



# LEAVES

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## For the birds. We care about...

### Our Chapter's History

Madrone Audubon was founded 57 years ago in 1967. From the 50th anniversary *Leaves* issue, April/May 2017 –

“... Gaye LeBaron, writing for the *Press Democrat*, helped to publicize the formative phase. On March 7, 1967, she commented on the prospective new chapter's name: “Kind of refreshing to note that the new Audubon Society chapter here is called Madrone, not Redwood Empire... in the words of one birder: ‘The Madrone is so beautiful and it feeds so many birds.’ On March 16, 1967, a provisional charter was received from the National Audubon Society, making Madrone the 23rd Audubon chapter in California and the first in the North Bay region. In May, 1967, the Articles of Incorporation were submitted to members, and MAS officially became a non-profit organization. The fledgling MAS was a hands-on organization, with catch-as-catch-can funding. Founding members Deyea and Jack Harper, Tom and Venetia Olds, Al and Ruth Hunt, Les and Evalyn Bowen and others hosted Board meetings in their homes. Tom Olds sold his beautiful hand-carved bird pins to raise funds for conservation projects (pins sold for \$3.00 and bolo ties for \$4.50...those were the days!)...”

Recently, Charter member Linda Hornstein passed away. We send our heartfelt condolences to Linda's family and loved ones.

### Our Chapter Today

Deyea Harper has donated several hand-carved, painted bird pins and pendants created by artist/Charter member Tom Olds.



Tom Olds' Bird Pins  
Courtesy of Janet Bosshard

Janet Bosshard safely keeps the Chapter's Tom Olds pin collection, and we were surprised and pleased to receive additional pins and pendants from Deyea!

Bird-A-Thon, our annual Spring fundraiser, is happening **now** - March to June. The three high donors to each team will receive an original Tom Olds pin as a thank you gift. The high general donor will also receive a Tom Olds pin with our thanks.

2024 is **Carolyn Greene's** last year as **Bird-A-Thon Coordinator**. Carolyn has been motivating and wonderful in this role. We are forever grateful to her. We'll be seeking a new Coordinator for 2025 – Our format is established and we could really use the help – please consider volunteering.

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### GENERAL MEETING

April 2024 – No general meeting

Saturday, May 11, 2024

Field Trip to Hallberg Butterfly Garden

8687 Oak Grove Avenue, Sebastopol

11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

Join in a special visit to the butterfly garden. Space is limited, so reserve your space soon! Email [susankirks@sbcglobal.net](mailto:susankirks@sbcglobal.net) or call/text 707-241-5548. Our members will be treated to an informational talk and walk through the garden. We're pleased to participate in this climate-friendly adventure so we can support and nurture butterflies in our gardens.



Pipevine Swallowtail  
Courtesy of Tom Reynolds

Sunday, May 19, 2024

Annual Picnic at Spring Lake Regional Park

Shady Oaks Group Picnic Area (near Environmental

Discovery Center), Violetti Road

1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Come for a delicious outdoors lunch and our annual social gathering! We will provide a few hearty dishes, plates/utensils and beverages. Please bring a dish to share. Tom Olds' hand-carved bird pins will be available to see, and we'll share updates about Bird-A-Thon, with a few surprises. This is our last gathering before Summer. See you there! Questions? Email [susankirks@sbcglobal.net](mailto:susankirks@sbcglobal.net) or call/text 707-241-5548.



Western Bluebird  
Courtesy of Tom Reynolds



### FOR THE BIRDS

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The Spring Bird-A-Thon, in addition to helping raise funds for our Chapter, provides a countywide snapshot of Spring bird activity. Five ways to donate give our members many choices:



Red-breasted Sapsucker  
Courtesy of Tom Reynolds

**General donation** – Mail check or m/o to Madrone Audubon, PO Box 1911, Santa Rosa, CA 95402. Note Bird-A-Thon on memo line. (Or donate via PayPal button on the Madrone Audubon website). A general donation will be divided 4 ways to help each team receive a little boost.

The additional four ways are to select your favorite team. Contact the team leader for more info:

**Oakmont Birding Buddies**, led by Carolyn Greene (cgnpark@icloud.com).

**Grey-headed Seersuckers**, led by Ken Wilson, Ian Morrison & Becky Olsen (ken@talontours.com).

**March Madness**, led by Gene Hunn (enhunn323@comcast.net).

**Burrowing Owlers**, led by Susan Kirks & Art Slater (susankirks@sbcglobal.net)

This year, fundraising will support many areas - Chapter operations, newsletter expenses, the habitat gardening program for climate action, and many conservation efforts, including a new proposal in our county to replace all fireworks with drone light shows, the ongoing Farallon Islands alternative to poisoning, legislation advocacy for birds and wildlife, and environmental protections for birds and habitat areas.

Please don't delay – donate today!

### Our Chapter's Future

As we bid adieu to Christmas Bird Count co-coordinators **Peter Leveque** and **Stacy Li** following 8 years of managing the West County CBC, we welcome **Chris Grabill** and **John Lundblad** as the new co-coordinators. The CBC is one of our most important community science projects.

The 2024 Ernestine Smith/Madrone Audubon Scholarship will be announced in the Summer *Leaves*. This scholarship is awarded to a Santa Rosa Junior College student who will continue education in environmental studies, biology, botany, etc. at a 4-year university. 2024 represents the 7th year of the scholarship award.

Summer 2024 *Leaves* will be guest edited by **Riley Lajonc**, the 2021 Scholarship recipient. Riley graduated from UC Santa Cruz with a degree in Environmental Studies and now resides in Santa Rosa. We're looking forward to Riley as the Guest Editor.

We have Board openings and needs for volunteers. Please peruse info in this issue of *Leaves* - if you resonate with a year or two of service on our Board of Directors or as a volunteer for one of our projects, please be in touch - for the birds and Nature, because we all care. Collectively, we make a positive difference.

**New Member**

**Santa Rosa**  
*Patricia List*

**Donations**

*In memory of*  
**Linda Hornstein**  
*by Beverly Spencer*

**Spring Memberships**  
are due now

**Volunteer Opportunity**

*Thursday, May 22, 2024*  
**Bird Festival Day**  
Lincoln Elementary School, Santa Rosa  
**Begins at 8:00 a.m.**

Call for volunteers to help for a few hours! Small groups of school students will come to an area near the West 9th St. egret and heron nesting site. They will use binoculars and viewing scopes to view the birds. We'd like to have our volunteers confirmed by April 25. Can you give a few hours of your Thursday morning to help with this activity? Let us know – Please contact Susan at susankirks@sbcglobal.net, or call/text 707-241-5548, for more info and to confirm.

**Madrone Audubon**  
*Sonoma County*

**Find us on Facebook for conservation alerts, birdwalk reminders, special announcements and more.**





## Winter Rescue – A Hopeful Ending

by Susan Kirks

Early December 2023 brought an unexpected discovery at Lucchesi Community Center in East Petaluma. Lucchesi is the headquarters of the City of Petaluma's Parks & Recreation Department, programs and activities. Tiny Tots Preschool is a program offered at the Center.

On December 4, Dolores Cabrera, a Tiny Tots preschool teacher, noticed a fairly large, wet and shivering bird near the Center's large pond. Ms. Cabrera quickly obtained protective material and immediately picked up the bird, taking it into the Center and finding a box, then placing the box with bird in a quiet area. Preschool Director Lyndsey O'Neil then began to make calls to see how the bird, a Gull, could be helped. I received the call that morning with those questions. We talked about the Gull's apparent condition of injury and/or illness,



*Glaucous-winged Gull*

*Courtesy of Claire Koykka IBR*

and Ms. O'Neil shared she'd also called Petaluma's North Bay Animal Services (NBAS) for assistance. This story can serve as an example of how to help injured or sick waterbirds and who to contact for help. NBAS Officer Emily Crum arrived and carefully transported the Gull back to the Animal Shelter; it was placed in a quiet area and transported by an NBAS volunteer the next morning to the Bird Rescue Center in Santa Rosa. There, we learned the Gull was a Glaucous-winged Gull! He was evaluated and stabilized. Then, he was transported over to Fairfield to the specialty waterbird facility of northern California, International Bird Rescue (IBR). Upon further evaluation, the skilled medical staff discovered the Glaucous-winged Gull had sustained a wing injury, making it impossible for him to fly. This is how he was on the ground and Ms. Cabrera was able to carefully pick him up and take him into Lucchesi Community Center. He was, at that time, a Gull without flight.

I then exchanged text messages with International Bird Rescue volunteers over the course of the next 4 weeks. We learned the Glaucous-winged Gull's wing injury was from some form of entanglement – netting, fishing gear? He was transferred after treatment to one of the large water aviaries at IBR to begin to regain his ability to fly. About four weeks later, one day we learned he was having his pre-release evaluation! The photo with this story shows the Glaucous-winged Gull, recovered and ready to fly. I felt so good to be able to send this photograph via text to Ms. O'Neil and Ms. Cabrera. They had saved his life. The rehabilitation centers helped him, and we learned the Glaucous-winged Gull was released back to the Wild the week of January 8, 2024.

Glaucous-winged Gulls are in Sonoma County mostly in Winter (migrating from Alaska), though some stay in our coastal range year-round. We find Gulls on the coast at Bodega Bay and at night many may gather in sizable numbers to roost at Shollenberger Park. The Glaucous-winged Gull, similar in size to the Western Gull, is one of the larger Gull species in Sonoma County. The adult breeding Glaucous-winged Gull has a white head and underparts, pale gray wingtips, a red spot on its lower bill, and pink legs. You can see these features in the photo shared here.

In ornithology, these seabirds are described as Gulls, rather than "seagulls." "Seagull" is a layperson term and often used interchangeably with the official name. Gulls are seabirds and we see about 10 Gull species in Sonoma County. Juvenile plumage can be different from adult and adult breeding plumage different from non-breeding. A good beginning to delve into Gull identification skills is to distinguish between large and small size and then special features and plumage color.

Like Turkey Vultures, Gulls are omnivores and fulfill a significant role as scavengers to help balance our marine ecosystems especially. Here in the Bay Area, we have one of the largest breeding colonies anywhere of Western Gulls at the Farallon Islands.

In the 2022 International Bird Rescue annual report, their northern and southern California locations took in 3,380 patients – 574 were species of conservation concern. The 2022 pelican crisis brought to IBR 335 Brown Pelicans. In addition, IBR treated 113 unique species were treated with an additional 570 birds helped in response to oil spills.

Sometimes, the outcome for a sick or injured bird or wildlife member is sad and not as we hope. This story, the Glaucous-winged Gull who was helped by preschool teachers in Petaluma, is one of those hopeful endings stories – and we're grateful for the quick response and compassion shown to the Gull on

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## WINTER RESCUE

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December 4. The treatment and care at the bird rescue centers gave this Gull the path to release and again living in the Wild.

*(Resources: Ms. O'Neil, Tiny Tots Preschool Director; Ms. Cabrera, Preschool Teacher, Tiny Tots; Russ Curtis, IBR Public Information Officer; Volunteers, IBR; National Audubon; Colin Talcroft; Cornell Lab of Ornithology; Center for Bird Rescue of Sonoma County/Santa Rosa; North Bay Animal Services.)*

## RESOURCES

### Bird Rescue Center

Santa Rosa  
707-523-2473  
(songbirds, raptors, waterbirds)

### International Bird Rescue

Fairfield  
707-207-0380  
(aquatic birds)

### Native Songbird Care & Conservation

Sebastopol  
(707) 484-6502  
(native songbirds)

### Sonoma County Wildlife Rescue

Petaluma  
(707) 992-0274  
(sick, injured, orphaned wildlife)

### WildCare

San Rafael  
(415) 456-7283  
(wildlife hospital, nature education)



## HABITAT GARDENS

### Climate Crisis – Volunteer Habitat Gardens

We're seeking interested members to form habitat garden support teams for local schools in your community or neighborhood. Please reach out, join our Habitat Gardening Team. For Audubon, habitat gardening encompasses pollinators, birds and wildlife. Madrone Audubon will be supporting the Lincoln Elementary School habitat garden (Santa Rosa) along with McNear Elementary School (Petaluma). Is there a school in your neighborhood or community you'd like to support? Want to help with our current projects? Lend a hand, create food and cover. Every inch helps. Learn more: [susankirks@sbcglobal.net](mailto:susankirks@sbcglobal.net), 707-241-5548.



Surf Scoter

Courtesy of Tom Reynolds

## Legacy Giving

*Helping Sonoma County's  
Birds and Wildlife into the Future*  
Madrone's Legacy Care Program



Please contact Madrone Audubon  
**707-241-5548**



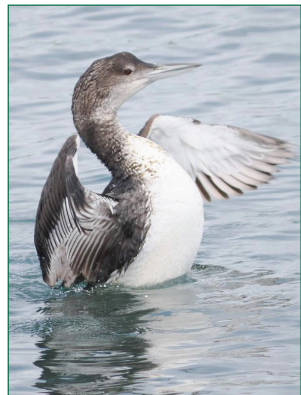
Our Board and Conservation Committee meetings are held virtually. For Board meeting information, contact President Susan Kirks, 707-241-5548, susankirks@sbcglobal.net. For Conservation Committee meetings and information, please contact Diane Hichwa, 707-785-1922, dhichwa@earthlink.net. Also, please visit our website, www.madroneaudubon.org for updates.

## April & May 2024 Outings

Bring binoculars and wear outdoor clothing suitable for the weather forecast. Our outings are free for members and the public. (We may have binoculars to loan for your outing.)

### Saturday, April 6

Ellis Creek Ponds, Petaluma,  
8:00-10:00 AM  
3890 Cypress Drive, Petaluma  
Leader: Linda Fraley  
Take Highway 101 to Petaluma. Go East on 116 (Lakeville Highway). Turn right (south) on S. McDowell Blvd. Turn right on Cypress Drive. Go to the end of the road and through gates. Meet near the restrooms. Info: (559) 779-5211.



Common Loon  
Courtesy of Tom Reynolds

### Thursday, April 11

8:30-10:30 AM  
Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery,  
Santa Rosa,  
Leader: Janet Bosshard  
Meet on the corner of Franklin Ave. and Terrace Way, the original cemetery entrance. Park along the street, near the Presbyterian Church on the corner of Pacific and McDonald Avenues. We will stroll through the site, looking Spring bird activity. Info: (707) 526-5883.

### Thursday, April 25

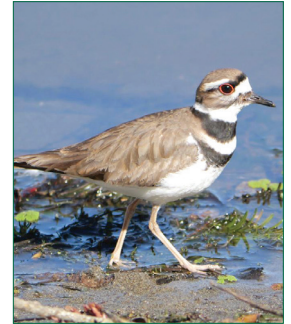
8:30-10:30 AM  
Cloverdale River Park TrailWalk, Cloverdale  
31820 McCray Road  
Leader: Janet Bosshard  
From Santa Rosa, take Hwy #101 to exit #522 just north of Cloverdale. Turn right on Redwood Hwy, then first right on McCray Road. Follow it to the end. Parking lot is on your left. Parking pass required. It is a flat 1.1 mile asphalt path. Info: (707) 526-5883

### Saturday, April 27

8:00-10:00 AM  
Santa Rosa Creek Trail  
(at Willowside Road)  
West of Willowside Road,  
Santa Rosa  
Leader: Linda Fraley  
Park carefully along the roadside and meet at the trail entrance to walk west towards Delta Pond. We will look for Summer warblers, Orioles and Grosbeaks. Info: Linda Fraley 559-779-5211.

### Thursday, May 9

8:30-10:30 AM  
Maxwell Farms Regional Park  
100 Verano Ave./Hwy # 12, Sonoma  
Leader: Janet Bosshard  
Meet in parking, near the Girls and Boys Club Building. Parking pass is required. The paths are flat and easy walking, under old oaks and bay trees. Info: (707) 480-3432.



Killdeer  
Courtesy of Tom Reynolds

### Saturday, May 11

11:30 AM-12:45 PM  
Hallberg Butterfly Garden, Sebastopol  
Chapter outing – reserve space –  
(see page 1 General Meetings section)

### Sunday, May 19

1:00-3:00 PM  
Annual Picnic, Spring Lake Regional Park  
Chapter event – see page 1 General Meetings for details.

### Thursday, May 23

8:30-10:30 AM  
Spring Lake Regional Park  
Channel Drive Entrance, Santa Rosa  
Leader: Janet Bosshard  
Meet in the large parking lot on the right, across from the swimming lagoon. Parking permit is required. We will bird our way around the lake to the Fisherman's Trail. Info: (707) 480-3432.

## OUT & ABOUT

### Saturday, April 20

10:00 AM-3:00 PM  
Earth Day Celebration on the Lawn, Safari West  
3115 Porter Creek Road, Santa Rosa

Madrone Audubon will share a display with Paula Lane Action Network (PLAN) for Birds and Badgers. We'll join local, regional, national and global conservation and rescue/rehabilitation organizations to share information with guests and visitors. Our display will feature coloring pages for birds and badgers as well as a matching activity for bird, ocean life and wildlife figurines to color-photograph mounted habitat types (ocean, forest, trees, grassland, etc.). We look forward to honoring the Earth with our conservation colleagues on April 20!





## HABITAT GARDENING

### Making Friends

by Trish Welsh Taylor

Chubby squirrels are everywhere in these cold months, romping in their playground of trees, digging in the earth for their stashes. And the berry-loving birds are in 7th heaven in this winter landscape of Toyon and Manzanita. It is my fragile six and eight-legged friends I'm looking out for. They are hard to find. Hopefully, lots of "the little folk" have found safe spaces in the cracked bricks or in the piles of leaves. There, their bodies can rest in diapause. They won't eat, grow or move until the air warms up. Their cold-blooded bodies are vulnerable to freezing. If they are found by racoons or jays in their hiding places and eaten, well, at least they have provided food for the community. But, it is important that many of them make it through to Spring - when one becomes many, providing pollination, scavenging decay and, importantly, being food for others. Thank you, insects!

The many-legged little beings have complex lives. They don't charm us with vocalization, like chirping birds or yipping coyote. And their babies ("larvae" in science nomenclature) are less than cute to the human eye. Humans avoid the "creepy crawlers," but they avoid us even more.



European Garden Spider

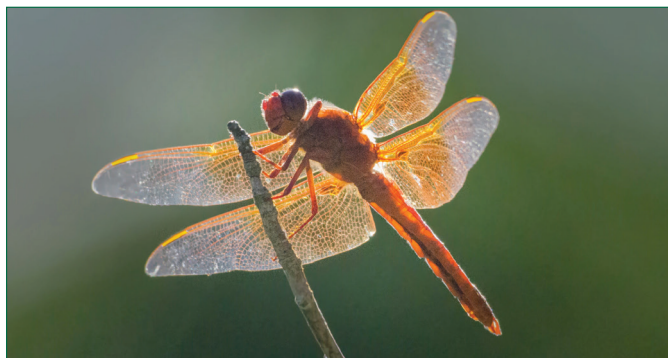
Courtesy of Alamy

Active gardeners run into them, though, arranging pots or digging in soil to place a new plant. Even bug lovers can be shocked by their appearance. We see a pale writhing soft-bodied "pest," not understanding it to be an immature beetle, cricket, or solitary bee. What a bird or fox sees is a tasty protein bar. Larvae are key to the food chain. We talk about needing pollinators. It's easy to love colorful butterflies, even their larvae, commonly called caterpillars. The truth is, less beautiful larvae also become pollinators, but are so often sadly mistaken as pests and killed. I have made the mistake many times. Gladly, as I learn more about biodiversity, my assumptions are changing, and I even call these creatures my friends.

*Three of my favorite friends from last Summer:*

A *European garden spider*, an orb weaver, hung its Halloween-perfect web obnoxiously across my deck, which did at least allow me to watch it closely. It spun, waited, ate, did repairs, waited, ate again. Then, one day, it is was gone. Now that the temperatures are low, I hope it found a crevice between the lower deck boards or in the leaves.

The ephemeral *dragonfly*, bio-indicator of a healthy ecosystem, disappeared with the Summer, having laid its eggs in the pond. Some of the developing larvae get eaten by the fish, but some make it, living for two years in the water, eating mosquito larvae. When wings sprout, the new adults take flight in search of mates.



Flame Skimmer Dragonfly

Courtesy of Jeanne Jackson - Sonoma Magazine

And those *aphids* that clung to my milkweeds, so unsightly, fed so many creatures during their short lives. Their pale green bodies are easy prey and the base of a critical food chain. They even give their bodies as egg nurseries to very small wasp species. Wasps are pollinators - and these are native - so we love them, too, right?

*(Trish Welsh Taylor has cared for her acre on the Montecito Ridge in Santa Rosa since the early 1990's. Daughter of two generations of naturalists, she honors observation as the highest-value skill. Second to that, she steers by a powerful lesson she learned as a kindergarten teacher: in learning, the answer is not as important as the question. Taylor attended Montgomery High, Santa Rosa Junior College, UC Berkeley, and the University of Virginia.)*

**For planting and habitat consideration,  
see our Tree & Vegetation  
Planting Guide**

[https://madroneaudubon.org/pdf/Tree and Plant List.pdf](https://madroneaudubon.org/pdf/Tree%20and%20Plant%20List.pdf)

**Share Your Habitat Gardening Stories**

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**Observations**

Winter 2023-2024

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Long-tailed Duck	1/9	Horseshoe Pond at Bahia, Marin Co.	JW
Long-tailed Duck	2/3	Porto Bodega	DK
Redhead	3/2	Arnold Dr, Sonoma	EC
Harlequin Duck	12/17	Tomales Point	J Clark
Harlequin Duck	1/23-2/3	Richardson Bay Marina	JW
Barrow's Goldeneye	1/9-25	Montego/Bel Marin Keyes	JW, DE
Barrow's Goldeneye	2/22	Port Sonoma	DN
Hooded Merganser (4)	3/8	Kentfield; Lower Corte Madera Creek	B Lenarz
G. White-fronted Goose (40)	3/7	Rainsville Rd. at Wiggins Creek	EC
Snow Goose (3)	1/9	Stafford Lake	JW
Red-necked Grebe	2/25	Campbell Cove, Bodega Harbor	DN, et al
Yellow-billed Loon	1/11- 3/8	Bodega Harbor	KMcD, DN, M Ob
Glaucous Gull	12/23	Shollenberger Park	MS, LS et al
Lesser Black-backed Gull	3/3	Shollenberger Park "taimyrensis" - 8th yr. returnee	NA
Caspian Tern	1/15	Bodega Harbor	DN
Forster's Tern (2)	3/6	Shollenberger Park	EC
Sandhill Crane (many)	2/11	Staten Island, San Joaquin Co.	HH
Yellow-crowned Night Heron	1/9	Sausalito Sailing Club (continuing)	JW, et al
Western Cattle Egret (11)	3/1-8	A Place to Play Park, Santa Rosa	CW, DK et al
Least Bittern	1/29	Ellis Creek Treatment Ponds	DN
Mountain Plover (16)	2/11	S. of Flannery Rd. Solano Co.	HH
Pacific Golden-Plover (2)	2/3	San Pablo Bay NWR	DN
Band-tailed Pigeon (8)	3/8	Paula Lane, Petaluma (new yard-bird)	DN
Burrowing Owl	3/6	Tolay Regional Park	MB
Short-eared Owl (2)	1/20	Tolay Regional Park	C Meusel
Red-naped Sapsucker	Feb.	Spring Lake; S. end of swimming lagoon	M.Ob
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	3/2	348 Buttercup Ct. Sonoma; continuing	AW, et al
White-throated Swift (2)	2/10	N. end of Spring Lake	S Sorby
Tree Swallow (6)	3/8	Paula Lane, Petaluma	DN
No. Rough-winged Swallow (4)	3/7	Duncan's Mills	EC
Barn Swallow	3/6	Tolay Regional Park	B Westerhold
Tropical Kingbird	2/10	Hudemann Slough	P Colasanti
Hammond's Flycatcher	2/1-3/1	Spring Lake	M.Ob
North American Dipper	Jan- 2/10	Lake Sonoma near Fish Hatchery	TE, et al
Townsend's Solitaire	12/29	Cavedale Rd. near 38.361 x 122.471	M Carozza
Sage Thrasher	11/4	Tolay Creek Regional Park	SM, et al
Nashville Warbler	2/11	Diekmann's Store, Bodega Bay	J Snead, et al
Black-and-White Warbler	2/12	Willow Creek Rd.	J Snead
Blackburnian Warbler	2/6	Ragle Park, Sebastopol	JS, LH, M.Ob
Yellow-throated Warbler	12/14	Sausalito residence (well-sketched)	Amy Tran
Northern Waterthrush	12/24	Bodega Dunes CG Horse trail	BO'C
American Redstart	3/7	Spring Lake (continuing)	M.Ob
Summer Tanager (fem.)	2/19	Buena Vista Dr, N. of Chanate (photosmat feeder)	VR
Western Tanager	Feb.	Spring Lake at HAFL stakeout location	M.Ob
Rusty Blackbird	1/1 - 2/21	Nunes Ranch, Pt. Reyes	DL, J Benningfield
Rusty Blackbird	12/14	Chileno Valley Rd.	E Lewis
Swamp Sparrow (4)	2/18	Willow Creek Rd.	DN
Grasshopper Sparrow	3/7	Crane Creek Regional Park	SM
Clay-colored Sparrow	11/3	Pleasant Hill Rd.	M Carozza
Nelson's Sparrow	12/16	Giacomini Wetlands, Pt Reyes Station	J Clark
Lapland Longspur (2)	11/21	Bodega Head	T Briggs
Red Crossbill (3)	2/18	Bodega Dunes CG	DN
Evening Grosbeak (15)	3/3	Duncans Mills	MF
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	2/17	Laguna Rd.	GB
Green-tailed Towhee	1/7	Las Gallinas Water District	DL
Green-tailed Towhee	11/3	Laguna de Santa Rosa Trail	S Kirkbride

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## MADRONE LEAVES



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