

Birds of Sonoma County, California

12/10/21

Additions since 9/1/10

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The following information provides bird observation updates to the Birds of Sonoma County California published in 2012. This previous publication covered observations through 9/1/10. The current publication includes observations between 9/1/10 and 12/10/21. The basis for inclusion of observations is that they meet any of the following:

- 1) First county record (and subsequent records).
- 2) On California Bird Records Committee (CBRC) review list and approved by CBRC.
- 3) Only a single record during the period covered. In some cases, species with more than a single record were included.
- 4) Of other significant interest.

The species names and order match the American Ornithological Society Check-list of North American Birds, 7th Edition, including supplements through the 62nd Supplement.

Observations were collected from a variety of sources, including eBird, the CBRC records database, and the following online groups: northbaybirds, CALBIRDS, countybirders. Additionally, the following publications provided observations: Western Birds, North American Birds, Kite Tales, and Madrone Leaves.

Offshore bird records are assigned to Sonoma County based on nearest-point-of-land, meaning that the bird is considered to be in Sonoma County if the nearest-point-of-land is in Sonoma County.

Records are included based on the information available for those records. Records supported by identifiable photographs or audio recordings are strongly desired for rare birds. The next best are records with thorough written descriptions that eliminate similar species. In some cases, we've had to exclude records that didn't have adequate supporting information. We've also excluded records if they were rejected by the CBRC.

In addition to the species accounts, there is a chronological list of first Sonoma County records and an updated Sonoma County bird list.

Thank you to all of the birders that found and reported the birds included herein. A special thank you to Lisa Hug, David Hofmann, Eugene Hunn, Dan Nelson, and Dan Singer for providing information and/or reviewing portions of this paper.

EMPEROR GOOSE

(*Anser canagicus*)

One record: (1) Bodega Head, 3/18/20, 1 adult. Scott Carey, MOB. Photographed. Perched on rock island off of Bodega Head. Only present for one day. Accepted by CBRC. Fifth county record.

ROSS'S GOOSE

(*Anser rossii*)

The Ross's Goose that was present at Lucchesi Park in Petaluma since 2/22/99 was last seen 6/7/15 by Peter Colasanti after being present for over 16 years.

GREATER ROADRUNNER

(*Geococcyx californianus*)

One record: (1) Mt. St. Helena, 1/31/16, 1. Will Anderson, Brook O'Connor, Orion O'Connor. Bird seen in flight and then heard calling.

YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO

(*Coccyzus americanus*)

One record: (1) Owl Canyon, Bodega Harbor, 10/24/15 – 10/25/15, 1. Scott Sorby, Don Kirker, Will Anderson, MOB. Photographed.

LESSER NIGHTHAWK

(*Chordeiles acutipennis*)

Three records: (1) Highway 1 near Goat Rock Road, 11/6/17, 1 female. Jeff Miller. (2) Campbell Cove, 8/29/20, 1, apparent female. Kate Magoon. Presumably the same bird was seen at the same location on 8/30/20 by Mario Balitbit. Both observers took identifiable photographs of the bird. Both times the bird was seen flying in the evening before dark.

BROAD-BILLED HUMMINGBIRD

(*Cynanthus latirostris*)

One record: (1) The Sea Ranch, 10/2/20, 1 male. Marianne and John Batchelder. Apparently present through at least 10/6/20. Photographed. Third county record.

BAR-TAILED GODWIT

(*Limosa lapponica*)

One record: (1) Doran Beach, Bodega Harbor, 5/6/17, 1. Lorri Gong. Photographed. Found dead (wing). Accepted by CBRC. Second county record.

SHARP-TAILED SANDPIPER

(*Calidris acuminata*)

Three records: (1) Shollenberger Park, Petaluma, 10/4/11, 1. Eugene Hunn, Bob Dyer, Lisa Hug. Starting on 10/10/11 a second bird was present. The last date these two birds were seen was 10/22/11. (2) Bodega Harbor, 9/21/12 – 9/23/12, 1 immature. Jules Evens, MOB. (3) Valley Ford Wetlands, 10/19/20, 1. Mario Balitbit. Photographed.

CURLEW SANDPIPER

(*Calidris ferruginea*)

Single bird near Westside Regional Park and Spud Point, Bodega Harbor, 9/19/12. Gordon Beebe. In alternate plumage. Photographed. Accepted by CBRC. First county record.

BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER

(*Calidris subruficollis*)

One record: (1) Valley Ford Wetlands, 9/2/20, 1 juvenile. Lucas Corneliusen, Noah Arthur, Scott Carey.

THICK-BILLED MURRE

(*Uria lomvia*)

Single bird approximately 14 km WSW of Bodega Head (38.26676, -123.22267), 10/9/16. Mario Balitbit, Steve Howell, MOB. Photographed. Accepted by CBRC. Second county record.

LONG-BILLED MURRELET

(*Brachyramphus perdix*)

Single bird scoped off Bodega Head, 12/4/11. Rich Stallcup, Marauding Skuas. Third county record.

GUADALUPE MURRELET

(*Synthliboramphus hypoleucus*)

Four records: (1) Bodega Canyon, 10/10/11, 2. Eugene Hunn, MOB. First county record. (2) Bodega Canyon (38.2097, -123.4679), 8/22/15, 2. Steve Howell, David Pereksta, Kenneth Petersen, Scott Somershoe. (3) Cordell Bank (38.1134, -123.5679), 9/18/15, 1. Shearwater Journeys, MOB. (4) Offshore Sonoma County (38.1360, -123.5474), 9/23/18, 2. MOB.

PARAKEET AUKLET

(*Aethia psittacula*)

One record: (1) North of Cordell Bank (38.14124,-123.39958), 4/25/21, 1. Rachel Lawrence, Alex Henry, MOB. Photographed. First county record.

HORNED PUFFIN

(*Fratercula corniculata*)

Single adult off Bodega Head, 6/20/20. Eugene Hunn. Photographed. This is perhaps the same bird that was later present at Southeast Farallon Island 6/30/20 through 8/25/20.

SWALLOW-TAILED GULL

(*Creagrus furcatus*)

One record: (1) Bodega Head, 10/5/17, 1 adult. Clay Johnson. Photographed. Accepted by CBRC. First county record. Third record for California. This bird was photographed and remained unidentified until after photographs were posted by the observer on Facebook on 11/19/17. It was only seen by the original observer. It seems likely that this was the same bird that was present 8/31/17 through 9/10/17 north of Seattle, Washington based on the extreme rarity of this species in the United States.

LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL

(*Larus fuscus*)

An adult gull found by Noah Arthur at Shollenberger Park and identified by him as a Taimyr Gull has returned for six winters at this location as of December 2021. The taxonomic status of Taimyr Gull is unresolved though most authorities currently consider it a subspecies of Lesser Black-backed Gull. This record may need to be reconsidered in the future. First found 12/6/16 by Noah Arthur. Next seen 11/24/17 by Noah Arthur. Date ranges for this and subsequent winters are 11/24/17 – 3/22/18, 12/1/18 – 3/16/19, 11/23/19 – 3/13/20, 11/28/20 – 12/30/20. Most sightings by Noah Arthur but seen and photographed by many others also. Reported again 12/2/21 by Noah Arthur. What was presumably this same bird was seen at nearby Redwood Landfill in Marin County on 12/17/20. Noah Arthur, Lisa Hug. First Sonoma County record for this species.

SLATY-BACKED GULL

(Larus schistisagus)

Three records: (1) Russian River Mouth, 2/20/12, 1 adult. Todd Easterla. Photographed. Accepted by CBRC. First county record. Seen through 2/22/12. Ruth Rudesill. (2) Russian River Mouth, 3/4/12, 1 adult. Todd Easterla. Photographed. Accepted by CBRC. (3) Porto Bodega, Bodega Harbor, 11/23/21 – 11/25/21, 1 near adult. Lisa Hug, MOB. Photographed. Submitted to CBRC. After being found on 11/23/21, this bird was identified in a photograph taken earlier on 11/21/21 at Doran Regional Park by Caleb Snarr. There have additionally been a number of possible Slaty-backed Gulls reported but only the first two above have been accepted by the CBRC (and the third is a classic individual that is expected to be accepted).

ROYAL TERN

(Thalasseus maximus)

Three records: (1) Bodega Harbor, 7/14/13, 1 adult. Rick Le Baudour. Photographed. First county record. This bird wasn't identified until 9/3/13 when it was found among photographs taken on the prior date. (2) Bodega Harbor, 7/24/13, 1 adult. William Grummer. Photographed. Discovery of this bird led to the photo search which resulted in the discovery of the first record. These two records are likely the same bird. (3) Bodega Head, 3/22/20, 1. Bob Toleno, Juli Chamberlin. Worn winter plumage. Flying north. Not photographed. Good description.

YELLOW-BILLED LOON

(Gavia adamsii)

Two records: (1) Bodega Harbor, 11/23/13 – 11/26/13, 1 juvenile. Eugene Hunn, MOB. Accepted by CBRC. (2) Salmon Creek Beach, 11/9/14, 1. Orion O'Connor. Found dead. Photographed. Accepted by CBRC.

WHITE-CAPPED ALBATROSS

(Thalassarche cauta)

One record (prior to current review period): (1) Near The Football, 9/25/99, 1. Vince Orsini. Accepted by CBRC. First county record. Per the CBRC, this is thought to be the same individual that was seen off Point Arena, Mendocino County on 8/24/99. This bird was initially identified as a Shy Albatross before the species was split three ways into White-capped, Chatham, and Salvin's Albatrosses. This record from Sonoma County was reassessed to be a White-capped Albatross by the CBRC. There are apparently no photographs of this bird.

CHATHAM ALBATROSS

(Thalassarche eremita)

One record (prior to current review period): (1) Offshore Sonoma County, 7/27/01, 1. Dan Nelson. Photographed. Accepted by CBRC. First and only state record to date. This bird was reviewed and accepted by the CBRC as occurring in Marin County, but the bird made four appearances over a period of more than two hours - the latter two of these visits were in Sonoma County waters based on Dan's coordinates. The coordinates of these two observations are (38.15389, -123.34611) and (38.15694, -123.34417).

SHORT-TAILED ALBATROSS

(Phoebastria albatrus)

Four records: (1) Northwest of Cordell Bank (38.13208, -123.57136), 11/20/10, 1 first fall. Dan Singer, Todd McGrath, Glen Tepke, Kenneth Petersen. Photographed. Accepted by CBRC. (2) Bodega Canyon (38.19320, -123.47380), 11/19/11, 1 likely first year. Dan Singer, Kenneth Petersen. Photographed. Accepted by CBRC. (3) Bodega Canyon (38.17250, -123.56194), 10/20/13, 1 juvenile. Steve Howell, Thomas Blackman, Todd McGrath, David Pereksta, Brian Patteson, Kate Sutherland, Vince Orsini. Photographed. Accepted by CBRC. (4) 8.5 miles west of Bodega Head, 5/22/21, 1 third cycle. Michael Force. Photographed. These are the fifth through eighth Sonoma County records for this species.

LEAST STORM-PETREL

(Hydrobates microsoma)

One record: (1) Bodega Canyon, 9/30/12, 1. Steve Howell, David Pereksta, Adam Searcy, Mike Danzenbaker, Greg Scyphers, Ken Peterson. Photographed. First county record.

MURPHY'S PETREL

(Pterodroma ultima)

Twelve records: (1) 4/30/10, 3. Ryan Merrill, Michael Willison. First county record. (2) 5/12/11, 2. Todd Hass, Michael Woodruff. (3) 3/20/15, 1. Paul Lehman, MOB. Photographed. (4) 4/28/15, 20. Paul Lehman, MOB. (5) 4/1/16, 2. Rick Taylor. (6) 5/4/16, 2. Brian Sullivan, Paul Fenwick, MOB. Photographed. (7) 4/8/17, 1. Scott Terrill, MOB. (8) 4/28/18, 3. Paul Lehman, MOB. Photographed. (9) 5/2/18, 1. Ron Thorn, Leonie Batkin. (10) 5/10/18, 1. Robert Bowker. (11) 4/28/19, 4. Paul Lehman, MOB. Seen in "extreme northern Sonoma and Mendocino Counties". (12) Near Bodega Canyon (38.15333, -123.72206), 5/23/21, 1. Lucas Corneliussen, Mario Balitbit, MOB. Photographed. Seen during pelagic trip out of Bodega Harbor. Most of these were seen from repositioning cruises and all were offshore at or beyond the edge of the continental shelf.

HAWAIIAN PETREL

(Pterodroma sandwichensis)

Six records: (1) Bodega Canyon, 9/21/12, 1. Debra Shearwater, Trevor Codlin, MOB. Photographed. Accepted by CBRC. First county record of Hawaiian Petrel (prior records were only identifiable as Hawaiian/Galapagos Petrel). (2) Edge of continental shelf, 4/28/15, 3. Paul Lehman, Jared Dawson, MOB. (3) Beyond continental shelf (38.1827, -124.0289), 4/25/18, 1. Brian Sullivan, Ed McVicker, MOB. Photographed. (4) Beyond continental shelf, 5/10/18, 1. Paul Lehman, MOB. (5) Near Bodega Canyon (38.18234, -123.72365), 5/23/21, 1. Jackie Sones, Lucas Corneliussen, Mario Balitbit, MOB. Photographed. (6) 15 miles west of Bodega Head (38.341, -123.333), 8/15/21, 1. Dan Nelson, MOB. Photographed. Records #2 through #4 were seen from cruise ships. The CBRC stopped reviewing Hawaiian Petrel records in 2013.

BLUE-FOOTED BOOBY

(Sula nebouxii)

One or more birds present 9/16/13 – 9/25/13. Dan Nelson, Alan Wight, MOB. On 9/16/13, Dan Nelson saw 2-3 boobies diving offshore of Bodega Head. Early the next morning, 9/17/13, Alan Wight identified and photographed an immature Blue-footed Booby flying north off Bodega Head. Later that morning, Dan saw and photographed two or three from Bodega Head. One or two birds (mostly one) were seen through 9/25/13. Accepted by CBRC. First county record. 2013 was an invasion year for this species with many showing up in the fall along the Northern California coast.

BROWN BOOBY

(Sula leucogaster)

Several records to date, including: (1) Bodega Bay, 4/7/13, 1. Sue Pemberton. Bird found dead. First county record. (2) Bodega Harbor, 5/22/13, 1. John Luther, Benjamin D. Parmeter, Alan Wight, Dan Nelson, MOB. Seen daily within Bodega Harbor through 5/27/13. Additionally, single birds were seen offshore of Sonoma County on pelagic boat trips on 10/18/13, 8/21/15, 8/22/15, 9/6/15, 10/11/15, 10/25/15, 8/20/17, and 10/6/19.

RED-FOOTED BOOBY

(Sula sula)

Single bird seen 9/27/20 in Sonoma County waters during pelagic trip to Cordell Bank. Photographed. Lisa Hug, Brook O'Connor, Mario Balitbit, Eugene Hunn, Scott Carey, Ann Dewart, Dan Singer, Lucas Stephenson, Mark Stephenson, MOB. First county record.

LITTLE BLUE HERON

(Egretta caerulea)

One record: (1) Bodega Harbor, 6/22/19, 1. Matt Davis. Photographed. Adult. Sixth county record. It seems likely that this is the same adult bird that was present east of San Rafael in Marin County from 12/7/18 through 4/24/19.

BLACK VULTURE

(Coragyps atratus)

Twelve occurrences of what is considered to be the same individual: (1) Tolay Creek Preserve, 3/21/14, 1. Steve Phillips, Josiah Clark. First county record. (2) Bodega Farm Pond, 4/13/14, 1. Dominik Mosur, Bruce Mast, Lisa Hug, Logan Kahle. Present through 4/14/14, John Luther. (3) Laguna Road off Guerneville Road, 4/16/14, 1. Gordon Beebe. (4) Larkfield, 8/8/14 – 8/11/14, 1. Fide Colin Talcroft. (5) Bodega Harbor, 10/9/16, 1. Randy Breaux, Moss Henry. (6) Bodega Harbor, 10/22/16, 1, Rick Le Baudour. Photographed. First found at Porto Bodega. Last seen at Spud Point, 11/8/16, Chris Dunford, Joe Clemens, John Mott-Smith, Sami LaRocca. Seen by many in the Bodega Harbor area in the interim. (7) Bloomfield Road, 12/29/16, 1. Thomas Koffel. Photographed. (8) Occidental Road near Bohemian Creamery, 1/14/17, 1. Sean Peterson, Lynn Schofield. Photographed. Last seen in the same area, 3/8/17, Albert Linkowski. Seen by many in the same area in the interim. (9) Bodega Harbor, 1/22/18, 1. Lisa Hug, Jerry Meral. Photographed. Last seen in the same area, 1/30/18, Elias Elias. Seen by a few in the same area in the interim. (10) Hole-in-the-Head, Bodega Harbor, 9/24/19, 1, Eugene Hunn. Photographed. Last seen nearby in Doran Regional Park, 10/9/19, Jeff Valfer. Seen by a few in the same area in the interim. (11) Willow Creek Road, 3/31/20, 1, Josh Snead. Photographed. (12) Boyes Hot Springs, 10/2/20, 1, Anke Snow. Photographed. All records were accepted by CBRC (and considered to be the same individual) except for records #4 and #5 (which have not been submitted). Per the CBRC, this individual was also seen many times in Marin County and once in Santa Cruz County (2/15/18) between the sightings in Sonoma County.

NORTHERN GOSHAWK

(Accipiter gentilis)

Two records: (1) Mt. St. Helena, 10/29/12, 1 adult. Eugene Hunn. (2) Ida Clayton Road, 4/26/15, 1 adult. Dan Nelson, Suzanne Medina.

COMMON BLACK HAWK

(Buteogallus anthracinus)

As of this writing, the Common Black Hawk that has been intermittently present at Laguna de Santa Rosa in the vicinity of Guerneville Road since 5/14/05 has not been seen since 7/24/20, when Dessi Sieburth reported it from Lynmar Winery.

ZONE-TAILED HAWK

(Buteo albonotatus)

Single bird, east of City of Sonoma, 12/28/18 – 12/31/18, Eugene Hunn, MOB. Excellent photographs were taken. Second county record.

DUSKY-CAPPED FLYCATCHER

(Myiarchus tuberculifer)

One record: (1) Campbell Cove, Bodega Harbor, 11/26/13, 1. Rob O'Donnell, Lisa Hug, Jackie Sones, Carolyn Sones. Photographed. Accepted by CBRC. Fourth county record.

GREAT CRESTED FLYCATCHER

(Myiarchus crinitus)

One record: (1) Green Cove Drive, Sea Ranch, 10/1/20, 1. Ken Burton. Photographed and calls recorded. Accepted by CBRC. Second county record.

SULPHUR-BELLIED FLYCATCHER

(Myiodynastes luteiventris)

One record: (1) Santa Rosa Creek, Santa Rosa, 8/10/21, 1. Brian Webb, Liza Vekony. Heard only. Calls recorded. On 8/11/21, Brian Webb heard the bird again and saw it, getting photographs and a recording. The bird was first identified on 8/14/21 by Don Kirker when he saw it with Brian Webb and Ruth Rudesill. After being identified, the bird was seen daily along the creek by many observers through 8/24/21. Not yet reviewed by CBRC. Second county record. This is only the sixth record for California since 2010.

CASSIN'S KINGBIRD

(Tyrannus vociferans)

One record: (1) Jenner Headlands Preserve, 4/26/12, 1. Peter Colasanti. Photographed. Second county record.

SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER

(Tyrannus forficatus)

One record: (1) Just north of Diekmann's Store, Bodega Bay, 5/2/20 – 5/5/20, 1 immature. Rick Le Baudour, MOB. Photographed. Fifth county record.

FORK-TAILED FLYCATCHER

(Tyrannus savana)

Single bird with fully developed tail, Sea Ranch, 9/12/17, Pat Friedman. Accepted by CBRC. Third California state record. Second county record.

VERMILION FLYCATCHER

(Pyrocephalus rubinus)

Two records: (1) Bodega Head, 5/2/18, 1 female/immature. Brook O'Connor. First county record. (2) Shollenberger Park, 11/13/21 – 11/17/21, 1, immature male. Caitlin McCrory-Tomelden, Dan Nelson. Photographed.

NORTHERN SHRIKE

(Lanius borealis)

Single bird seen at Tolay Regional Park, 3/20/19, Craig Roth, Peter Colasanti.

WHITE-EYED VIREO

(Vireo griseus)

Single bird at Campbell Cove, 6/7/15 – 6/8/15, Dan Nelson, Brook O'Connor, Eugene Hunn, Ruth Rudesill, Benjamin D. Parmeter, Alan Wight, MOB. Singing. Voice recorded. Accepted by CBRC. First county record.

BELL'S VIREO

(Vireo bellii)

One record: (1) Campbell Cove, Bodega Harbor, 10/2/15 – 10/5/15. Eugene Hunn, Brook O'Connor, Orion O'Connor, MOB. Photographed. First county record.

YELLOW-THROATED VIREO

(Vireo flavifrons)

Two records: (1) Spring Lake, Santa Rosa, 9/16/12 – 9/20/12, 1. Jim Lomax, MOB. First county record. (2) Owl Canyon, Bodega Harbor, 6/4/14 – 6/5/14. Dan Nelson, Lisa Hug. Singing. Second county record.

PHILADELPHIA VIREO

(Vireo philadelphicus)

One record: (1) Owl Canyon, Bodega Harbor, 9/3/14. Eugene Hunn.

YELLOW-GREEN VIREO

(Vireo flavoviridis)

Three records: (1) Owl Canyon, Bodega Harbor, 10/10/14 – 10/11/14, 1. Gordon Beebe, Dan Nelson, MOB. Photographed. Accepted by CBRC. First county record. (2) Below Diekmann’s Store, Bodega Harbor, 10/31/15, 1. Gordon Beebe. Photographed. Second county record. (3) Cypress grove on Bodega Head, 10/12/16, 1. Jeff Miller. Good description. Third county record. Note that CBRC review of Yellow-green Vireo records ended in 2014.

CLARK’S NUTCRACKER

(Nucifraga columbiana)

One record: (1) Mt. St. Helena North Peak, 1/15/15, 1. Doug Shaw, Brook O’Connor, Orion O’Connor.

MOUNTAIN CHICKADEE

(Poecile gambeli)

One record: (1) Bodega Head, 5/26/16, 1. Murray Berner. Photographed. Third county record.

SCALY-BREASTED MUNIA

(Lonchura punctulata)

This introduced species has been seen at three locations: (1) Laguna Farm, Sebastopol. Two birds on 3/6/19. Six birds on 3/7/19. Josh Snead. Photographed. Seen by many March through May 2019 then again on 10/11/19, 10/27/20, and 12/7/21 by Josh Snead. This introduced species is now on the official California state list. First county record. (2) Residence along Freestone Valley Ford Road. Two birds. 11/21/19 – 11/22/19. Josh Snead. Photographed. (3) Shollenberger Park, Petaluma, 11/18/21, 2. Chris Ortega.

Records of this species have increased dramatically in the San Francisco Bay Area in the last ten years. It seems reasonable to assume that these Sonoma County birds are part of that expansion. The addition of this species to the county list increases the number of introduced species in the county to seven.

RED-THROATED PIPIT

(Anthus cervinus)

One record: (1) Ellis Creek Water Recycling Facility, Petaluma, 9/14/15, 1. Roger Marlowe. Photographed. Seventh county record.

CHESTNUT-COLLARED LONGSPUR

(Calcarius ornatus)

One record: (1) Jenner Headlands Preserve, 10/11/10, 1. Ryan DiGaudio. On 11/3/10, Ryan saw two birds of this species at the same location. Photographed. Third county record.

BLACK-THROATED SPARROW

(*Amphispiza bilineata*)

Two records: (1) Forestville, 9/5/16, 1 juvenile. Susan Martin. Photographed. Brought to Veronica Bower at Native Songbird Care and Conservation after it sustained injuries from hitting a window. It made a full recovery and was released locally. Third county record. (2) Hole-in-the-Head, 9/4/19 – 9/6/19, 1. Eugene Hunn, MOB. Photographed. First year bird. Fourth county record.

BLACK-CHINNED SPARROW

(*Spizella atrogularis*)

One record: (1) Upper end of Pine Flat Road, 5/1/21 – 5/12/21, 1 male. Alan Wight, Don Kirker, MOB. Singing and moving around in burnt chaparral along the last half mile of road at the upper end. Photographed. Singing male.

AMERICAN TREE SPARROW

(*Spizelloides arborea*)

One record: (1) Owl Canyon, Bodega Harbor, 11/23/19, 1. Adrian Hinkle. Photographed. Later found the same day at Campbell Cove by Rick Le Baudour. Present at Campbell Cove through 11/25/19. Seen by many observers. Fifth county record.

RUSTY BLACKBIRD

(*Euphagus carolinus*)

One record: (1) Pepper Road one mile west of Stony Point Road, 12/10/20 – 12/23/20, 1. Lisa Hug, MOB. Photographed. Winter male. Second county record.

GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER

(*Vermivora chrysoptera*)

Single bird at Campbell Cove, 9/5/18 – 9/8/18. Brook O'Connor, Tony Briggs, Dan Nelson, MOB. Adult male. Photographed. Accepted by CBRC. First county record.

LUCY'S WARBLER

(*Leiothlypis luciae*)

One record: (1) Dickmann's Store, Bodega Harbor, 1/15/15 – 3/22/15, 1. Dea Freid, MOB. Photographed. Fifth county record.

VIRGINIA'S WARBLER

(*Leiothlypis virginiae*)

Two records: (1) Freestone Valley Ford Road, 10/9/18 – 10/11/18, 1. Josh Snead, MOB. Photographed. The bird remained in the finder's yard for three days. (2) Owl Canyon, Bodega Harbor, 6/2/20, 1 male. Tony Briggs. Good description.

CAPE MAY WARBLER

(*Setophaga tigrina*)

Two records: (1) Owl Canyon, Bodega Harbor, 9/26/12, 1. Steve Tracy, Dan Nelson, MOB. Photographed. Probable immature male. Accepted by CBRC. (2) Bodega Marine Lab, 9/30/12 – 10/1/12, 1. Jackie Sones, Scott Carey, Dan Nelson, MOB. Photographed. Immature male. Accepted by CBRC. This bird and the previous bird were treated as two individuals by CBRC. (3) Bodega Marine Lab Residences, 9/15/17, 1. Peter Colasanti. Hatch year. Apparently not submitted to CBRC. These are the second, third, and fourth county records.

PINE WARBLER

(Setophaga pinus)

Single bird at Owl Canyon, Bodega Harbor, 10/11/16 – 10/12/16. Alan Wight, Don Kirker, Eugene Hunn, David Hofmann, Brook O'Connor. Photographed. First county record. Not identified to species until 10/12/16 (by Eugene Hunn).

YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER

(Setophaga dominica)

Single bird heard singing in gulch along Eastshore Road, Bodega Bay, 5/27/15. Dan Nelson. Recorded singing repeatedly. Not seen. First county record.

BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER

(Setophaga virens)

Single bird seen at Logan Place, Petaluma, 9/28/21. Levi Rehberg. Well photographed. First county record.

FIRST SONOMA COUNTY RECORDS 2011 - 2020

The following is a complete list of first Sonoma County records from January 1, 2011 through December 10, 2021 plus one prior record not included in the previous Birds of Sonoma County California:

Species	Date	Number	Observer(s)	Location
Murphy's Petrel	4/30/10	3	Ryan Merrill, Michael Willison	West of continental shelf
Guadalupe Murrelet	10/10/11	2	Eugene Hunn, MOB	Bodega Canyon
Slaty-backed Gull	2/20/12	1	Todd Easterla	Russian River Mouth
Yellow-throated Vireo	9/16/12	1	Jim Lomax	Spring Lake Regional Park
Curlew Sandpiper	9/19/12	1	Gordon Beebe	Bodega Harbor
Hawaiian Petrel	9/21/12	1	Debra Shearwater, MOB	Bodega Canyon
Least Storm-Petrel	9/30/12	1	Steve Howell	Bodega Canyon
Brown Booby	4/7/13	1	Sue Pemberton	Bodega Bay
Royal Tern	7/14/13	1	William Grummer, Rick Le Baudour	Doran Regional Park, Bodega Harbor
Blue-footed Booby	9/16/13	2-3	Dan Nelson, Alan Wight	Off Bodega Head
Black Vulture	3/21/14	1	Steve Phillips, Josiah Clark	Tolay Creek Regional Park
Yellow-green Vireo	10/10/14	1	Gordon Beebe	Owl Canyon, Bodega Harbor
Yellow-throated Warbler	5/27/15	1	Dan Nelson	Bodega Bay
White-eyed Vireo	6/7/15	1	Dan Nelson	Campbell Cove, Bodega Harbor
Bell's Vireo	10/2/15	1	Eugene Hunn	Campbell Cove, Bodega Harbor
Pine Warbler	10/11/16	1	Alan Wight, Don Kirker, Eugene Hunn	Owl Canyon, Bodega Harbor
Lesser Black-backed Gull	12/6/16	1	Noah Arthur	Shollenberger Park, Petaluma
Swallow-tailed Gull	10/5/17	1	Clay Johnson	Bodega Head
Vermilion Flycatcher	5/2/18	1	Brook O'Connor	Bodega Head
Golden-winged Warbler	9/5/18	1	Brook O'Connor, Tony Briggs, Dan Nelson	Campbell Cove, Bodega Harbor
Scaly-breasted Munia	3/6/19	2	Josh Snead	Laguna Farm, Sebastopol
Red-footed Booby	9/27/20	1	MOB	Offshore Sonoma County
Parakeet Auklet	4/25/21	1	Rachel Lawrence, Alex Henry, MOB	North of Cordell Bank
Black-throated Green Warbler	9/28/21	1	Levi Rehberg	Petaluma

Note that the Hawaiian Petrel record is the first identifiable to species. All prior Sonoma County records were identified as Dark-rumped (Hawaiian/Galapagos) Petrel.

SONOMA COUNTY BIRD LIST

The following is a complete list of Sonoma County birds as of December 10, 2021. The county list stands at 461 species, including seven introduced species and one extirpated species (California Condor). Note that pelagic bird records are included on the Sonoma County list based on the nearest-point-of-land method for determining county of occurrence. The species names and order follow the American Ornithological Society Check-list of North American Birds, 7th Edition, including supplements through the 62nd Supplement. Introduced species are marked with an “I”.

Emperor Goose	Rock Pigeon (I)	Ruff
Snow Goose	Band-tailed Pigeon	Sharp-tailed Sandpiper
Ross's Goose	Eurasian Collared-Dove (I)	Stilt Sandpiper
Greater White-fronted Goose	White-winged Dove	Curlew Sandpiper
Brant	Mourning Dove	Sanderling
Cackling Goose	Greater Roadrunner	Dunlin
Canada Goose	Yellow-billed Cuckoo	Rock Sandpiper
Tundra Swan	Lesser Nighthawk	Baird's Sandpiper
Wood Duck	Common Nighthawk	Least Sandpiper
Blue-winged Teal	Common Poorwill	Buff-breasted Sandpiper
Cinnamon Teal	Black Swift	Pectoral Sandpiper
Northern Shoveler	Vaux's Swift	Semipalmated Sandpiper
Gadwall	White-throated Swift	Western Sandpiper
Eurasian Wigeon	Black-chinned Hummingbird	Short-billed Dowitcher
American Wigeon	Anna's Hummingbird	Long-billed Dowitcher
Mallard	Costa's Hummingbird	Wilson's Snipe
Northern Pintail	Calliope Hummingbird	Spotted Sandpiper
Green-winged Teal	Rufous Hummingbird	Solitary Sandpiper
Canvasback	Allen's Hummingbird	Wandering Tattler
Redhead	Broad-billed Hummingbird	Lesser Yellowlegs
Ring-necked Duck	Violet-crowned Hummingbird	Willet
Tufted Duck	Ridgway's Rail	Greater Yellowlegs
Greater Scaup	Virginia Rail	Wilson's Phalarope
Lesser Scaup	Sora	Red-necked Phalarope
Steller's Eider	Common Gallinule	Red Phalarope
King Eider	American Coot	South Polar Skua
Harlequin Duck	Yellow Rail	Pomarine Jaeger
Surf Scoter	Black Rail	Parasitic Jaeger
White-winged Scoter	Sandhill Crane	Long-tailed Jaeger
Black Scoter	Black-necked Stilt	Common Murre
Long-tailed Duck	American Avocet	Thick-billed Murre
Bufflehead	Black Oystercatcher	Pigeon Guillemot
Common Goldeneye	Black-bellied Plover	Long-billed Murrelet
Barrow's Goldeneye	American Golden-Plover	Marbled Murrelet
Hooded Merganser	Pacific Golden-Plover	Scripps's Murrelet
Common Merganser	Killdeer	Guadalupe Murrelet
Red-breasted Merganser	Semipalmated Plover	Craveri's Murrelet
Ruddy Duck	Lesser Sand-Plover	Ancient Murrelet
Mountain Quail	Mountain Plover	Cassin's Auklet
California Quail	Snowy Plover	Parakeet Auklet
Wild Turkey (I)	Whimbrel	Crested Auklet
Sooty Grouse	Long-billed Curlew	Rhinoceros Auklet
Ring-necked Pheasant (I)	Bar-tailed Godwit	Horned Puffin
Pied-billed Grebe	Hudsonian Godwit	Tufted Puffin
Horned Grebe	Marbled Godwit	Swallow-tailed Gull
Red-necked Grebe	Ruddy Turnstone	Black-legged Kittiwake
Eared Grebe	Black Turnstone	Sabine's Gull
Western Grebe	Red Knot	Bonaparte's Gull
Clark's Grebe	Surfbird	Laughing Gull

Franklin's Gull
Heermann's Gull
Short-billed Gull
Ring-billed Gull
Western Gull
California Gull
Herring Gull
Iceland Gull
Lesser Black-backed Gull
Slaty-backed Gull
Glaucous-winged Gull
Glaucous Gull
Sooty Tern
Least Tern
Caspian Tern
Black Tern
Common Tern
Arctic Tern
Forster's Tern
Royal Tern
Elegant Tern
Black Skimmer
Red-throated Loon
Arctic Loon
Pacific Loon
Common Loon
Yellow-billed Loon
White-capped Albatross
Chatham Albatross
Wandering Albatross
Laysan Albatross
Black-footed Albatross
Short-tailed Albatross
Wilson's Storm-Petrel
Fork-tailed Storm-Petrel
Leach's Storm-Petrel
Ashy Storm-Petrel
Black Storm-Petrel
Least Storm-Petrel
Northern Fulmar
Murphy's Petrel
Hawaiian Petrel
Cook's Petrel
Streaked Shearwater
Cory's Shearwater
Buller's Shearwater
Short-tailed Shearwater
Sooty Shearwater
Great Shearwater
Pink-footed Shearwater
Flesh-footed Shearwater
Manx Shearwater
Black-vented Shearwater
Wood Stork
Magnificent Frigatebird
Blue-footed Booby
Brown Booby
Red-footed Booby
Brandt's Cormorant

Pelagic Cormorant
Double-crested Cormorant
American White Pelican
Brown Pelican
American Bittern
Least Bittern
Great Blue Heron
Great Egret
Snowy Egret
Little Blue Heron
Tricolored Heron
Cattle Egret
Green Heron
Black-crowned Night-Heron
White-faced Ibis
California Condor
Black Vulture
Turkey Vulture
Osprey
White-tailed Kite
Swallow-tailed Kite
Golden Eagle
Northern Harrier
Sharp-shinned Hawk
Cooper's Hawk
Northern Goshawk
Bald Eagle
Common Black Hawk
Red-shouldered Hawk
Broad-winged Hawk
Swainson's Hawk
Zone-tailed Hawk
Red-tailed Hawk
Rough-legged Hawk
Ferruginous Hawk
Barn Owl
Western Screech-Owl
Great Horned Owl
Snowy Owl
Northern Pygmy-Owl
Burrowing Owl
Spotted Owl
Barred Owl
Long-eared Owl
Short-eared Owl
Northern Saw-whet Owl
Belted Kingfisher
Lewis's Woodpecker
Acorn Woodpecker
Williamson's Sapsucker
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
Red-naped Sapsucker
Red-breasted Sapsucker
Downy Woodpecker
Nuttall's Woodpecker
Hairy Woodpecker
White-headed Woodpecker
Northern Flicker
Pileated Woodpecker

Crested Caracara
American Kestrel
Merlin
Peregrine Falcon
Prairie Falcon
Dusky-capped Flycatcher
Ash-throated Flycatcher
Great Crested Flycatcher
Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher
Tropical Kingbird
Cassin's Kingbird
Western Kingbird
Eastern Kingbird
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher
Fork-tailed Flycatcher
Olive-sided Flycatcher
Western Wood-Pewee
Eastern Wood-Pewee
Willow Flycatcher
Least Flycatcher
Hammond's Flycatcher
Gray Flycatcher
Dusky Flycatcher
Pacific-slope Flycatcher
Black Phoebe
Eastern Phoebe
Say's Phoebe
Vermilion Flycatcher
White-eyed Vireo
Bell's Vireo
Hutton's Vireo
Yellow-throated Vireo
Cassin's Vireo
Blue-headed Vireo
Plumbeous Vireo
Philadelphia Vireo
Warbling Vireo
Red-eyed Vireo
Yellow-green Vireo
Loggerhead Shrike
Northern Shrike
Canada Jay
Steller's Jay
Blue Jay
California Scrub-Jay
Clark's Nutcracker
Yellow-billed Magpie
American Crow
Common Raven
Mountain Chickadee
Chestnut-backed Chickadee
Oak Titmouse
Horned Lark
Bank Swallow
Tree Swallow
Violet-green Swallow
Northern Rough-winged Swallow
Purple Martin
Barn Swallow

Cliff Swallow
Bushtit
Wrentit
Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Golden-crowned Kinglet
Bohemian Waxwing
Cedar Waxwing
Phainopepla
Red-breasted Nuthatch
White-breasted Nuthatch
Pygmy Nuthatch
Brown Creeper
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
Rock Wren
Canyon Wren
House Wren
Pacific Wren
Marsh Wren
Bewick's Wren
Gray Catbird
Brown Thrasher
California Thrasher
Sage Thrasher
Northern Mockingbird
European Starling (I)
American Dipper
Western Bluebird
Mountain Bluebird
Townsend's Solitaire
Swainson's Thrush
Hermit Thrush
American Robin
Varied Thrush
Northern Wheatear
Scaly-breasted Munia (I)
House Sparrow (I)
Eastern Yellow Wagtail
Red-throated Pipit
American Pipit
Evening Grosbeak
House Finch
Purple Finch
Cassin's Finch
Red Crossbill
Pine Siskin
Lesser Goldfinch
Lawrence's Goldfinch
American Goldfinch
Lapland Longspur
Chestnut-collared Longspur
Snow Bunting
Grasshopper Sparrow

Black-throated Sparrow
Lark Sparrow
Lark Bunting
Chipping Sparrow
Clay-colored Sparrow
Black-chinned Sparrow
Brewer's Sparrow
Fox Sparrow
American Tree Sparrow
Dark-eyed Junco
White-crowned Sparrow
Golden-crowned Sparrow
Harris's Sparrow
White-throated Sparrow
Bell's Sparrow
Vesper Sparrow
Savannah Sparrow
Song Sparrow
Lincoln's Sparrow
Swamp Sparrow
California Towhee
Rufous-crowned Sparrow
Green-tailed Towhee
Spotted Towhee
Yellow-breasted Chat
Yellow-headed Blackbird
Bobolink
Western Meadowlark
Orchard Oriole
Hooded Oriole
Bullock's Oriole
Baltimore Oriole
Scott's Oriole
Red-winged Blackbird
Tricolored Blackbird
Brown-headed Cowbird
Rusty Blackbird
Brewer's Blackbird
Common Grackle
Great-tailed Grackle
Ovenbird
Worm-eating Warbler
Northern Waterthrush
Golden-winged Warbler
Black-and-white Warbler
Prothonotary Warbler
Tennessee Warbler
Orange-crowned Warbler
Lucy's Warbler
Nashville Warbler
Virginia's Warbler
Connecticut Warbler

MacGillivray's Warbler
Kentucky Warbler
Common Yellowthroat
Hooded Warbler
American Redstart
Cape May Warbler
Northern Parula
Magnolia Warbler
Bay-breasted Warbler
Blackburnian Warbler
Yellow Warbler
Chestnut-sided Warbler
Blackpoll Warbler
Black-throated Blue Warbler
Palm Warbler
Pine Warbler
Yellow-rumped Warbler
Yellow-throated Warbler
Prairie Warbler
Black-throated Gray Warbler
Townsend's Warbler
Hermit Warbler
Black-throated Green Warbler
Canada Warbler
Wilson's Warbler
Summer Tanager
Western Tanager
Rose-breasted Grosbeak
Black-headed Grosbeak
Blue Grosbeak
Lazuli Bunting
Indigo Bunting
Painted Bunting

SPECIES NOT REPORTED DURING REVIEW PERIOD

The following 41 species observed previously in Sonoma County were not reported during the period covered (9/1/10 through 12/10/21). Species with an asterisk have only a single record in Sonoma County over all time.

Steller's Eider *	Wandering Albatross *	Yellow-billed Magpie
King Eider	Streaked Shearwater *	Bohemian Waxwing
Violet-crowned Hummingbird *	Cory's Shearwater *	Northern Wheatear
Yellow Rail	Wood Stork *	Eastern Yellow Wagtail
Lesser Sand-Plover *	Magnificent Frigatebird	Snow Bunting
Mountain Plover	Tricolored Heron	Lark Bunting
Hudsonian Godwit *	California Condor	Scott's Oriole *
Craveri's Murrelet *	Swallow-tailed Kite *	Common Grackle
Crested Auklet *	Snowy Owl	Worm-eating Warbler *
Sooty Tern *	Crested Caracara	Prothonotary Warbler
Black Tern	Eastern Wood-Pewee *	Connecticut Warbler *
Arctic Loon	Blue-headed Vireo *	Kentucky Warbler
White-capped Albatross *	Plumbeous Vireo	Painted Bunting
Chatham Albatross *	Blue Jay *	