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A Busy Summer becomes Fall 2024

Many in our Chapter and the local bird and wildlife rescue and rehabilitation organizations have been going non-stop since March. We understand when September arrives, the end of migratory nesting season, and some relief is felt, another season complete. For many, the month of September becomes like Summer just experienced as a little time for rest. Native Songbird Care & Conservation and Bird Rescue Center of Sonoma County, along with Sonoma County Wildlife Rescue and WildCare, shared about intakes, treatments, rehabilitation and releases all Spring and Summer. Migratory bird nesting season February 15 to early September is an active time. International Bird Rescue in Fairfield interfaces for waterbird treatment and rehabilitation, helping us keep a pulse on conditions of coastal life.



Juvenile Bullock's Oriole

Courtesy of Tom Reynolds

We receive many, many calls during migratory bird nesting season, and we welcome every one. We learn about the absence of birds from yards with a question as to why and new nesting species in locations around the County, including Mourning Doves nesting near an Acre Pizza this season. We are a bridge to the CA Department of Fish and Wildlife Warden, to assist with possible regulatory violations of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and CA State Code protecting nesting birds. This Summer was no exception, ranging from responsible Petaluma citizens discovering active Cliff Swallow nests being removed from a local hotel building to a tragedy of tree removal in Sonoma, resulting in the death of nesting birds, including an owlet in a trunk cavity.

Our last year's effort to establish surveys of active nests at the Petaluma Wetlands transitioned to the City of Petaluma retaining a conservation biologist for this Spring and Summer, which was positive. Unfortunately, the lag time between surveys and active vegetation management was too long in some instances, three weeks rather than three days in one situation.

As we begin Fall 2024 together, we're attentive to the potential wildfire season. We are also anticipating the Fall raptor migration. We hope our members will join us for membership meetings.

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GENERAL MEETING

Monday, September 16, 2024 6:30 - 8:00 PM

Sustaining Love of Wildlife in the Very Young (A rallying cry)

Presented by Dr. Dan Levitis Children's Museum of Sonoma County

Join us for an inspiring Fall beginning as Dr. Levitis shares his experiences and programs at the Children's Museum.

Dr. Dan Levitis is a biologist, conservationist, educator, and non-profit organizer. He has radio-tracked California Condors, mistnetted poisonous birds in Papua New Guinea, studied midges in the everglades, camera trapped at Sugarloaf Ridge State Park, etc.



Riffle Bug Courtesy of Dan Levitis

After a career publishing science and teaching at universities, Dr. Levitis realized he liked people and nature too much to be stuck behind a desk. He spent three years with Sonoma Ecology Center working in community science, monitoring, and environmental education. Dan is now at Children's Museum of Sonoma County, teaching kids 0-10 about nature, building a volunteer program, and (soon) starting a nature-focused summer camp. Be cautious, he will absolutely try to get you involved.



BUSY SUMMER

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Here's our format:

September – in person

October – in person

November, January, February & March - Zoom

April – in person

May - in person - our annual picnic with Chapter awards!

Please join Janet and/or Linda for outings around the county and share your ideas and suggestions with us! We are fortunate to be an independent nonprofit organization as well as the Sonoma County Chapter of National Audubon, and we are all very aware of the ongoing and consistent need to inform about and protect our environment and the birds for whom we care so deeply.



Sandhill Crane

Courtesy of Tom Reynolds

BIRD-A-THON 2024

This past Spring was Carolyn Greene's last season as Coordinator, and we thank her from the depth sof our bird-loving hearts for her years of motivation and organizing. Carolyn and her Oakmont Birding Buddies team continued their trend of fundraising and fun as well. This year, we raised \$4,215.00. Funds will support operations, many conservation activities, and habitat gardening projects. The teams shared their stories, and we are grateful to all Donors!

Oakmont Birding Buddies,

led by Carolyn Greene

Amount raised: \$1,193.75

Donors: Geraldine Brown, Linnea Dischinger, Carolyn Greene, Johann Heinzl, Mara Jackson, Barbara Kendrick, Catherine Vancik, Diane Ziola, Mary Bates Abbott, Richard Donat, Margaret Field, Deyea Harper, Denise Herzberg, Sam Leader, Margeurite & Stacy Li, Patricia Locks, Jan Tomason, Pamela Venturi Cowan.

Grey-headed Seersuckers,

led by Ken Wilson & Ian Morrison

Amount raised: \$873.75

Donors: Gordon Beebe, Rita Bevans, William Doyle, Ann Howard, Helen Kochenderfer, Rebecca Olsen, J. Earl and Cathy Rathbun, Ken Wilson, Mary Jo & Raymond Yung, Mary Bates Abbott, Richard Donat, Margaret Field, Deyea Harper, Denise Herzberg, Sam Leader, Margeurite & Stacy Li, Patricia Locks, Jan Tomason, Pamela Venturi Cowan

On April 11, Ian Morrison and I met in Santa Rosa at Howarth Park just after 7am and began the day with Great-tailed Grackles, Common Mergansers, a single White-throated Swift plus the many other birds that make their home in this bird-friendly park. As we usually do, we drove west toward Sebastopol where we found singing Common Yellow-throats and Song Sparrows plus the breeding Cliff Swallow colony. From Sebastopol we drove on

to Bodega and checked out the "Head" first. As we passed the Heron/Egret breeding colony, one of the pair of Bald Eagles that have chosen to nest in the harbor made an appearance, perched in plain sight. At the "Head", nesting Western Gulls and Brandf's and Pelagic Cormorants were getting down to business. A single Black Turnstone made an appearance and an occasional Pigeon Guillemot was seen on the ocean. Of note was a group of Common Murres resting on the rocks below, the first time either of us had seen them here.



Cliff Swallows nesting in Sebastopol

by Ken Wilson

Returning to the harbor we successfully searched for the Yellow-billed Loon and Long-tailed Duck that have been wintering here. The harbor treated us to many ducks, waders and large mixed flocks of shorebirds that were occasionally put to flight by a hunting Peregrine Falcon. It was nice to see some of the shorebirds showing the beginnings of breeding plumage. Passerines were also kept alert by the presence of a juvenile Coopers Hawk.

On our drive to Petaluma we checked the ponds on Carmody Lane which were quiet but we did find a Common Gallinule, a Lark Sparrow and a very early Western Kingbird. On arriving in Petaluma we checked out Shollenberger Park which was very busy with many shorebirds and ducks. American Avocets and



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Black-necked Stilts were already nesting and Ruddy Ducks were showing the beauty of their breeding colors. Our final stop at Ellis Creek was quieter than we had hoped for but it was nice just to end the day by wandering the ponds and listening to the song of the many Marsh Wrens while watching the feeding behavior of a Greater Yellow-legs in breeding color. We finished the day with a total of 118 sightings.

March Madness,

led by Gene Hunn

Amount raised: \$398.75

Donors: Gene Hunn, Mary Bates Abbott, Richard Donat, Margaret Field, Deyea Harper, Denise Herzberg, Sam Leader, Margeurite & Stacy Li, Patricia Locks, Jan Tomason, Pamela Venturi Cowan.

Bike & Hike Petaluma Big Day for the Madrone Audubon Bird-a-Thon, April 16, 2024

The team: Gene Hunn, Craig & Annette Roth, with support of Nancy Hunn.

We like the Bide & Hike Big Day format as it is relatively "green" and good exercise and an excuse to ride our bikes two or three times a year (we do it in Bodega in October for Point Blue). The challenge is to plan a route that maximizes the number of bird species likely within our rather tightly restricted physical limits (senior citizens all). My goal as planner and primary instigator is to get to 100 species. Sometimes we do, sometimes we fall short.



Green-winged Teal (breeding color) at Ellis Creek

by Ken Wilson

Tuesday, April 16, looked promising with good weather and a nice mix of winter and spring birds. We just pulled it out, as you will see. Petaluma, of course, has Shollenberger and Ellis Creek wetlands, often teeming with waterfowl and waders. The trick is to find a nice mix of terrestrial species. To that end, I proposed a new wrinkle on my old Petaluma route. I thought if we could haul our bikes up to the top of Sonoma Mountain Road (SMR) before dawn, then coast downhill to the flats -- past Screech and Great-horned owl spots, a Wood Duck pond,



In Loving Memory, with Gratitude

Thomas McCuller

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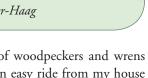
Sonoma *Laurie Glover*



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In memory of Tom McCuller

by Teresita Salter-Haag



some difficult sparrows, a variety of woodpeckers and wrens to pad our list. Then it would be an easy ride from my house across town to Shollenberger and Ellis Creek, then back home (with a few stops along the way).

However, the Roth contingent did not like the looks of SMR. It is brutally steep and the cement rather sketchy in spots, so they opted out of that leg. I had tested my brakes on the route the week before and was confident I could do it without mishap, but I would need Nancy to haul me and the bike up the mountain before dawn. That was not an appealing prospect, so I decided to drive it myself (so not so "green" a Big Day) to provide a "proof of concept," that is, I could have done it all by bike. In my case, we called it a day early with a beer and a bird or two at the Hunn feeders. We were surprised that when we tallied the list, we had 102 species! Of course, we missed a number of "gimmies," as always seems to happen on these Big Days: No chickadees! No kites! We missed Downy Woodpecker and Violet-green Swallow. And I missed two that Merlin assured me were vocalizing high on Sonoma Mountain, House Wren and Lark Sparrow. A bit more time up on SMR might have set some sort of record. So, maybe next year.

Here's our list (pleasant surprises in **bold**): Canada Goose, Mute Swan, **Wood Duck**, Cinnamon Teal, Northern Shoveler, Gadwall, American Wigeon, Mallard, Green-winged Teal, Greater Scaup, Bufflehead, Common Merganser, Ruddy



BIRD-A-THON

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Duck, California Quail, Wild Turkey (plus not exactly wild Indian Peafowl), Pied-billed Grebe, Eared Grebe, Western Grebe, Rock Pigeon, Eurasian-collared Dove, Mourning Dove, White-throated Swift, Anna's Hummingbird, Virginia Rail, Sora, American Coot, Black-necked Stilt, American Avocet, Black-bellied Plover, Killdeer, Long-billed Curlew, Willet, Greater Yellowlegs, Dunlin, Least Sandpiper, Western Sandpiper, Ring-billed Gull, Western Gull, California Gull, Glaucous-winged Gull, Forster's Tern, Doublecrested Cormorant, American Bittern (4!), Snowy Egret, Green Heron (3!), Great Egret, Great Blue Heron, Turkey Vulture, Northern Harrier, Cooper's Hawk, Bald Eagle, Red-shouldered Hawk, Swainson's Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, Barn Owl, Western Screech Owl, Great-horned Owl, Acorn Woodpecker, Nuttall's Woodpecker, Hairy Woodpecker, Northern Flicker, Black Phoebe, Steller's Jay, California Scrub-Jay, American Crow, Common Raven, Oak Titmouse, Tree Swallow, Northern Rough-winged Swallow, Barn Swallow, Cliff Swallow, Bushtit, White-breasted Nuthatch, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Marsh Wren, Bewick's Wren, Northern Mockingbird, Western Bluebird, American Robin, House Finch, Lesser Goldfinch, American Goldfinch, Darkeyed Junco, White-crowned Sparrow, Golden-crowned Sparrow, White-throated Sparrow, Savannah Sparrow, Song Sparrow, California Towhee, Rufous-crowned Sparrow, Spotted Towhee, Western Meadowlark, Hooded Oriole, Bullock's Oriole, Red-winged Blackbird, Brown-headed Cowbird, Brewer's Blackbird, Great-tailed Grackle, Common Yellowthroat, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Wilson's Warbler.

Burrowing Owlers,

led by Susan Kirks & Art Slater

Amount raised: \$1,748.75

Donors: Paula Lane Action Network, Arthur Slater, Mary Bates Abbott, Richard Donat, Margaret Field, Deyea Harper, Denise Herzberg, Sam Leader, Margeurite & Stacy Li, Patricia Locks, Jan Tomason, Pamela Venturi Cowan.

As in past years, our team's birding is over two months and done daily in a variety of locations, from front yards and backyards to parking lots with trees hosting singing birds to the coast to grassland areas to parks in Santa Rosa and Petaluma, and of course the West 9th Street area in Santa Rosa. We documented close to 100 species this season.

2023 Donors Acknowledgment

\$100 to \$299

Sandra Martensen

Thank you, Sandy! Our apology for the earlier omission.

Fall Membership Renewals are due now

Are you a National Audubon member?

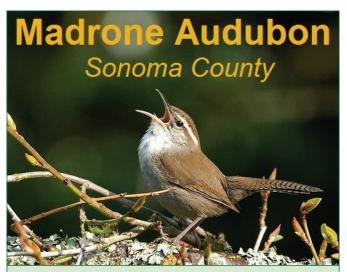


Please consider joining our local chapter, Madrone Audubon.

(see membership form, back page)

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

https://madroneaudubon.org/pdf/ Tree and Plant List.pdf



Find us on Facebook for conservation alerts, outings, special announcements and more.



Early Fall News Updates

The *California Forever* ballot initiative in Solano County has been withdrawn by the proponents. Our understanding is the backers of this huge urban proposal will engage in the county planning and review process. We support our colleague, Napa-Solano Audubon, in opposition to this supposed utopian development.



Burrowing Owl

Courtesy of Tom Reynolds

Madrone Audubon is increasing Basic, Senior and Family membership fees this Fall for the first time in many years, and adding an annual Student membership category for \$15. Pre-COVID, we had increased Basic to \$25 and Senior to \$20, but reverted during the height of the pandemic, in consideration of our member's possible challenges. Now, we believe the Basic membership fee of \$30/year, Senior membership fee of \$20/year, and Family membership fee of \$40/year will support our ability to cover expenses and fully serve our membership, without another increase for quite some time. We appreciate your



Flying Burrowing Owl Courtesy of Tom Reynolds

understanding. Other membership categories of higher level contributions will remain the same. When you receive the Fall membership renewal letter and request, please send your renewal in September and October. Thank you!

What's up for this year? We plan to continue advocacy in cities and the county to embrace and host drone light shows and end all July 4 fireworks. We began this campaign at our February 2024 membership meeting. Which city or community in Sonoma County will be the first in climate and humane action to begin the trend?.

We anticipate installing trellises with climbing vines and flowers at Lincoln Elementary School in Santa Rosa, producing a Habitat Gardening info card for students, teachers and families, and possibly installing a wood art bench with surrounding plantings. Our National Audubon in Action grant received in Spring 2024 will help find these activities. Volunteer with us in habitat gardening to provide nutrition and care for our winged beauties!

Through public comment, submitting correspondence and joining in coalitions, some conservation issues we continue to follow include:

- Sonoma County Local Coastal Plan Update, to be reviewed by the CA Coastal Commission.
- An enormous fish factory facility on the coast in Humboldt County, raising fish in concrete tanks, discharging daily 10 million gallons of treated wastewater into the ocean.
- Water quality reports from ranching impact and the National Park Service's plan to remove the barrier fence at Pt. Reyes National Seashore, freeing the Tule Elk

A CA State Parks vegetation management plan at Tomales Bay State Park that could negatively impact the Northern Spotted Owl in nesting habitat, the Dusky-footed Wood Rat and American Badger

 The petition with the CA Department of Fish and Wildlife to increase protection for the Burrowing Owl, currently a Species of Concern.



Belted Kingfisher

Courtesy of Tom Reynolds

- Offshore wind energy proposals and impacts to the ocean, marine and bird life.
- Two approved Caltrans projects for SR 1 along the Marin and Sonoma County coasts (rumble strips and some shoulder widening and Internet broadband access) during migratory bird nesting season. and Summer dispersal season for other juveniles of terrestrial species.
- And many more.

This year's West Sonoma County Christmas Bird Count will be Sunday, December 29. We hope you'll join a team for this most important community science event.



Our Board and Conservation Committee meetings are held virtually. For Board meeting information, contact President Susan Kirks, 707-241-5548, susankirks333@gmail.com. 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.

September 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.)

Thursday, September 12

8:30-10:30 AM

Foothill Regional Park

1351 Arata Lane, Windsor

Leader: Janet Bosshard

Take Hwy #101 North, take Arata Lane exit, Windsor. Turn right, go 1.3 miles. The park will be on the left. Park permit is required, or park along the street. We will meet near the restrooms. It has gentle hills to walk up and ponds to explore. Info: (707) 480-3432



Long-eared Owl

Courtesy of Tom Reynolds

Thursday, September 26

8:30-10:30 AM

Spring Lake Regional Park, Santa Rosa

Leader: Janet Bosshard

Take Newanga Ave., off Summerfield Rd. Meet at the south park restrooms. Parking permit is required. We will walk down to the lake and around to the Fisherman's Trail. Info: (707) 480-3432



Bald Eagles

Courtesy of Tom Reynolds

Madrone Audubon Society Funds Statement - July 2023 through June 2024

	Conservation &		Stewardship Task		
	Operating	Education	Subtotal	Force	TOTAL
Balance as of June 30, 2023	151,091.04	-53,627.23	97,463.81	1,628.32	99,092.13
Income					
Friends' Dues	8,880.00	0.00	8,880.00	0.00	8,880.00
Donations	11,197.95	0.00	11,197.95	0.00	11,197.95
Donations-CBC	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Donations-E Smith Trust	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Donations-Farallones	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
In Kind Donations	0.00	1,963.00	1,963.00	0.00	1,963.00
Bird-A-Thon	4,215.00	0.00	4,215.00	0.00	4,215.00
NAS Sharing	5,460.75	0.00	5,460.75	0.00	5,460.75
Investment Income	64.35	0.00	64.35	1.21	65.56
Miscellaneous Income	306.49	0.00	306.49	0.00	306.49
Other Grants	0.00	8,200.00	8,200.00	0.00	8,200.00
Investing Income	4,198.98	0.00	4,198.98	0.00	4,198.98
Total Income	34,323.52	10,163.00	44,486.52	1.21	44,487.73
Expense					
ADMINISTRATIVE	8,398.76	215.33	8,614.09	0.00	8,614.09
CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
CONSERVATION	100.00	7,784.36	7,884.36	0.00	7,884.36
EDUCATION	0.00	2,856.20	2,856.20	0.00	2,856.20
LEAVES	16,855.98	0.00	16,855.98	0.00	16,855.98
MEMBERSHIP EXPENSES	973.99	0.00	973.99	0.00	973.99
OUTREACH	16.20	188.61	204.81	0.00	204.81
JUNIOR AUDUBON	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
GENERAL MEETINGS	1,818.20	0.00	1,818.20	0.00	1,818.20
PUBLICITY	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
FUNDRAISING	69.29	0.00	69.29	0.00	69.29
STEWARDSHIP TASK FORCE	0.00	0.00	0.00	144.00	144.00
BREEDING BIRD ATLAS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Expense	28,232.42	11,044.50	39,276.92	144.00	39,420.92
Net Income	6,091.10	-881.50	5,209.60	-142.79	5,066.81
Balance at end of period (June 30, 2024)	157,182.14 *	-54,508.73	102,673.41	1,485.53 **	104,158.94

^{*}E.I. Smith Beguest: \$96,847.96 Schwab balance, June 2024/Operations Fund Balance = \$60,334.18

^{**} This STF balance is preliminary and may change slightly.



Observations	Spring - Summer 2024	• Dan Nelson • 479-2918 •	birdsurf64@sbcglobal.net
Tufted Puffin (1)	8/4	Cordell Bank	AJ, SH, DK et al
Yellow-billed Loon	1/11-8/8	Bodega Harbor, continuing	KMcD, DN, et al
Northern Gannet	8/2	Pillar Pt. Harbor jetty; roosting	SC, et al
Brown Booby (3)	May, Jun, Jul.	S.E. Farallon Island	M.Ob
Bonaparte's Gull (45)	6/5	Bodega Head	DN
Bonaparte's Gull (5)	6/15	Shollenberger Park	DN
Bonaparte's Gull (9)	8/7	Salmon Creek Beach	DN
Sabine's Gull (5)	8/4	Cordell Bank/ Bodega Canyon	AJ, DK, CC, LS et al
Arctic Tern (3)	8/4	Cordell Bank/ Bodega Canyon	AJ, DK, CC, LS et al
Long-tailed Jaeger (1)	8/4	Cordell Bank/ Bodega Canyon	LS, CC, DK, AJ et al
South Polar Skua (1	8/4	Cordell Bank	CC, LS, DK, AJ et al
Laysan Albatross	7/27	Gulf of the Farallones, S.F. County	AJ, PP, et al
Laysan Albatross	8/4	Cordell Bank	AJ, SH, CC
Short-tailed Albatross	7/28	Offshore San Mateo County	AJ, M.ob
Flesh-footed Shearwater	8/4	Cordell Bank	SH, AJ, DK, CC et al
Wilson's Storm-Petrel (2-3)	7/27	Gulf of Farallones, S.F. County	AJ, et al
Fork-tailed Storm-Petrel (150)	7/27	Gulf of Farallones, S.F. County	AJ, et al
Ashy Storm-Petrel (250)	7/27	Gulf of Farallones, S.F. County	AJ, et al
Black Storm-Petrel (2)	7/27	Gulf of Farallones, S.F. County	AJ, et al
Hawaiian Petrel (4-5)	8/4	Cordell Bank, Marin Co.	AJ, et al
Broad-winged Hawk (ad.)	6/1	Taylor Ln., Occidental -Rare Spring migrant	MH
Least Bittern	7/24	Las Gallinas treatment ponds, Marin Co.	DE
American Bittern	6/16	Shollenberger Park	LD, DN
Baird's Sandpiper	8/2	Limantour Beach	DN
Red-necked Phalarope	8/7	Salmon Creek Beach	DN
Red-necked Phalarope	8/9	Bodega Harbor	DN
Pileated Woodpecker	8/9	Hwy 1 at Stump Beach, Sonoma Co,	SE
White-throated Swift	6/16	Shollenberger Park	DN, LD
Purple Martin (5)	7/15	Limantour Beach	DN
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	8/8	Monte Rio residence, yard bird	J Snead
Western Wood-Pewee	8/7	Coastal Prairie Trail (breeding)	DF
Gray-cheeked Thrush	5/16-19	Pt. Reyes Lighthouse trees	CC, M.Ob
Gray Catbird	6/13	Pt. Reyes "New" Willows	EM, et al
Pygmy Nuthatch (4)	8/9	Bloomfield Rd.	MF
Hooded Warbler	5/17	Nunes Ranch, Pt. Reyes	EM
Hooded Warbler	6/13	Junior Mendoza trees, Pt. Reyes	EM
Tennessee Warbler	5/17-19	Pt. Reyes Lighthouse	CC, DN, et al
Black-throated Gray Warbler	8/1	Pine Lake Park, S.F. (imm.)	DN, et al
Yellow-throated Warbler	5/17	Fish Docks, Pt. Reyes	LK, et al
Black-and-White Warbler	5/17-21	Pt. Reyes "New" Willows	LK, CC, et al
Ovenbird	5/17	Pt. Reyes Lighthouse trees	CC, LK, et al
Northern Waterthrush	5/21	Pt Reyes "New" Willows	CC, LS
American Redstart	6/13	Fish Docks, Pt. Reyes	EM, et al
Slate-throated Redstart	7/27-8/5	Pine Lake Park, S.F. – First State Record	D. Mosur, M.Ob
Yellow-breasted Chat	4/25-July	Santa Rosa Creek Trail, off Willowside Rd.	MF, M.Ob
Yellow-breasted Chat	5/17-20	Inverness Park	RDiG, JW, et al
Summer Tanager	6/13	Drake's Beach	EM
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	5/18	Fish Docks, Pt. Reyes	DM, et al
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	5/21	Pt. Reyes "New" Willows (female)	CC, et al
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	5/27	Pt. Reyes "New" Willows (male)	CC, et al
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MADRONE LEAVES



Madrone Audubon Society meets on the third Monday of each month, except in June, July, August, and December. Meetings start at 7:00 PM at First United Methodist Church, 1551 Montgomery Dr., Santa Rosa. All membership meetings and walks are open to the public. Information: e-mail - info@madroneaudubon.org.

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