

Whales & Dolphins of Monterey Bay

Naturetrek Tour Report

24th August – 1st September 2022



Humpback Whales



Arctic Skua & Elegant Tern



Sierran Treefrog



Western Pygmy Blue

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Summary

This holiday, in a beautiful area of central California, was a great success. Although the weather was not perfect early in the week, with fog on a couple of our trips out into the bay, we managed to see all the main target species, including Northern Right Whale Dolphin, Orca, and a Blue Whale. On the land-based days we saw California Condors, Sea Otter, Northern Elephant Seal, and a multitude of shorebirds. Other species included Sierran Treefrog, Common Garter Snake (California Red-sided subspecies), and Western Skink. All in all, it was a wonderful tour which will remain in everyone's memories for years to come.

Day 1

Wednesday 24th August

The group arrived safely at San Francisco airport without any hitches. We boarded the vehicles, and the luggage was transported by Miriam, the manager of our accommodation in Carmel Valley. The drive from the airport to Carmel Valley coincided with heavy commuter traffic so it was stop start for most of the journey. Along the interstate, we were entertained by Turkey Vulture, California Ground Squirrel, and the occasional Red-tailed Hawk.

Finally, we arrived at our destination to enjoy a buffet dinner prepared by Jerome. Everyone was tired, so following a briefing for the next day, we retired for the evening.

Day 2

Thursday 25th August

Monterey Bay

An early breakfast and departure saw us headed to Fisherman's Wharf in Monterey. We tried to "ignore" the throng of California Sea Lions by the marina because we had a deadline for the boat. The smell, noise, and commotion, of a couple of hundred Sea Lions is hard to miss! Staying focused, we checked in and awaited our safety briefing. As we waited, we spotted Western Gull, Sea Otter, Harbor Seal, and Pelagic Cormorant in the harbour.

After boarding, we headed out into a misty, grey sky on a silvery, calm ocean. It wasn't long before we spotted a pod of Risso's Dolphin. A great first sighting of these squid-eating, torpedo-shaped cetaceans. We also saw Common Murre, Sooty Shearwater, Buller's Shearwater, Ashy Storm Petrel, Black-footed Albatross, and Rhinoceros Auklet. We sailed for over an hour before seeing a second pod of Risso's Dolphin, but other than that things were quiet.

Another hour later, we spotted our first Humpback Whale, who appeared to be resting, possibly sleeping. A little further we came across a feeding area. Numerous California Sea Lion, and sea birds were feeding on an anchovy shoal. Other Humpback Whale were cruising the area, but we focused on watching a youngster feeding and diving around the melee. And before we knew it, it was time to head back to shore.

We had lunch on the pier and headed along the Monterey Headland. Making a couple of stops, we spotted numerous Sea Otter, Columbia Black-tailed Deer, California Ground Squirrel, and Large (Cabbage) White. New birds seen along the shore included Black Phoebe, Whimbrel, Black Oystercatcher, Ruddy and Black Turnstone, Sanderling, Heerman's and California Gulls.

We were entertained by the scenery and multi-million-dollar houses in Pebble Beach, plus the pristine greens of the golf course. A quick stop at the Visitor Center, allowed views of Anna's Hummingbird and California Scrub Jay. At this point, the afternoon was getting late, so we drove back to our accommodation, dinner, and a well-earned rest.

Day 3

Friday 26th August

Monterey Bay

A full day on the water today. The morning was foggy and calm, with an oily grey sea. It was relatively quiet this morning, but after lots of floating around and the odd Humpback Whale, we had an exceptional sighting of a Blue Whale. Not as showy as the Humpback Whale, it is still obvious how big this marine mammal is as it glides through the water. We were lucky enough to see the Blue Whale from blowhole to dorsal fin to tail, the latter being rarely seen when this species dives. New bird for the day was a Townsend's Warbler that flew over the boat.



Blue Whale

The afternoon was somewhat clearer, and we came upon another feeding frenzy packed with California Sea Lion, Brown Pelican, Elegant Tern, Caspian Tern, and an Arctic Skua. A couple of Humpback Whale were also in the vicinity, and we were able to see some great activity with tail slapping, pectoral fin raising, and lunge feeding. We watched for quite some time before heading off on our voyage. There were numerous Gray and Red-necked Phalarope on the water today plus Cassin's and Rhinoceros Auklets. We also spotted a California Gull flying over.

As we motored back to the shore, we came across a Mola Mola, also known as an Ocean Sunfish. This is a large, bony fish, which lives in temperate waters. It has long dorsal and ventral fins, is flattened laterally, and appears to be mainly head and tail. It is indeed an unusual looking fish.

On the way back to harbour, we had a Shanty singalong with our naturalist and deckhand, Andrew. Most of the passengers on board joined in with, “Drunken Sailor” as we moored up at the dock.

We returned to our accommodation for a well-earned rest and delicious dinner served by Jerome.

Day 4

Saturday 27th August

Big Sur and Pacific Coastal Highway

Today was a land-based day. We explored the Pacific Coastal Highway south from Monterey to San Simeon. Our first stop was planned to be the Bixby Bridge Overview, but the fog was so thick, we decided it wasn't worth the break in our journey. We continued along the foggy coastline. There were a few breaks in the cloud, and we started to see the deep blue of the Pacific Ocean and the jagged coastline from our eyrie-like lookout post of the Pacific Coastal Highway. Our first stop was Andrew Molera State Park, where we took the path to the beach. Along the way, we spotted Lorquin's Admiral, Cabbage White, Western Tiger Swallowtail, and Western Fence Lizard. Birds seen included Oak Titmouse, Chestnut-backed Chickadee, Vaux's Swift, Acorn Woodpecker, Wrentit, Townsend's Warbler, Downy Woodpecker, Peregrine Falcon, Northern Harrier, Nuttall's Woodpecker, and Warbling Vireo.

We stopped off for coffee at one of the establishments along Big Sur. There was much excitement as we ordered as not one, but four California Condor appeared above the hillside behind the café's patio. Everyone had exceptional views through the scope and binoculars. We watched these huge, once almost extinct species, soar around for 20 minutes. Other birds on and around the patio were Steller's Jay and Dark-eyed Junco.

Moving on, we continued heading south along the twisty hillsides of the coastal range, crossing bridges over canyons, and winding our way through Monterey Cypress and Coastal Redwood to our destination of San Simeon Seal Vista Point. We were there to observe the Northern Elephant Seal at one of their favourite haul-out beaches along the California coastline. There was a mixture of large bulls with elongated proboscis, adult cows, and weaned pups probably born early this year. Northern Elephant Seals only return to favoured beaches to give birth, wean pups, mate, and moult. At this time of year, their return to shore would be for moulting before embarking on their oceanic journeys to feed on fish, squid, and pelagic Red Crabs. A new species spotted at the vista point was Gray Buckeye feeding on the California Buckwheat along the shoreline.

By now, the day was getting late, so we returned north along the coast with a stop for lunch at Ragged Point. The fog had lifted, so we made a few quick stops to admire the view and take photos. We eventually arrived back in Carmel Valley and dinner at the local pub, The Running Iron. After a long day, we retired early to bed.



Northern Elephant Seal; California Condor

Day 5

Sunday 28th August

Monterey Bay and Monterey

Another early start to get to the boat. There was less fog this morning and visibility was much further than our previous boating days. We motored out with purpose this morning. We spotted Humpback Whale breaching and Risso's Dolphin, but we were on a mission. Luckily, everyone in our group had previously had great views of these species, so we were unconcerned. Eventually, after quite some time we saw the chimneys of the Elkhorn Slough power station to the east and two boats off our bow. As we got closer, we saw large, dark dorsal fins surfacing above the surface. We were in luck, there was a small pod of Orca in our sights. As we drew closer, the dominant male breached three times in front of our boat. What an introduction. We watched this pod of five Orca, the matriarch, three juveniles, and a large dominant male, for up to 30 minutes as they enjoyed tumbling together, vocalizing, and hunting. At one point, a California Sea Lion was displayed on the back of one of the Orca. Seeing Orca in Monterey Bay is not a regular occurrence, so we were very lucky to find and watch this pod going about their daily business for such an extended period.

Other sightings were of three Humpback Whale, a mother, calf and escort, cruising along in parallel with our boat. We cruised along with them for quite a while before it was time to return to the dock. On the return journey, we saw Risso's Dolphin and Harbour Porpoise. Notable bird sightings of the day included thousands of Sooty Shearwater plus a few Pink-footed Shearwater.

The afternoon was a relaxing afternoon around Monterey, during which most of the group visited Monterey Aquarium and/or Cannery Row. After a pleasant hour or so, we took the familiar journey back to Carmel Valley and a relaxing evening with dinner by Jerome plus a few drinks.



Orca

Day 6

Monday 29th August

Moss Landing Area

A second land-based day, we headed north along coastal Route 1. Our first stop was Zmudowski's State Beach. Strolling along the road, we found numerous Sierran Treefrog sitting on the reeds by the lagoon. In addition, we found three Common Garter Snake around the edges of the lagoon and nestled on the reeds. We also spotted

Black-crowned Night Heron, White-crowned Sparrow, Song Sparrow, Common Yellowthroat, and Forster's Tern.

After an exciting couple of hours, we headed for Jetty Road by Elkhorn Slough. We saw Harbour Seal, Brush Rabbit, California Ground Squirrel, and Sea Otter. Birds included Long-billed Curlew, Willet, Marbled Godwit, Whimbrel, Least and Western Sandpipers, Grey Plover, and Snowy Plover.

We headed for lunch at Phil's Snack Shack, where we saw Belted Kingfisher and West Coast Lady.

After lunch, we headed inland around the estuary. Our first stop was Moonglow Dairy. We checked under a few boards for herps and found a Western Skink. Other species included Tri-coloured Blackbird, Gadwall, American Green-winged Teal, Spotted Sandpiper, American White Pelican, Western Pygmy Blue, and Striped Shore Crab. It was amazing to see all the Red-necked Phalaropes spinning as they fed on flies in the settling ponds!

Our final stop was Kirby Road, on the other side of the estuary. There, we very surprised to see two Least Terns and enjoyed a fantastic "Peregrine show" as two immature Peregrines actively hunted, stooped, and chased the myriads of shorebirds around the estuary! What an incredible end to a wonderful day!



Common Garter Snake

Day 7

Tuesday 30th August

Monterey Bay and Carmel

Our last boat trip of the tour. And what a boat trip! The sky was blue, visibility the best we had had all week, and the sea was calm. As we headed out to sea, we spotted an Osprey sat atop of a yacht's mast and Humpback Whale close to shore. However, the crew had a different goal in mind, so we didn't linger. We motored almost to the sandy shore and as we did, we could see a huge pod of dolphin breaking the surface of the water with their dorsal fins and breaching. Our first species was Northern Right Whale Dolphin, a slender, diminutive cetacean with no dorsal fin. This was a special sighting because this species is not often seen by the whale-watching

crews. We watched as they leapt and bow-rode below the bow of the boat. Then, on to the next pod of dolphins. Three species of dolphin were evident in the shallow waters by the beach: Risso's Dolphin in their hundreds, a small pod of Pacific White-sided Dolphin, and Coastal Bottle-nosed Dolphin. What a spectacle! We even spotted a totally white Risso's Dolphin, which the boat crews have named, "Casper". We watched the dolphins leaping, breaching, cruising, and interacting for quite some time. It was a fantastic sight, probably never to be repeated. Eventually, we had to depart and as we motored spotted Harbor Porpoise.



Risso's Dolphin; Northern Right Whale Dolphin

The excitement wasn't over yet. We came across another feeding frenzy close to Monterey headland. There, in the swarming water were six Humpback Whale feeding and lunging. They were so close at times that we could smell their whale breath. Before long, it was time to return to shore, but what a finale! There were even numerous breaches as we sailed away. As the last boat trip ended, we were all still struggling to process what we had just seen and experienced. What a great trip.

The final afternoon was spent at leisure exploring Carmel-by-the-Sea, a pretty town south of Monterey. Shopping and sight-seeing were enjoyed by many of the group. And then it was time to go and enjoy our last dinner together in Carmel Valley.

Day 8

Wednesday 31st August

Carmel Valley and Flight Home

A short last morning as we packed and prepared to leave. We did manage a quick stroll around the old airplane hangar site, which is now an open space preserve. We found Gray Buckeye, Botta's Pocket Gopher, Black-chinned Hummingbird, Lesser Goldfinch, Purple Finch, and California Quail plus a shed snake skin, which could have been a Gopher snake. As we drove away from the accommodation, we spotted a Western Grey Squirrel drinking from a puddle. One last mammal.

Most people were being dropped off at San Francisco airport, but we made a quick stop in Monterey for a guest who was keen to have a few days at the Monterey Aquarium.

The journey back was uneventful, and everyone was delivered safely to SFO International departures.

Day 9

Thursday 1st September

Arrive Home

Everyone arrived home safely or enjoyed onward journeys to new destinations and adventures. However, this trip was one never to be forgotten!



Sea Otter

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Species lists

Mammals

I = Introduced; E = Endemic		August 2022						
Common name	Scientific name	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Brush Rabbit	<i>Sylvilagus bachmani</i>					✓		
Botta's Pocket Gopher	<i>Thomomys bottae</i>							✓
Western Gray Squirrel	<i>Sciurus griseus</i>							✓
Eastern Fox Squirrel	<i>Sciurus niger</i>						✓	✓
Eastern Gray Squirrel	<i>Sciurus carolinensis</i>					✓		
California Ground Squirrel	<i>Spermophilus beecheyi</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓		
Sea Otter	<i>Enhydra lutris</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Californian Sea Lion	<i>Zalophus californianus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Northern Elephant Seal	<i>Mirounga angustirostris</i>			✓				
Harbour Seal	<i>Phoca vitulina</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Risso's Dolphin	<i>Grampus griseus</i>	✓			✓		✓	
Pacific White-sided Dolphin	<i>Lagenorhynchus obliquidens</i>						✓	
Northern Right Whale Dolphin	<i>Lissodelphis borealis</i>						✓	
Killer Whale	<i>Orcinus orca</i>				✓			
Common Bottlenose Dolphin	<i>Tursiops truncatus</i>						✓	
Harbour Porpoise	<i>Phocoena phocoena</i>				✓		✓	
Blue Whale	<i>Balaenoptera musculus</i>		✓					
Humpback Whale	<i>Megaptera novaeangliae</i>	✓	✓		✓		✓	
Mule Deer	<i>Odocoileus hemionus</i>	✓		✓		✓		
Tule Elk	<i>Cervus canadensis nannodes</i>			✓				

Birds (H = Heard only)

I = Introduced; E = Endemic		August 2022						
Common name	Scientific name	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Canada Goose	<i>Branta canadensis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Gadwall	<i>Mareca strepera</i>					✓		
Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>				✓	✓		
Green-winged Teal	<i>Anas carolinensis</i>					✓		
Surf Scoter	<i>Melanitta perspicillata</i>				✓		✓	
Northern Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>					✓		
California Quail	<i>Callipepla californica</i>							✓
Black-footed Albatross	<i>Phoebastria nigripes</i>	✓						
Ashy Storm Petrel	<i>Oceanodroma homochroa</i>	✓						
Northern Fulmar	<i>Fulmarus glacialis</i>	✓			✓			
Buller's Shearwater	<i>Ardenna bulleri</i>	✓						
Sooty Shearwater	<i>Ardenna grisea</i>	✓	✓		✓		✓	
Pink-footed Shearwater	<i>Ardenna creatopus</i>	✓			✓			
Pied-billed Grebe	<i>Podilymbus podiceps</i>					✓		
Clark's Grebe	<i>Aechmophorus clarkii</i>					✓		
Western x Clark's Grebe	<i>Aechmophorus occidentalis x clarkii</i>					✓		
Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>					✓		
Great Blue Heron	<i>Ardea herodias</i>		✓			✓		
Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>		✓		✓	✓		
Snowy Egret	<i>Egretta thula</i>					✓		
American White Pelican	<i>Pelecanus erythrorhynchos</i>					✓		

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Brown Pelican	<i>Pelecanus occidentalis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Brandt's Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax penicillatus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Pelagic Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax pelagicus</i>	✓			✓			
Double-crested Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax auritus</i>	✓				✓		
Turkey Vulture	<i>Cathartes aura</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
California Condor	<i>Gymnogyps californianus</i>			✓				
Western Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>						✓	
Golden Eagle	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>			✓				
Sharp-shinned Hawk	<i>Accipiter striatus</i>					✓		
Northern Harrier	<i>Circus hudsonius</i>			✓				
Red-shouldered Hawk	<i>Buteo lineatus</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓
Red-tailed Hawk	<i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>			✓	✓	✓		
Black Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus bachmani</i>	✓		✓				
Black-necked Stilt	<i>Himantopus mexicanus</i>					✓		
Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>	✓				✓		
Semipalmated Plover	<i>Charadrius semipalmatus</i>					✓		
Killdeer	<i>Charadrius vociferus</i>					✓		
Snowy Plover	<i>Charadrius nivosus</i>					✓		
Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>	✓				✓		
Long-billed Curlew	<i>Numenius americanus</i>					✓		
Marbled Godwit	<i>Limosa fedoa</i>					✓		
Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>	✓				✓		
Black Turnstone	<i>Arenaria melanocephala</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>	✓						
Least Sandpiper	<i>Calidris minutilla</i>					✓		
Western Sandpiper	<i>Calidris mauri</i>					✓		
Short-billed Dowitcher	<i>Limnodromus griseus</i>		✓					
Long-billed Dowitcher	<i>Limnodromus scolopaceus</i>					✓		
Red-necked Phalarope	<i>Phalaropus lobatus</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓		
Red Phalarope	<i>Phalaropus fulicarius</i>	✓	✓		✓		✓	
Spotted Sandpiper	<i>Actitis macularius</i>					✓		
Lesser Yellowlegs	<i>Tringa flavipes</i>					✓		
Willet	<i>Tringa semipalmata</i>					✓		
Greater Yellowlegs	<i>Tringa melanoleuca</i>					✓		
Heermann's Gull	<i>Larus heermanni</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Ring-billed Gull	<i>Larus delawarensis</i>					✓		
California Gull	<i>Larus californicus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Western Gull	<i>Larus occidentalis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Caspian Tern	<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓	
Elegant Tern	<i>Thalasseus elegans</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Forster's Tern	<i>Sterna forsteri</i>					✓		
Least Tern	<i>Sternula antillarum</i>					✓		
Pomarine Jaeger	<i>Stercorarius pomarinus</i>	✓						
Parasitic Jaeger	<i>Stercorarius parasiticus</i>	✓	✓			✓		
Common Murre	<i>Uria aalge</i>	✓	✓		✓		✓	
Pigeon Guillemot	<i>Cephus columba</i>		✓		✓			
Scripps's Murrelet	<i>Synthliboramphus scrippsi</i>							
Cassin's Auklet	<i>Ptychoramphus aleuticus</i>		✓		✓		✓	
Rhinoceros Auklet	<i>Cerorhinca monocerata</i>	✓	✓		✓		✓	
Rock Dove - I	<i>Columba livia</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Band-tailed Pigeon	<i>Patagioenas fasciata</i>			✓	✓	✓		✓

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Eurasian Collared Dove - I	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mourning Dove	<i>Zenaidura macroura</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	
Vaux's Swift	<i>Chaetura vauxi</i>			✓				
White-throated Swift	<i>Aeronautes saxatalis</i>			✓				
Black-chinned Hummingbird	<i>Archilochus alexandri</i>							✓
Anna's Hummingbird	<i>Calypte anna</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Belted Kingfisher	<i>Megasceryle alcyon</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Acorn Woodpecker	<i>Melanerpes formicivorus</i>			✓				
Nuttall's Woodpecker - E	<i>Dryobates nuttallii</i>		✓	✓				✓
Downy Woodpecker	<i>Dryobates pubescens</i>			✓				
Northern Flicker	<i>Colaptes auratus</i>			✓				
American Kestrel	<i>Falco sparverius</i>					✓		
Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>			✓	✓	✓		
Black Phoebe	<i>Sayornis nigricans</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Pacific-slope Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax difficilis</i>			✓				
Hutton's Vireo	<i>Vireo huttoni</i>			✓				✓
Warbling Vireo	<i>Vireo gilvus</i>			✓				
Steller's Jay	<i>Cyanocitta stelleri</i>			✓				
California Scrub Jay	<i>Aphelocoma californica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
American Crow	<i>Corvus brachyrhynchos</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Northern Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>			✓	✓	✓		
Oak Titmouse	<i>Baeolophus inornatus</i>			✓		✓		✓
Chestnut-backed Chickadee	<i>Poecile rufescens</i>			✓		✓		✓
Tree Swallow	<i>Tachycineta bicolor</i>			✓				
Violet-green Swallow	<i>Tachycineta thalassina</i>			✓	✓	✓		
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	<i>Stelgidopteryx serripennis</i>					✓		
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
American Bushtit	<i>Psaltiriparus minimus</i>			✓				✓
Wrentit	<i>Chamaea fasciata</i>			✓				
Bewick's Wren	<i>Thryomanes bewickii</i>			✓				✓
White-breasted Nuthatch	<i>Sitta carolinensis</i>							✓
Common Starling - I	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Western Bluebird	<i>Sialia mexicana</i>		✓			✓		
American Robin	<i>Turdus migratorius</i>	✓						
House Sparrow - I	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓			
House Finch	<i>Haemorhous mexicanus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Purple Finch	<i>Haemorhous purpureus</i>			✓				
American Goldfinch	<i>Spinus tristis</i>					✓		
Lesser Goldfinch	<i>Spinus psaltria</i>			✓				✓
Orange-crowned Warbler	<i>Leiothlypis celata</i>			✓				
Common Yellowthroat	<i>Geothlypis trichas</i>					✓		
American Yellow Warbler	<i>Setophaga aestiva</i>			✓		✓		
Townsend's Warbler	<i>Setophaga townsendi</i>		✓	✓				
Wilson's Warbler	<i>Cardellina pusilla</i>			✓		✓		
Tricolored Blackbird	<i>Agelaius tricolor</i>					✓		
Red-winged Blackbird	<i>Agelaius phoeniceus</i>	✓				✓	✓	
Brewer's Blackbird	<i>Euphagus cyanocephalus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Song Sparrow	<i>Melospiza melodia</i>			✓		✓		
White-crowned Sparrow	<i>Zonotrichia leucophrys</i>					✓		
Dark-eyed Junco	<i>Junco hyemalis</i>			✓	✓	✓		✓
Savannah Sparrow	<i>Passerculus sandwichensis</i>					✓		

I = Introduced; E = Endemic		August 2022						
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Spotted Towhee	<i>Pipilo maculatus</i>			✓				
California Towhee	<i>Melospiza crissalis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		

Others

		August 2022						
Common name	Scientific name	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Butterflies								
Western Pygmy-blue	<i>Brephidium exilis</i>					✓		
Cabbage White	<i>Pieris rapae</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
Fiery Skipper	<i>Hylephila phyleus</i>							✓
Gray Buckeye	<i>Junonia coenia</i>			✓				✓
Lorquin's Admiral	<i>Limenitis lorquini</i>			✓				
West Coast Lady	<i>Vanessa annabella</i>					✓		
Western Tiger Swallowtail	<i>Papilio rutulus</i>			✓				
Gulf Fritillary	<i>Dione vanillae</i>						✓	
Other Species								
Honey Bee	<i>Apis mellifera</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
Western Fence Lizard - N	<i>Sceloporus occidentalis</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
Sierran Tree Frog	<i>Pseudacris regilla</i>					✓		
Ocean Sunfish	<i>Mola mola</i>		✓				✓	
Striped Shore Crab	<i>Pachygrapsus crassipes</i>					✓		
Common Garter Snake	<i>Thamnophis sirtalis infernalis</i>					✓		
Western Skink	<i>Plestiodon skiltonianus</i>					✓		
Yellow-faced Bumblebee	<i>Bombus vosnesenskii</i>					✓		