

It has long been the goal of 'Mike' Parmeter and Gordon Bolander to produce an up-to-date listing of the birds which occur in Sonoma County. While the format has not yet fully been decided upon, it is hoped that it might be annotated sufficiently to provide useful information for those desiring to locate species in the field. There are undoubtedly many observations which have been made by others which would contribute much toward the fulfillment of the goal. It would be greatly appreciated by them if such records were made available for their use. Full credit for the material would be given. As for the Christmas counts, dates, places, observers, and definitive observations for identification should be included.

The following list contains all the species known to have been recorded within the confines of the county. Data on distribution and seasonal status is highly desired, particularly from the northern sections of the county. Any Sonoma County observations of those species marked with asterisks would be of special interest.

Common Loon	Shoveler	Common Gallinule
Arctic Loon	Wood Duck	American Coot
Red-throated Loon	Redhead*	Black Oystercatcher
Red-necked Grebe	Ring-necked Duck	Semipalmated Plover
Horned Grebe	Canvasback	Snowy Plover
Eared Grebe	Greater Scaup	Killdeer
Western Grebe	Lesser Scaup	American Golden Plover*
Pied-billed Grebe	Common Goldeneye	Black-bellied Plover
Black-footed Albatross	Bufflehead	Surfbird
Fulmar	Oldsquaw*	Ruddy Turnstone
Pink-footed Shearwater	Harlequin Duck*	Black Turnstone
New Zealand Shearwater*	White-winged Scoter	Common Snipe
Sooty Shearwater	Surf Scoter	Long-billed Curlew
Fork-tailed Petrel*	Common Scoter	Whimbrel
Leach Petrel* ?	Ruddy Duck	Spotted Sandpiper
Ashy Petrel*	Hooded Merganser*	Solitary Sandpiper*
White Pelican*	Common Merganser	Wandering Tattler
Brown Pelican	Red-breasted Merganser	Willet
Double-crested Cormorant	Turkey Vulture	Greater Yellowlegs
Brandt Cormorant	White-tailed Kite	Lesser Yellowlegs
Pelagic Cormorant	Sharp-shinned Hawk	Knot
Great Blue Heron	Cooper Hawk	Rock Sandpiper*
Green Heron	Red-tailed Hawk	Pectoral Sandpiper*
Little Blue Heron*	Red-shouldered Hawk	Baird Sandpiper*
Common Egret	Rough-legged Hawk*	Least Sandpiper
Snowy Egret	Ferruginous Hawk*	Dunlin
Black-crowned Night Heron	Golden Eagle	Short-billed Dowitcher
American Bittern	Bald Eagle*	Long-billed Dowitcher
Whistling Swan	Marsh Hawk	Western Sandpiper
Trumpeter Swan*	Osprey	Marbled Godwit
Canada Goose	Prairie Falcon*	Sanderling
American Brant*?	Peregrine Falcon*	American Avocet
Black Brant	Pigeon Hawk*	Black-necked Stilt*
White-fronted Goose	Sparrow Hawk	Red Phalarope
Snow Goose	Blue Grouse*	Wilson Phalarope*
Mallard	California Quail	Northern Phalarope
Gadwall	Mountain Quail	Pomarine Jaeger
Pintail	Ring-necked Pheasant	Parasitic Jaeger
Green-winged Teal	Clapper Rail*	Long-tailed Jaeger* ?
Blue-winged Teal*	Virginia Rail	Skua*
Cinnamon Teal	Sora	Glaucous Gull*
American Widgeon	Yellow Rail*	Glaucous-winged Gull

Western Gull	Ash-throated Flycatcher	Parula Warbler*
Herring Gull	Black Phoebe	Yellow Warbler
California Gull	Say Phoebe	Myrtle Warbler
Ring-billed Gull	Traill Flycatcher*	Audubon Warbler
Mew Gull	Hammond Flycatcher*	Black-throated Gray Warbler
Bonaparte Gull	Western Flycatcher	Townsend Warbler
Heermann Gull	Western Wood Pewee	Hermit Warbler
Black-legged Kittiwake*	Olive-sided Flycatcher	Chestnut-sided Warbler*
Sabine Gull*	Horned Lark	Palm Warbler*
Forster Tern	Violet-green Swallow	MacGillivray Warbler
Common Tern*	Tree Swallow	Yellowthroat
Arctic Tern*	Bank Swallow*	Yellow-breasted Chat
Royal Tern*	Rough-winged Swallow	Wilson Warbler
Elegant Tern*	Barn Swallow	American Redstart*
Caspian Tern	Cliff Swallow	House Sparrow
Black Tern*	Purple Martin	Western Meadowlark
Common Murre	Steller Jay	Yellow-headed Blackbird*
Pigeon Guillemot	Scrub Jay	Red-winged Blackbird
Marbled Murrelet	Yellow-billed Magpie*	Tri-colored Blackbird*
Ancient Murrelet	Common Raven	Hooded Oriole*
Cassin Auklet	Common Crow	Bullock Oriole
Rhinoceros Auklet	Chestnut-backed Chickadee	Brewer Blackbird
Tufted Puffin*	Plain Titmouse	Brown-headed Cowbird
Band-tailed Pigeon	Common Bushtit	Western Tanager
Mourning Dove	White-breasted Nuthatch	Rose-breasted Grosbeak*
Yellow-billed Cuckoo*	Red-breasted Nuthatch	Black-headed Grosbeak
Roadrunner*	Pygmy Nuthatch	Lazuli Bunting
Barn Owl	Brown Creeper	Evening Grosbeak*
Screech Owl	Wrentit	Purple Finch
Great Horned Owl	Dipper*	House Finch
Spotted Owl*	House Wren	Pine Siskin
Pygmy Owl	Winter Wren	American Goldfinch
Burrowing Owl	Bewick Wren	Lesser Goldfinch
Long-eared Owl*	Long-billed Marsh Wren	Lawrence Goldfinch*
Short-eared Owl	Canyon Wren*	Red Crossbill*
Saw-whet Owl*	Rock Wren*	Green-tailed Towhee*
Poorwill	Mockingbird	Rufous-sided Towhee
Black Swift*	California Thrasher	Brown Towhee
Vaux Swift	American Robin	Savannah Sparrow
White-throated Swift	Varied Thrush	Vesper Sparrow*
Anna Hummingbird	Hermit Thrush	Lark Sparrow
Rufous Hummingbird	Swainson Thrush	Rufous-crowned Sparrow
Allen Hummingbird	Western Bluebird	Sage Sparrow*
Belted Kingfisher	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher*	Slate-colored Junco*
Yellow-shafted Flicker	Golden-crowned Kinglet	Oregon Junco
Red-shafted Flicker	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	Chipping Sparrow
Pileated Woodpecker	Water Pipit	Black-chinned Sparrow*
Acorn Woodpecker	Cedar Waxwing	Harris Sparrow*
Lewis Woodpecker*	Loggerhead Shrike	White-crowned Sparrow
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	Starling	Golden-crowned Sparrow
Hairy Woodpecker	Hutton Vireo	White-throated Sparrow*
Downy Woodpecker	Solitary Vireo	Fox Sparrow
Nuttall Woodpecker	Warbling Vireo	Lincoln Sparrow
Eastern Kingbird*	Black-and-white Warbler*	Swamp Sparrow*
Tropical Kingbird*	Tennessee Warbler*	Song Sparrow
Western Kingbird	Orange-crowned Warbler	
	Nashville Warbler*	

MOUNTAIN BLUEBIRD
 SNOWY OWL
 BLUE GROBEAK

CLARK'S NUTCRACKER
 MAGNIFICENT FALCON BIRD
 PAINTED BUNTING

WANDERING ALBATROSS
 RUFF
 SANDHILL CRANE
 STILT SANDPIPER
 TOWNSEND'S SOLITARY

The following observations are but a few of many which were made by 'Mike' Parmeter recently:

December 15, 1968 in western Marin County

Emperor Goose. Two adult birds were observed at close range near Limantour Spit. (A "life bird" for him, incidentally)

Harlequin Duck. A handsome male in full plumage just a few feet from Highway 1 near the south end of the Bolinas Lagoon.

Peregrine Falcon. At Marshall, on the east shore of Tomales Bay.

Black-legged Kittiwake. An immature at Marshall.

Sabine Gull. An immature at Limantour Spit.

December 29, 1968. Offshore on the PRBO Christmas count.

Fulmar. Ten noted, one in light plumage.

Sooty Shearwater. A single bird the only shearwater seen all day!

Marbled Murrelet. Three. Not only seen but also heard!

Rhinoceros Auklet. 23 noted, some in breeding dress.

Best of everything to President 'Bob' Failing in his new home.

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MARCH MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the RROS will be held on Thursday, the 13th, in Room 112 of the Charles Darwin Hall of Science at Sonoma State College. The meeting will convene at 8:00 PM.

Our speaker will be Dr. Benj. Parmeter, who will present a companion talk to that of Dr. Arnold. 'Mike' will tell us of the birds in the state of Oaxaca where Dr. Arnold did his collecting of the mammals we heard about in January.

MARCH FIELD TRIP

Because of a conflict in schedules, the field trip which was originally slated for Tubb's Island has been shifted to good old Bodega Bay and its environs. The group will assemble at 9:00 AM near the motel at the entrance to Doran Park. This will be on next Saturday, March 14. Jack Guggolz will lead.

NATTKEMPER'S PICTURES A HIT

The RROS thoroughly enjoyed a very unique presentation of some wonderful photography as Clark Nattkemper displayed his fine work from a trip in Europe. We are fortunate to share the results of some hard work by this gifted man.

A CHANCE TO GO OFF-SHORE

'Mike' Parmeter has arranged for an off-shore birding trip by boat from Bodega Bay to be held on Saturday, April 19. Participants will be viewing at close hand the thousands of northward bound migrants (many in breeding dress) which pass by our coast each year but beyond our usual scope of observation. Those in their spring finery will prove to be quite different in appearance from the drab individuals we find from time to time at in-shore locations throughout the winter.

Space aboard is limited and reservations will go to the earliest applicants. The fee will be \$10.00 with a refund in proportion to receipts over the minimal guarantee. Contact Dr. Parmeter at 360 School St., Cotati, 94928. Telephone 795-5735

FEBRUARY FIELD TRIP

The attendance was light but the birding was good despite cloudy skies and some showers. The sighting of a Pigeon Hawk as it made an unsuccessful raid on a group of juncos resulted in the addition of still another species to the RROS trip records. We have now seen 258 species. 68 species were tallied on this trip. Wood Duck, Lewis Woodpecker, and White-throated Sparrow were other highlights.