



The Sandpiper

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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. Dec. 5: Joe Ceriani; Dec. 12: Larry Karsteadt; Dec. 19: Tristan McKee; Dec. 26: Ken Burton.

Saturday, December 12: Riverside Ranch/Salt River Restoration Project. Visit this exciting, newly restored but still-developing wetland that is otherwise only accessible by boat at this time. We will meet at the Ferndale Fairgrounds at **8 a.m.** and carpool from there, returning by noon. Dress warmly and be prepared to walk a few miles on an easy gravel road. Please register in advance for this trip, because the number of participants may be restricted. The focus will be on waterfowl, shorebirds, and winter raptors. Call Sean McAllister at (707) 496-8790 for more information and to register.

Sunday, December 13: 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, December 19: 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 in Tooby Park, about 100 ft from the main entrance to the SHCP.

Sunday, December 20: 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).

Saturday, January 9: Winter Rarities. We will start in Arcata and end in the Ferndale area, concentrating on looking for rarities that were found on the Arcata and

Centerville CBCs while also enjoying all the species we could expect to see along the way. Most years we see around 90 to 100 species total and even sometimes find our own rarity! Rob Fowler (707-839-3493; migratoriusfwlr@gmail.com) will lead. We will meet at **7:30 a.m.** at the Arcata Marsh G Street parking lot. Bring a lunch and expect to end around 4 p. m. Dress warm; heavy rain cancels.

Sunday, January 10: Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge. See December 13.

Saturday, January 16: Southern Humboldt Community Park. See December 19 (same meeting time).

Sunday, January 17: Eureka Waterfront. See December 20.



RRAS's Annual Banquet and Art Auction will be held February 27, 2016, at the Six Rivers Masonic Lodge in Arcata. Geoff Hill will be guest speaker. This is a popular and fun event, and you don't want to miss it. Look for details in the next issue of *The Sandpiper*.

DECEMBER PROGRAM: FRIDAY, DEC 11

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT PRIMER & POTLUCK

In preparation for one of our biggest and most adventurous annual birding events, local birder/biologist **Sean McAllister** will share some of the history and past highlights of our 5 local CBCs. He will also review some of the identification challenges that may be encountered during the counts. This will be a good opportunity to meet the coordinators and sign up to participate in your favorite counts. The potluck (optional) starts at **6:30 p.m.** Bring a dish to share; RRAS will provide drinks, plates, and utensils. Program starts at **7:30 p.m.** at the **SIX RIVERS MASONIC LODGE, 251 Bayside Road, Arcata.**



JANUARY PROGRAM: FRIDAY, JAN 8

THE FANTASTIC BIRDS OF NEW GUINEA

New Guinea is renowned for a dizzying diversity of endemic birds. From the mesmerizing breeding displays of the birds of paradise to the stunning stature of cassowaries, the birds of New Guinea have long fascinated bird watchers and scientists alike. **David Price**, a renowned herpetologist and bird watcher who has described several new taxa from New Guinea, will rely on his decades of experience living and studying in New Guinea to give us an exciting account of that country's birds. The program starts at **7:30 p.m.** at **EUREKA HIGH SCHOOL LECTURE HALL**, at the corner of Humboldt and K Streets. Bring a mug to enjoy shade-grown coffee, and please come fragrance-free.



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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

By Hal Genger

Welcome to the issue of *The Sandpiper* that ends one year and begins the next! Here are some of the results of our yearly board retreat. Ken Burton and Cindy Moyer joined Rob Fowler on the Field Trips Committee to more equitably distribute Rob's responsibilities. Thank you, Rob, for all your work, and thank you, Ken and Cindy, for joining the committee. They will maintain the recurring trips, add special trips, and maintain a list of long-distance destinations, diversity being the goal. Please let them know if you have any suggestions or would like to lead a trip.

Those of you who attended our general meetings at Eureka High School got to see part of the incredible bird collection housed at the school. RRAS is involved with creating docent activities with the collection, updating the name tags, and helping with preservation. We are working in conjunction with Tamar Danufsky, the wildlife bird curator at Humboldt State University, and are applying for grant monies to improve the cabinets and keep the specimens in good shape.

We want to do something significant for bird habitat. This is an important concept in our local urban and rural regions. RRAS has divided its interest in this arena into 2 categories: site-specific regions and general stewardship. Our focus is on 3 site-specific locations. One is Parcel 4 behind the Eureka Mall, which is on hold while the City of Eureka resolves the homeless situation and removes the concrete structures. The second is the Bayland property just east of Highway 101 between Old Arcata Road and Bayside Cutoff. RRAS is currently forming a working relationship with Arcata Rotary and the City of Arcata to make some of this property more bird friendly and accessible to the public. Third, we are

also interested in protecting the cottonwoods along the Mad River near Blue Lake and are forming a group of interested parties to develop a long-term plan. RRAS is also interested in other possible land acquisitions to improve bird habitat. Please let us know if you have any ideas.

RRAS plans to promote general stewardship by scheduling a general meeting on bird-friendly yards and organizing garden tours of bird-friendly yards. We are also collecting information on techniques to develop bird-friendly yards and cat-free areas or entire yards. When completed, these will be available for local schools and the general public at RRAS functions.

Happy New Year everyone!

WINTER RAPTOR SURVEYS

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. For more information, call Ken Burton at 707-499-1146.

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING DAY CHANGE

Beginning December 10, 2015, the Conservation Committee will meet on the second Thursday of the month at noon at the Golden Harvest Restaurant in Arcata. This change of the meeting day from the second Wednesday was the result of request and a poll. Thursday won, but it was a tie between Arcata and Eureka, so the location will remain the same for the time-being.

BE CAREFUL WHAT WE ASK FOR BUT WHEN WE GET IT, INSIST ON ENFORCEMENT OF ITS MEANING

By Jim Clark

The other night at a political social event, in a brief conversation with Patrick Higgins, Division 5 Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation & Conservation District (District) Commissioner, I heard about the difficulties he had when it was proposed that the Woodley Island Gerald O. Hansen Wildlife Area (GOHWA) be opened to public access. It appears that both wildlife and invasive non-native vegetation have flourished since the preserve was established, so evaluation will be required before actual physical work can be approved.

A similar situation occurred on Parcel 4, behind the Bayshore Mall, back when the homeless encampments could be counted on one hand. The City of Eureka requested permission from the California Coastal Commission (CCC) to prune native vegetation and remove some non-native vegetation. Permission was denied on the basis that trimming native vegetation would have a negative effect on the natural characteristics of this coastal area. The result was that vegetation continued to provide seclusion for illegal camping, which likely resulted in far greater damage to the "natural characteristics" of the parcel than if vegetation had been controlled to discourage such camping.

Most of us would agree that passage of the California Coastal Act (CCA) and creation of the CCC was a good thing. Likewise, we would probably agree that the CCC has sometimes been too wishy-washy or too rigid and short-sighted in its interpretation of the CCA. These are the

risks that come with all regulations. It is our duty as citizens, more so as members of a conservation organization, to do what we can to hold the CCC to make decisions that are consistent with the *intent* of the CCA, not just the words. This applies to all agencies at all levels that are responsible for enforcing environmental regulations.

Meanwhile back at Woodley Island's GOHWA, we have an opportunity for public wildlife viewing in a unique environment, provided it is done properly. Management of the GOHWA is the responsibility of the District and is part of the mitigation for development of the island. The CCC is correct in requiring compliance with the terms of the original agreement, but it is up to us to see that the original intent is carried out.

How do we do that? We volunteer! What do we need to do? Look up original agreements, identify and count birds, attend meetings, meet with and write to elected representatives, comment on environmental documents, and more. Among the members of RRAS are many of us who have expertise in the disciplines required for environmental review and comment, even discounting those who might have a conflict of interest. This expertise is not limited to biologic science but includes political and social science, geography, accounting, writing skills, and the art of dealing with bureaucracy. We have the makings of a darn good environmental consulting organization within our ranks, no resume required. It's sometimes hard work but often fun; the pay stinks, but the rewards are great. The RRAS Conservation Committee wants YOU!

THE CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNTS

Once again, RRAS is sponsoring 5 local Christmas Bird Counts between December 19 and January 5. This is the 116th count, involving over 50,000 observers throughout the U.S. and the world, and is not only fun but also a classic example of citizen science. The data gathered have been used over the years by researchers and other interested parties to track winter bird populations in a consistent way.

ARCATA – Saturday, December 19. The count circle is 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, south including Freshwater, and to Eureka (including Myrtle town and Cutten) along the waterfront to include Hikshari` Trail. Contact: Daryl Coldren (916-384-8089; QuiAvisPetit@aol.com).

DEL NORTE – Sunday, December 20. The 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. Contact: Alan Barron (707-465-8904; flockfinder@yahoo.com) or Gary Lester (707-839-3373; garys.lester@gmail.com).

WILLOW CREEK – date to be determined (weather permitting). The count circle, centered on Willow Creek, includes Horse Mountain, portions of the South Fork and Main Stem of the Trinity River, the small community of Salyer, and the southern Hoopa Valley. Contact: Gary Lester (707-839-3373; garys.lester@gmail.com).

Ways you can participate:

- Give counters access to your property.
- Keep a list of birds that you see in your yard on that day (be a “feeder watcher”).
- Join a team to cover a territory near your home. (New birders are paired with veterans, so you don’t have to be an expert.)

All are welcome! Call the contacts listed below to participate at any level. If you don’t have a team, you will be assigned where needed and according to your skill level.

CENTERVILLE BEACH TO KING SALMON – Sunday, January 3, 2016. The count circle is centered on Loleta, divided into geographic sectors of (1) Fields Landing, King Salmon, College of the Redwoods; (2) Table Bluff; (3) Loleta; (4) Fortuna; (5) Ferndale; (6) Centerville Road; (7) Port Kenyon Road; (8) Grizzly Bluff Road; (9) South Spit; (10) Centerville Beach; (11) Elk River Valley; (12) Humboldt Hill; and (13) Salt River. Contact: Sean McAllister (707-496-8790; whiteouters@gmail.com).

TALL TREES – Tuesday, January 5, 2016. The count circle extends from Big Lagoon to Orick and Lyons Ranch. Contact: Ken Burton (707-499-1146; shrikethree@gmail.com).



To help counters prepare for identifying the birds they see, RRAS is sponsoring a brush-up session and potluck dinner on Friday, December 18. Look for the announcement under December Program.

NEW MEMBERS

RRAS welcomes the following new member and subscriber:

Hydesville – Kate Rowe

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



Northern Shrike, Arcata Bottom, HUM, © Jared Hughey

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Field Notes

SUMMARY OF NORTHWESTERN CALIFORNIA BIRD REPORTS

By Sean McAllister

September 1 to October 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 (ebird.org), the "North Western California Bird Box" (707-822- LOON), nwcalbird list server (nwcalbird@yahoo.com), and those emailed directly to me (whiteouters@gmail.com). For more details, these sources can be accessed directly. Note: Not all reports presented here have been vetted.

What a Fall! September and October this year captured the heart of fall migration—and the hearts of ardent birders. It has been one of those outstanding falls, made possible by the combination of a stream of rarities (and megararities!) and by the staunch efforts of a vibrant birding community. Owing to the sheer number of noteworthy birds observed this period, we can't present all of the details on this page. Go to iras.org for more detailed observations.

MCAS = Mendocino Coast Audubon Society; MOB = Many Observers; ROC = rare on the coast

Showcase



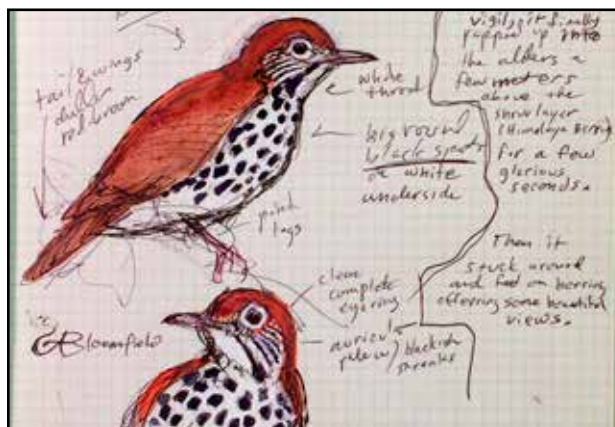
Great Shearwater, Off Fort Bragg, MEN,
© Sean McAllister

Emperor Goose: 1, with 2 Greater White-fronted Geese, *Smith River bottoms*, 6-9 Oct (GA, MOBs), the 1st regional record in 10 years • **Arctic Loon:** 1, *Humboldt Bay entrance*, 25-27 Sep (TM, SM, CO), likely the same bird that was reported last period on north Humboldt Bay near Samoa Bridge, would be only the 2nd confirmed record for the region; 1 (same?), *Big Lagoon*, 29 Sep-25 Oct (TM) • **Great Shearwater:** 1, *MCAS Fort Bragg pelagic trip*, 18 Oct (RF, TE, MOB), found only in Atlantic waters; participants were stunned and elated to see this species in a mixed raft of shearwaters about 12 mi offshore of Fort Bragg in Northern Mendocino county, 1st regional record and one of <20 for the state • **Black-vented Shearwater:** 1, 4 Oct, was seen from the *North Jetty* during a well-attended daylong BBQ/birding event; 6 Oct, a report came from the Mendocino coast of up to 100 per-minute flying north just offshore, 7 Oct, offshore between Humboldt and Del Norte counties, thousands streamed by. This species, which breeds off the coast of Baja, is rarely seen north of Sonoma County. With such big numbers, we can hope to spot it on our local Christmas Bird Counts • **Brown Booby:** 1, *North Jetty*, 16 Oct (TM, SB, BE, CD); 1, *MCAS Fort Bragg pelagic trip*, 18 Oct (MOB). Booby reports were already



Cerulean Warbler, Samoa, HUM,
© Rob Fowler

on the rise before this El Niño year. Now it is reasonable to have during a sea watch or pelagic trip • **Swainson's Hawk:** 1, *Table Bluff*, 1 Sep (TL); 1, *Bear River Ridge*, 26 Sep (RH) • **Chimney Swift:** 1, *Arcata*, 29-30 Sep (EE, MOB). One was seen entering and exiting a chimney with Vaux's Swifts. It takes skill and focus to separate Chimney Swift from the very similar Vaux's: Elias helped a group of other birders see the subtle differences in size, shape, and flight behavior. This might well have been the same bird that was observed elsewhere in Arcata back in July by TM. • **Scissor-tailed Flycatcher:** 1, *Arcata bottoms*, 29 Oct (KI, MOB) seen for a couple hours, Humboldt's 10th record, bird made a delightful showing as it joined 2 Tropical Kingbirds in the Arcata Bottoms before being chased off by a kestrel. • **Wood Thrush:** 1, *Sunnybrae*, 28-31 Oct (EC, MOB), the 2nd regional record, found by EC from the porch of his apartment! The only other record, in 1984, was also in Sunnybrae • **Cerulean Warbler:** 1, *Samoa*, 10-12 Oct (TM, BE), generally considered the holy grail of warblers and certainly the subject of many birder fantasies, anxiety would give way to satisfaction when a horde of birders from here and there got to enjoy the region's 3rd Cerulean during its 3-day stay • **Prothonotary Warbler:** 1, *Arcata*, 4 Oct (GB); 1, *Arcata*, 16 Oct (fide EE), although it didn't stick around for others to enjoy, this bird showed up at GB's feeder! • **Worm-eating Warbler:** 1, *Cooper Gulch*, 20-30 Oct (TM, MOB), only the 3rd regional record in the last 20 years, these warblers are notorious skulkers of low, dense vegetation; this one was decidedly more cooperative than the last one that spent the winter at Shay Park a few years ago • **Dickcissel:** 1, *Alexandre Dairy*, 6-7 Oct (JS); 1, *Arcata bottoms*, 6-9 Oct (EE, CR).



Wood Thrush, Arcata, HUM,
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First of Season

Greater White-fronted Goose (first flock): 13 Sep (KB, EE, CO, BB) • **Sooty Fox Sparrow:** 4 Sep (WD) • **Swamp Sparrow:** 5 Oct (EF) • **White-throated Sparrow:** 2 Oct (CWE)

Stragglers

Olive-sided Flycatcher: 22 Sep (BE) • **Swainson's Thrush:** 29 Oct (MOB)

Other Notes

The **Harlan's Red-tailed Hawk** has returned to the *Bayside Cutoff* area for the 13th year! • **Ferruginous Hawk:** One reportedly has returned for its 21st year! *McKinleyville*, 17 Sep (GL, LL) • **24 warbler species** were observed during the period.

Let It Snow!

As this goes to the editors, 3 **Snow Buntings** have been observed in the region (details in the next issue), including 1 in the company of **Snowy Plovers** at Clam Beach! There have been a few reports of **Snow Goose**.



Scissor-tailed Flycatcher, Arcata Bottom, HUM,
© Matt Lau

Thanks to all who submitted their reports—keep them coming!

Roger Adamson, Glenn Anderson, Sandra Andersen, Don Bemont, Samantha Bacon, Alan Barron, Dave Bengston, Gary Bloomfield, Bob Brown, Heather Brown, Lucas Brug, Ken Burton, Greg Chapman, Eric Culbertson, Cedric Duhalde, Walter Duffy, Todd Easterla, Elias Elias, Brad Elvert, Gary Falxa, Elizabeth Feucht, David Fix, Rob Fowler, John Gaffin, Stan Harris, Karen Havlena, Rob Hewitt, Jared Hughey, Ken Irwin, Thomas Kallmeyer (TKa), Deven Kammerichs-Berke, Bob Keiffer, Gail Kenney, Trevor Kumec, Tony Kurz (TKz), Alexandra Lamb, Matt Lau, Tom Leskiw, Gary Lester, Lauren Lester, Ron LeValley, Paul Lohse, Annie Meyer, Curtis Marantz, Sean McAllister, Tristan McKee, Moe Morrisette, Richard Norton, Chet Ogan, Nora Papiian, Donald Pendleton, Linda Pittman, Tom Quetchenbach, Alexandra Robinson, Paul Roush, Casey Ryan, Greg Schrott, Paul Senyszyn, Keith Slauson, John Sterling, Steve Stump, Don Sutherland, Linda Terrill, Scott Terrill, Dorothy Tobkin, Carol West, Liz West, Carol Wilson (CW), Nora Winge.

Field Notes

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Detailed Accounts

Emperor Goose: 1, with 2 **Greater White-fronted Geese**, *Smith River bottoms*, 6-9 Oct (GA, MOB) • **Arctic Loon:** 1, *Humboldt Bay entrance*, 25-27 Sep (TM, SM, CO); 1 (same?), *Big Lagoon*, 29 Sep-25 Oct (TM) • **Flesh-footed Shearwater:** 1, *MCAS Fort Bragg pelagic trip*, 18 Oct (MOB) • **Great Shearwater:** 1, *MCAS Fort Bragg pelagic trip*, 18 Oct (MOB) • **Short-tailed Shearwater:** 1, *North Jetty*, 8 Oct (BE, RN); 1, *MCAS Fort Bragg pelagic trip*, 18 Oct (MOB) • **Black-vented Shearwater:** thousands offshore, regionwide, 4-31 Oct (MOB) • **Leach's Storm-Petrel:** 1, *Klamath overlook*, 14 Sep (TKa) • **Brown Booby:** 1, *North Jetty*, 16 Oct (TM, SB, BE, CD); 1, *MCAS Fort Bragg pelagic trip*, 18 Oct (MOB) • **White-faced Ibis:** many reports • **Swainson's Hawk:** 1, *Table Bluff*, 1 Sep (TL); 1, *Bear River Ridge*, 26 Sep (RH) • **Ferruginous Hawk:** many reports • **Prairie Falcon:** 1, *Bear River Ridge*, 24 Oct (GC) • **Northern Goshawk:** 1, *Bear River Ridge*, 14 Sep (BE) • **Sandhill Crane:** 1, *Arcata bottoms*, 25 Oct (KI) • **American Golden-Plover:** 1, *Jacoby Creek mouth*, 27 Sep (JH); 1, *Crescent City Harbor*, 8-9 Oct (DB, CO); 1, *Virgin Creek beach*, 11 Oct (DT); 1, *Lake Tolowa*, 13 Oct (TKz) • **Pacific Golden-Plover:** 1, *Arcata bottoms*, 22-26 Sep (RF, TKz, EE, AM, MOB); 1, *Smith River Bottoms*, 2 Oct (LB) • **Black-necked Stilt:** 3, *Alexandre Dairy*, 19-30 Sep (LB); 3, *Salt River*, 21 Sep (EE, BE) • **Ruff:** 1, *Elk River estuary*, 18 Sep-28 Oct (TKz, MOB); 1, *McDaniel Slough Wildlife Area*, 4-30 Oct (JH); 1, *Arcata Bottoms*, 26-29 Oct (EF, BE) • **Arctic Tern:** 2, *Crescent City Harbor*, 14 Sep (TKa); 1, *Big Lagoon*, 29 Sep (TM, RF, EE, BE); 2, *MCAS Fort Bragg pelagic trip*, 18 Oct (MOB) • **South Polar Skua:** 1, *North Jetty*, 4 Oct (TM); 1, *MCAS Fort Bragg pelagic trip*, 18 Oct (MOB) • **Long-tailed Jaeger:** 1, *Crescent City harbor*, 28 Sep (AB); 1, *Humboldt Bay entrance*, 29 Sep (TM) • **Ancient Murrelet:** 1-3, *North Jetty*, 15 Sep-17 Oct (EE, EF, TM, BE, NP); 1, *off Pt. St. George*, 7 Oct (JS) • **White-winged Dove:** 1, *Arcata bottoms*, 29 Sep-1 Oct (EF,

MOB) • **Burrowing Owl:** 1, *Centerville Beach*, 2 Oct (EF, ML); 1, *MacKerricher State Park*, 11 Oct (RA); 2, *South Spit*, 17 Oct (BE) • **Chimney Swift:** 1, *Arcata*, 29-30 Sep (EE, MOB) • **Least Flycatcher:** 1, *Elk River Wildlife Area*, 9 Sep (BE, TL) • **Say's Phoebe:** 1, *Sanger Peak*, 12 Sep (GF); 1, *Jacoby Creek Land Trust*, 13 Sep (CWi); 1, *Cape Mendocino*, 26 Sep (RH, et al); 1, *Moxon Dairy*, 28 Sep (GC); 1, *Brown Rd.*, 4 Oct (JG); 1-3, *Bear River Ridge*, 10-26 Oct (SM, EF, CD, DK-B, RH); 1, *Arcata Bottoms*, 11 Oct (CD, LW, LP, DP); 1, *Humboldt Botanical Gardens*, 17 Oct (GS) • **Tropical Kingbird:** many reports of 1-3 birds, all in the coastal lowlands, 22 Sep-30 Oct (MOB) • **Eastern Kingbird:** 1, *Mad River estuary*, 13 Sep (RF) • **Scissor-tailed Flycatcher:** 1, *Arcata bottoms*, 29 Oct (KI, MOB) • **Loggerhead Shrike:** 1, returning for 3rd year, *Loleta*, 5 Sep-15 Oct (GC, MOB); 1, *Eureka*, 14 Sep (TL) • **Northern Shrike:** 1, *McDaniel Slough Wildlife Area*, 24-31 Oct (DF, MOB); 1, *Lake Tolowa*, 2 Nov (LB) • **Plumbeous Vireo:** 1, *Klamath Glen*, 3 Sep (LB) • **Philadelphia Vireo:** 1, *Blue Lake*, 2 Sep (PL) • **Red-eyed Vireo:** 1, *McKinleyville*, 6 Sep (GL) • **Mountain Chickadee (ROC):** 1, *Pacific Shores*, 13 Sep (AB); 1, *Arcata*, 22-26 Oct (GB); 1-3, *Klamath*, 13-28 Oct (LB); 1, *Trinidad*, 26 Oct (GK) • **Rock Wren (ROC):** 1, *Kneeland*, 4 Oct (SA); 1, *Gold Bluffs Beach*, 8 Oct (MM); 1, *Crab Park*, 9 Oct (SM) • **House Wren (ROC):** 1, *Orick*, 1-11 Sep (EF, RH, CO); 1, *Arcata Marsh*, 10 Sep (DF); 1, *Orick*, 10 Sep (RH); 1, *Samoa*, 1 Oct (RF, AL, SM, TM) • **Blue-gray Gnatcatcher:** 1, *North Spit entrance patch*, 11 Sep (TL, CO); 1, *Arcata Marsh*, 25-26 Sep (GB, et al) • **Wood Thrush:** 1, *Sunnybrae*, 28-31 Oct (EC, MOB) • **Red-throated Pipit:** 1, *Lake Tolowa*, 25 Sep (LB); 1, *Big Lagoon*, 28 Sep (CR) • **Tennessee Warbler:** 1, *Crescent City*, 11 Sep (AB); 1, *Elk River Wildlife Area*, 18, 29 Sep (TKz, BE, EE, CR); 1, *Humboldt State University*, 5 Oct (CD) • **Northern Parula:** 1, *Arcata Marsh*, 5 Sep (EE); 2, *Shay Park*, 8 Sep (EE); 1, *McKinleyville*, 13 Sep (AL) • **Chestnut-sided Warbler:** 1, *Klamath Glen*, 3 Sep (LB);

1, *Orick*, 7 Sep (CR); 1, *Elk River Wildlife Area*, 13 Sep (BE); 1, *Shay Park*, 17 Sep (RF); 1, *Fort Humboldt*, 17 Sep (TrK, EF, EE); 1, *Lake Cleone*, 26 Oct (KH) • **Magnolia Warbler:** 1 (or 2?), *Shay Park*, 8, 26-30 Sep (ML, EF, TK, EE, BE) • **Prairie Warbler:** 1, *Arcata*, 6 Oct (TM, EE) • **Palm Warbler:** 1, *Blue Lake*, 5 Oct (PL); 1, *Samoa*, 12 Oct (JS, EE, SM); 1, *Arcata Bottoms*, 13 Oct (RF); 1, *Arcata Bottoms*, 13 Oct (EF); 1, *Crab Park*, 22-23 Oct (SM, EF) • **Blackpoll Warbler:** 1, *Fortuna*, 10 Sep (TM, BE); 1, *Fort Humboldt*, 17 Sep (TKz); 1, *Bayshore Mall*, 18 Sep (EE); 1, *Hiller Park*, 19 Sep (RF) • **Cerulean Warbler:** 1, *Samoa*, 10-12 Oct (TM, BE) • **Black-and-white Warbler:** 1, *Stone Lagoon*, 7 Sep (GL, LL); 1, *Shay Park*, 8 Sep (TK); 1, *Arcata Marsh*, 20 Sep (AL); 1, *Elk River Wildlife Area*, 6-13 Oct (TKz, GC, RF, CO); 1, *McKinleyville*, 17 Oct (TM) • **American Redstart:** 1, *Hookton Slough*, 26 Sep (RF, et al) • **Prothonotary Warbler:** 1, *Arcata*, 4 Oct (GB); 1, *Arcata*, 16 Oct (fide EE) • **Worm-eating Warbler:** 1, *Cooper Gulch*, 20-30 Oct (TM, MOB) • **Summer Tanager:** 1, *Orick*, 4-9 Sep (KB) • **Clay-colored Sparrow:** many reports • **Vesper Sparrow:** 1, *Orick*, (EE) • **Harris's Sparrow:** 1, *Arcata Bottoms*, 8 Oct (CD, CM); 1, *Westport*, 31 Oct (SS) • **Chestnut-collared Longspur:** 1-5, *Lake Tolowa*, 15-19 Oct (LB) • **Dickcissel:** 1, *Alexandre Dairy*, 6-7 Oct (JS); 1, *Arcata Bottoms*, 6-9 Oct (EE, CR) • **Bobolink:** 2, *Indianola Rd*, 4 Sep (SB); 2, *Mad River estuary*, 7 Sep (GB); 1, *McKinleyville*, 20 Sep (RF); 1, *Fort Humboldt*, 23 Sep (TKz); 1, *Samoa*, 25 Sep (EC); 1, *Sunnybrae*, 25 Sep (DF); 1, *Trinidad*, 6 Oct (TM, RH); 3, *Alexandre Dairy*, 7 Oct (RN, PS); 1, *Moxon Dairy*, 9 Oct (CO); 1, *Arcata Bottoms*, 11 Oct (ML); 1, *McKinleyville*, 14 Oct (KB) • **Tricolored Blackbird:** 1, *Arcata Bottoms*, 20 Sep (EF); 1, *Alexandre Dairy*, 8 Oct (DK-B, NP) • **Common Grackle:** 1, *Crescent City*, 14 Oct (AB) • **Orchard Oriole:** 1, *Table Bluff*, 14 Oct (BE); 1, *Arcata*, 21 Oct (ST) • **Hooded Oriole:** 1, *Manila*, 1 Oct (NW).