

# Whales & Dolphins of Monterey Bay

Naturetrek Tour Report

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The Naturetrek Group at Bixby Bridge, Big Sur



Sea Otters at Moss Landing



Humpback Whales



Pink-footed Shearwater and Western Gull

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## Day 1

**Saturday 23rd August**

After an eleven hour United Airlines flight from London to San Francisco, five members of the Group met up with Peter in the arrivals hall at approximately 1.40pm, the sixth member arrived about an hour later on a Virgin Atlantic flight. With Peter arriving a few days earlier, the minibus was already hired and the party were soon heading south along Highway 101 towards Los Angeles and Monterey.

The journey was smooth and uneventful, with a few Turkey Vultures and the occasional Red-tailed Hawk being of note, and after about two hours the waters of Monterey Bay appeared on the skyline and we were soon booking into our hotel in Pacific Grove, where we joined the two earlier arrivals who had travelled with Peter the previous Thursday. The hotel is ideally situated next to an open spaced memorial cemetery and close to the Monterey Headland coastal path, so one or two ventured for a short stroll before dinner.

Dinner was at a traditional American diner close to Pacific Grove where an assortment of burgers, steaks and potatoes were eaten before returning for a welcome sleep. The local time was 9pm but our body clocks were saying it was 5am in the morning!!

## Day 2

**Sunday 24th August**

Dawn was grey and overcast with a light drizzle from a thick sea mist. Following a typical American breakfast of eggs, grits and bagels, Peter took the group on a familiarisation tour of the Monterey headland by following the 17 Mile Drive. This is a gated toll road where the properties are a magnificent style to match their prices. It also includes the well known Pebble Beach Golf Course (by invitation only) and the two public courses of Spy Glass Hill and Spanish Bay.

Following the drive from the south we stopped at a number of view points which allowed views across Carmel Bay towards the State Park at Point Lobos. One of these views has the well photographed and iconic 'Lone Cypress', now having to be held up by steel wires. We also saw a number of bird species new to most, such as Steller's jay, Pygmy Nuthatch and White-crowned Sparrows. Out in the bay, Great White Egrets walk around on the beds of Giant Kelp whilst both Brandt's and Pelagic Cormorants flew back and forth. It was here that we found our first Sea Otters, lazily drifting in the kelp, sometimes diving and coming to the surface with a clam which is opened by smashing against a rock carried on its chest.

We continued along the toll section, stopping to look at waders such as Willet, Sanderling and Killdeer, and also a pair of very obliging White-tailed Kite as they hunted close to the roads. Special birds seen from this section of the Californian coast included both Black Turnstone and Black Oystercatcher.

Returning onto the public road at Sunset Drive we stopped in a lay-by to eat out picnic lunch before heading down to Fisherman's Wharf for our first session on the Sea Wolf II whale watching boat. The Sea Wolf headed north from Monterey Harbour towards Moss Landing where the underwater canyon reaches close to the shore. Initially the sea was had a gentle swell but during the afternoon the wind increased as did the swell. As we left the harbour, California Sea Lions were very vocal both from the piers and the sea wall and occasional Harbour (Common) Seals drifted by. Small numbers of Red-necked Phalaropes jumped from the water and noisy orange-billed Elegant Terns flew overhead.

As we approached the deep water and the 'twin-towers' of Moss Landing Power Station, Sooty Shearwaters started to appear in big numbers with many thousands flying close to the shore. Suddenly our captain, Nancy Black, swung the boat onto a westerly heading, following the canyon and we saw the tell-tale cloud of spray from the 'blow' of a whale. This proved to be a young Humpbacked Whale which fed close to the boat showing its impressive tail flukes that had the tell tale stripes of an Orca. After watching this animal for about twenty minutes we started to head slowly back towards Monterey in an increasing swell.

Suddenly a large amount of splashing was seen to the rear of the boat and there was a breaching humpback which made Nancy turn the boat around. We were then treated to a spectacular close display of two adults laying on the surface slapping their fins whilst a youngster continually breached close to the boat, affording excellent photographic opportunities for those who stand up in the heavy swell.

Eventually it was time to return to Monterey, not before recording both Pink-footed Shearwater and Pomarine Skua.

We arrive back on land at around 6pm and headed back to the hotel to change and before visiting, for our first meal, the Black Bear Diner on North Fremont Street. This is a typical West Coast American diner serving good quality food in good quantities, which was enjoyed by all.

## Day 3

## Monday 25th August

Following breakfast at the hotel, we headed down to Fisherman's Wharf to catch the 9am sailing on the Sea Wolf II. The forecast was for the wind to increase by lunch time so the afternoon was quickly rescheduled and instead of an afternoon on the water, most of the group opted for a visit to the aquarium.

We set off from Monterey Harbour in clam conditions with a sea fog out in the bay. The boat steered north towards Moss Landing to the area where we had seen the breaching animal yesterday. Apart from a few Sooty Shearwaters and Elegant Terns, it was quiet, so Richard our captain headed us out due west towards the canyon. We drifted in and out of fog banks trying to locate whales then a radio message indicated there were some animals SW of us. As the fog cleared into warm sunshine we saw a number of other boats heading from the same area and soon we were watching two Humpbacks close to the boat – so close their fishy breath was quite off-putting!

This area also had good numbers of Sooty Shearwaters and one or two Pink-footed Shearwaters were noted. Rhinoceros Auklet (now Puffin) was seen on the water and distance views of huge Black-footed Albatross were called out by the bird-spotters. The wind started to increase as forecasted by 11:30 and we bobbed about in larger troughs of water but we also found another four Humpbacks, including a young one which started tail slapping (Maybe the same active juvenile from yesterday).

Around midday, Richard decided it was time to head back towards Monterey and as we approached Point Pinos headland a Black-footed Albatross sailed effortlessly by the boat at close range. Before rounding the coastguard pier three Long-beaked Common Dolphins were seen in the kelp beds just off Cannery Row and we landed back on land bang on 1pm.

Walter and Ann had made arrangements to meet friends during the afternoon so the rest of the group visited the aquarium and Cannery Row after a sandwich lunch, while Peter sorted the picnic shop for the visit to Big Sur, the next day. The aquarium group were collected at 5.30pm after an informative and enjoyable afternoon and that evening we made our first visit to a restaurant at Asilomar Beach. One of the best seafood restaurants in the area and very much enjoyed by the entire group.

## Day 4

## Tuesday 26th August

We had a relatively early start today heading south on Highway 1 towards the Big Sur. It was sunny right from the start and remained that way all day, with a brisk SW wind. The plan was an early visit to the Big Sur Ornithological Lab (BSOL) which is run by the Ventana Wildlife Society at Andrew Molera State Park.

We arrive at 8:30am to be greeted by Jessica Griffiths the senior bird bander (ringer) with news that they had caught a special warbler. It was a McGilvery's Warbler and it was shown to the group and its identity explained before being released. Jessica spent the next hour taking the group around the mist nets explaining how and why the birds were caught, what information was taken from them and how they were marked with a ring. During the process both Pacific-slope Flycatcher and a superb make Wilson's warbler were trapped and processed.

Peter then took the group on a short walk into the State Park, where both Nuttall's and Downey Woodpeckers were seen well as were Wrentit, Californian Towhee and Chestnut-backed Chickadee. None avian discoveries were a single Monarch butterfly (an early wintering individual), Green Darner Dragonflies and a number of Coast Range Fence Lizards *Sceloporus occidentalis bocourtii*.

We returned to the banding lab where Jessica gave an in depth talk on the reintroduction of the California Condor, whilst Peter prepared the picnic lunch. While we tucked into the lunch the last bird of the day was brought to the banding lab by Megan, one of the interns, a re-trapped Nuttall's Woodpecker.

We left the banding lab at 1pm, saying farewell to Jessica and the girls for their introduction into the scientific world of banding and armed with information where to hopefully find some free flying Condors we headed south along Highway 1 and the Big Sur. Shortly leaving the park, Peter spotted two birds over head and we had found two adult Condors crossing over the valley!! When we arrive at the spot known as 7 pines we checked the beach for a dead seal carcass and found a further 11 Condors – mostly adults but a juvenile did a quick fly past and soared over the hill side showing it's great size compared with an accompanying Turkey Vulture.

Having been successful we headed further south (60 miles) passing some of the most breath-taking scenery on the west coast, to a special beach at San Simeon where a number of Northern Elephant Seals had hauled out. There were a number of large bulls, one of which was stamping his authority by bellowing and inflating his huge proboscis. Also sighted here were three Surfbirds amongst the Black Turnstones.

Heading back on the three hour return journey we stopped for refreshments at Ragged Point, where a Golden Eagle was seen being mobbed by two Red-tailed Hawks and then onwards north, pausing briefly again at the condor site. There was only one present at that time but we did see up to six Humpbacked Whales blowing and feeding offshore.

We eventually returned to the lodges at 6:45pm and later ate at a diner, where we also went through the days' log...a very productive day and a day of giants, with the Condors and Elephant Seals.

## Day 5

## Wednesday 27th August

Another clear and fine start to the day and the sea looked particularly calmer than previous days. Following breakfast at the hotel we travelled down to Fisherman's Wharf to catch the 9am sailing of the Sea Wolf II. Nancy Black was captaining the ship today and we headed out in a north westerly direction towards the canyon.

After about 40 minutes we attracted the attention of a group of Dall's Porpoises and these black and white 'torpedo's' made a beeline for the bow of the boat and were seen well by everyone on board. We continued towards the canyon and had some good views of up to four Humpbacks feeding casually before the canyon edge. The calmer water here made it easier to see some of the seabirds that were present such as Sooty and Pink-footed Shearwaters, Rhinoceros Puffin and even 3-4 Ashy Storm Petrels.

Travelling over the canyon and into deep water gave us the most exciting moment of the trip when up to six Humpbacks were involved in a kind of feeding frenzy together with hundreds of seals and seabirds. We watched this for about an hour, amazed at the size of these animals as they came up along side the boat. We were surrounded by the smell of 'whale breath' and even got covered with the liquid from the blows!!! All the animals and birds took little notice of our boat and there were excellent opportunities for some exciting photos.

It was soon time to reluctantly head back towards the harbour, which actually was good fortune in a way as the wind speed increased and the sea became a little bumpy, although the experience with the whales keep most peoples mind of that.

Arriving back we met Walter who had decided to spend some time photographing around the harbour and marina and we collected our lunch from the local Deli which was consumed on the harbour side.

Following lunch, Anna decided to explore the Wharf and seafront while the rest were taken to Carmel Valley by Peter to look for some scarce and localised birds.

Travelling away from Carmel Valley Village we enter an expanse of rolling prairie interspersed with pockets of Oaks. Our first stop at a known site for California Thrasher drew a blank but we did pick up a bonus in a group of Western Bluebirds.

A favoured stop for the locally rare Yellow-billed Magpie worked and up to 15 were found around a small holding. Everyone managed good views of these sometimes shy birds with huge yellow beaks and skin surrounding the eye. A bonus here was also a small group of Wild Turkeys.

Driving back, Maxine spotted a Coyote in a field and Walter spotted another nearer to Carmel. Stopping briefly at Safeway's for supplies we were back at the hotel by 5:45pm to rest and prepare for another excellent meal at the restaurant.

## Day 6

Thursday 28th August

Anna decided she wanted to go back on the whale trip this morning while the rest of the group were going to visit the Moss Landing area. The forecast was for the hottest day of the autumn ranging from 80°F on the coast to over 100°F inland!

Following breakfast we dropped Anna off at Fisherman's Wharf and headed north on Highway 1 towards Moss Landing. There was a fresh breeze from the sea and some sea fog drifted on shore which thankfully kept the temperatures bearable.

Our first stop was just north of Moss Landing at Zamudoski's State Beach, nicely hidden behind vast areas of Strawberry and Artichoke fields. Here there is a small freshwater pool behind the sand dunes which held Pied-billed Grebes, American Coot and Great Blue Heron. In the reeds, Western Marsh Wrens called and were seen briefly by some and a Californian Tree Frog was discovered by Tracy. Hundreds of American Goldfinches were feeding on the thistle heads with Song Sparrows and a Common Yellowthroat showed briefly in the umbelifers. Best of all were a squadron of American White Pelicans which flew towards Moss Landing – a sight not often seen on this trip. As we left, two juvenile American Harriers (or Marsh Hawks) squabbled over prey that the female brought them – neither of them being skilful enough yet to catch the food pass in flight!!

Next stop was Jetty Road at Moss Landing, a haven for waders and other shorebirds. We parked near the sluice and discovered hundreds of Long-billed Curlews, Marbled Godwits, Willets and Least Sandpipers roosting on islands. A local State Park Officer stopped and quizzed Peter if he had a Parade Permit as the group was too big and they had to follow him in line while he held a flag!!! A joke which Peter took, hook, line and sinker!!! The Officer then joined us for some birding and we swapped wildlife stories and compared photos of White Pelicans as they continued to fly over.

A little further down the road was the spot where all the Sea Otters hang out and we were not disappointed...very photogenic, although they had to compete at one point with some colourful male House Finches. A quick look over on the protected beach revealed at least eight Snowy Plovers and in the mouth of the river was a Pigeon Guillemot.

We lunched at Phil's Snack Shack in Moss Landing, where we could sit and look out over the pool at the rear of the premises. In between enjoying the freshly made sandwiches we saw Short-billed Dowitchers, Great Yellowlegs and Black-necked Stilts on the pool and Peter showed the almost resident Black-crowned Night Heron in the Eucalyptus tree.

We made a quick check of the southern section on the river after lunch but most of the good fallow fields had been turned over to Strawberry cultivation this year so we headed off to Moonglow Dairy.

This is a private section on the banks of Elkhorn Slough where the owners allow the local birders to visit and view over the slurry pits which attracts many birds. One of the other main attractions here are the hundreds of blackbirds which feed around the dairy herds. In amongst the common Red-winged and Brewer's Blackbirds we found good numbers of Tri-coloured Blackbirds and Brown-headed Cowbirds. The slurry pits were a little too full of water but the mud on the side of the Slough was perfect with hundreds of Least Sandpipers, amongst which we found both Western and Semi-palmated Sandpipers. Killdeers were common and we found single Grey and Semi-palmated Plovers close to the path. Out on the water of the Slough were a single Great Northern Diver (Common Loon) and many Pied-billed Grebes. However best of all was both Clark's (2) and Western (1) Grebes together so we were able to compare their ID features.

Our final stop of the day in this area was Kirby Road on Elkhorn Slough where there were hundreds of Red-necked Phalaropes feeding in small pools and good numbers of other wader species. A small mixed flock of passerines included Chestnut-backed Chickadees, Wrentit, Bushtit and Song Sparrows and Tracy and Peter briefly saw Common Yellowthroat again.

Heading back into Monterey, we called at the Wild Bird Centre, a shop that is purely devoted to all things 'birdy' where we bought, books, stickers, and lens clothes to take back to the UK.

Anna's sightings on the boat included good numbers of Humpback Whales, some even swimming under the boat.

We dined that evening for the last time at the diner where we did the daily log and enjoyed another meal of large proportions!!

## Day 7

Friday 29th August

Our final full day started with sunshine but by the time we had finished breakfast the fog had rolled in from the sea. However this was to be our last journey on Sea Wolf II so we headed down to Fisherman's Wharf for the morning sailing.

Heading out of the harbour we had good views of three Long-beaked Common Dolphins as they rode the pressure wave at the bow of the boat. Leaving the harbour the sea was perfectly calm but the fog was thick, with the boats fog horn sounding for the first time this week.

We headed north towards the canyon and after about an hour the fog began to lift and we were soon in hot sunshine on a glass calm sea. Sooty and Pink-footed Shearwaters sailed around us and three Ashy Storm-petrels crossed the bow of the boat. A Pacific White-sided Dolphin put in a brief appearance at the stern of the boat before the first Humpbacks were sighted. As we sailed towards the whales, Peter saw the tell tale shape of Orca fins in the distance and a quick message to skipper Nancy had the boat racing towards them.

The next 90 minutes were just magical. First we watched this initial group of five animals, two adult females and three youngsters as they ‘played’ with a sea lion and harbour seal – obviously some on the spot training for the juveniles. Then another pod of four older animals were sighted and as we watched them, the large adult female lunged and ‘battered’ a sea lion with her tail and body, killing it stone dead. The four then circled the body for a few minutes before the larger female took it under where it was obviously devoured by the group. All that remained were small pieces of meat and blubber which floated to the surface attracting many gulls.

As if that wasn’t enough, after feeding, the younger animals started breaching close to the boat. We had to reluctantly drag ourselves away from this group as time was getting on and the wind had increased, churning up the sea. We headed back to Monterey with spray breaking over the bow of the boat but the Orca experience was enough to keep the conversation going until we returned back to port.

Following our sandwich lunch from Casa Bodega, the group had free time during the afternoon to catch up with some souvenir buying, sightseeing or photographing the Harlequin and Long-tailed Ducks in the harbour.

Back at the hotel we met up around 6.30pm for the final log call, quick drinks and to discuss the leaving procedures for the next day. This was followed by our last fine meal from the Fishwife Restaurant where everyone was in fine form!!

## Day 8/9

## Saturday 30th/Sunday 31st August

The group was slightly subdued today as it was time to leave Monterey but they were taking with them some fantastic memories. It was a land of giants - Condors, Elephant Seals, Whales and meals!!!!

As it was a ‘bank holiday’ weekend (Labour Day) the group gathered at 7am to load the mini bus – all except Paul who was on a later flight. We left Monterey in damp fog and even added another species to the bird list as a Mockingbird ran across the road. The highways were quieter than expected and Peter delivered all safely to the departure entrance at San Francisco airport where he bid them farewell as they started their journey back to the UK, arriving safely back on Sunday morning.

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## Species Lists

Mammals (Key: C=commonly or recorded; A=abundant)

	Common name	Scientific name	August					
			24	25	26	27	28	29
1	Coyote	<i>Canis latrans</i>				2		
2	Northern Fur Seal	<i>Callorhinus ursinus</i>				1		
3	California Sea Lion	<i>Zalaopus californianus</i>	A	A	A	A	A	A
4	Northern Elephant Seal	<i>Mirounga angustirostris</i>			80			
5	Harbour Seal	<i>Phoca vitulina</i>	C	C		20	C	C
6	Sea Otter	<i>Enhydra lutris</i>	14	8		18	50	
7	Mule Deer	<i>Odocoileus hemionus</i>	8		9			C
8	Humpback Whale	<i>Megaptera novaeangliae</i>	4	6	6	15	9	2
9	Long-beaked Common Dolphin	<i>Delphinus capensis</i>		3				2
10	Risso's Dolphin	<i>Grampus griseus</i>	2					
11	Pacific White-sided Dolphin	<i>Lagenorhynchus obliquidens</i>						1
12	Killer Whale	<i>Orcinus orca</i>						9
13	Harbour Porpoise	<i>Phocoena phocoena</i>						1
14	Dall's Porpoise	<i>Phocoenoides dalli</i>	3			5		
15	Western Grey Squirrel	<i>Sciurus griseus</i>	4	2	2			1
16	California Ground Squirrel	<i>Spermophilus beecheyi</i>	C		C	C		C

Birds (Key: C=commonly or recorded; A=abundant; LO=Leader only; H=heard only)

	Common name	Scientific name	August							
			23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
1	Pacific Diver	<i>Gavia pacifica</i>		1			1			
2	Great Northern Diver	<i>Gavia immer</i>			1			1		
3	Pied-billed Grebe	<i>Podilymbus podiceps</i>						12		
4	Western Grebe	<i>Aechmophorus occidentalis</i>						1		
5	Clark's Grebe	<i>Aechmophorus clarkii</i>						2		
6	Black-footed Albatross	<i>Phoebastria nigripes</i>			4					
7	Pink-footed Shearwater	<i>Puffinus creatopus</i>		1	6		20		C	
8	Sooty Shearwater	<i>Puffinus griseus</i>		A	C		A	30	A	
9	Ashy Storm Petrel	<i>Oceanodroma homochroa</i>					3		3	
10	American White Pelican	<i>Pelecanus erythrorhynchos</i>						40		
11	Brown Pelican	<i>Pelecanus occidentalis</i>		C	C	C	C	C	C	
12	Double-crested Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax auritus</i>						A		
13	Brandt's Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax penicillatus</i>		C	A	C	A	C	C	
14	Pelagic Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax pelagicus</i>		C	C	C	C	C	C	
15	Great Blue Heron	<i>Ardea herodias</i>						4		
16	Great White Egret	<i>Egretta alba</i>		5			1	3	1	
17	Snowy Egret	<i>Egretta thula</i>						2		
18	Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>						1		
19	Canada Goose	<i>Branta canadensis</i>		C		18		5	C	
20	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>		3				C		
21	Harlequin Duck	<i>Histrionicus histrionicus</i>		1			1		1	
22	Long-tailed Duck	<i>Clangula hyemalis</i>					1		1	
23	Red-breasted Merganser	<i>Mergus serrator</i>						1		
24	Turkey Vulture	<i>Cathartes aura</i>	C	2		C	C	C	C	C
25	California Condor	<i>Gymnogyps californianus</i>				13				

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			23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
26	White-tailed Kite	<i>Elanus leucurus</i>		2						
27	American Harrier	<i>Circus hudsonius</i>				1		3		
28	Cooper's Hawk	<i>Accipiter cooperii</i>						1		
29	Red-shouldered Hawk	<i>Buteo lineatus</i>		3		1				
30	Red-tailed Hawk	<i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>	2		1	C		C		4
31	Golden Eagle	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>				1				
32	American Kestrel	<i>Falco sparverius</i>				5				
33	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>		1				1		
34	Wild Turkey	<i>Meleagris gallopavo</i>					5			
35	California Quail	<i>Callipepla californica</i>				20		1		
36	American Coot	<i>Fulica americana</i>						C		
37	Black Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus bachmani</i>		4						
38	Black-necked Stilt	<i>Himantopus mexicanus</i>						35		
39	Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>		1				1		
40	Semi-palmated Plover	<i>Charadrius semipalmatus</i>						1		
41	Killdeer	<i>Charadrius vociferus</i>		6				30		
42	Snowy Plover	<i>Charadrius nivosus</i>						8		
43	Short-billed Dowitcher	<i>Limnodromus griseus</i>						20		
44	Marbled Godwit	<i>Limosa fedoa</i>		15				100+		
45	American Whimbrel	<i>Numenius hudsonicus</i>			1		1	2	2	
46	Long-billed Curlew	<i>Numenius americanus</i>						A		
47	Greater Yellowlegs	<i>Tringa melanoleuca</i>						11		
48	Willet	<i>Tringa semipalmata</i>		7		1		100+		
49	Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>			1		1			
50	Black Turnstone	<i>Arenaria melanocephala</i>		20	5	11	C		4	
51	Surfbird	<i>Aphriza virgata</i>				3				
52	Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>		20				20		
53	Semi-palmated Sandpiper	<i>Calidris pusilla</i>						1		
54	Western Sandpiper	<i>Calidris mauri</i>						5		
55	Least Sandpiper	<i>Calidris minutilla</i>						C		
56	Red-necked Phalarope	<i>Phalaropus lobatus</i>		40	30		60	C	100+	
57	Grey Phalarope	<i>Phalaropus fulicarius</i>		1						
58	Pomarine Skua	<i>Stercorarius pomarinus</i>		1					1	
59	Arctic Skua	<i>Stercorarius parasiticus</i>			1					
60	California Gull	<i>Larus californicus</i>		C	20	C	C	2	6	
61	Western Gull	<i>Larus occidentalis</i>		A	A	A	A	A	C	
62	Ring-billed Gull	<i>Larus delawarensis</i>						1		
63	Heermann's Gull	<i>Larus heermanni</i>		C	C	C	C		C	
64	Forster's Tern	<i>Sterna forsteri</i>						2		
65	Elegant Tern	<i>Thalasseus elegans</i>		20	A	C	25	80	1	
66	Common Guillemot	<i>Uria aalge</i>		1	C		C	C	C	
67	Pigeon Guillemot	<i>Cephus columba</i>		6	1		2	1		
68	Rhinoceros Puffin	<i>Cerorhinca monocerata</i>		6	2		1			
69	Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba 'feral'</i>	1	C	C	C		C	1	
70	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	1	C	1		1	C	1	
71	Mourning Dove	<i>Zenaida macroura</i>		2		2	3	2	2	
72	Vaux's Swift	<i>Chaetura vauxi</i>				20	8			
73	Anna's Hummingbird	<i>Calypte anna</i>		C	4	3	C	C	C	
74	Acorn Woodpecker	<i>Melanerpes formicivorus</i>			3	3	8	3	2	8
75	Nuttall's Woodpecker	<i>Picoides nuttallii</i>		1		3	2			
76	Downy Woodpecker	<i>Picoides pubescens</i>				2	1			

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			23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
77	Pacific-slope Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax difficilis</i>			1	1				
78	Black Phoebe	<i>Sayornis nigricans</i>		2		1	1	C		
79	Violet-green Swallow	<i>Tachycineta thalassina</i>				100		5		
80	Northern Rough-winged Swallow	<i>Stelgidopteryx serripennis</i>						1		
81	American Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo erythrogaster</i>		1	2	C	20	A	C	
82	Cliff Swallow	<i>Petrochelidon pyrrhonota</i>						8		
83	Marsh Wren	<i>Cistothorus palustris</i>						1		
84	Bewick's Wren	<i>Thryomanes bewickii</i>				1H				
85	Northern Mockingbird	<i>Mimus polyglottos</i>								1
86	Western Bluebird	<i>Sialia mexicana</i>					5			
87	American Robin	<i>Turdus migratorius</i>					1(LO)			
88	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	<i>Regulus calendula</i>				1(LO)				
89	Wrentit	<i>Chamaea fasciata</i>				3	3	2		
90	Chestnut-backed Chickadee	<i>Poecile rufescens</i>			1	20	1	2		
91	Bushtit	<i>Psaltriparus minimus</i>						2		
92	Pygmy Nuthatch	<i>Sitta pygmaea</i>		12	2	2	5	C	C	
93	Brown Creeper	<i>Certhia americana</i>					1			
94	Steller's Jay	<i>Cyanocitta stelleri</i>		3	2	2	6	2		
95	Western Scrub-jay	<i>Aphelocoma californica</i>		C	60	C	A	C	C	
96	Yellow-billed Magpie	<i>Pica nuttalli</i>					15			
97	American Crow	<i>Corvus brachyrhynchos</i>		A	C	C	20	C	C	
98	Common Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>				3				
99	Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>		A	C	C	C	C	1	
100	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>		C		C	C		C	
101	Purple Finch	<i>Carpodacus purpureus</i>				2				
102	House Finch	<i>Carpodacus mexicanus</i>					9	30		
103	Lesser Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis psaltria</i>		3						
104	American Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis tristis</i>					1	80		
105	Yellow Warbler	<i>Dendroica petechia</i>						2		
106	MacGillivray's Warbler	<i>Oporornis tolmiei</i>				1				
107	Common Yellowthroat	<i>Geothlypis trichas</i>						5		
108	Wilson's Warbler	<i>Wilsonia pusilla</i>				1				
109	Savannah Sparrow	<i>Passerculus sandwichensis</i>				2		2		
110	Song Sparrow	<i>Melospiza melodia</i>						C		
111	White-crowned Sparrow	<i>Zonotrichia leucophrys</i>		3				6		
112	Oregon Junco	<i>Junco oreganus</i>				1	2	4		
113	Red-winged Blackbird	<i>Agelaius phoeniceus</i>		20			20	250+	1	
114	Tricoloured Blackbird	<i>Agelaius tricolor</i>						40		
115	Brewer's Blackbird	<i>Euphagus cyanocephalus</i>		C	C	C	20	C	C	
116	Brown-headed Cowbird	<i>Molothrus ater</i>						20+		
117	California Towhee	<i>Pipilo crissalis</i>				1				

## Butterflies

Western Tiger Swallowtail *Papilio rutulus*

Mylitta Crescent *Phyciodes mylitta*

Red Admiral *Vanessa atalanta*

Woodland Skipper *Ochlodes sylvanoides*

Cabbage White *Pieris rapae*

Painted Lady *Vanessa cardui*

Monarch *Danaus plexippus*

## Other Taxa

Coypu *Myocastor coypus*

Ocean Sunfish *Mola mola*

Coast Range Fence Lizards. *Sceloporus occidentalis bocourti*.

Pacific Sea Nettle Jelly *Chrysaora fuscescens*

Green Darner *Anax junius*

Vivid Dancer *Argia vivida*

Pacific Tree Frog *Pseudacris regilla*

Coast Horned Lizard *Phrynosoma coronatum*

Moon Jelly *Aurelia aurita*

Egg Yolk Jelly *Phacellophora camtschatica*

Blue-eyed Darner *Aeshna multicolor*