

# Birding Wine Country | Species List

## December 4 – 10, 2021 | with Naturalist Journeys



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Six days of birding, day seven departure day

### **DUCKS, GEESE, AND SWANS: Anatidae**

**Snow Goose** *Anser caerulescens* – Thousands observed on 4 days. Five Blue Morph birds were observed at the Sac NWR

**Ross's Goose** *Chen rossii* – 20 at Colusa NWR

**Greater White-fronted Goose** *Anser albifrons* – Thousands observed on 5 days. Eight "Tule Goose" race were well observed at the Colusa NWR was a highlight.

**Cackling Goose** *Branta hutchinsii* – Thousands observed at known wintering locations on Woodbridge Rd and Staten Island. All were Aleutian race.

**Canada Goose** *Branta Canadensis* – Small numbers on 3 days

**Tundra Swan** *Cygnus columbianus* - Hundreds on 5 days. We never tired of seeing them. Majestic!

**Wood Duck** *Aix sponsa* – Small numbers at Louis Park in Stockton

**Cinnamon Teal** *Anas cyanoptera* – Seven at Colusa NWR

**Northern Shoveler** *Spatula clypeata* – Hundreds observed on 5 days

**Gadwall** *Mareca strepera* – Good numbers on 4 days

**American Wigeon** *Mareca americana* – Very good numbers on all days

**Mallard** *Anas platyrhynchos* – Good numbers on all days

**Northern Pintail** *Anas acuta* – Hundreds on 5 days

**Green-winged Teal** *Anas crecca* – 100 at the Colusa NWR

**Canvasback** *Aythya valisineria* – Good numbers on Woodbridge Rd and Staten Island

**Ring-necked Duck** *Aythya collaris* – Good numbers on 3 days

**Greater Scaup** *Aythya marila* – a few at the Lodi Water Treatment Plant were a surprise

**Lesser Scaup** *Aythya affinis* – Good numbers at the Lodi Water Treatment Plant

**Bufflehead** *Bucephala albeola* – Small numbers on 3 days

**Common Goldeneye** *Bucephala clangula* – Small numbers on 3 days

**Barrow's Goldeneye** *Bucephala islandica* – A female at the Fish Hatchery was a rarity

**Hooded Merganser** *Lophodytes cucullatus* – 25 near the Fish Hatchery

**Common Merganser** *Mergus merganser* – three at the Fish Hatchery

**Ruddy Duck** *Oxyura jamaicensis* – Small numbers on 2 days

### **NEW WORLD QUAIL: Odontophoridae**

**California Quail** *Callipepla californica* – Heard twice and one good sighting (whew!)

### **PARTRIDGES AND PHEASANTS: Phasianidae**

**Wild Turkey** *Meleagris gallopavo* – Two sightings

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**GREBES: Podicipedidae**

**Pied-billed Grebe** *Podilymbus podiceps* – Small numbers on 3 days

**PIGEONS AND DOVES: Columbidae**

**Rock Pigeon** *Columba livia* – Every day

**Eurasian Collared-Dove** *Streptopelia decaocto* – Good numbers every day

**Mourning Dove** *Zenaida macroura* – Small numbers every day

**HUMMINGBIRDS: Trochilidae**

**Anna's Hummingbird** *Calypte anna* – 15 at Heritage Oak Winery and a few at Lodi Lake

**RAILS, COOTS, AND ALLIES: Rallidae**

**Virginia Rail** *Rallus limicola* – Heard at Colusa NWR

**Sora** *Porzana carolina* – Well observed at Colusa NWR

**Common Gallinule** *Gallinula* – 10 at Colusa NWR

**American Coot** *Fulica americana* – Good numbers on 4 days

**CRANES: Gruidae**

**Sandhill Crane** *Grus canadensis* – Good numbers on 4 days were always enjoyed by all

**STILTS AND AVOCETS: Recurvirostridae**

**Black-necked Stilt** *Himantopus mexicanus* – Good numbers on 4 days

**American Avocet** *Recurvirostra americana* – 20 staked out in flooded field near the airport on day 1

**PLOVERS AND LAPWINGS: Charadriidae**

**Killdeer** *Charadrius vociferus* – Good numbers everyday

**SANDPIPERS AND ALLIES: Scolopacidae**

**Long-billed Curlew** *Numenius americanus* – Small numbers on 2 days

**Dunlin** *Calidris alpina* – Good number on 2 days

**Long-billed Dowitcher** *Limnodromus scolopaceus* – Good numbers on 3 days

**Wilson's Snipe** *Gallinago delicata* – one at the Colusa NWR

**Spotted Sandpiper** *Actitis macularius* – one at the Fish Hatchery

**Greater Yellowlegs** *Tringa melanoleuca* – Good numbers on 5 days

**Lesser Yellowlegs** *Tringa flavipes* – Seven on Staten Island was a nice total

**GULLS AND TERNS: Laridae**

**Ring-billed Gull** *Larus delawarensis* – Good numbers on 5 days

**California Gull** *Larus californicus* – Small number on 3 days

**Herring Gull** *Larus argentatus* – Good numbers on 5 days

**Iceland Gull** *Larus glaucoides* – Two in flooded field near Davis; Thayer's race

**Glaucous-winged Gull** *Larus glaucescens* – One in flooded field near Davis

**CORMORANTS: Phalacrocoracidae**

**Double-crested Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax auritus* – Good numbers on 5 days

**PELICANS: Pelecanidae**

**American White Pelican** *Pelecanus erythrorhynchos* – About 40 on Staten Island

**HERONS AND EGRETS: Ardeidae**

Great Blue Heron *Ardea Herodias* – Small numbers every day

Great Egret *Ardea alba* – Good numbers every day

Snowy Egret *Egretta thula* – A few on 3 days

**IBIS AND SPOONBILLS: Threskiornithidae**

White-faced Ibis *Plegadis chihi* – About 30 in flooded fields near Davis

**NEW WORLD VULTURES: Cathartidae**

Turkey Vulture *Cathartes aura* – Good numbers on 5 days

**OSPREY: Pandionidae**

Osprey *Pandion haliaetus* – Two

**HAWKS, KITES, AND EAGLES: Accipitridae**

White-tailed Kite *Elanus leucurus* – Seven over 3 days

Northern Harrier *Circus hudsonius* – Small numbers on 4 days

Sharp-shinned Hawk *Accipiter striatus* – one at Lodi Lake

Cooper's Hawk *Accipiter cooperii* – Single birds on 4 days

Bald Eagle *Haliaeetus leucocephalus* - One in flooded fields near Davis

Red-shouldered Hawk *Buteo lineatus* – Small numbers every day

Red-tailed Hawk *Buteo jamaicensis* – Good numbers every day

Ferruginous Hawk *Buteo regalis* – About six over 3 days were exciting

**OWLS: Strigidae**

Great Horned Owl *Bubo virginianus* – Four at the refuges

**KINGFISHERS: Alcedinidae**

Belted Kingfisher *Megaceryle alcyon* – 4 over days

**WOODPECKERS: Picidae**

Lewis's Woodpecker *Melanerpes lewis* – Small numbers over 3 days

Acorn Woodpecker *Melanerpes formicivorus* – Small numbers on 2 days

Downy Woodpecker *Dryobates pubescens* – Small numbers on 4 days

Northern Flicker *Colaptes auratus* – Small numbers on 3 days

**FALCONS AND CARACRAS: Falconidae**

American Kestrel *Falco sparverius* - Good numbers every day

Merlin *Falco columbarius* – Two on two days

Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrinus* – Two on two days

Prairie Falcon *Falco mexicanus* – Two on two days

**TYRANT FLYCATCHERS: Tyrannidae**

Black Phoebe *Sayornis nigricans* – Small numbers every day

Say's Phoebe *Sayornis saya* – Seven over 4 days

**VIREOS: Vireonidae**

**Hutton's Vireo** *Vireo huttoni* – Heard at Lodi Lake

**SHRIKES: Laniidae**

**Loggerhead Shrike** *Lanius ludovicianus* – Three over 2 days

**CROWS AND JAYS: Corvidae**

**California Scrub-Jay** *Aphelocoma californica* – Good numbers on 4 days

**Yellow-billed Magpie** *Pica nuttalli* – About 40 birds over 2 days

**American Crow** *Corvus brachyrhynchos* – Big numbers on 5 days

**Common Raven** *Corvus corax* – Small numbers on 3 days

**TITS AND CHICKADEES: Paridae**

**Oak Titmouse** *Baeolophus inornatus* – Small number on 3 days

**LARKS: Alaudidae**

**Horned Lark** *Eremophila alpestris* – About 25 in grasslands east of Linden

**SWALLOWS AND MARTINS: Hirundinidae**

**Tree Swallow** *Tachycineta bicolor* - Hundreds on Woodbridge Rd and Staten Island

**LONG-TAILED TITS: Aegithalidae**

**Bushtit** *Psaltriparus minimus* – Good numbers on 3 days

**KINGLETS: Regulidae**

**Ruby-crowned Kinglet** *Corthylio calendula* – Good numbers on 5 days

**NUTHATCHES: Sittidae**

**White-breasted Nuthatch** *Sitta carolinensis* – Eight over 2 days

**GNATCATCHER: Polioptilidae**

**Blue-gray Gnatcatcher** *Polioptila caerulea* – One at the Fish Hatchery

**WRENS: Troglodytidae**

**Rock Wren** *Salpinctes obsoletus* – One near the refuges

**House Wren** *Troglodytes aedon* – Two at Lodi Lake

**Marsh Wren** *Cistothorus palustris* – Eight over 3 days

**STARLINGS AND MYNAS: Sturnidae**

**European Starling** *Sturnus vulgaris* – Good numbers every day

**MOCKINGBIRDS AND THRASHERS: Mimidae**

**California Thrasher** *Toxostoma redivivum* – Two over 2 days

**Northern Mockingbird** *Mimus polyglottos* – Small numbers over 5 days

**THRUSHES: Turdidae**

**Western Bluebird** *Sialia mexicana* – Small numbers over 3 days

**Hermit Thrush** *Catharus guttatus* – Eleven over 2 days

**American Robin** *Turdus migratorius* – Good numbers every day

**WAXWINGS: Bombycillidae**

**Cedar Waxwing** *Bombycilla cedrorum* – Small numbers over 4 days

**OLD WORLD SPARROWS: Passeridae**

**House Sparrow** *Passer domesticus* – Good numbers over 3 days

**PIPITS AND WAGTAILS: Motacillidae**

**American Pipit** *Anthus rubescens* – Small numbers over 5 days

**FINCHES AND EUPHONIAS: Fringillidae**

**House Finch** *Haemorhous mexicanus* – Small numbers over 5 days

**Pine Siskin** *Spinus pinus* – A few heard at Lodi Lake

**Lesser Goldfinch** *Spinus psaltria* – Ten at Lodi Lake

**American Goldfinch** *Spinus tristis* – 20 over 2 days

**NEW WORLD SPARROWS: Passerellidae**

**Lark Sparrow** *Chondestes grammacus* – 50 at the one of the wineries

**Fox Sparrow** *Passerella iliaca* – Five at Lodi Lake

**Dark-eyed Junco** *Junco hyemalis* – 40 over 2 days; Oregon types with one Slate-colored

**White-crowned Sparrow** *Zonotrichia leucophrys* – Good numbers everyday

**Golden-crowned Sparrow** *Zonotrichia atricapilla* – Small numbers on 5 days

**White-throated Sparrow** *Zonotrichia albicollis* – one at Lodi Lake

**Savannah Sparrow** *Passerculus sandwichensis* – Good numbers on 4 days

**Chipping Sparrow** *Spizella passerina* – Six over 2 days was a surprise

**Song Sparrow** *Melospiza melodia* – Small numbers over 4 days

**Lincoln's Sparrow** *Melospiza lincolnii* – 20 over 4 days

**California Towhee** *Melospiza crissalis* – 16 over 3 days

**Spotted Towhee** *Pipilo maculatus* – 15 over 2 days

**NEW WORLD BLACKBIRDS: Icteridae**

**Western Meadowlark** *Sturnella neglecta* – Good numbers over 5 days

**Red-winged Blackbird** *Agelaius phoeniceus* – Hundreds over 5 days; Bicolored race

**Tricolored Blackbird** *Agelaius tricolor* – Around 50 over 2 days

**Brown-headed Cowbird** *Molothrus ater* – 10 on one day

**Brewer's Blackbird** *Euphagus cyanocephalus* – Big numbers every day

**Great-tailed Grackle** *Quiscalus mexicanus* – Ten at the Lodi WTP

**NEW WORLD WARBLERS: Parulidae**

**Orange-crowned Warbler** *Oreothlypis celata* – Nine over 3 days

**Common Yellowthroat** *Geothlypis trichas* – Three over 2 days

**Yellow-rumped Warbler** *Setophaga coronate* – Good numbers over 5 day; one Myrtle

**Townsend's Warbler** *Setophaga townsendi* – Two in city parks

**MAMMALS**

**California Ground Squirrel** *Otospermophilus beecheyi* – 3 days

**Eastern Fox Squirrel** *Sciurus niger* – 3 days

**California Gray Squirrel** *Sciurus griseus* – Lodi Lake only

**Mule Deer** *Odocoileus hermionus* – 3 days

**North American Otter** *Lontra Canadensis* – Two

**Coyote** *Canis latrans* – Two

### **FISH**

**Chinook Salmon** *Oncorhynchus tshawytscha* – at the Fish Hatchery