



Northern California September 23 - October 2, 2022
Led by Dorian Anderson

Summary

The inaugural iteration of this tour was a success! California presents a diversity of habitats, and we encountered a wonderful sample of resident and migratory birds as we moved between bays, beaches, marshes, and mountains. California Towhee, Tricolored Blackbird, and Yellow-billed Magpie showed nicely, and we connected with Ridgway's Rail, Wandering Tattler, Pacific Wren, Lawrence's Goldfinch, Bell's Sparrow, White-headed Woodpecker, and Mountain Quail with a bit of effort. The birding at Mono Lake was slow — a result motivating us to run the tour earlier next year— but we persevered and scored Townsend'd Solitaire, Black-backed Woodpecker, and Sage Thrasher. California Condor was a tough miss, but that was forgotten when a Hawaiian Petrel buzzed the boat on our pelagic (photo below by guide Dorian Anderson). Coupled with with South Polar Skua, Tufted Puffin, Marbled Murrelet, Sabine's Gull, and Buller's Shearwaters and loads of Humpback Whales, the trip ended on a high note. With great food and weather throughout, everyone had a great time!



***Note - As I (Dorian) was too busy finding birds to take pictures and this was a very birding-focus group (i.e. few cameras), I've inserted several of my stock photos for illustrative purposes.

Day 1 - Friday, September 23 - San Francisco Arrivals

Tim, Mark, and Dorian enjoyed a full-day pelagic (not part of tour) from Half Moon Bay before rendezvousing with Lana, Bob, Lou Ann, and Larry at the Hampton Inn San Francisco Airport South. Proceeding to Coconut Bay, we met Ginny for a tasty Thai dinner, that meal used to introduce ourselves, share our birding histories, and outline individual and group goals for our time together. Everyone got along swimmingly, and we retired to the hotel ahead a very busy first day.

Day 2 - Saturday, September 24 - San Francisco Bay

San Francisco Bay is the most important estuary on the West Coast for migrating waterbirds, so we dedicated an entire day to exploring the marshes and impoundments at its southern end. While we expected a variety of shorebirds and waterfowl, we pinned our hopes on **Ridgway's Rail**, a bird which was considered conspecific with Clapper Rail until a 2014 split. The tide was low when we reached the Palo Alto Baylands at 7am, and we connected with the shy bird immediately, several patrolling reedy edges and exposed mudflats as clients celebrated. That target ticked, we added **Northern Shoveler**, **Clark's Grebe**, **Anna's Hummingbird** (stock photo below by Guide Dorian Anderson), **Long-billed Curlew**, **American White Pelican**, a variety of sparrows, and **California Towhee** as we wandered the reserve's dikes and trails (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S119335472>). Departing that first stop, we moved to the bottom of the bay at Alviso. A nice birding area when



Dorian visited in late-2021, the area is under heavy restoration, a circumstance which rendered it and the adjacent portion of Don Edwards National Wild Refuge quiet on the bird front. Cutting our losses (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S119349266>), we returned north, to Ravenswood Salt Pond SF2. Most of the birds were far away, but we squeezed out **Caspian Tern** (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S119349367>).

We lunched at Erik's DeliCafe in Redwood City and continued to Knob Hill, a suburban pond which locals favor. Culling through **Northern Shovelers**, **Green-winged Teal**, **Northern Pintail**, and **American Wigeon**, we added a pair of **Blue-winged Teal** and a single **Cinnamon Teal**. Keen eyed clients also spotted out first **Black-crowned Night-Heron** as it lurked in creekside reeds (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S119367426>).

Returning north to Coyote Point in San Mateo, virtually across the street from Dorian's San Mateo apartment, we took an extended walk along the blustery bayshore. Trip firsts included **Elegant Tern** (stock photo by Guide Dorian Anderson), **Semipalmated Plover**, and **Osprey**, but a trifecta of **Yellow-headed Blackbird**, **Palm Warbler**, and **Tricolored Blackbird** stole the show as our time at the park wound down. YHBL and PAWA are rare on the SF Bayshore — Dorian had seen just three of the former and one of the later in his five years in San Mateo — so both were unexpected bonuses (neither seen again on trip). Dorian had planned to look for TRBL later in the trip, so scoring it on the first full day meant we'd have additional time to look for other birds as the trip progressed (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S119368577>). The day was unseasonably warm, but we ended up with 84 species!



Day 3 - Sunday, September 25 - Diablo Range and Central Valley

We departed the hotel after an early breakfast and crossed SF Bay. Turning onto Mines Road south of Livermore, we stopped to bird the sycamore-oak woodlands around Murrieta's Well Winery. A covey of **California Quail** greeted us as we arrived, and we connected with **California Scrub-Jay**, **Oak Titmouse**, **House Wren**, **Say's Phoebe**, and **Acorn** and **Nuttall's Woodpecker** as we walked the entrance road. Many hoped for **Phainopelpa**, so our view to a quartet was welcome. Those and others secured (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S119419997>), we continued until a group of **Yellow-billed Magpies** prescribed another stop, that pause yielding **Lark Sparrow** and **Red-breasted Sapsucker** beyond the comical corvid (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S119420094>).

Moving beyond the lower reaches of Mines Road, we followed a narrow, winding thoroughfare into the Diablo Range. We had eye-popping views of a **California Thrasher** (stock photo below by Guide Dorian Anderson) as it sang from a roadside snag (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S119420208>), and we enjoyed close views of **Bewick's Wren**, **Townsend's Warbler**, and **Golden- and Rufous-crowned Sparrows** at subsequent stops (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S119420263>). Unable to locate Bell's Sparrow despite much taping, we continued along the upper, wooded throws of Mines Road and dropped onto the eastern side of the range on Del Puerto Canyon Road.



Midday temperatures soared to ninety degrees on this afternoon, but we toughed out the conditions and added **Lewis's Woodpecker**, **Warbling Vireo** (our only one of the trip), and **Western Tanager** as we descended (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S119420295>, <https://ebird.org/checklist/S119420309>). We ate lunch at Sourdough Inc (good, but not as good as Erik's from yesterday) in Patterson and plowed eastward. Sneaking into the Ceres Wastewater Plant (I mean, the gate was WIDE open, right?) we found our first **Eared Grebes** among a flotilla of waterfowl, and we enjoyed nice

comparison views of a **Short-billed Dowitcher** as it associated with 4 **Long-billed Dowitchers**, the later expected over the former in the Central Valley (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S119431217>).

We made a final stop at Knight's Ferry as we approached Sonora, but scorching temperatures suppressed activity, views of **Lesser Goldfinches** and **Western Bluebirds** notable among the few birds we saw at that location (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S119438758>). Guide and clients overheating, we folded a final hour of late-afternoon opportunity and retired to the Best Western in Sonora. The food at El Arroyo Cantina was outstanding; the establishment should be a dinner default.

Day 4 - Monday, September 26 - Western Slope of the Sierras

It was a fifty-minute drive to reach Calaveras Big Trees State Park, but it was worth it! Weaving through the ancient sequoias, we found **Red-breasted Nuthatch**, **Mountain Chickadee**, **Brown-Creeper**, and **Golden-crowned Kinglet** before intersecting a cooperative **Pacific Wren**, the miniscule bird coming within feet of us in response to playback. The same can be said for **Pileated Woodpecker**, the curious bird perching at eye level several times. The *Picidae* floodgates opened after that, and we observed **Northern Flicker**, **Hairy Woodpecker**, and **Acorn Woodpecker** as we wound through the forest, the 'Que-ARK!' Calls of **Mountain Quail** echoing across the hillsides. **Williamson's Sapsucker** was a long-shot victory, and the entire group celebrated **White-Headed Woodpecker** when it finally appeared. It was a lifer for all six clients! Throw in a pair of flyover **Lewis's Woodpeckers** and it was an amazing morning. Other birds included **Wilson's Warbler**, **Black-throated Gray Warbler**, and **Western Wood-Pewee** (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S119479615>). We subsequently stopped at White Pines Lake and beat the bushes hard enough to connect with **Hutton's Vireo** and **Purple Finch**. Those would be the only representatives of either species we'd find, so it's good we pushed through otherwise slow birding at that stop (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S119479635>). Lunch at Bistro Express in Arnold was very good.

Our midday business concluded, we returned to Highway 4 and gained elevation towards Bear Valley at 7,000 feet. Though we were unable to redeem our 'heard-only' Mountain Quail from earlier in the day, we did grind out a number of nice birds in the neighborhood and nearby ski area: **Clark's Nutcracker**, **Mountain Bluebird**, **Fox Sparrow**, and **MacGillivray's Warbler**. We didn't have a sniff at the quail on that afternoon, but it was a wonderful afternoon regardless. After enduring near-90 degree temperatures across the previous three days, the sixty-something air at 7,000 feet was a welcome respite! The checklists from our afternoon are here:

<https://ebird.org/checklist/S119485244>
and

<https://ebird.org/checklist/S119489054>.

Here is a photo of the group at Bear Valley Ski Area.



Day 5 - Tuesday, September 27 - Sierra Traverse

Today's goal was simple: cross the Sierras while making birding stops at different elevations. Departing Sonora at sunrise, we joined Highway 108 and headed for Pinecrest, a small community situated at 5,700'. The lake and adjacent park were dead, but the action heated up when we found a mixed feeding flock on our exit. Pulling over amidst **Dark-eyed Juncos** and **Yellow-rumped Warblers**, Mark spotted an eye-level **Red-breasted Sapsucker** feeding in a roadside bush. We piled out of the van for a better look but were quickly distracted by a late-migrating **Hermit Warbler** as it foraged in the pines above our head. Dorian wasn't sure we'd be able to connect with the Pacific specialty, so clients were stoked when we did (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S119520281>)! When higher-elevation stops at Donnell Vista (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S119520724>) and Sonora Pass (9,600', <https://ebird.org/checklist/S119528610>) failed to yield anything we hadn't seen, we continued down the eastern slope, towards Bridgeport.

Walking into Albert's Meat Market and Deli, we didn't expect much. The building was small and in moderate disrepair, and the political paraphernalia suggested we'd entered the headquarters of the local militia. But looks can be deceiving, and we enjoyed some of the best sandwiches we'd ever eaten. This is a must-do for any future tour! Stomachs stuffed, we moved a few miles north of town, to Bridgeport Reservoir. Disregarding stiff breezes, we found **Northern Pintails, Ruddy Ducks, Redheads, Ring-necked Ducks, Common Mergansers, American White Pelicans, Greater Yellowlegs, and Forster's terns**. Comparison views of **Clark's** and **Western Grebes** were appreciated, but we had to settle for distant views of **Peregrine Falcon** and **White-faced Ibis** (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S119540238>).

Our next stop was Bodie State Historic Park, a former mining municipality which has been preserved in its original — and eventually abandoned — form. Wandering the streets and exploring old buildings (the church, school house, general store, etc), we felt like we'd be transported back to the 19th century, when the town was a booming outpost. It was amazing to contrast that life to our 21st-century existence. We didn't bump into any of the Greater Sage-Grouse which call the area home, probably because it was too late in the day and too many people were present, but our time in the town was a wonderful window to the past (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S119544834>).

From Bodie, we headed towards Lee Vining on the eastern shore of Mono Lake. The Yosemite Motel offered elevated views of that body, and we found evening sustenance at Nicely's Restaurant across the street from that two-night overnight. Little did we know, but it was the only dining establishment in town, a circumstance which prescribed five straight meals at the establishment!



Day 6 - Wednesday, September 28 - Mono Lake and surrounds

We wolfed a huge breakfast at Nicely's and headed north towards Lundy Lake. Spilling out of the western slope of the Sierras, the surrounding Canyon hosts the highly-prized Sooty Grouse — at least according to recent eBird reports. We strolled the edge of the beaver ponds but failed to find the bird. We did connect with **Cooper's Hawk**, **Ruby-crowned Kinglet**, and **Pinyon Jay** as consolation, the last presenting as a raucous flock of 50-60 birds. A lone **Black-billed Magpie** on our exit was welcomed by all (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S119571597>).

Leaving Lundy, we rolled over to Mono Lake County Park, an oasis which sucks in migrants as they wing south. Birding the trees and bushes dotting the lush lawn, we dipped on warblers and flycatchers but squeezed-out **California Quail**, **Red-breasted Sapsucker**, **American Robin**, **Song Sparrow**, and **Red-winged** and **Brewer's Blackbirds**. Coupled with a nearby **Loggerhead Shrike**, it was a moderately interesting haul (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S119587152>).

Feeling a bit defeated after failing to intersect migrants, we turned our attention to Mono's crusty shores. Dozens of **Red-necked Phalaropes** turned their trademark foraging circles in the shadows, and hundreds of **Eared Grebes** bobbed on the midday waves. Minus a pair of **American Avocets**, it was otherwise quiet, so we folded our hand and returned to town for lunch (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S119595363>).

With migrant activity low, we decided to do some more directed birding in the afternoon. Our quest? **Black-backed Woodpecker**, a resident species which shows a preference for burned trees. The entrance road was dicey; with big bumps and deep ruts, there were moments when Dorian doubted the van's ability. The vehicle chugged along, and we reached a forest of charred toothpicks a half-hour later. Culling through **Hairy Woodpeckers**, we eventually found with two representatives of the sought species. It was a life bird for everyone but Mark and redeemed what was a very slow day to that point. Quality, not quantity right (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S119606644>)?

We returned to Mono Lake at South Tufa and scored **Sage Thrasher** as we approached the alien formations which decorate the shoreline and shallows. Birding was slow, but it was interesting to learn about the history of the area. The lake used to be ~40 feet higher/deeper, but LA County has been siphoning increasing amounts of water from feeder creeks across recent decades. As with everything in California, Mono's future will be question of water management. We cruised the roads around Lee Vining on the way home but failed to connect with Woodhouse's Scrub-Jay, a Great Basin bird which barely sneaks into California. That bird wasn't expected — nor was Juniper Titmouse — but it was frustrating not to connect with either (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S119610718>). A few of use explored the trail behind the hotel before dinner, but we didn't find much. (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S119612333>).



Day 7 - Thursday, September 29 - Moving Day!

This day was designated as a travel day, but we made a few quick stops before departing the Mono area (Goodbye, Nicely's). The first of those was at 'Warbler Thicket', a pull-out on the side of highway 395 just north of Lee Vining. We didn't find much beyond common birds — **Ruby-crowned Kinglet**, **Lincoln's Sparrow**, **Orange-crowned Warbler** — but the spot has potential given the mix of thickets and trees. It's definitely worth exploring on future tours (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S119654726>).

Our second stop was Mono Lake County Park. It was more active than yesterday, and had views of **Downy Woodpecker**, **Spotted Towhee**, **Western Tanager**, and **Bewick's Wren**. The best bird, however, was a **Vesper Sparrow** which Tim spotted at the top of a roadside bush on our exit. It was a great addition to the trip list (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S119656861>)!

From there it was onto Lundy Lake with further hopes of Sooty Grouse. We didn't have so much as a sniff at the shy species on that return, but we had overdue looks at **Townsend's Solitaire** as the bird sallied between low perches. That bird had been hanging over our head for several days, so it was a good note on which to wrap our Mono efforts. Other notable birds included **Pinyon Jay**, **Clark's Nutcracker**, and **Brown Creeper** (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S119661206>).

Piling into the van, we rolled towards Bridgeport, turned west, regained elevation towards Sonora Pass at 9,600', and descended onto the western Sierra slope. With Sonia occupied with work (gasp!), we decided to dine at the Washington Street Sandwich Company in Sonora. That was a great decision, and we all felt good patronizing the brand new business. The food was great!



Continuing west, we dropped into and crossed the Central Valley. A stop at San Luis State Recreation Area yielded **California Gull, Osprey, Northern Mockingbird, Black Phoebe,** and **Western Meadowlark,** among others (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S119683339>). The sun sinking towards the western horizon, we raced towards the Sure Stay in Hollister ahead of dinner at Miyako Japanese Restaurant. The decor left a bit to be desired, but the food was pretty good.

Day 8 - Friday, September 30 - Pinnacles and San Mateo Coast

There were four birds which clients wanted on this this day: California Condor, Lawrence's Goldfinch, Surfbird, and Wandering Tattler. The first two would be possible inland, and the remaining two could be had on the San Mateo Coast, albeit with some luck. Speeding south from Hollister ahead of sunrise, Dorian decided to make a hitherto unscheduled stop at La Gloria Road for **Bell's Sparrow**. We missed the bird at Mines Road on Day 3, so the dawn detour stoked thoughts of redemption. Taping at the base of scrubby hillsides, we had zero suggestion of the species until Dorian heard a distant response. He slowly reeled the representative in, and everyone had good looks at the bird at it sang from the roadside scrub. As Lana put it, "I though this was gonna be a wasted hour, so it was a pretty incredible find!" I (Dorian) can't say I didn't think the same thing 30 minutes into the undertaking, but it all worked out. Trust the guide (and the tape)! We also had great views of **Wrentit** (stock photo on previous page by Guide Dorian Anderson) along the road (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S119707121>).



Proceeding to Pinnacles, we pulled into the Visitor's Center for a restroom break ahead of our hike. We had barely stopped moving when Dorian spotted a small finch on the ground. He hustled

clients out of the van, and we had point blank views of a dozen **Lawrence's Goldfinches** as they feed on the grass and drink from the sprinklers surrounding the campsite swimming pool. The birds can be hit-or-miss at that location, so we were lucky to tick them instantaneously!

At that moment, it felt like we couldn't miss, the condor a seeming formality as we wound higher into the rock formations and parked at the Bear Gulch Trailhead. There were two dozen **Turkey Vultures** circling the overhead pinnacles when we arrived, and it felt like only a matter of time until the sought condor soared into view. Hoping for a decent view, we started up the trail towards the overlook. It was slow going in the morning heat, **Canyon Wren** (stock photo on previous page by Dorian Anderson) added on the uphill, but we achieved the shaded overlook and began our vigil. While we waited, a number of other folks joined us, our ranks doubling with the various hangers-on. Waiting longer, the numbers of vultures dwindled; by 10:30, it felt like a miss was a real possibility. **Sharp-shinned Hawk** and **Pacific-slope Flycatcher** offered temporary distraction, but time dictated that we fold our hand around 11:30. Given that we invested three hours, it was a painful concession. Dorian thought we'd get the condor and miss the sparrow and goldfinch, but exactly the opposite happened. Dem's the breaks, right?!?! We did add **White-throated Swift** on the decent.

We returned to Hollister, grabbed lunch at the 4th Street Eatery (recommended), rejoined the Coast south of Santa Cruz, and kept the pedal to the metal as we moved north towards Half Moon Bay in San Mateo County. Pescadero State Beach is a historical spot for Rocky Shorebirds, and we soaked in point-blank views of **Black Turnstone**, **Black Oystercatcher**, and **Surfbird** (stock photo on next page by Guide Dorian Anderson) before connecting the with day's final prize, **Wandering Tattler**! That species gets tougher through September and into October as the species continues south, so it was awesome to score the bird without a ton of effort. From that oceanside vantage, we also picked up **Western Grebe**, **Brandt's Cormorant**, **Sanderling**, **Whimbrel**, **Red-throated Loon**, and **Heermann's** and **Western Gulls** (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S119739274>). Dipping on condor was rough, but we did as well as we could have everywhere else on this day. As a final coup, we added **Band-tailed Pigeon** along Gazos Creek (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S119739179>) before heading to Monsoon Himalayan in HMB for dinner. Glad that everyone now knows the joy of samosas!

Saturday, October 1 - Half Moon Bay Pelagic

While Monterey is a long-established port of pelagic departure, Half Moon Bay, 90 driving miles to the north, has rivaled or exceeded in the last decade. The Farallon Islands are a three-hour steam to the northwest, and the Pioneer Canyon offers access to deepwater 20 miles from the coast. Alvaro's Adventures is the current HMB operator, so we jumped aboard the Oct 1 trip with huge pelagic ambition.

Conditions were about perfect; high overcast meant visibility to the horizon in every direction, and light breeze ensured at least some of the birds would be up and flying (versus sitting stationary on the water). Boarding the New Captain Pete, we departed the harbor under the watchful eyes of cormorants (**Brandt's**, **Double-crested**, and **Pelagic**), gulls (**Western**, **California**, **Heermann's**, **Herring**), and rocky shorebirds (**Black Oystercatcher** and **Turnstone**). **Common Murres** and **Marbled Murrelets** appeared beyond the breakwater, and we connected with **Rhinoceros Auklet** and **Parasitic Jaeger** as we headed out to sea. Neither **Pink-footed Shearwater**, **Sooty Shearwater**, **South Polar Skua** (stock photo on next page by Guide Dorian Anderson), **Pomarine Jaeger**, **Red-necked Phalarope**, **Tufted Puffin**, nor **Buller's Shearwater** escaped our blazing binoculars, and **Cassin's Auklet**, **Sabine's Gull**, and **Arctic Tern** appeared as we lost sight of land.

Reaching the edge of the continental shelf at the Pioneer Canyon, we pulled individual **Wilson's** and **Ashy Storm-Petrels** from the swirling hordes of **Blacks**. Several **Black-footed Albatrosses** swooped close to the boat, and we pushed into deeper water, hoping for something totally outrageous to show. The action slowed in those extreme depths, occasional **Sabine's Gulls**

and **Jaegers** offering temporary excitement until Alvaro's shout of "**Hawaiian Petrel!!**" initiated pandemonium. The bird made a quick pass across the bow but doubled back for amazing views across the next several minutes. It was a phenomenal encounter, one which pushed our California Condor miss to the deepest recesses of our conscious. For reference, Dorian had done > 50 pelagics from HMB and Monterey across the last 6 six years and seen zero Hawaiian Petrels before this trip (he's seed two from the LA > Vancouver Cruise ship)! So yeah, it was an amazing day on the water. Plus, we had an offshore **Tennessee Warbler!** Not sure what happened to the disoriented migrant after it made several passes, but it was a great addition to the trip list when it landed on the boat for definitive identification. A couple people had momentary sea-sickness, but the group generally faired very well! Dinner at Mezza Luna with Sonia was the perfect ending, and everyone retired after a busy final day. Alvaro compiled the ~15 pelagic checklists into a formal trip report on eBird, (<https://ebird.org/tripreport/77668>). Hopefully everyone joined that; if not, then let me know; I can sort out how to get you connected. Basically, it agglomerates the individual checklists into a single report. There's now new data; it's just a different way to look at it.





Sunday, October 2 - Departures. But first - bonus birding!

Most were wiped out from yesterday's boat trip, but Mark and Dorian rallied for a bit of bonus birding on this final morning. Our target was Snowy Plover, a widespread species which had — rather remarkably — slipped through his Big Year net to this October point. Stomping the sand a few miles south of the hotel, we stumbled into a group of four, the unassuming birds hunkered in a deep tire track, minding their own business as this species usually does (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S119836675>). That addition put Mark at 698 species for the year, two species shy of his goal of 700. A subsequent spin though the pond at Maverick's didn't yielded much beyond Marsh Wren, so we shut it down and returned to the hotel where we collected the others and made miles towards SFO.

And that's the end of the story! It was a great trip, and we hope to see everyone on future TB tours!

Full trip list on next few pages.

Number of Checklists: 41

Official species: 190

Additional leader-only species: 2 (Horned Lark and Violet-green Swallow. Both quick fly-bys)

Checklists included in this summary:

- (1): Palo Alto Baylands - Date: Sep 24, 2022 at 6:59 AM
- (2): Don Edwards NWR--Env. Ed. Ctr. (EEC) - Date: Sep 24, 2022 at 10:35 AM
- (3): Don Edwards NWR--Ravenswood Salt Pond SF2 - Sep 24, 2022 at 11:51 AM
- (4): Nob Hill Pond - Sep 24, 2022 at 1:34 PM
- (5): Coyote Point County Park - Sep 24, 2022 at 3:32 PM
- (6): Murrieta's Well Winery - Sep 25, 2022 at 7:23 AM
- (7): 7417 Mines Rd, Livermore US-CA 37.62681, -121.70542 - Sep 25, 2022 at 8:22 AM
- (8): Mines Rd.--MP 5.75 (ALA Co.) - Sep 25, 2022 at 9:06 AM
- (9): 14680 Mines Rd, Livermore US-CA 37.5869, -121.6024 - Sep 25, 2022 at 9:50 AM
- (10): Del Puerto Canyon Rd (mile 17.0-21.3) - Sep 25, 2022 at 11:38 AM
- (11): Frank Raines Reg. Park--Deer Creek (mile 16.9-17.1) - Sep 25, 2022 at 12:06 PM
- (12): Ceres WTP - Sep 25, 2022 at 2:27 PM
- (13): Knights Ferry Rec Area - Sep 25, 2022 at 3:41 PM
- (14): Calaveras Big Trees SP - Sep 26, 2022 at 7:34 AM
- (15): White Pines Lake and Park - Sep 26, 2022 at 11:43 AM
- (16): Bear Valley - Sep 26, 2022 at 2:08 PM
- (17): Bear Valley Ski Area--upper lot - Sep 26, 2022 at 3:04 PM
- (18): Pinecrest Lake - Sep 27, 2022 at 7:50 AM
- (19): Donnell Vista - Sep 27, 2022 at 9:38 AM
- (20): Sonora Pass (ALP Co.) - Sep 27, 2022 at 10:50 AM
- (21): Bridgeport Reservoir - Sep 27, 2022 at 1:34 PM
- (22): Bodie SHP - Sep 27, 2022 at 3:54 PM
- (23): Lundy Canyon - Sep 28, 2022 at 8:21 AM
- (24): Mono Lake County Park - Sep 28, 2022 at 10:31 AM
- (25): Mono Lake Tufa State Natural Reserve - Sep 28, 2022 at 11:24 AM
- (26): Inyo National Forest US-CA 37.799, -118.900 - Sep 28, 2022 at 3:00 PM
- (27): Mono Lake--South Tufa area - Sep 28, 2022 at 4:12 PM
- (28): Lee Vining Creek Trail - Sep 28, 2022 at 6:00 PM
- (29): Lee Vining—town - Sep 29, 2022 at 7:00 AM
- (30): Mono Lake Tufa SNR, Bridgeport US-CA 37.999, -119.148 - Sep 29, 2022 7:58 AM
- (31): Mono Lake County Park - Sep 29, 2022 at 8:24 AM - Sep 29, 2022 at 9:14 AM
- (33): Stanislaus NF, Markleeville US-CA 38.329, -119.635 - Sep 29, 2022 at 11:44 AM
- (34): San Luis Reservoir SRA--San Luis Creek area - Sep 29, 2022 at 4:55 PM
- (35): La Gloria Rd, Paicines US-CA 36.55511, -121.24289 - Sep 30, 2022 at 7:47 AM
- (36): Pinnacles NP - Sep 30, 2022 at 8:18 AM
- (37): Pescadero SB--west of Hwy 1 only - Sep 30, 2022 at 4:15 PM
- (38): Gazos Creek Rd - east of Hwy 1 to Cloverdale Rd - Sep 30, 2022 at 5:10 PM
- (40): Half Moon Bay SB--Venice Beach + Pilarcitos Creek - Oct 2, 2022 at 8:02 AM
- (41): Pillar Point Harbor--Willows, Pond, Marsh - Oct 2, 2022 at 8:48 AM

213 Canada Goose -- (1),(2),(4),(5),(12),(21),(41)

2 Blue-winged Teal -- (4)

1 Cinnamon Teal -- (4)

566 Northern Shoveler -- (1),(2),(4),(12),(21)

154 Gadwall -- (2),(21)

96 American Wigeon -- (4),(12),(21)

53 Mallard -- (1),(2),(4),(12),(21),(23),(41)

260 Northern Pintail -- (1),(3),(4),(21)

44 Green-winged Teal -- (1),(4),(12),(21)
20 Redhead -- (21)
10 Ring-necked Duck -- (21)
16 Surf Scoter -- (5),(37),(41)
6 Common Merganser -- (21)
89 Ruddy Duck -- (1),(2),(12),(21),(25)
2 Mountain Quail -- (14)
72 California Quail -- (6),(24),(31),(35),(36)
5 Wild Turkey -- (11),(36)
23 Pied-billed Grebe -- (1),(5),(21)
2539 Eared Grebe -- (12),(21),(25),(27)
50 Western Grebe -- (21),(34),(37),(40)
15 Clark's Grebe -- (1),(5),(21),(34)
8 Rock Pigeon (Feral Pigeon) -- (5),(12)
13 Band-tailed Pigeon -- (38)
22 Eurasian Collared-Dove -- (4),(7),(28),(29),(34),(40)
21 Mourning Dove -- (1),(2),(6),(7),(12),(28),(29),(34)
10 White-throated Swift -- (36)
21 Anna's Hummingbird -- (1),(2),(4),(5),(6),(28),(36),(39),(40),(41)
4 Ridgway's Rail -- (1)
62 American Coot -- (2),(4),(12),(21)
30 Black-necked Stilt -- (1),(4),(12)
628 American Avocet -- (1),(3),(4),(5),(21),(25),(27)
15 Black Oystercatcher -- (5),(37),(39),(41)
22 Black-bellied Plover -- (5),(37)
4 Snowy Plover -- (40 - Mark only)
4 Semipalmated Plover -- (5)
31 Killdeer -- (1),(2),(4),(21),(34)
9 Whimbrel -- (1),(5),(37)
104 Long-billed Curlew -- (1),(3),(5)
772 Marbled Godwit -- (1),(2),(3),(4),(5)
10 Black Turnstone -- (5),(37)
6 Surfbird -- (37)
8 Sanderling -- (37),(40)
145 Least Sandpiper -- (1),(2),(5),(12),(21)
125 Western Sandpiper -- (2),(5)
1 Short-billed Dowitcher -- (12)
25 Long-billed Dowitcher -- (4),(12),(21)
251 Red-necked Phalarope -- (25),(27)
2 Spotted Sandpiper -- (4),(5)
1 Wandering Tattler -- (37)
48 Greater Yellowlegs -- (1),(2),(4),(12),(21)
594 Willet -- (1),(3),(5),(40)
34 Heermann's Gull -- (37),(39),(40)
24 Ring-billed Gull -- (1),(4),(5),(21),(34)
169 Western Gull -- (1),(4),(5),(37),(39),(40),(41)
132 California Gull -- (1),(3),(4),(5),(12),(27),(34),(37),(40)
1 Caspian Tern -- (3)
10 Forster's Tern -- (21)

65 Elegant Tern -- (5)
2 Red-throated Loon -- (37)
20 Brandt's Cormorant -- (37)
14 Pelagic Cormorant -- (5),(37)
71 Double-crested Cormorant -- (2),(3),(4),(5),(21),(34),(39),(40),(41)
245 American White Pelican -- (1),(2),(3),(4),(21)
813 Brown Pelican -- (1),(2),(3),(4),(5),(37),(39),(40),(41)
9 Great Blue Heron -- (1),(21),(39),(41)
6 Great Egret -- (1),(2),(3),(34)
29 Snowy Egret -- (1),(2),(3),(4),(5),(39)
2 Green Heron -- (5)
4 Black-crowned Night-Heron -- (1),(4),(41)
6 White-faced Ibis -- (21)
41 Turkey Vulture -- (7),(11),(13),(14),(15),(21),(28),(30),(34)
2 Osprey -- (5),(34)
1 White-tailed Kite -- (1)
1 Northern Harrier -- (1)
1 Cooper's Hawk -- (23)
1 Sharp-shinned Hawk (36)
1 Bald Eagle -- (21)
2 Red-shouldered Hawk -- (5),(41)
9 Red-tailed Hawk -- (7),(15),(17),(24),(31),(34),(36),(41)
1 Belted Kingfisher -- (39)
3 Williamson's Sapsucker -- (14),(26)
9 Red-breasted Sapsucker -- (7),(18),(23),(24),(29),(30),(31)
20 Lewis's Woodpecker -- (10),(19),(21),(33)
42 Acorn Woodpecker -- (6),(7),(8),(9),(10),(11),(14),(35),(36),(38)
2 Black-backed Woodpecker -- (26)
5 Downy Woodpecker -- (6),(7),(24),(31),(40)
8 Nuttall's Woodpecker -- (6),(7),(8),(34),(35),(36)
12 Hairy Woodpecker -- (14),(16),(23),(24),(26),(28),(31),(32),(38)
9 White-headed Woodpecker -- (14),(16),(17),(18),(19)
1 Pileated Woodpecker -- (14)
12 Northern Flicker -- (6),(8),(14),(23),(24),(28),(30),(31),(36),(41)
2 American Kestrel -- (6),(23)
1 Peregrine Falcon -- (21)
1 Western Wood-Pewee -- (14)
3 Pacific-slope Flycatcher -- (1),(2),(36)
18 Black Phoebe -- (1),(2),(4),(5),(6),(8),(11),(12),(34),(36),(39),(40),(41)
8 Say's Phoebe -- (5),(6),(8),(17),(22),(31),(34)
1 Hutton's Vireo -- (15)
1 Warbling Vireo -- (11)
2 Loggerhead Shrike -- (24),(27)
55 Pinyon Jay -- (23),(32)
36 Steller's Jay -- (14),(15),(16),(17),(18),(19),(23),(28),(29),(30),(32),(38)
35 California Scrub-Jay -- (6),(7),(8),(10),(11),(13),(34),(35),(36),(41)
6 Black-billed Magpie -- (23),(24),(31)
6 Yellow-billed Magpie -- (7)
21 Clark's Nutcracker -- (17),(20),(23),(26),(32)

32 American Crow -- (1),(2),(4),(5),(6),(34),(36),(39),(41)
 47 Common Raven --
 (1),(6),(8),(10),(11),(13),(14),(15),(18),(21),(22),(27),(28),(29),(30),(33),(36),(39),(40),(41)
 69 Mountain Chickadee -- (14),(16),(17),(18),(19),(20),(23),(24),(26),(30),(31),(32),(33)
 7 Chestnut-backed Chickadee -- (5),(38),(40),(41)
 16 Oak Titmouse -- (6),(7),(8),(13),(35),(36)
 2 Barn Swallow -- (1)
 32 Bushtit -- (1),(4),(5),(34),(41)
 9 Wrentit -- (8),(11),(35),(36),(38)
 3 Ruby-crowned Kinglet -- (23),(30),(41)
 10 Golden-crowned Kinglet -- (14),(16),(18)
 33 Red-breasted Nuthatch -- (14),(15),(16),(17),(18),(20)
 12 White-breasted Nuthatch -- (6),(7),(8),(13),(14),(17),(29),(36)
 10 Brown Creeper -- (14),(16),(18),(23),(32)
 2 Canyon Wren -- (36)
 3 House Wren -- (6),(11),(13)
 5 Pacific Wren -- (14),(38)
 1 Marsh Wren -- (41, Mark only)
 21 Bewick's Wren -- (1),(2),(4),(5),(9),(14),(24),(31),(35),(36),(39)
 62 European Starling -- (1),(5),(6),(7),(27),(31),(34),(37),(40),(41)
 2 California Thrasher -- (8)
 1 Sage Thrasher -- (27)
 6 Northern Mockingbird -- (1),(34)
 18 Western Bluebird -- (5),(6),(13),(14),(36)
 9 Mountain Bluebird -- (17),(22),(26)
 1 Townsend's Solitaire -- (32)
 64 American Robin -- (1),(14),(16),(17),(18),(23),(24),(30),(32),(36),(38)
 4 Phainopepla -- (6)
 16 House Sparrow -- (34)
 53 House Finch -- (1),(2),(5),(6),(9),(10),(11),(28),(29),(34),(39),(40),(41)
 1 Purple Finch -- (15)
 15 Lesser Goldfinch -- (1),(5),(6),(13),(29),(38)
 12 Lawrence's Goldfinch -- (36)
 2 Chipping Sparrow -- (20)
 8 Lark Sparrow -- (7),(34)
 2 Fox Sparrow -- (17),(41)
 21 Dark-eyed Junco -- (14),(16),(17),(18),(20),(33),(35)
 120 White-crowned Sparrow --
 (1),(5),(6),(8),(14),(16),(17),(20),(21),(22),(23),(24),(25),(27),(30),(31),(34),(35),(36),(40),(41)
 15 Golden-crowned Sparrow -- (1),(4),(9),(14),(17),(39),(40),(41)
 1 Bell's Sparrow -- (35)
 1 Vesper Sparrow -- (31)
 8 Savannah Sparrow -- (3),(5),(17),(25)
 25 Song Sparrow -- (1),(5),(23),(24),(30),(31),(38),(39),(40),(41)
 10 Lincoln's Sparrow -- (1),(6),(10),(17),(30),(31)
 23 California Towhee -- (1),(2),(5),(6),(9),(11),(36),(39),(40)
 4 Rufous-crowned Sparrow -- (9),(10)
 11 Spotted Towhee -- (14),(17),(18),(28),(31),(35)
 1 Yellow-headed Blackbird -- (5)

6 Western Meadowlark -- (23),(34)
45 Red-winged Blackbird -- (1),(5),(15),(24),(25)
1 Tricolored Blackbird -- (5)
35 Brown-headed Cowbird -- (5)
91 Brewer's Blackbird -- (7),(15),(16),(21),(22),(24),(25),(27),(28),(29),(34),(37),(40)
13 Orange-crowned Warbler -- (5),(16),(17),(20),(23),(24),(29),(30),(32),(39)
1 MacGillivray's Warbler -- (17)
6 Common Yellowthroat -- (1),(2),(34)
21 Yellow Warbler -- (1),(4),(5),(6),(17),(23)
1 Palm Warbler -- (5)
41 Yellow-rumped Warbler -- (2),(14),(15),(16),(17),(18),(19),(21),(23),(28),(30),(34)
3 Black-throated Gray Warbler -- (14),(19)
4 Townsend's Warbler -- (9),(14),(38)
1 Hermit Warbler -- (18)
1 Wilson's Warbler -- (14)
5 Western Tanager -- (6),(11),(31),(34)

Additional species observed on October 1 pelagic trip (20):

Hawaiian Petrel
Sooty Shearwater
Pink-footed Shearwater
Buller's Shearwater
Ashy Storm-Petrel
Black Storm-Petrel
Wilson's Storm-Petrel
Black-footed Albatross
Common Murre
Marbled Murrelet
Rhinoceros Auklet
Tufted Puffin
Cassin's Auklet
Herring Gull
Sabine's Gull
Parasitic Jaeger
Pomarine Jaeger
South Polar Skua
Arctic Tern
Tennessee Warbler