** at **Eureka High School Auditorium**, 1915 J Street, Eureka. Bring a mug to enjoy shade-grown coffee, and please come fragrance-free.



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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

By Hal Genger

Welcome, everyone, to 2016 and another year with Redwood Region Audubon Society! February is an important time for our chapter. We install new board members, say goodbye to those leaving, give awards, reacquaint with friends and meet new ones—all at our annual banquet.

Enjoy an excellent meal prepared by Uniquely Yours! again this year and listen to a fascinating presentation. Again, we will auction off items donated by supporters that will help defray the costs of operation for RRAS. This year, Dr. Geoff Hill will give a fascinating talk on bird coloration. He will share the latest information on what colors may signify and how they might even tell us about human health and aging. Please review the banquet article elsewhere in this issue and join us February 27, 2016, for this yearly event. I hope to see you there!

RRAS is currently seeking volunteers to help fill 2 important roles. First, we need someone to lead the

Program Committee. Jared Wolfe has done a great job finding speakers but currently has too many irons in the fire and will be unable to continue as chair. Thank you, Jared, for doing a great job as Program chair. The main responsibility of the Program Committee chair is to work with the other 2 committee members securing speakers for our monthly general meetings and arranging a venue for the meetings.

We also need an editor for *The Sandpiper*. The editor's main responsibilities are to remind contributors about the due dates for their articles, review their contributions for any possible errors, and work closely with the layout person (Gary Bloomfield) to make sure everything will fit into the final copy. Jan Andersen can fill you in on the complete list of her responsibilities as editor and how much time is required. Jan has been doing a marvelous job for many years; thank you, Jan, so much for your many years of service!

RRAS AWARDED COLLABORATIVE FUNDING GRANT FROM AUDUBON CALIFORNIA

RRAS will be working with Eureka City Schools and Humboldt State University staff and students to further protect, preserve, and update the Eureka High School Hall of Ornithology mounted bird and egg collections. Special thanks to Chet Ogan and Tamar Danufsky for their professional assistance on the project proposal. The project will include installing UV light protection, cleaning and resealing cases, updating labels to current taxonomic nomenclature, digitizing collection ledgers, and updating K-12 curriculum and materials to include information regarding species of concern and adaptation to climate change.

If you would like further information or to assist with this project, please contact Denise Seeger: daseeger@gmail.com or (707) 444-2399.

Sandpiper Editor Needed

RRAS seeks a detail-oriented person able to make deadlines and guide *The Sandpiper* to print. Six issues are published a year, meaning every other month the editor notifies the board and contributors of due dates to submit announcements and other material. A good grasp of English grammar is helpful, as is the ability to attend monthly board meetings. For more information, contact C.J. Ralph, Hal Genger, or the current editor, Jan Andersen. See <http://www.rras.org/AboutUs> for e-mail addresses or the list of chapter leaders elsewhere in this issue for phone numbers.

KEEPING PREDATORS IN THEIR PLACE

By Jim Clark

When we hear the term “predator control,” we often think of government trappers going after coyotes or ranchers shooting wolves. If we define the word “predator” more universally, predator control has broader meaning.

We have a love-hate relationship with many predators, mainly our favorite canine and feline companions. We love the prey (birds) but also have close ties to our own predators, dogs and cats. That makes sense because most of us generally like all animals.

Dogs have the longest evolutionary history with humans, going back 18,000 to 30,000 years, while cats have only been semi-domesticated for about 4,000 years. Most people, even those who don't live or work with dogs, recognize with over 80% accuracy what a dog means by its bark. Dogs and humans have evolved together. Dogs look *where* you point; cats just look at the pointed finger. Although different—dogs as pack versus cats as solitary hunters—both have been used by humans for hunting, pest control, and companionship. Only dogs have accepted “work” such as herding.

As much as we like our dogs and cats, we recognize that it is important to prevent them from preying on and disturbing birds. Dogs should not chase birds on the beach, and cats should not have access to wild birds. By controlling our domestic predators, we control ourselves as predators to a limited extent. Even as we manage to control our favorite predators, we leave birds exposed to

“outsiders”: raccoons, neighborhood cats, rats, and corvids are attracted to our feeders, shelter, and garbage. Denying predators access to food and shelter is the next, but fairly easy, step in protecting yard birds from predators.

Expanding predator control beyond your yard or property is not easy. Some neighbors may be willing to not leave pet food out for skunks and raccoons and to control their pets, but others will be resistant. It can be hard to convince a neighbor that their bed of ivy or bunch of Pampas grass is likely harboring rats that raid birds' nests, much less to persuade them to spend money to redo landscape and confine their pets.

It is up to each of us to pursue National Audubon Society's concept of science, education, and law to achieve bird conservation. Part of the reason RRAS exists as a nonprofit organization rather than a loosely bound band of birders is to be more effective in doing the not-so-easy work. One of the goals we set at our annual retreat was to expand our urban and backyard bird conservation efforts. We hope to have a talk on this topic at one of our monthly member meetings that will kick off an ongoing program of yard-bird conservation. Here's hoping that the only predator at your bird feeder will be a bird of prey.

If you're interested in urban bird conservation, come to the Conservation Committee meeting at noon on the second Thursday of each month at Rita's in Eureka.



Elias Elias will guide a group of birders around the sagebrush flats and conifer forests of Lassen County 5 hours east of Humboldt. We will bird for duck and geese in the agricultural fields and wildlife areas of the Honey Lake Valley on Saturday morning. Early afternoon will find us in the conifer forests (Cassin's Finches and Lewis's Woodpeckers) around Janesville, CA. We will end the day in the juniper woodlands (the soon-to-be-split White-breasted Nuthatch, Townsend's Solitaire) in Jack's Valley north of Susanville. On Sunday, we will have a dark start as we will meet before first light at the sage-grouse lek. This lek will likely be the highlight of the trip. Prepare to be entertained by upwards of 10 Greater Sage-Grouse as

they dance and strut and pick and choose. Bow-chicka-wow-wow. Follow this link for some background intel: <https://youtu.be/cLnbiTkj1TQ> We will then bird around Susanville and Eagle Lake before disbanding about 2 p.m. for the 5-hour drive home. Please book your own room in Susanville for Friday and Saturday nights. Camping is available at the Fleming Unit, which is where Elias will stay unless the weather is absolutely miserable. Plan on eating in the field for all meals except for Saturday night dinner and Sunday post-lek breakfast.

Contact Elias Elias by e-mail or phone at call7076338833@gmail.com for details on meeting times and places.

AUDUBON NATURE WRITING DEADLINE MARCH 18

RRAS is sponsoring its 11th annual student nature writing contest. Up to 6 cash prizes will be awarded for the best essay(s) or poem(s) on "What Nature Means to Me" by Humboldt or Del Norte County students in grades 4 through 12. Winners will be published on the RRAS website, www.rras.org, with awards presented at the 21st Annual Godwit Days Festival in Arcata in mid-April.

Entries should be no more than 450 words in length; one entry per person. Topics suitable for exploration include, but are not limited to, bird feeding, duck hunting, animal rescue, and observations of the natural world. Entries must include the student's name, home address, phone number, and e-mail, plus teacher name, grade, school, phone, and e-mail. Deadline for receipt is Friday, March 18, 2016.

Send submissions as text within the body of an e-mail to tomleskiw@gmail.com or mail a printout to Tom Leskiw, 155 Kara Lane, McKinleyville, CA 95519.

MARCH 18 DEADLINE FOR STUDENT BIRD ART CONTEST ENTRIES

For the 13th year, Friends of the Arcata Marsh and Redwood Region Audubon Society are co-sponsoring a Student Bird Art Contest in conjunction with Godwit Days. Some \$550 in prizes will be awarded to Humboldt County students from kindergarten through high school who submit a drawing of one of 40 suggested species or another common local bird. Prize(s) also will be awarded for the best rendition of a bird in its natural habitat.

Entries will be judged by local wildlife artists and educators. Awards will be presented at the 21st Godwit Days Spring Migration Bird Festival on Saturday, April 16, at 11 a.m. All entries will be displayed at the Arcata Community Center during the Festival, and copies of winning artwork will be shown at the Arcata Marsh Interpretive Center during May.

A flyer with complete rules and a list of suggested birds is posted at www.rras.org/docs/2016SBAC.pdf or can be picked up at the Arcata Marsh Interpretive Center, Strictly for the Birds in Old Town Eureka, or by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to Sue Leskiw, 155 Kara Lane,

McKinleyville, CA 95519. Flyers will be mailed to all schools in Humboldt County.

Artwork may be dropped off at Strictly for the Birds, 123 F Street, Eureka, or the Arcata Marsh Interpretive Center, 569 South G Street, Arcata, or mailed to Sue at the address listed above. Entries must be received by Friday, March 18, to be considered. Questions should be e-mailed to sueleskiw1@gmail.com.

NEW MEMBERS

RRAS welcomes the following new member and subscriber:

Arcata – Leslie Scopes Anderson, Farugie Arrio, Patrick Carr, David Dickinson, Sara Giannandrea, Brian Graham, Tara Howard, Michael Klauer, Cindy Kuttner, Bob Peck, Gregory Pfothenauer, Erich Schimps, Helen Taylor, Jane Wilson
Bayside – Andrea Armin, Scott Haaland, Jim McIntosh

Carlotta – Rosalinda Brainerd
Crescent City – Tammy Armstrong, Holly Austin, Horbert Beising, Michele Driscoll, Lierre Keith, Sky Lloyd, Goldie Stottrup

Eureka – Elaine Barnhart, Debbie Breton, Gretchen Gehrke, Robert Goodwin, Judy Gordon, Marilyn Hagar, Marianne Huber, Carol Long, Denise Seeger, Don Staudenmaier, Dana Williams
Ferndale – Robert Field, F. Taubitz

Fortuna – Ruth Crane, Chris Curtis, Lori Hendrick, Regina Leiterman

Gasquet – Bill Waller

Kneeland – Cherry LaForge

Loleta – Caroline Isaacs

McKinleyville – Eric Almquist, Richard Duning, David Kitchen, Rinda McClure, Jack Munsee, Matthew Poston, Tom Pratum, Alison Sweeten, Cody Thompson, Resi Bare Watson

Petrolia – Maureen Roche

Redway – Klaro Koepke, Philip Larsen, Robert Sutherland

Trinidad – Illijana Asara, Douglas Jager, Carol Klune, Malcolm Stevens

Whitethorn – Connie Paul

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

Contributors to Field Notes: Thanks to all who submitted their reports—keep them coming! Kenneth Able, Glen Anderson, Dave Bengston (DBe), Dawn Blake, Gary Bloomfield, Jack Booth, Heather Brown, Lucas Brug, Camden Bruner, Ralph Bucher, Ken Burton, Greg Chapman, Elliot Chasin (ECh), Riley Chestnut, Sierra Cistone, Mark Colwell, Britta Countryman, Eric Culbertson, Kit Davenport, Alexa DeJoannis (ADeJ), Anthony Desch, Matthew Dodder, Melissa Dougherty (MeD), Cedric Duhalde, Todd Easterla, Elias Elias, Brad Elvert, Jane Epperson-Bloomfield, Elizabeth Feucht, David Fix, Rob Fowler, Steve Gellman, Callie Gezmundo, Mick Graham, Janice Hale, Karen Havlena, Brendan Higgins, Ken Irwin, David Jensen, Deven Kammerichs-Berke, Alexander Koonce, Tony Kurz, Alexandra Lamb, Fanter Lane, Matt Lau, Tom Leskiw, Gary Lester, Lauren Lester, Ron LeValley, Paul Lohse, Curtis Marantz, Darwin Mayhew (DMA), Sean McAllister, Aliya McCarthy, Matthew McConnell (MMc), Britney McGuire, Tristan McKee, Annie Meyer, Dee Meyer, Eric Mikolai, Moe Morrisette, Richard Norton, Chet Ogan, Kurt Ongman, Bryce Pierce, Zak Pohlen, Jude Power, Tom Quetchenbach, Peter Ralph, Sasha Robinson, Casey Ryan, Mark Sampson (MSa), Jack Schneider, Zane Schoettgen, Gregory Schrott, Mike Seeber, Keith Slauson, Fritz Steuer, Steve Stump, Anna Thaler-Petersen, Steve Tucker, Chuck Vaughn, Matt Wachs, Liz West, Andrew Wiegardt, Carol Wilson, George Ziminsky (GZi), Gena Zolotar.

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE VENUE CHANGE

After years of meeting at the Golden Harvest Restaurant in Arcata, the Conservation Committee has changed its meeting location to Rita's Margaritas and Mexican Grille in Eureka. Rita's is on the corner of 5th and L Streets, making for a fairly easy approach and exit from both north and south.

Although Golden Harvest has been great, with a good menu and service, the preponderance of attendees and potential attendees are from Eureka and south. The change will enhance convenience and reduce the carbon footprint for regular attendees.

Our next Conservation Committee meeting will be noon at Rita's on February 11, 2016.



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SUNRISE AT THE REFUGE

You are invited to join the Friends of Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge and staff for "Sunrise at the Refuge," a.k.a Aleutian Cackling Goose Fly-Off & Family Fun Weekend, on Saturday and Sunday, March 5 and 6, rain or shine. Meet at the Richard J. Guadagno Headquarters and Visitor Center, 1020 Ranch Road in Loleta. The gate will open at 6:00 a.m.

View the habitats of southern Humboldt Bay at sunrise. Watch thousands of Aleutian Cackling Geese fly off their night-time roosts. The fly-off usually occurs within 15 minutes before or after sunrise. Sunrise will be at 6:42 a.m.

Family fun activities inside the Visitor Center will include bird silhouette painting and other arts and crafts from 7:00 a.m. to 11 a.m. Bring a mug for coffee, tea, or cocoa. This is a popular event. We encourage everyone to carpool to ease parking congestion on the refuge. For more information or special accommodation, please call (707) 733-5406 or visit www.fws.gov/refuge/humboldt_bay.

Field Notes

SUMMARY OF NORTHWESTERN CALIFORNIA BIRD REPORTS

By Sean McAllister

November 1 to December 31, 2015

Field Notes is a compilation of select bird reports and news from the field, covering Humboldt, Del Norte, Trinity, western Siskiyou, and northern Mendocino counties. Reports are acquired from eBird (www.ebird.org), the "North Western California Bird Box" (707-822-LOON), nwcaldbird listserv (nwcaldbird@yahoo.com), and those e-mailed directly to me (whiteouters@gmail.com). For more details, these sources can be accessed directly. Note: Not all reports presented here have been vetted.

AMWS = Arcata Marsh Wildlife Sanctuary; BRR = Bear River Ridge; est. = estuary; HBNWR = Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge; HSU = Humboldt State University; m.obs = multiple observers; WTP = Water Treatment Plant

Greater White-fronted Goose: 7, Arcata, 2 Nov (EE); 1-2, Alexandre Dairy, 10-14 Nov (DBe, GA); 1 with a limp, Big Lagoon, 20-29 Nov (EE, SC, AW, AL); 1-2, Willow Creek, 27 Nov-28 Dec (MeD, EE, CO, KB) • **Snow Goose:** 1-5, Arcata area, 2 Nov-19 Dec (m. obs.); 1, Mattole River mouth, 21 Nov (EF); 4-5, Eel River bottom, 12-23 Dec (AL, GC, BE) • **Ross's Goose:** 1, Willow Creek, 27 Nov-28 Dec (MeD) • **Eurasian Wigeon:** many reports of 1-6 birds, Arcata bottom, AMWS, Eel River, Elk River, Ferndale, Loleta, Fay Slough, Humboldt Bay, Alexandre Dairy, 1 Nov-23 Dec (m.obs.) • **Blue-winged Teal:** 1-2, AMWS, 8 Nov-4 Dec (ML, MG, LF, AL) • **King (?) Eider:** an apparent female eider, initially thought to be a King Eider, was distinctly photographed off Big Lagoon, 22-28 Nov (TM) • **Harlequin Duck:** 1 male, N. Jetty, 1 Nov (CD); 2, Patricks Point, 8 Nov (GS, BC); 4, Point St. George, 20 Dec (EE) • **Long-tailed Duck:** 1, Humboldt Bay, 2 Nov (BE); 1, off Big Lagoon spit, 29 Nov (AL) • **Northern Fulmar:** 1-3, N. Jetty, 4-20 Nov (EE, CD, TM, RF); 1, Big Lagoon spit, 28 Nov (TM) • **Sooty Shearwater:** 1-3, N. Jetty, 4-8 Nov (CO, ML, KO, BE, CW, EE); 1, Big Lagoon spit, 5 Nov (CB); 1, Wilson Ck. mouth, 5 Nov (CB); 1, Hiller Park, 6 Dec (GS) • **Short-tailed Shearwater:** 1, N. Jetty, 20 Nov (RF, CD) • **Black-vented Shearwater:** The spectacular movement of many thousands recorded during the last reporting period continued through November with reports of 1-800 during sea-watches off North Spit (m.obs.) and 1 off the Klamath River mouth, 29 Nov (LB); no reports for December • **Cattle Egret:** 3, Alexandre Dairy, 6 Nov (LB) • **White-faced Ibis:** 1-3, multiple locations around Arcata bottom and AMWS, 1 Nov-31 Dec (CO, RF, GZi, AL, m.obs.) provided our latest seasonal records and first documented over-wintering birds • **Osprey:** 1, Smith River, 20 Nov (DBe, GA); 1, Mad River Co. Park, 25 Nov (MSa); 1, Humboldt Bay, 16 Dec (BP); 1, Elk River est., 20 Dec (TM); 1, Patricks Point, 26 Dec (JH); 1, McKinleyville, 26 Dec (EM) • **Northern Goshawk:** 1, Weott, 28 Nov (CO) • **Swainson's Hawk:** 1, over Shay Park, 13 Nov (CD) • **Ferruginous Hawk:** >50 reports of up to 8 birds, widespread, 1 Nov-29 Dec (m.obs.) • **Rough-legged Hawk:** 1-3, Bald Hills, 12-27 Nov (TK, CR, ECh, GB, JE-B); 1-2, Eel River bottom, 5-12 Nov (CO); 2, BRR, 18 Nov (BH) • **Golden Eagle:** 1, Alexandre Dairy, 6 Nov-4 Dec (LB, GA, DBe); 1, BRR, 6 Nov (SC, EE); 1, Kneeland, 13 Nov (TK, CR); 2, McCann, 18 Nov (JG); 1, McNutt Gulch, 4 Nov (ML) • **Yellow Rail:** 1, MacKerricher State Park, 8 Nov (TE, FS) • **Sandhill Crane:** 1, Ferndale bottom, 8 Nov (CR) • **American/Pacific Golden-Plover:** 1 flyover, AMWS, 5 Nov (TM) • **Pacific Golden-Plover:** 1, Crab Park, 18 Nov (BE); 1, Lake Tolowa, 30 Nov (LB); 2, Arcata, V St., 14 Dec (TK) • **Ruddy Turnstone:** 1, Eureka waterfront, 19 Dec (RF) • **Red Knot:** 3, AMWS, 1 Nov (DF); 1-7, Field's Landing, 12 Dec (EF, ST) • **Rock Sandpiper:** 1-5, N. Jetty, 2 Nov-31 Dec (m.obs.); 1, MacKerricher State Park, 11-29 Dec (SS) • **Ruff:** 1, continuing, Elk River est., 4-5 Nov (DK-B, MC); 1, continuing, McDaniel Slough, 10-17 Nov (TM) • **Jack Snipe:** 1, seen well by an experienced observer but not confirmed, Lake Tolowa, 6 Nov

(LB) • **Glaucous Gull:** 1, 1st-cycle plumage, Loleta bottom, 5 Nov (CO); 1, 1st cycle, Alexandre Dairy, 20 Nov (LB); 1, 1st cycle, N. Jetty, 25 Nov (KA); 1, 2nd cycle, Ferndale bottom, 30 Nov (TK); 1, Lake Tolowa, 20 Dec (CO) • **Caspian Tern:** many reports from around Humboldt Bay and Eel River est.; high count for period was 8, Elk River est., 29 Dec (EE) • **Elegant Tern:** high count for period: 100-110, King Salmon, 3 Nov (MW); latest report: 3, N. Jetty, 20 Nov (RF, CD) • **Pomarine Jaeger:** 1-2, N. Jetty, 4-20 Nov (EE, CO, CW, TM) • **Parasitic Jaeger:** 1-6, N. Jetty, 4-20 Nov (m.obs.) • **Ancient Murrelet:** 2-38, N. Jetty, 5-29 Nov (m.obs.); 1-12, Big Lagoon spit, 26-28 Nov (TM) • **Cassin's Auklet:** 1-3, N. Jetty, 5-11 Nov (EE, FL) • **Rhinoceros Auklet:** 1-8, N. Jetty, 5 Nov-30 Dec (EE, TM, AM, AL) • **White-winged Dove:** 1, Loleta, 8 Nov (AT-P); 1, Ferndale bottom, 17 Nov (EE, CO) • **Burrowing Owl:** 1, Kneeland, 7 Nov (AD); 1, BRR, 10-11 Nov (TK, TQ); 1, Mad River est., 16 Nov (MC, et al); 1-2, Clam Beach, 17-20 Nov (RC, DK-B); 1, Arcata bottom, 10 Dec (GZi, RF); 1, Dry Lagoon, 11 Dec (who?); 1, Fort Bragg, 23 Dec (KH); 1, S. Spit, 29 Dec (TL, MW) • **Barred Owl:** 1, Shay Park, 5-6 Nov (CD, EE, DK-B, TQ); 1, HSU campus, 16 Nov-11 Dec (EC, MC, SC, DK-B, ZS) • **Short-eared Owl:** 1-4, Arcata, 12 Nov-31 Dec (EC, m.obs.); 1, HBNWR, 31 Dec (AL) • **Lewis's Woodpecker:** 1, Pookey's Park, Hupa, 27-28 Dec (DB, m.obs.) • **Prairie Falcon:** 1, BRR, 24 Oct-25 Dec (GC, EE, SC, TK, DBe, EF); 1, Ferndale bottom, 10 Nov-31 Dec (TK, m.obs.); 1, Tolowa



Snow Bunting, Clam Beach, HUM,
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Dunes, 17 Nov (CR) • **Gyrfalcon:** 1, Lake Tolowa, 20 Dec (CO) • **Hammond's Flycatcher:** 1, Ten-Mile River, 11 Dec (KH) • **Eastern Phoebe:** 1, found during Arcata CBC, Palco Marsh, 19 Dec (RF) • **Say's Phoebe:** 1, Maple Ck. Rd., 3-13 Nov (CD, TK, CR); 1, Loleta bottom, 19 Nov (EE); 1, Arcata bottom, 20 Nov (SC); 1, Fort Bragg, 24 Nov (RL); 1, Arcata, Lanphere, 5 Dec (SR, AM); 1, Arcata bottom, 12-24 Dec (RF, EF, AL); 1, Grizzly Bluff Rd., 11 Dec (EE); 1, Big Rock, Willow Creek, 27-28 Dec (GB, RF, CO, EE); 1, BRR, 25 Dec (EF) • **Tropical Kingbird:** 3, Arcata bottom, 1 Nov (EE); 1-2, Battery Point, 3 Nov (DBe, GA, JB); 1-2, Sun Valley Farm pond, 1-5 Nov (EE, SG, EF); 1, WTP, Ferndale, 1-8 Nov (BE, CR); 3, Pt. Kenyon/Dillon Rds., 14 Nov (BE); 1, Bay School Rd., Arcata, 17 Nov (EF); 1, Moxon Dairy, 23 Nov (SC); 1, Seidel Rd., 25 Nov (CR); 1, Arcata, 2 Dec (EE); 1, Loleta, 7 Dec (EE); 1, Ferndale bottom, 15-23 Dec (RF, BE) • **Loggerhead Shrike:** 1, Quinn Rd., Loleta, 19 Nov (EE) • **Northern Shrike:** 1, Lake Tolowa, 2 Nov (LB); 1, McDaniel Slough, 24 Oct-8 Nov (DF, DK-B); 1, So. G St., 24 Dec (DF) • **Horned Lark:** 1-7, BRR, 1-18 Nov (GC, CO, SC, EE, RN, BH); 1-23, Lake Tolowa, 2-27 Nov (LB); 1 heard, McKinleyville bottom, 4 Nov (RF); 1-3, Big Lagoon Spit, 28 Nov-15 Dec (TM, SM); 1 flyover, Lanphere, 28 Dec (TM) • **Tree Swallow:** 1-3, AMWS, 10-20 Nov (AL, TM); 1, N. Jetty, 15 Nov (EF); 1, HBNWR, 30 Dec (MD) • **Violet-green Swallow:** 1-13, AMWS, 17 Nov-23 Dec (RC, AL, EE, DMA, KB, RF); 5, Arcata bottom, 20 Nov (BE); 2, Mad River est., 16 Dec (MMc) • **Tree/VG Swallow:** 2-3, AMWS, 16-26 Nov (MSa, SG) • **Barn Swallow:** 2, Arcata bottom, 20 Nov (BE, TM); 2, McKinleyville, 16 Dec (MMc) • **Mountain**



Lucy's Warbler, Loleta, HUM,
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Chickadee: 1, AMWS, 10 Nov (TM, GZi, AL); 1, McKinleyville, 4-19 Dec (RF, KS); 1, Arcata, 13-27 Nov (GB) • **House Wren:** 1, Big Rock, 28 Dec (CO, EE) • **Blue-gray Gnatcatcher:** 1, Ten-Mile River, 29 Nov (KH); 1, School Rd., 19-31 Dec (KS, JP) • **Swainson's Thrush:** 1, McKinleyville, 6 Nov (CO) • **Northern Mockingbird:** 1, Camp Weott, Ferndale, 7 Nov (DK-B, CD); 1, Grizzly Bluff, 12 Nov (CO); 1, Waddington Rd., Ferndale, 25 Nov (EF); 1, Alliance Rd., 29 Nov (CR, BM); 1, Spear Rd., Arcata, 1 Dec (RF); 1, Loleta, 8 Dec (RF); 1, Union St., Arcata, 9 Dec (KD); 1, Henderson St., 19 Dec (RF); 1, Big Rock, 27-28 Dec (GB, RF, EE, CO); 1, Eureka, 28 Dec (MS) • **Nashville Warbler:** at least 15 different birds reported throughout the lowlands, 1-31 Dec (m.obs.) • **Lucy's Warbler:** 1, Loleta, 6-24 Dec (AT-P, m.obs.) • **Yellow Warbler:** 1, School Rd., 19-31 Dec (KS, JP) • **Palm Warbler:** 1, Samoa Blvd., 1 Nov (LW); 1, Hammond Bridge, 4 Nov (SM); 1, Lanphere, 5 Nov (KB); 1, Sunnybrae Breed-Amok Apts., 7 Nov (DF); 1, HBNWR, 8 Nov (RB); 1, Fort Bragg, 11 Nov (DJ); 1, Mad River Hospital, 15 Nov (KI); 1, Butcher Slough, 16 Nov (RF); 1, Clam Beach, 21 Nov (SC); 1, V St. loop, 14 Dec (RF); 1, Bald Hills, Mendocino, 29 Nov (GZ); 1, Palco Marsh, 19-25 Dec (RF, AL EE); 1, AMWS, 28 Dec (AL); 1, Foster Rd., 29 Dec (GZi) • **Black-and-white Warbler:** 3 individuals found on 19 Dec (Arcata CBC): 1, Bayshore Mall (RF); 1, Bayside (PR, TL); 1, Ft. Humboldt, (EE, CS) • **Northern Waterthrush:** 1-2, AMWS, 1 Nov-27 Dec (GZi, m.obs.) • **Common Yellowthroat:** 2, WTP, Ferndale, 3 Nov (CO); 1, Coffee Ck., Ferndale, 7 Nov (DK-B, CD); 2, Dry Lagoon, 20 Nov (SC); 1, HBNWR, 18 Dec (EE, CS); 1, AMWS, 25 Dec (AL) • **Wilson's Warbler:** 1, HSU campus, 16-17 Nov (EC); 1, Eureka, 27 Dec (MS) • **American Tree Sparrow:** 1, Hammond Bridge, 1-3 Nov (RF, m.obs.) • **Clay-colored Sparrow:** 1, Arcata bottom, 20 Nov (RF); 1, Mad River Rd., 24 Nov (CR); 1, Ferndale bottom, 12-13 Dec (RF, GZi, CO) • **Lark Sparrow:** 1, AMWS, 4 Nov (GZi) • **Grasshopper Sparrow:** 1, Pala Road, Smith River, 11 Nov (LB) • **Harris's Sparrow:** 1, McKinleyville bottom, 6-14 Dec (KS, RF); 1, Fay Slough, 19 Dec (ADeJ, CO); 1, Blue Lake, 25 Dec (PL) • **Lapland Longspur:** 1-25, Arcata bottom, 1 Nov-14 Dec (CO, RF, KB, EE, EF, CW); 1-17, Lake Tolowa, 2-27 Nov (LB, CR); 1-10, BRR, 4-7 Nov (GC, BE, KO, CO, MG, EF); 17, Crab Park, 7 Nov (BE); 1, Big Lagoon spit, 28 Nov-15 Dec (TM, SM) • **Snow Bunting:** 1, Clam Beach, 3 Nov (LL, GL, m.obs.); 1, N. Spit, 3 Nov (KS); 1, BRR, 4-7 Nov (BE, KO, CM, m.obs.); 1, Gold Bluffs Beach, 16 Nov (MM); 1, Virgin Ck., 25 Nov-2 Dec (SS, CV, m.obs.); 1 heard, Big Lagoon spit, 26 Nov (TM); 1, Arcata bottom, 4 Dec (KI) • **Rose-breasted Grosbeak:** 1, Fortuna, 17 Nov (DM); 1, Azalea Preserve, 4-23 Dec (GL, LL, m.obs.) • **Lazuli Bunting:** 1 (very late!), Westport, 5 Nov (KH) • **Tricolored Blackbird:** 1-2, Arcata bottom, 6-16 Dec (DK-B, EE) • **Orchard Oriole:** 1-2, Smith River, 20 Dec (RF) • **Hooded Oriole:** 1, AMWS, 5 Nov (ZP, CG) • **Orchard/Hooded Oriole:** 1, Ferndale bottom, 10 Nov (TK); 1 heard, Ferndale bottom, 23 Dec (BE) • **Evening Grosbeak:** 1, Pookey's Park, 28 Dec (EE, CO).