

Location: **Mendocino Pelagic--nearshore**

Observation date: 5/15/11

Notes: Nearshore portion of the pelagic trip organized by the Mendocino Coast Audubon Society. All birds seen from Noyo harbor to about 4 miles offshore. Three California Sea Lions and a 4 Harbor Seals were in the harbor.

Mallard	2
Surf Scoter	80
Red-throated Loon	8
Pacific Loon	120
Common Loon	1
Brandt's Cormorant	4
Pelagic Cormorant	14
A couple of nests seen right outside of Noyo Harbor were seen to have chicks.	
Brown Pelican	11
Turkey Vulture	1
Osprey	1
Western Gull	50
California Gull	1
Pigeon Guillemot	15
Rhinoceros Auklet	2
Common Raven	1
European Starling	6
Song Sparrow	1
<b>Number of species:</b>	<b>17</b>

Location: **Offshore Pelagic**

Observation date: 5/15/11

Notes: Mendocino Coast Audubon-organized pelagic trip. We headed to the south towards Navarro Canyon but only got within about 5 miles of it due to us constantly running into flocks of birds. We made it about 12-13 miles offshore at the farthest point. It was a very busy day with seabirds being seen throughout the day. Weather in the morning was overcast with regular showers and wind from the south at about Beaufort 1-2. By the afternoon the wind had picked up a bit turning from Beaufort 2-3. Highlights was the first-ever SHORT-TAILED ALBATROSS to be found on a pelagic boat trip in Northwestern California (MEN 2nd record), a MANX SHEARWATER, LEACH'S STORM-PETREL, and BLACK TERN. Ron LeValley and Rob Fowler were the trip leaders.

Mammals seen on the trip include:

Humpback Whale	6
Pacific White-sided Dolphin	5
Dall's Porpoise	12
California Sea Lion	1
<b>Number of species:</b>	<b>19</b>

Pacific Loon	60
Black-footed Albatross	320
Northern Fulmar	10
Pink-footed Shearwater	170
Sooty Shearwater	400
Manx Shearwater	1

One Manx Shearwater spotted by Rob Fowler off of the back of the boat on the way back in about 9 offshore south of Albion. Seen well by some of the trip participants. Small black-and-white shearwater that flew with quick and stiff wingbeats with blackish upperparts that sharply contrasted with the white underparts. The undertail coverts were obviously white and the white crescent that curves up behind the auriculars was well seen at close range

Leach's Storm-Petrel	1
Red-necked Phalarope	900
Red Phalarope	110
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One spotted flying away from the boat by Ron LeValley and seen by a few trip participants.

Rough estimates for both phalarope species. Red-necked seemed to be slightly less numerous than Reds today.

Sabine's Gull	360
Bonaparte's Gull	9
Western Gull	140
California Gull	30
Black Tern	1

At most times of the day this species was seen. Good day for migration for this species. Most birds were adults.

Common Tern	8
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One alternate-plumaged bird seen with about 8 Common Terns. Only about the 3rd record for Mendocino

Fowler thought these birds were probably Arctic Terns but photos from LeValley proved otherwise and clinched the id. as Common Terns.

Common/Arctic Tern	1
Pomarine/Parasitic Jaeger	1

One bird too far to id.

One bird was spotted by Fowler was probably a

		Parasitic but views too brief.
Common Murre	40	
Pigeon Guillemot	1	One seen about 5 miles offshore.
Cassin's Auklet	18	
Rhinoceros Auklet	120	