

Whales and Dolphins of Monterey Bay

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Two Blue Whales with Monterey Headland in the background



Black-footed Albatross



Yellow-billed Magpie



Sea Otters at Moss Landing

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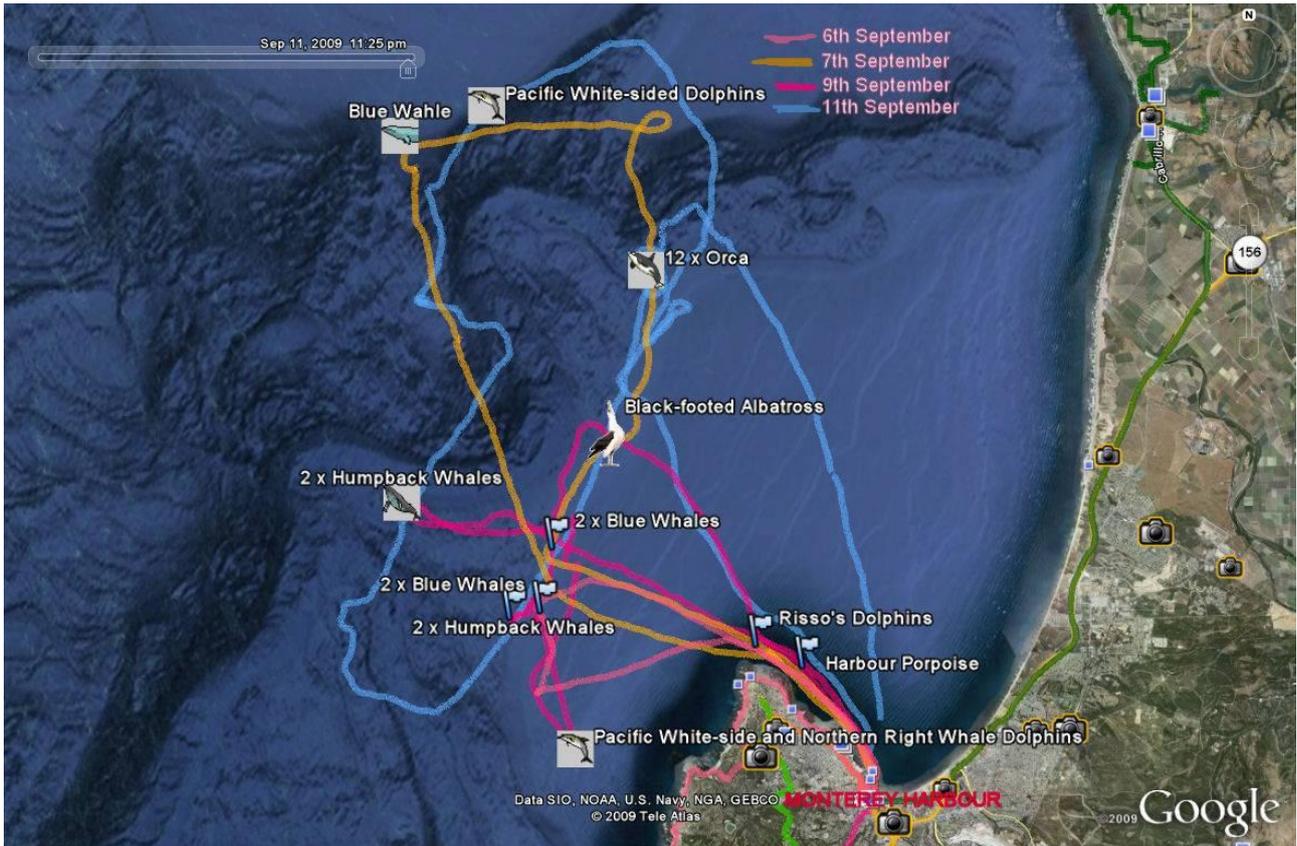
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GPS Tracks of four Whale Watching trips
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Day 1

Saturday 5th September

The group gathered at Heathrow Airport for the afternoon flight. This took off on time and soon the United (and BA) flight was heading west across the Atlantic. Both flights arrived within 30 minutes of each other and Peter was waiting for the passengers as they entered the arrivals hall. With the mini bus already hired and waiting, we were soon en route south on Highway 101, passing some landmark places such as the garlic fields of Gilroy. We arrived at the Lighthouse Hotel around 8.30 pm and everyone gracefully declined an evening meal in favour of a good sleep and a promise to meet in the breakfast room at 7am the next day.

Day 2

Sunday 6th September

With the body clocks still not functioning most met for breakfast after 7am and then we were ready to start our familiarisation tour of the Monterey Headland with a tour of 17 Mile Drive. Dawn was bright and sunny as we loaded the vehicle and headed out on a familiarisation tour of the Monterey headland by following the 17 Mile Drive. This is a gated toll road where the properties 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 Turkey Vultures. Out in the bay, Great White and Snowy Egrets walked around on the beds of Giant Kelp whilst Brandt's Cormorants and squadrons of Brown Pelicans 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.

As we approached Spanish Bay, the sea fog rolled in and it became cool and damp. We still managed to see Pacific coast specialists such as Black Oystercatcher and Black Turnstones, the pastel grey Heermann's Gulls and one or two American Whimbrel, which look like our European ones but without the white rump. With the fog masking Bird and Seal Rocks, we slowly made our way to Fisherman's Wharf where we had an early lunch in one of the wharf restaurants, tasting clam chowder and various sandwich fillings.

After lunch we gathered on the pier near to the Monterey Whale watching centre for our first trip out into the bay. The news was starting to filter through that the morning boat trips had seen Blue Whales but the wind had started to increase and the sea was going to be rough. Undeterred by the latter we boarded the boat, and were soon passing the Coastguard pier with its sight, sound and smell of California Sea lions. Heading out past Point Pinos and into the open ocean the sea became rougher and this started to have an effect on some members of the group but finally reaching the edge of the under water canyon we were greeted by two enormous Blue Whales which surfaced again and again, getting closer to the boat until their breath could be smelt!! This made it all worth while and was the first Blue Whale sighting on this Naturetrek tour for five years. Having had our fill of these magnificent creatures – longer in length than the boat we were on - we headed back towards the relative calmness of Monterey Bay. During the trip we also saw Rhinoceros Auklet (or Puffin), Sooty Shearwaters, Arctic Skuas (or Jaegers) and best of all a Tufted Puffin did two circuits of the boat.

Arriving about three quarters of an hour earlier because of the weather we made a brief stop at the supermarket for some provisions before returning to the hotel to rest, and prepare for our evening meal at the Californian Black Bear Diner.

Day 3

Monday 7th September

Breakfast was again ready for 7am and by 8am we were heading back to Fisherman's Wharf for another session on the boat. The weather forecast was for clear weather in the bay but wind was increasing by the afternoon so the afternoon session was cancelled.

The group made their way to Fisherman's Wharf as Peter organised the sandwiches for lunch and we set sail at 9am. Once again Nancy was at the helm and Kate, the naturalist and David the deck hand were with us. As we left the harbour there were a number of Black Turnstones and two Surfbirds on the Coastguard Pier and one or two sea otters could be seen in the kelp. A Pacific Diver loafed offshore and many Red-necked Phalaropes skipped about on the surface of the sea like corks. As we passed Point Pinos, the swell was a little bumpy until we got out into the open ocean. We headed north towards the deeper water of the canyon and were soon joined briefly by our first sighting of a Black-footed Albatross. Many Common Guillemots and Rhinoceros Auklets could be seen on the water, Sooty Shearwaters were passing most of the time and both Arctic and Pomarine Skuas were harassing the local gulls

Once we reach the edge of the canyon we turned south to follow it, in search of whales. We were not to be disappointed as we discovered an adult and young Humpback Whales feeding. We stayed with these for a while getting good views and even smelling their fishy 'whale breath'. Continuing south towards two feeding Blue Whales, we had some great moments with a school of Pacific White-sided Dolphins which played around the boat, riding the bow wave and also leaping out of the water. At one point they were joined by 'torpedo-like' Northern Right Whale Dolphins. A call from another boat alerted us to two nearer Blue Whales, so we turned back north to make contact with the same two Blues we had seen yesterday (distinctive markings and fin). We watched these, in calmer conditions but not as close as yesterdays encounter, again with some inquisitive Pacific White-sided Dolphins in attendance. With the wind starting to pick up and a further sighting of some more Humpbacks, we headed west to get some good close views of these animals before turning round and headed back towards Monterey. The albatross put in another appearance around the boat as we approached Point Pinos and we landed back at the pier at 1.40pm, after an excellent morning cetacean watching.

Lunch was collected from La Casa Bodega and eaten around the harbour side after which we called in at the Wild Bird Centre to collect some gifts, sample an ice cream and eventually arrived back at the hotel at 4pm. Some ventured out for walk to the coast before we gathered at 6.45 to travel down the road for our first visit to the Fishwife Seafood restaurant at Asilomar.

Day 4

Tuesday 8th September

We had a relatively early start today after breakfast, heading south on Highway 1 towards the Big Sur. The plan today was an early visit to the Big Sur Ornithological Lab (BSOL) which is run by the Ventana Wildlife Society at Andrew Molera State Park. Prior to arriving we stopped at Bixby Bridge to take some photos in the morning light with on slight mist in the distance. We arrived at BSOL at 8:30am to be greeted by Mike, Karen and Evan, who had opened the banding (ringing) lab up especially for us. As we arrived they were ringing a Spotted Towhee and a Pacific-slope Flycatcher which Peter showed to the group, explaining how to age the bird using the feather colours and also why checking how fat the birds were, was important. Mike and the team 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 a Wrentit, two Warbling Vireos a Song Sparrow were trapped and processed. Mike as opened the new Discovery Centre which gave an insight into the bird banding project and also the all important Californian Condor recovery program.

Peter then took the group on a short walk into the State Park, where we saw Nuttall's and Downy Woodpeckers on a dead tree, as well as Californian Quail and Towhee. Just before we left, Karen brought a Swainson's Thrush to the lab and the group bought a number of items from the Centre, which would go towards helping the Condor project.

We thanked Mike and the team for their fascinating insight into the science of bird banding and headed south, firstly collecting our lunch from the deli, then continued in search of the Condors. Peter had knowledge of previous sightings near to a seal colony and as we approached he saw two sat in trees. We got nearer to find quite a crowd of people had gathered to see the condors and our group joined then to witness at least eight of these magnificent birds, flying around the cliff-side and sitting in the trees near to a house. We ate our deli sandwiches at a vista viewpoint with magnificent views south along the Big Sur and also being accompanied by a tame Lark Sparrow.

Having been successful we headed further south (60 miles) passing some of the most breath-taking scenery on the west coast, with groves of Giant Redwood bordering the road. We continued to a special beach at San Simeon where a number of Northern Elephant Seals had hauled out. There were a number of young bulls, some of which were stamping their authority by bellowing and sizing up their opponents whilst the females and pups went to sleep on the beach.

Heading back on the three hour return journey we stopped for refreshments at Ragged Point, and then continue north stopping briefly to photograph the scenery as the weather was becoming dull with low cloud blowing in. Eventually we returned to the Lighthouse Lodges at 6:00pm and later ate at the Black Bear Diner, where we also went through the log. A very productive day and a day of giants, with the giant California Condors, Redwood trees and Elephant Seals...

Day 5

Wednesday 9th September

Another overcast start to the day but the sea looked calm and the visibility was good. Following breakfast at the hotel we travelled down to Fisherman's Wharf to catch the 9am sailing of the Sea Wolf II. Richard was captaining the ship and we headed out in a north-west direction towards the canyon. Soon after leaving the harbour, we came across a small party of feeding Harbour Porpoise. It looked calm and we picked up a gentle swell as we rounded Point Pinos and after about 40 minutes we started to see Sooty Shearwaters with a few Pink-footed mixed in. A Black-footed Albatross showed well in these calm conditions and in fact visited the boat on three occasions during the morning.

We continued towards the canyon looking for whales but nothing could be found. The even light made it better to see some of the smaller species of birds and we recorded Rhinoceros Auklets in good numbers, both Pomarine and Arctic Skuas and a few Ashy Storm Petrels. Eventually one of the other whale watching boats found a whale, some way to the south of us and we headed towards it. It turned out to be a Blue Whale which showed well at times but spent many minutes under the water. On its last dive it showed its tail fluke just as the boat turned so many only just witnessed it!!

Heading back towards Monterey we saw came across some Risso's Dolphins close to shore and we found a pair of Xantus's Murrelet sat on the sea, with a juvenile Glaucous-winged Gull flying overhead.

Arriving back in warmer sunshine, we collected our lunch from the local Deli to be consumed as we drove east into Carmel Valley (apart from Margaret and Lisa who went back on the afternoon boat) where the temperature was much more pleasant in the warm sunshine. Travelling away from Carmel Valley Village we enter an expanse of rolling prairie interspersed with pockets of oaks. We made a number of stops along the way looking for species typical of the area and found Oak Titmouse and Western Bluebirds, with Acorn Woodpeckers entertaining all with their calls and habits. A favoured stop for the locally rare Yellow-billed Magpie worked yet again. Firstly Sue spotted a single bird close to us which was seen well through the telescope. Then a second bird flew past. Finally just before we headed back to Monterey a party of ten showed well in the horse field, drinking from the trough and feeding on the side of the road, from the fence-line. Some of the best views ever!! A bonus here was also a Hutton's Vireo and more Oak Titmice and California Towhees.

We arrived back in Pacific Grove just after 5pm to tidy up and prepare for another night at the Fishwife! Margaret and Lisa updated us on the afternoon boat trip, where they had six Humpback Whales, three dolphin species and added Sabine's Gull and Surf Scoter to the bird list.

Day 6

Thursday 10th September

Following breakfast we headed north on Highway 1 towards Moss Landing. There was a fresh breeze from the sea and which kept the temperatures bearable. Our first stop was just north of Moss Landing at Zmudowski'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 fourteen American White Pelican, fishing in unison, Pied-billed Grebes, American Coot and Great Blue Heron. In the reeds, Western Marsh Wrens called and were seen briefly by some and eight or more Californian Tree Frogs were discovered.

Many American Goldfinches feed on the thistle heads with Chestnut-backed Chickadees and Song Sparrows. A Black-crowned Night Heron flew over the pool, a Green Heron preened on a stick and we managed to identify four species of swallow.

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. The tide was rising so the waders were being pushed towards us. We also managed to identify Short-billed Dowitchers, Semi-palmated Plovers and a single Great Yellowlegs. A Red-tailed Hawk sitting in a tree, spooked all the waders when it left. We moved further down the road to a spot where all the Sea Otters hang out and we were not disappointed. Very photogenic! A quick look over on the protected beach revealed Snowy Plovers and Sanderling but there was very little in the harbour mouth other than a Red-throated Diver (Loon) and a pair of noisy Wandering Tattlers on the breakwater rocks.

We ordered out lunchtime sandwiches at Phil's Snack Shack and then made a quick check of the southern section on the river before lunch where most of the good fallow fields had been turned over to strawberry. A bonus here was a rare visitor to Western USA – a Cattle Egret which was being 'twitched' by a local photographer.

We collected our lunch and ate it at Phil's Snack Shack in Moss Landing, where we could sit and look out over the pool at the rear of the premises. The freshly made sandwiches were enjoyed over entertaining banter and also being entertained by a female Anna's Hummingbird feeding on the Morning Glory flowers. Before we left the usual Black-crowned Night Herons were located in Phil's Eucalyptus tree – an adult and young.

Following lunch we moved on to Moonglow Dairy. This is a private area 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 is 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 busy with a good size flock of Red-necked Phalaropes and the mud on pits was perfect with hundreds of Least Sandpipers, amongst which we found a few Western and a Pectoral Sandpiper. Killdeers were common and we found Semi-palmated Plovers close to the path.

Out on the water of the Slough was a Pied-billed Grebe. However best of all was both Clark's (2) and Western (4) Grebes together so we were able to compare their ID features. We continued along the path to pit no. 3 which was surrounded by rushes. As we approached a pair of Cinnamon Teal took flight and a calling Sora Rail was located by Peter, allowing most of the group to see this skulking bird. The pit also held large numbers of Red-necked Phalaropes but little else. Walking back towards the minibus we saw two Yellow Warblers and a male Common Yellowthroat.

Our final stop of the day in this area was Kirby Road on Elkhorn Slough but we found this particularly quiet and decided to head back towards Monterey and the hotel. We dined that evening for the last time at the Black Bear Diner where we did the daily log and enjoyed another meal of large proportions!!

Day 7

Friday 11th September

Our last full day in Monterey started grey and overcast and in fact it stayed that way all day, even feeling cold on the boat trip with some heavy swells.

Following breakfast we made our way to Fisherman's Wharf to board Sea Wolf II for the last time. The visibility was poor and we started to head out north from the harbour. With a moderate swell some of the animals were hard to see including a few Harbour Porpoise. We scoured the deep water canyon for most of the morning in poor visibility without any whales, just a brief view of some Pacific White-sided and Northern Right Whale Dolphins. Birds fared a little better with at least two Black-footed Albatrosses, Pomarine and Arctic Skuas, Xantus's Murrelet and our one and only Buller's Shearwater.

It was knocking on 1pm and we were starting to head back to the harbour when Nancy announced that a fishing boat had discovered some whales to the north and we immediately started heading that way as a good rate of knots. We seem to be going for ever and in fact were close to the limit where we had been during the morning when out of the gloom so huge dorsal fins appeared and we were amongst a pod of Killer Whales or Orcas. These animals had just made a kill and were now doing the usual tail slapping, breaching and spy hopping to the applause and cheers of the boat audience. It was well worth the wait and the cold. We reluctantly pulled away from these great hunters and headed back to Monterey Harbour arriving around 4pm and too late to go to the aquarium as planned.

Following a quick sandwich the group were dropped off close to Cannery Row to explore for an hour or so, before being collected at 5.30 by Peter to return to the hotel and prepare for our last dinner at the Fish Wife.

This had been a successful trip with 133 birds recorded, of which the giant Californian Condors were the most memorable along with eight species of cetaceans, the prize here must go to the Blue Whales which entertained us at the beginning of the week.

That evening we enjoyed another splendid meal at the Fishwife and reflected on the content of the trip with the regret that it was not longer.

Day 8/9

Saturday 12th/Sunday 13th September

With a midday flight we left the hotel at 7.30am after breakfast and made good time to the airport. Peter dropped everyone off at the departure level and we said our goodbyes to Josephine who was staying on in San Francisco before flying onto Australia.

Booking in was a formality and we waited in International Departures, ready for the journey back to the UK. We arrived in good time and by 7am on Sunday, all bags were collected and we went our separate ways with fond memories of giant whales, birds and trees and many new friends.

Species Lists

Mammals

	Common name	Scientific name	September						
			6	7	8	9	10	11	
1	California Sea Lion	<i>Zalophus californianus</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
2	Northern Elephant Seal	<i>Mirounga angustirostris</i>			50				
3	Harbour Seal	<i>Phoca vitulina</i>	4			5	15	6	
4	Sea Otter	<i>Enhydra lutris</i>	3	4	3	10	27		
5	Mule Deer	<i>Odocoileus hemionus</i>	5	5	2	2			
6	Blue Whale	<i>Balaenoptera musculus</i>	2	2		1			
7	Humpback Whale	<i>Megaptera novaeangliae</i>		3		6			
8	Pacific White-sided Dolphin	<i>Lagenorhynchus obliquidens</i>		40		10		8	
9	Northern Right Whale Dolphin	<i>Lissodelphis borealis</i>		10		2		3	
10	Killer Whale	<i>Orcinus orca</i>						12	
11	Harbour Porpoise	<i>Phocoena phocoena</i>				7		3	
12	Risso's Dolphin	<i>Grampus griseus</i>				c.15			
13	Dall's Porpoise	<i>Phocoenoides dalli</i>		4					
14	Western Grey Squirrel	<i>Sciurus griseus</i>	2	2					
15	California Ground Squirrel	<i>Spermophilus beecheyi</i>	✓	✓	3	✓	✓		

Birds (H = heard only)

	Common name	Scientific name	September							
			6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
1	Red-throated Diver	<i>Gavia stellata</i>						1		
2	Pacific Diver	<i>Gavia pacifica</i>		1		1				
3	Great Northern Diver	<i>Gavia immer</i>				3			2	
4	Pied-billed Grebe	<i>Podilymbus podiceps</i>			6			10		
5	Western Grebe	<i>Aechmophorus occidentalis</i>						8		
6	Clark's Grebe	<i>Aechmophorus clarkii</i>						2		
7	Black-footed Albatross	<i>Phoebastria nigripes</i>		1		2			2	
8	Northern Fulmar	<i>Fulmarus glacialis</i>				1			2	
9	Pink-footed Shearwater	<i>Puffinus creatopus</i>		5		10			12	
10	Buller's Shearwater	<i>Puffinus bulleri</i>							1	
11	Sooty Shearwater	<i>Puffinus griseus</i>	✓	80		200			✓	
12	Ashy Storm Petrel	<i>Oceanodroma homochroa</i>				4			6	
13	American White Pelican	<i>Pelecanus erythrorhynchos</i>						14		
14	Brown Pelican	<i>Pelecanus occidentalis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
15	Double-crested Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax auritus</i>						5		
16	Brandt's Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax penicillatus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
17	Pelagic Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax pelagicus</i>	✓			✓	1	2		
18	Great Blue Heron	<i>Ardea herodias</i>						4		
19	Great White Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	10	2	1	1	10			
20	Snowy Egret	<i>Egretta thula</i>	2					5		
21	Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>						1		
22	Green Heron	<i>Butorides virescens</i>						1		
23	Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>						3		1
24	White-faced Ibis	<i>Plegadis chihi</i>						8		
25	Turkey Vulture	<i>Cathartes aura</i>	6	3	✓	✓	✓	2		
26	California Condor	<i>Gymnogyps californianus</i>				8				
27	Canada Goose	<i>Branta canadensis</i>				6				
28	Black Brant	<i>Branta bernicla nigricans</i>						3		

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			6	7	8	9	10	11	12
29	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	✓				✓		✓
30	Cinnamon Teal	<i>Anas cyanoptera</i>					9		
31	Shoveler	<i>Anas clypeata</i>					3		
32	Surf Scoter	<i>Melanitta perspicillata</i>				1	1		
33	Bufflehead	<i>Bucephala albeola</i>					1		
35	White-tailed Kite	<i>Elanus leucurus</i>	1			1	1		
34	American Harrier	<i>Circus cyaneus hudsonius</i>			1		1		
35	Cooper's Hawk	<i>Accipiter cooperii</i>			1		1		1
36	Red-shouldered Hawk	<i>Buteo lineatus</i>			2				
37	Red-tailed Hawk	<i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>				1	6		
38	American Kestrel	<i>Falco sparverius</i>			2		1		
39	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>			1		1		
40	Wild Turkey	<i>Meleagris gallopavo</i>			4	9			
41	California Quail	<i>Callipepla californica</i>	6		✓	✓			
42	Sora	<i>Porzana carolina</i>					1		
43	Black Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus bachmani</i>	1						
44	Black-necked Stilt	<i>Himantopus mexicanus</i>					4		
45	Semipalmated Plover	<i>Charadrius semipalmatus</i>					7		
46	Killdeer	<i>Charadrius vociferus</i>	2			2	✓		
47	Snowy Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus nivosus</i>					2		
48	Short-billed Dowitcher	<i>Limnodromus griseus</i>					20		
49	Marbled Godwit	<i>Limosa fedoa</i>					✓		
50	American Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus hudsonicus</i>	2		2				
51	Long-billed Curlew	<i>Numenius americanus</i>					✓		
52	Wandering Tattler	<i>Tringa incana</i>					2		
53	Greater Yellowlegs	<i>Tringa melanoleuca</i>					1		
54	Willet	<i>Tringa semipalmata</i>	1		1		✓		
55	Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>					3		
56	Black Turnstone	<i>Arenaria melanocephala</i>	15	5		6		3	
57	Surfbird	<i>Aphriza virgata</i>		2		1		1	
58	Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>					40		
59	Western Sandpiper	<i>Calidris mauri</i>					8		
60	Least Sandpiper	<i>Calidris minutilla</i>					✓		
61	Pectoral Sandpiper	<i>Calidris melanotos</i>					1		
62	Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>					✓		
63	Red-necked Phalarope	<i>Phalaropus lobatus</i>		✓			✓	✓	
64	South Polar Skua	<i>Stercorarius maccormicki</i>		1					
65	Pomarine Skua	<i>Stercorarius pomarinus</i>		3		3		3	
66	Arctic Skua	<i>Stercorarius parasiticus</i>	6	8		4		6	
67	Sabine's Gull	<i>Xema sabini</i>				1			
68	Glaucous-winged Gull	<i>Larus glaucescens</i>				1			
69	California Gull	<i>Larus californicus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
70	Western Gull	<i>Larus occidentalis</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓		
71	Ring-billed Gull	<i>Larus delawarensis</i>					30		
72	Heermann's Gull	<i>Larus heermanni</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
73	Forster's Tern	<i>Sterna forsteri</i>					5		
74	Elegant Tern	<i>Thalasseus elegans</i>	✓	6		60	✓	30	
75	Common Guillemot	<i>Uria aalge</i>	✓	✓		✓		✓	
76	Pigeon Guillemot	<i>Cephus columba</i>	1	1		2			
77	Xantus's Murrelet	<i>Synthliboramphus hypoleucus</i>				4		4	
78	Rhinoceros Auklet	<i>Cerorhinca monocerata</i>	3	✓		✓		20	

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			6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
79	Tufted Puffin	<i>Fratercula cirrhata</i>	1							
80	Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba livia 'feral'</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	
81	Band-tailed Pigeon	<i>Patagioenas fasciata</i>		2		2				
82	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>					4			
83	Mourning Dove	<i>Zenaida macroura</i>				1				3
84	Western Screech Owl	<i>Megascops kennicottii</i>			H					
85	Vaux's Swift	<i>Chaetura vauxi</i>			8					
86	Anna's Hummingbird	<i>Calypte anna</i>	2	4	2	2	✓	2		
87	Belted Kingfisher	<i>Megaceryle alcyon</i>			H					
88	Acorn Woodpecker	<i>Melanerpes formicivorus</i>		2	6	✓	5	4		
89	Nuttall's Woodpecker	<i>Picoides nuttallii</i>			2	1		H		
90	Downy Woodpecker	<i>Picoides pubescens</i>			2					
91	Pacific-slope Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax difficilis</i>			3	1				
92	Black Phoebe	<i>Sayornis nigricans</i>			1		8			
93	Violet-green Swallow	<i>Tachycineta thalassina</i>			✓		✓			
94	Northern Rough-winged Swallow	<i>Stelgidopteryx serripennis</i>					4			
95	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>					✓			
96	American Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica erythrogaster</i>	8	4	3	10		3		
97	Cliff Swallow	<i>Petrochelidon pyrrhonota</i>					5			
98	Western Marsh-wren	<i>Cistothorus palustris pulverius</i>					2			
99	Northern Mockingbird	<i>Mimus polyglottos</i>		1			1			
100	Western Bluebird	<i>Sialia mexicana</i>				20				
101	American Robin	<i>Turdus migratorius</i>			1		4			
102	Swainson's Thrush	<i>Catharus ustulatus</i>			1					
103	Wrentit	<i>Chamaea fasciata</i>			1	H	H			
104	Chestnut-backed Chickadee	<i>Poecile rufescens</i>	1		✓	3	2	2		
105	Oak Titmouse	<i>Baeolophus inornatus</i>				6				
106	Pygmy Nuthatch	<i>Sitta pygmaea</i>	10	6						
107	White-breasted Nuthatch	<i>Sitta carolinensis</i>		1						
108	Steller's Jay	<i>Cyanocitta stelleri</i>	1		6	1				
109	Western Scrub-jay	<i>Aphelocoma californica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
110	Yellow-billed Magpie	<i>Pica nuttalli</i>				12				
111	American Crow	<i>Corvus brachyrhynchos</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
112	Common Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>			1					
113	Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
114	Hutton's Vireo	<i>Vireo huttoni</i>				1				
115	Warbling Vireo	<i>Vireo gilvus</i>			2		1			
116	House Finch	<i>Carpodacus mexicanus</i>		10		2	✓			
117	Pine Siskin	<i>Carduelis pinus</i>		4						
118	American Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis tristis</i>					✓			
119	Yellow Warbler	<i>Dendroica petechia</i>					3			
120	Townsend's Warbler	<i>Dendroica townsendi</i>		1						
121	Common Yellowthroat	<i>Geothlypis trichas</i>					2			
122	Spotted Towhee	<i>Pipilo maculatus</i>			3					
123	California Towhee	<i>Pipilo crissalis</i>			2		2			
124	Lark Sparrow	<i>Chondestes grammacus</i>			1	1				
125	Savannah Sparrow	<i>Passerculus sandwichensis</i>					5			
126	Song Sparrow	<i>Melospiza melodia</i>	1		1		✓			
127	White-crowned Sparrow	<i>Zonotrichia leucophrys</i>					4			
128	Oregon Junco	<i>Junco hyemalis oregonus</i>		2						
129	Black-headed Grosbeak	<i>Pheucticus melanocephalus</i>				1				

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			6	7	8	9	10	11	12
130	Red-winged Blackbird	<i>Agelaius phoeniceus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
131	Tricoloured Blackbird	<i>Agelaius tricolor</i>					50		
132	Brewer's Blackbird	<i>Euphagus cyanocephalus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
133	Brown-headed Cowbird	<i>Molothrus ater</i>					40		

Other Taxa

Pacific Tree Frog *Pseudacris regilla*

Coast Range Fence Lizard *Sceloporus occidentalis bocourtii*

Moon Jelly *Aurelia aurita*

Western Tiger Swallowtail *Papilio rutulus*

Monarch *Danaus plexippus*

Blue-eyed Darner *Aeshna multicolor*

Sea Nettle Jelly *Chrysaora quinquecirrha*

Egg Yolk Jelly *Phacellophora camtschatica*

Cabbage White *Pieris rapae*

Woodland Skipper *Ochlodes sylvanoides*

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