

# Whales & Dolphins of Monterey Bay

Naturetrek Tour Report

29 August – 6 September 2015



Blue Whale – as featured on Big Blue Live!



Fork-tailed Storm Petrel



Yellow-billed Magpies



Humpback Whale – Big Sur about 40m offshore

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## Day 1

Saturday 29th August

### London to San Francisco

The United Airlines flight from London arrived into San Francisco a little behind schedule, but the remainder of the group members appeared in the arrivals hall in good time and were met by Peter, accompanied by Terry and Brenda who had spent a few days in San Francisco and to join Walter & Ann waiting in Carmel Valley.

The minibus was waiting in the garage so we were soon loaded and on our way. Highway 101 had been closed earlier this morning because a power line had collapsed, but it was now open for traffic moving south and we had a clear run. The journey was good with no holdups and Peter pointed out landmarks such as the Nasa Research Centre at Moffatt and the well known computing names on buildings around Silicon Valley. We also had excellent views of the mountains and hills of the Diablo Range to our left. In the afternoon sunshine, the dry grassy scrub known as chaparral was golden-coloured. As we approached Monterey, the twin towers of Moss Landing Power Station could be seen on the right, a landmark we were to get familiar with during the forthcoming week.

Arriving at the Contenta Lodge around 5pm, rooms were quickly allocated and a buffet dinner was available from 6.30pm before many headed off to bed with promises of a fine day tomorrow and our first whale watching trip.

## Day 2

Sunday 30th August

### Monterey Bay and headland.

We gathered in the breakfast room at 7am, with some early risers already having recorded Anna's Hummingbird and California Scrub Jay in the hotel grounds. After breakfast we drove to the Fisherman's Wharf car park for our first trip out on Sea Wolf II. This morning the vessel was captained by Mike Merlo, with naturalist Greg and deck hand Mike.

With all the paperwork organised prior to our arrival, we strolled over to Monterey Bay Whale Watch, picked up our boarding passes and boarded Sea Wolf II. We started to record Sea Otters in the harbour and as we left the berth we could hear the raucous calls of the California Sea Lions hauled out on the breakwater, along with hundreds of Brandt's Cormorants. We passed close by the outer pier for better views of the sea lions before heading north to Moss Landing canyon where we spent a good part of the morning over the deep water.

Over the water we had good numbers of Sooty and Pink-footed Shearwaters. The water was unusually warm and this had encouraged large numbers of anchovy in the bay, followed by these types of birds. The water was also teeming with Long-billed Common Dolphins and at least twenty feeding Humpback Whales, moving back and forth through the bait fish. There were plenty of boats watching this behaviour, and also a BBC helicopter overhead filming for their final live broadcast of Big Blue Live.

After about an hour we started to move on. Mike got a call and purposely headed west towards the deep canyon. Riding into the swell we bounced along at a great speed and ahead we could see the BBC helicopter and a small boat. The boat turned out to be Nancy Black, the co-owner of Sea Wolf II, and she had been out looking for Blue Whales, eventually finding one just in time for the last few minutes of the BBC live broadcast. We hung back as the helicopter filmed and then moved in for some great views of this giant of the seas. Not only were we extremely lucky at witnessing this massive animal, but following in its wake was a diminutive Fork-tailed Storm Petrel, only the second time recorded by Naturetrek here. To add icing to the cake, a huge Black-footed Albatross flew by. Phew, what a start!

With all this excitement we were about forty-five minutes late arriving back in the harbour so had a slightly late lunch of sandwiches or clam chowder at Ablonettis on the pier.

The afternoon was spent driving the '17 Mile Drive', a toll road around the famous Pebble Beach and Spyglass Hill golf courses, but also some nice woodland and shoreline habitat where a White-tailed Kite was the star. On the golf courses Black-tailed Deer grazed the short grass. The large rocks along the coastline held good numbers of resting Brandt's Cormorants and a vast number of rock-climbing sea lions! We stopped to see the famous Lone Cypress tree which has stood on its rocky perch for over 250 years.

We left the drive at the Carmel gate and drove back to our Lodge via the supermarket. There was time for some to use the outdoor pool before a delicious lasagne dinner followed by our daily checklist and review of a most enjoyable day in warm sunshine.

## Day 3

**Monday 31st August**

### Monterey Bay.

Following our 7am breakfast we headed down to Fisherman's Wharf, ready for a full day on the sea. This morning Sea Wolf II was to be skippered by John Mayer, an old friend to Naturetrek groups. Once aboard we headed out towards Moss Landing. We saw many shearwaters and sea otters, and after about an hour we came across a large group of lunge feeding Humpback Whales. This was a fantastic sight, with at least three separate groups working together to catch the huge shoals of anchovy. In amongst them we large pods of Long-beaked Common Dolphins and many shearwaters and gulls. We spent a good hour watching all this activity, and then John decided to head out to sea over the deep canyon to look for other marine animals.

We continued south-west and recorded at least three Northern Fur Seals, new for the season, and also four Black-footed Albatrosses, one of which was greedily feeding on a dead 'rock fish'. After some time our deck hand Isaiah saw a strange blow in the distance so we motored at full speed and were pleased to discover that this was the famous Blue Whale we had seen yesterday, which featured on Big Blue Live. As time was ticking on and this animal was diving for around nine minutes at a time, we had two good series of views of it on the surface before we turned east and heading back to harbour. On our way a few Risso's Dolphins appeared at the back of the boat.

We arrived around 1.30pm to discover that the afternoon sailing had been cancelled due to forecasted strong winds. Plans were revised and after eating our packed lunches on the wharf, we headed north to Jetty Road at Moss Landing to see the gathering of Sea Otters in the natural harbour. Also here we saw numerous species of

waders, two Surf Scoters and a Western Grebe. On the beach hundreds of Sanderling ran to and fro with the waves like clockwork animals, and a few blows of Humpback Whales could be seen on the horizon.

We called at a fruit selling store as we headed back to our hotel, and arrived back in time to see the first transmission of Big Blue Live in the US.

In the evening, after completing our checklist, we enjoyed a delicious chicken dinner cooked by Sheri and Pam, followed by an ice cream chocolate cake to celebrate Brenda's official day of retirement.

## Day 4

## Tuesday 1st September

### Big Sur

After breakfast we headed out for the Big Sur and south on Highway 1. Our first stop was at Bixby Bridge, one of the last bridges to be completed and it provided great views down the Big Sur. A surprise sighting here was about seven Bottlenose Dolphins close to shore; one seemed to be suckling from another. A good start to the day!

We continued to Andrew Molera State Park where we had a short walk through some woodland and open grassland in pleasant, overcast weather. A few Acorn Woodpeckers were flying about from oak trees above us and a Steller's Jay was collecting acorns. We managed to entice a Spotted Towhee from the undergrowth, and marvelled at the very tame California Ground Squirrels on the campsite. On the stroll back we saw an American Yellow Warbler and a number of Blue-eyed Darner dragonflies.

We then travelled through the redwood forests of Big Sur Station, pausing to buy our sandwich lunches at the bakery, and on to a view point next to an apex house at Grimes Point, a regular spot for condors. Unfortunately there were none around today but close by we saw a huge 'rookery' of California Sea Lions, and a pair of Peregrines screeched from the rocks above.

Next stop was for lunch at a view point overlooking the sea and, amazingly, there was a breaching and peck-slapping Humpback Whale offshore. As we ate our lunch we became aware of more Humpback Whales very close to shore just to the south of us. We loaded the minibus and drove to a point overlooking the area. We were amazed to see a number of these huge whales lunge feeding in such shallow water, their tails stirring up the sand on the bottom. We watched this activity involving around seven whales for a while before boarding the vehicle for the 50 mile drive to San Simeon to look for Northern Elephant Seals.

We arrived at the large lay-by next to the Northern Elephant Seal haul-out, and marvelled at the size of some of the males (although not fully grown) as they lazily flicked sand over their bodies and snorted and growled at each other on the beach.

Heading back north, we stopped briefly at Ragged Point for ice cream and a comfort stop, and were entertained by Anna's Hummingbirds and Brewer's Blackbirds. We then settled back in our seats for the two hour journey back to the hotel, passing lots of Turkey Vultures along the way. Peter had a hunch about the condors and pulled up at the entrance to Julia Pfeiffer Burns State Park. There, up in the sky above the hills, were four of these huge birds; three adults and a young bird. This was the icing on the cake and a fitting end to our quest for the rarest

breeding bird in California. The rest of the journey was through breathtaking landscape with incredible views of the mountains and the glistening Pacific Ocean, and we even saw a few Humpback Whales blowing.

That evening we dined again at the lodge on steak and vegetables, accompanied by wine and finished off with chocolate brownies.

## Day 5

## Wednesday 2nd September

### Monterey Bay and Carmel Valley

Following breakfast we headed down to Fisherman's Wharf, and 'hurray', the new Monterey Whale Watch Boat was at the dock. The Blackfin is a catamaran and has upper and lower decks. This was her inaugural trip and we were on it.

We set off towards Moss landing and after a short (and quicker) journey we were again amongst a large group of lunge feeding and breaching Humpback Whales. The stable decks of the Blackfin allowed everyone to appreciate and photograph these animals in comfort. There were also many more skuas about today; Pomarine and Arctic Skuas in equal numbers, and two Black-vented Shearwaters which were new for the week's list. The amount of anchovies being consumed was phenomenal and it was hard to comprehend the amount there are in Monterey Bay with every bird and mammal, including cetaceans, feeding on them.

We stayed for a good 90 minutes watching the events taking place all around the vessel and then headed west in search of other sea mammals. More Humpback Whales were found and small groups of Long-beaked Common Dolphins, but unfortunately for PBS who were filming their last episode of Big Blue Live, no sightings of Blue Whale – yet (they saw one later in the afternoon). As we headed back towards the harbour we came across a small group of five Risso's Dolphins, and one began to tail splash to show its displeasure at our presence.

Back on land we had our packed lunch overlooking the marina before heading back to the lodge for a siesta while the heat of the day died down. Then most of the group headed down Carmel Valley in search of magpies. We headed inland along Carmel Valley Road. Initially it felt too hot and quiet. At one stop we could hear some Yellow-billed Magpies in the distance but they would not show themselves, and the only birds seen were Western Bluebirds. Another stop was also very quiet so we headed for Tassajarra Road, a place where Yellow-billed Magpies had been seen last week. As we got out of the minibus they were heard calling close-by, and soon we were rewarded with excellent views of four birds sat in the tops of the trees in clear view. Feeling triumphant, we retraced our steps and as we approached the area where we had heard magpies earlier, Peter spied a Golden Eagle over the road and we saw a nice adult gaining height above us. This was fortuitous, as an American Kestrel spooked four more Yellow-billed Magpies down the valley, and we saw House Finch and Western Bluebird close-by and two Mule Deer in the field.

We returned to the lodge to prepare for another splendid pork tenderloin dinner and then completed our checklist.

## Day 6

Thursday 3rd September

### Moss Landing area

We set off for our visit to Moss Landing with cloudy skies, but by the time we reached Monterey the clouds had started to disperse and we had a warm sunny day ahead with a refreshing north-westerly breeze. Our first port of call was Zmudowski's State Beach, where there is a small freshwater lagoon alongside the sand dunes. As we passed through the manicured strawberry and artichoke fields we saw our first Ring-billed Gulls. As we approached the lagoon a nice Red-shouldered Hawk left a post and flew right past us. After parking, we walked back to check the lagoon and surrounding habitats. Since last year's drought and reedbed demise, the water had returned and the giant rush was growing well. This meant that the Pacific Tree Frogs had returned to an area beside the road. Over the next hour everyone had fun trying to spot one, be it bright green, dark brown or in between. Also we saw quite a few birds; some migrating through such as Greater Yellowlegs, Whimbrel, Killdeer, a male Northern Marsh Hawk and Cliff Swallows. A Green Heron was hiding in the reeds and Western Marsh Wrens made tantalising appearances in the undergrowth.

Next stop was Jetty Road leading to the Moss Landing State Park. The tide was coming in and hundreds of waders were gathering including Long-billed Curlew, Marbled Godwit, Willet, and many Least Sandpipers. Amongst these we found a few Short-billed Dowitchers, a Grey Plover (Black-bellied Plover) and some Whimbrel.

A little further along we checked the beach and there was a huge flock of about 300 Sanderling roosting, whilst offshore Humpback Whales could be seen breaching and 'pec-slapping' around a flotilla of whale watching boats.

In the harbour there were a few Sea Otters lazily floating on their backs, and one was fairly close for photographing. Everyone enjoyed their antics, photographing them as they rolled round in the water and took small paddle strokes with their rear paws to move, floating along on their backs. Meanwhile Common (Harbour) Seals were sleeping on the sand banks, as were large numbers of Elegant Terns and two smart male Surf Scoters.

Lunch was taken at Phil's Snack Shack where we made use of the picnic tables overlooking a pool. In the trees a Snowy Egret stood out and a number Black-crowned Night Herons remained cryptic.

The last birding stop of the afternoon was to Moonglow Dairy near to the Moss Landing power station, where we managed to see the locally scarce Tricolored Blackbird and Brown-headed Cowbird with the dairy herd. These were numerous and part of large flocks of Common Starlings, Brewer's Blackbirds and Red-winged Blackbirds feeding below the feet of the cows in the open, dusty fields. As the birds took off, the scarlet red of the Red-winged and Tricoloured Blackbirds flashed out from their wings. We walked round the settling pools from the dairy and compared Red-necked Phalaropes with a flock of 28 Wilson's Phalaropes, and in amongst the Least Sandpipers was a single Pectoral Sandpiper, standing head and shoulders above the others. Out on Elkhorn Slough, two Clark's Grebes fed as Peter explained the plumage differences between these and a Western Grebe seen off Jetty Road that morning. We had hoped to see some Sea Otters with young, but there were only a handful of feeding otters here today, but they were entertaining. A new butterfly was found in the form of a Western Pygmy Blue.

We finished off the afternoon with a visit to the local Wild Bird Centre where souvenirs and presents were bought before an early finish at the hotel allowing time for some to check the gardens or swim before dinner.

Our final dinner at the lodge was spaghetti bolognese, and we retraced our day and sightings for the checklist.

## Day 7

Friday 4th September

### Monterey Bay area

Our last full day in Monterey started clear but decidedly cooler as we travelled down to Fisherman's Wharf for one more morning on the sea, again on the new vessel, the Blackfin. We headed straight out towards Moss Landing as the forecast was for the wind to rise later in the day and we wanted to avoid that. Arriving in the area of the canyon, we immediately saw Humpback Whales lunge feeding in front of us. There were at least three groups feeding and we were entertained with plenty of action. In amongst the whales were Long-beaked Common Dolphins; this time adults with calves drifting close by the boat. The birders spied Black-vented Shearwaters in amongst the Sooty and Pink-footed Shearwaters, and four nice adult Sabine's Gulls joined the feeding bird flock around the lunging whales.

With wind increasing and the swell growing, Captain John decided it would be best to head back early. On the return we saw more dolphins and Sunfish (*Mola mola*). Arriving back at the dock around 1pm, we boarded the minibus and Peter took the group to Monterey Aquarium where the afternoon was spent enjoying the Sea Otters, seahorses, jellyfishes and shorebirds whilst Peter prepared for their departure.

Back at the hotel we completed our checklist and some housekeeping for the journey to the airport tomorrow, before finishing the evening with a splendid meal at the Fish Wife restaurant.

## Day 8

Saturday 5th September

### Leave from San Francisco Airport

As the flight home was not until almost 7.25pm, we decided to take a quick trip north of the airport to the Golden Gate Bridge and to get a view over San Francisco. After breakfast, Jim from the lodge took a group photograph in the gardens of Contenta after which we packed and set off.

We crossed over the hills and joined highway 101, heading north towards the 'fog city' with sightings of Golden Eagle, and Red-Shouldered and Red-tailed Hawks on the way. The road was surprisingly clear going north but the opposite carriageway was bumper to bumper. We passed directly through the undulating streets we knew from movies and TV programs, and we crossed the bridge and drove up a hillside on the north side to a good viewpoint. Here we could look at San Francisco through the bridge, and overhead we saw Cooper's and Red-tailed Hawks and Turkey Vultures. Although there was no fog, it was a little hazy but still a good view. Having taken our photographs and admired the view of the bay, we re-joined the traffic on the bridge, this time going south, and made our way to the airport via a fast food outlet for lunch. We were early to the airport which meant a casual check-in and then a wait for the overnight flight home.

## Day 9

## Sunday 6th September

### Arrive London

The flight was just short of ten hours and we landed in London on a bright, warm and sunny afternoon. We met for the last time at the baggage carousel where we said our goodbyes after an excellent Naturetrek version of Big Blue Live.

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The group at Contenta Lodge

## Species Lists

Mammals (✓ = recorded but not counted; H = heard only)

	Common name	Scientific name	August/September						
			30	31	1	2	3	4	5
1	Western Grey Squirrel	<i>Sciurus griseus</i>	1						
2	Eastern Fox Squirrel	<i>Sciurus niger</i>					2		
3	California Ground Squirrel	<i>Spermophilus beecheyi</i>	✓	✓	✓		2		
4	Botta's Pocket Gopher	<i>Thomomys bottae</i>					1		
5	European Rabbit	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>		1	1		2		
6	Northern Fur Seal	<i>Callorhinus ursinus</i>		3					
7	California Sea Lion	<i>Zalophus californianus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
8	Harbour Seal	<i>Phoca vitulina</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
9	Sea Otter	<i>Enhydra lutris</i>	6	30		✓	25	✓	
10	Blue Whale	<i>Balaenoptera musculus</i>	1	1					
11	Humpback Whale	<i>Megaptera novaeangliae</i>	30	30	15	20	✓	20	
12	Long-beaked Common Dolphin	<i>Delphinus capensis</i>	300	100	30	✓		✓	
13	Risso's Dolphin	<i>Grampus griseus</i>	10	4		5			
14	Bottlenose Dolphin	<i>Tursiops truncatus</i>			7				
15	Harbour Porpoise	<i>Phocoena phocoena</i>				1			

## Birds

1	Canada Goose	<i>Branta canadensis</i>	1	✓	4	✓			
2	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>					✓		
3	Cinnamon Teal	<i>Anas cyanoptera</i>					10		
4	Northern Shoveler	<i>Anas clypeata</i>					✓		
5	Surf Scoter	<i>Melanitta perspicillata</i>		2			2		
6	California Quail	<i>Callipepla californica</i>			18	1			
7	Black-footed Albatross	<i>Phoebastria nigripes</i>	1	4					
8	Fork-tailed Storm Petrel	<i>Oceanodroma furcata</i>	1						
9	Northern Fulmar	<i>Fulmarus glacialis</i>	6	8		✓		✓	
10	Sooty Shearwater	<i>Puffinus griseus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
11	Pink-footed Shearwater	<i>Puffinus creatopus</i>	✓	✓		✓		✓	
12	Black-vented Shearwater	<i>Puffinus opisthomelas</i>				2		2	
13	Pied-billed Grebe	<i>Podilymbus podiceps</i>				1	6		
14	Western Grebe	<i>Aechmophorus occidentalis</i>		1			1		
15	Clark's Grebe	<i>Aechmophorus clarkii</i>					2		
16	Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>					7		
17	Green Heron	<i>Butorides virescens</i>					1		
18	Great Blue Heron	<i>Ardea herodias</i>	1				4		
19	Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	✓		1		✓		
20	Snowy Egret	<i>Egretta thula</i>	✓	1			✓		
21	American White Pelican	<i>Pelecanus erythrorhynchos</i>					100		
22	Brown Pelican	<i>Pelecanus occidentalis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
23	Brandt's Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax penicillatus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
24	Pelagic Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax pelagicus</i>	2	1				2	
25	Double-crested Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax auritus</i>		✓			✓		
26	Turkey Vulture	<i>Cathartes aura</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
27	California Condor	<i>Gymnogyps californianus</i>			4				
28	White-tailed Kite	<i>Elanus leucurus</i>	1				1		
29	Golden Eagle	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>			1	1			1
30	Northern Harrier	<i>Circus hudsonius</i>					1		

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			30	31	1	2	3	4	5	
31	Cooper's Hawk	<i>Accipiter cooperii</i>								1
32	Red-shouldered Hawk	<i>Buteo lineatus</i>	1				1	1	1	
33	Red-tailed Hawk	<i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>					3			2
34	Virginia Rail	<i>Rallus limicola</i>					H			
35	American Coot	<i>Fulica americana</i>					4			
36	Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>					3			
37	Semipalmated Plover	<i>Charadrius semipalmatus</i>	2	3			3			
38	Killdeer	<i>Charadrius vociferus</i>					5			
39	Short-billed Dowitcher	<i>Limnodromus griseus</i>		✓			✓			
40	Marbled Godwit	<i>Limosa fedoa</i>	1	✓			✓			
41	Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>	2	8			3			
42	Long-billed Curlew	<i>Numenius americanus</i>		2			✓			
43	Greater Yellowlegs	<i>Tringa melanoleuca</i>					3			
44	Willet	<i>Tringa semipalmata</i>		✓			✓			
45	Black Turnstone	<i>Arenaria melanocephala</i>	1	2					2	
46	Surfbird	<i>Aphriza virgata</i>		1						
47	Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>		200			400			
48	Western Sandpiper	<i>Calidris mauri</i>					3			
49	Least Sandpiper	<i>Calidris minutilla</i>		✓			✓			
50	Pectoral Sandpiper	<i>Calidris melanotos</i>					1			
51	Wilson's Phalarope	<i>Phalaropus tricolor</i>					28			
52	Red-necked Phalarope	<i>Phalaropus lobatus</i>	8	✓		10	18	✓		
53	Grey Phalarope	<i>Phalaropus fulicarius</i>		1					2	
54	Sabine's Gull	<i>Xema sabini</i>							4	
55	Heermann's Gull	<i>Larus heermanni</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
56	Ring-billed Gull	<i>Larus delawarensis</i>					✓			
57	California Gull	<i>Larus californicus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
58	Western Gull	<i>Larus occidentalis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
59	Elegant Tern	<i>Thalasseus elegans</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
60	Pomarine Skua	<i>Stercorarius pomarinus</i>	1			2		1		
61	Arctic Skua	<i>Stercorarius parasiticus</i>				3		1		
62	Common Guillemot	<i>Uria aalge</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	4	✓		
63	Pigeon Guillemot	<i>Cephus columba</i>	2							
64	Cassin's Auklet	<i>Ptychoramphus aleuticus</i>	1	1						
65	Rhinoceros Auklet	<i>Cerorhinca monocerata</i>		3		2		2		
66	Rock Dove (Feral)	<i>Columba livia 'feral'</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
67	Band-tailed Pigeon	<i>Patagioenas fasciata</i>		✓	2	✓				
68	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
69	Mourning Dove	<i>Zenaida macroura</i>	✓	✓	10	✓		✓		
70	Vaux's Swift	<i>Chaetura vauxi</i>			✓					
71	Anna's Hummingbird	<i>Calypte anna</i>	3	3	5	3				
72	Belted Kingfisher	<i>Megaceryle alcyon</i>		1					1	
73	Acorn Woodpecker	<i>Melanerpes formicivorus</i>			8	2			4	
74	Nuttall's Woodpecker	<i>Picoides nuttallii</i>	1	H						
75	American Kestrel	<i>Falco sparverius</i>				1				
76	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>		1	2					
77	Black Phoebe	<i>Sayornis nigricans</i>				1	3			
78	Steller's Jay	<i>Cyanocitta stelleri</i>			3					
79	California Scrub Jay	<i>Aphelocoma californica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
80	Yellow-billed Magpie	<i>Pica nuttalli</i>				8				
81	American Crow	<i>Corvus brachyrhynchos</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		

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			30	31	1	2	3	4	5
82	Northern Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>			2				
83	Oak Titmouse	<i>Baeolophus inornatus</i>		2	1				
84	Chestnut-backed Chickadee	<i>Poecile rufescens</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓			
85	Violet-green Swallow	<i>Tachycineta thalassina</i>			✓				
86	Northern Rough-winged Swallow	<i>Stelgidopteryx serripennis</i>					✓		
87	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓	
88	American Cliff Swallow	<i>Petrochelidon pyrrhonota</i>					1		
89	American Bushtit	<i>Psaltriparus minimus</i>	✓		✓				5
90	Wrentit	<i>Chamaea fasciata</i>	2		2	1	2		
91	Marsh Wren	<i>Cistothorus palustris</i>					8		
92	Northern Mockingbird	<i>Mimus polyglottos</i>					1		
93	Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>				✓			✓
94	Western Bluebird	<i>Sialia mexicana</i>		3		10			
95	House Finch	<i>Haemorhous mexicanus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
96	American Goldfinch	<i>Spinus tristis</i>					✓		
97	Pine Siskin	<i>Spinus pinus</i>					1		
98	Common Yellowthroat	<i>Geothlypis trichas</i>					1		
99	American Yellow Warbler	<i>Setophaga aestiva</i>			1				
100	Tricolored Blackbird	<i>Agelaius tricolor</i>					10		
101	Red-winged Blackbird	<i>Agelaius phoeniceus</i>					✓		
102	Brown-headed Cowbird	<i>Molothrus ater</i>					✓		
103	Brewer's Blackbird	<i>Euphagus cyanocephalus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
104	Song Sparrow	<i>Melospiza melodia</i>			2		5		
105	White-crowned Sparrow	<i>Zonotrichia leucophrys</i>		1			2		
106	Dark-eyed Junco (Oregon)	<i>Junco hyemalis oregonus</i>					2		
107	Spotted Towhee	<i>Pipilo maculatus</i>			1	H			
108	California Towhee	<i>Melospiza crissalis</i>	H	H	1	1	H	H	H

### Other fauna

Red Admiral, Cabbage White, Monarch, White Checkered Skipper, Western Pygmy Blue and Sandhill Skipper

Blue-eyed Darner, Black Saddlebags, Red Saddlebags

Western Fence Lizard, Ocean Sunfish (*Mola mola*); Egg-yolk Jelly, Pacific Tree Frog



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Map of whale watching tracks (some days GPS failed)

