

Whales & Dolphins of Monterey Bay

Naturetrek Tour Report

31st August - 8th September 2022



California Sea Lion



California Ground Squirrel



Black-footed Albatross



Sierran Treefrog

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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 20 mph nor'westerlys whipping up the waves and fog on a couple of our trips out into the bay, we managed to see all the main target species, including Humpback Whale, Common (Coastal) Bottlenose Dolphin, and Ocean Sunfish. On the land-based days we saw California Condor, Sea Otter, Northern Elephant Seal, and a multitude of shorebirds. Other species included Monarch, Sierran Treefrog, Coast Garter Snake (California red-sided subspecies), and Western Fence Lizard. All in all, it was a wonderful tour which will remain in everyone's memories for years to come.

Day 1

Wednesday 31st August

In flight and travel to local Hotel in Carmel Valley

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 and Red-tailed Hawk. One car that went via a different route saw Yellow-billed Magpie and White-tailed Kite.

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 1st September

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 Surf Scoter, Brown Pelican, Western Gull, Sea Otter, Harbor Seal, and Heermann's Gull in the harbour.

After boarding, we headed out into a misty, but restless ocean. As we motored out, the birds were numerous. We saw Common Murre, Sooty Shearwater, Buller's Shearwater, Pink-footed Shearwater, Black-footed Albatross, and Rhinoceros Auklet.

Another hour later, we spotted our first Humpback Whale feeding among a frenzy of California Sea Lion and gulls. A little further we came across another feeding area with two Humpback Whale. Again, numerous California Sea Lion, and sea birds were feeding on an anchovy shoal. At a third feeding melee, we watched three Humpback Whale for quite some time. At moments the whales came quite close to the boat, and we got great views of the tubercles on the head and jaws of the whales. 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 Eastern Fox Squirrel. New birds seen along the shore included Pelagic Cormorant, Black Phoebe, Black Oystercatcher, Black Turnstone, Turkey Vulture, and California Gull.

We were entertained by the scenes 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 numerous Anna's Hummingbird. At this point, the afternoon was getting late, so we drove back to our accommodation, dinner, and a well-earned rest.



Humpback Whale

Day 3

Friday 2nd September

Monterey Bay and Carmel

Another foggy morning with a north-west wind. As we got further out on the water, the waves were rocking and rolling the boat. Many on board got splashed by spray coming over the bow and sides. Nevertheless, we persisted. The Humpback Whale count for today reached a total of 20 individuals. We saw numerous breaching whale and tail slapping. It was quite a spectacle despite the difficulty of remaining on our feet with some of the rollers. Luckily, those who had motion sickness the day before had titrated their medications and everyone remained healthy for the whole trip.

Other notable species from the boat tour included Black-footed Albatross, Long-tailed and Arctic Skuas, plus Cassin's Auklet.

We returned to shore quite frazzled after the bumpy boat ride. On shore, we saw Red Admiral, Fiery Skipper, and Cabbage White. After a picnic lunch by the harbour, we had a free afternoon in Carmel-by-the-Sea. Normally, we would be taking a second boat trip this afternoon, but due to the oceanic conditions, the afternoon trip was postponed until later in the week. Everyone was rather happy to be on land rather than on the water. The group

enjoyed exploring the town centre of Carmel and walking down to Carmel Beach for a paddle. Birds spotted included Oak Titmouse, Chestnut-backed Chickadee, California Scrub Jay, Bushtit, Acorn Woodpecker, and Pygmy Nuthatch. An Eastern Fox Squirrel was also eating pine nuts from a cone above our car in the parking area.

Dinner was back at the accommodation, and everyone retired early to a well-earned night of sleep and recovery.

Day 4

Saturday 3rd September

Moss Landing Area

For our first land-based day, we headed north along coastal Route 1. Our first stop was Zmudowski's State Beach. As we drove in, we spotted a Brush Rabbit by the road. Strolling along the road, we found numerous Sierran Treefrog sitting on the reeds by the lagoon. In addition, we found three Coast Garter Snake (a Western Terrestrial Garter Snake subspecies) around the edges of the lagoon and nestled on the reeds. We also spotted Savannah Sparrow, White-crowned Sparrow, Song Sparrow, Common Yellowthroat, Yellow-headed Blackbird, and a vagrant Willow Flycatcher.

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

After lunch, we headed inland around the estuary. Our first stop was Elkhorn Slough Natural Estuarine Reserve. We checked under a few boards for herps and found another Coast Garter Snake and a Western Fence Lizard. We also spotted California Towhee, Monarch, and numerous Sachem butterflies. Our final stop for the day was Moonglow Dairy, where we saw Tri-coloured and Red-winged Blackbirds, Gadwall, American Green-winged Teal, Cinnamon Teal, Spotted Sandpiper, American Avocet, American White Pelican, and Osprey. Other notable species were Western Pygmy Blue and Striped Shore Crab.



Coast Garter Snake

Day 5

Sunday 4th September

Monterey Bay and Monterey

Our third boat tour of the trip. The morning was clear and sunny. The waves were slightly choppy, but with longer wavelength, so it was a pleasant boat journey.

It wasn't long before we spotted our first Humpback Whale. Next, we came across a mother and calf, which we watched for quite some time as we cruised along beside them. The calf was quite distinct with numerous white markings on its tail and back. The crew weren't sure if it was caused by an Orca attack or natural causes. The calf pleased us with a tail wave.

Our next encounter was a feeding frenzy of up to eight Humpback Whale. We watched the melee of the California Sea Lion, Gulls, Pelican, and Sooty Shearwater feeding on the millions of Anchovies in the Monterey Canyon of the Pacific Ocean. The finale came a little while later at another feeding frenzy. There, eight Humpback Whale fed, and we saw numerous flukes, pectoral fins, diving, and lunge feeding very close to the boat. It was a great 30 minutes on the water, and everyone commented on it being the best views yet.

The afternoon was free time for the group in Monterey. Many visited the world-famous Monterey Aquarium and enjoyed viewing the exhibits and sea life. Others explored the town and battled the crowds of the Labor Day National Holiday weekend. Following another full day, we returned to Carmel Valley with dinner served by Jerome before and early bedtime.



Humpback Whale sightings

As dusk fell, we stood outside with the bat detector. One of the guests had noticed a bat fly over the evening before, so we decided to check what species were in the area. We detected numerous Mexican Free-tailed Bat plus a couple of other individual species: Hoary and Silver-haired Bats.

Day 6

Monday 5th September

Big Sur and Pacific Coastal Highway

Today was a land-based day. Our first sightings were Western Bluebird sat on the roof of the accommodation before we left. Later, we explored the Pacific Coastal Highway south from Monterey to San Simone. We drove south along the dramatic coastline. The sky was clear with a low layer of fog just above the ocean. We could clearly 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 Molero State Park, where we took the path to the beach. Along the way, we spotted Lorquin's Admiral, Cabbage White, Western Tiger Swallowtail, Brush Rabbit, and Merriam's Chipmunk. Birds seen included California Quail, American Robin, Oak Titmouse, Chestnut-backed Chickadee, Tree Swallow, Violet-green Swallow, Vaux's Swift, Acorn Woodpecker, Wrentit, Brown Creeper, Northern Flicker, and Downey, Hairy, and Nuttall's Woodpeckers.

We stopped off for lunch at one of the establishments along Big Sur. There was much excitement as we ordered, as not one, but two California Condor appeared above the hillside behind the café's patio. Everyone had decent views through the scope and binoculars. We watched these huge, once almost extinct species, soar around for about five 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 Simone 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 with Painted Lady feeding on the California Buckwheat along the shoreline. We also saw Common Bottlenose Dolphin close to shore and moving north among the kelp forest.

By now, the day was getting late and warm, so we returned north along the coast with a quick leg stretch and iced coffee at Ragged Point. The views were getting a little hazy, but we made a few quick stops to admire the view and take photos. There was an exciting moment at one of the overlooks when a juvenile California Condor flew along the hillside. Luckily for us, it landed on a rocky outcrop, and we were able to get decent views in the scope of this rare and magnificent bird. A great sighting to end our day. And we could see Humpback Whale below us from the clifftop. We eventually arrived back in Carmel Valley and dinner at the accommodation. After a long day, we retired early to bed.



Northern Elephant Seal; California Condor

Day 7

Tuesday 6th September

Monterey Bay

Our last day of the trip and double boat tours, morning, and afternoon. As we drove away from the accommodation, we spotted a Western Grey Squirrel in the carpark. Visibility was good and sea conditions were comfortable. Our last looks at numerous Humpback Whale were very close to the boat. Three of the individuals we saw, the crew identified as creatures they knew and saw regularly: Angelwing and her calf Ghost Pepper, plus later a male known as Stegosaurus because of his notched dorsal fin. We also had sightings of two large Ocean Sunfish, also known as Mola Mola. 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. Other bird species on our last day included Ashy and Black Storm Petrels.



Ocean Sunfish

Day 8**Wednesday 7th September****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, California Common Ringlet, Woodland Skipper, and Common Checkered Skipper.

Everyone was being dropped off at San Francisco airport. The journey back was uneventful, and everyone was delivered safely to SFO International departures.

Day 9**Thursday 8th 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 with pup



Pink-footed Shearwater

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Species lists

Birds

I = Introduced; E = Endemic		August – September 2022							
Common name	Scientific name	31	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Canada Goose	<i>Branta canadensis</i>	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	
Cinnamon Teal	<i>Spatula cyanoptera</i>				✓				
Northern Shoveler	<i>Spatula clypeata</i>				✓				
Gadwall	<i>Mareca strepera</i>				✓				
Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Green-winged Teal	<i>Anas carolinensis</i>				✓				
Surf Scoter	<i>Melanitta perspicillata</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
Ruddy Duck	<i>Oxyura jamaicensis</i>				✓				
Red-breasted Merganser	<i>Mergus serrator</i>					✓			
California Quail	<i>Callipepla californica</i>						✓		
Wild Turkey - I	<i>Meleagris gallopavo</i>				✓		✓		
Black-footed Albatross	<i>Phoebastria nigripes</i>		✓	✓		✓			
Ashy Storm Petrel	<i>Oceanodroma homochroa</i>							✓	
Black Storm Petrel	<i>Oceanodroma melania</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>				✓				
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>				✓				
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>						✓		

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Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>				✓	✓	✓		
White-tailed Kite	<i>Elanus leucurus</i>	✓			✓				
Cooper's Hawk	<i>Accipiter cooperii</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>				✓				
American Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra americana</i>				✓				
Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>				✓				
Semipalmated Plover	<i>Charadrius semipalmatus</i>				✓				
Killdeer	<i>Charadrius vociferus</i>				✓		✓		
Snowy Plover	<i>Charadrius nivosus</i>				✓				
Eurasian Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>				✓				
Long-billed Curlew	<i>Numenius americanus</i>				✓				
Marbled Godwit	<i>Limosa fedoa</i>		✓		✓				
Black Turnstone	<i>Arenaria melanocephala</i>		✓			✓	✓		
Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>		✓		✓				
Least Sandpiper	<i>Calidris minutilla</i>				✓				
Western Sandpiper	<i>Calidris mauri</i>				✓				
Red-necked Phalarope	<i>Phalaropus lobatus</i>		✓	✓		✓		✓	
Red Phalarope	<i>Phalaropus fulicarius</i>		✓	✓		✓		✓	
Spotted Sandpiper	<i>Actitis macularius</i>				✓				
Willet	<i>Tringa semipalmata</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>		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
Pomarine Jaeger	<i>Stercorarius pomarinus</i>		✓					✓	
Parasitic Jaeger	<i>Stercorarius parasiticus</i>		✓	✓				✓	
Long-tailed Jaeger	<i>Stercorarius longicaudus</i>			✓					
Common Murre	<i>Uria aalge</i>		✓	✓		✓		✓	
Pigeon Guillemot	<i>Cephus columba</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>			✓	✓		✓		✓
Eurasian Collared Dove - I	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mourning Dove	<i>Zenaida macroura</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓
Vaux's Swift	<i>Chaetura vauxi</i>						✓		
White-throated Swift	<i>Aeronautes saxatalis</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>						✓		
Hairy Woodpecker	<i>Leuconotopicus villosus</i>						✓		
Northern Flicker	<i>Colaptes auratus</i>	✓					✓		
American Kestrel	<i>Falco sparverius</i>				✓		✓		
Black Phoebe	<i>Sayornis nigricans</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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Willow Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax traillii</i>				✓				
Pacific-slope Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax difficilis</i>						✓		
Hutton's Vireo	<i>Vireo huttoni</i>			✓			✓		
Steller's Jay	<i>Cyanocitta stelleri</i>						✓		
California Scrub Jay	<i>Aphelocoma californica</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Yellow-billed Magpie - E	<i>Pica nuttalli</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>						✓		
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
American Bushtit	<i>Psaltirparus minimus</i>			✓	✓		✓		✓
Wrentit	<i>Chamaea fasciata</i>				✓		✓		✓
Marsh Wren	<i>Cistothorus palustris</i>				✓				
Bewick's Wren	<i>Thryomanes bewickii</i>			✓			✓		✓
Pygmy Nuthatch	<i>Sitta pygmaea</i>			✓			✓		
White-breasted Nuthatch	<i>Sitta carolinensis</i>				✓				✓
Brown Creeper	<i>Certhia americana</i>						✓		
California Thrasher	<i>Toxostoma redivivum</i>						✓		
Common Starling - I	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Western Bluebird	<i>Sialia mexicana</i>						✓		✓
American Robin	<i>Turdus migratorius</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>				✓				
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>				✓				
Brown-headed Cowbird	<i>Molothrus ater</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>				✓				
Spotted Towhee	<i>Pipilo maculatus</i>				✓		✓		✓
California Towhee	<i>Melospiza crissalis</i>				✓		✓		✓
Western Tanager	<i>Piranga ludoviciana</i>						✓		

Mammals

		August – September 2022							
Common name	Scientific name	31	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Brush Rabbit	<i>Sylvilagus bachmani</i>				✓		✓		
Western Gray Squirrel	<i>Sciurus griseus</i>			✓	✓	✓		✓	

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Common name	Scientific name	31	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Eastern Fox Squirrel	<i>Sciurus niger</i>		✓	✓	✓				
California Ground Squirrel	<i>Spermophilus beecheyi</i>	✓	✓		✓		✓		
Merriam's Chipmunk	<i>Tamias merriami</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>		✓	✓	✓	✓			
Common Bottlenose Dolphin	<i>Tursiops truncatus</i>						✓		
Harbour Porpoise	<i>Phocoena phocoena</i>				✓				
Humpback Whale	<i>Megaptera novaeangliae</i>		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Mule Deer	<i>Odocoileus hemionus</i>		✓				✓	✓	
Mexican Free-tailed Bat	<i>Tadarida brasiliensis</i>					✓			
Hoary Bat	<i>Aeorestes cinereus</i>					✓			
Silver-haired Bat	<i>Lasionycteris noctivagans</i>					✓			

Others

		August – September 2022							
Common name	Scientific name	31	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Butterflies									
Western Pygmy-blue	<i>Brephidium exilis</i>				✓				
Cabbage White	<i>Pieris rapae</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓		
Sachem	<i>Atalopedes campestris</i>				✓				
Fiery Skipper	<i>Hylephila phyleus</i>			✓					
Monarch	<i>Danaus plexippus</i>				✓				
Gray Buckeye	<i>Junonia grisea</i>						✓		✓
Lorquin's Admiral	<i>Limenitis lorquini</i>						✓		
Red Admiral	<i>Vanessa atalanta</i>			✓			✓		
Painted Lady	<i>Vanessa cardui</i>						✓		
American Painted Lady	<i>Vanessa virginiensis</i>						✓		
Western Tiger Swallowtail	<i>Papilio rutulus</i>						✓		
Common Checkered Skipper	<i>Burnsius communis</i>				✓				✓
Gulf Fritillary	<i>Agraulis vanillae</i>			✓					
Other Invertebrates									
Honey Bee	<i>Apis mellifera</i>				✓				✓
Yellow-faced Bumblebee	<i>Bombus vosnesenskii</i>		✓						
American Sand Wasp	<i>Bembix americana spinolas</i>				✓				
Reptiles & Amphibians									
Coast Garter Snake	<i>Thamnophis elegans terrestris</i>				✓				
Western Fence Lizard - N	<i>Sceloporus occidentalis</i>				✓	✓	✓		✓
Sierran Treefrog	<i>Pseudacris sierra</i>				✓				
Fish									
Ocean Sunfish	<i>Mola mola</i>							✓	