

## Monterey / Pacific Grove, California (October 7-11, 2017)

Oct 7 KLM flight KL605 from Amsterdam Schiphol together with Michiel Pegtel to San Francisco International. Departure 09.50, arrival 11.45. Car rental at Alamo. Drive to Pacific Grove, dinner at Monterey.

Oct 8 Pelagic from 07.30 to 14.30 with Shearwater Journeys ([www.shearwaterjourneys.com](http://www.shearwaterjourneys.com)). Dinner at Monterey.



Oct 9 Scientific meeting (American Society of Exosomes and MicroVesicles; [www.asemv.org](http://www.asemv.org)) at Asilomar (Pacific Grove). Afternoon walk in dunes and along coast at Asilomar.



Oct 10 Scientific meeting (American Society of Exosomes and MicroVesicles) at Asilomar (Pacific Grove). Afternoon walk along coast at Asilomar.



Oct 11 Departure 09.45 from Asilomar. Drive on highway 1, with birding stop at Moss Landing and coffee stop at Santa Cruz coffee to San Francisco International. KLM flight KL608 to Amsterdam Schiphol, departure 16.45

Oct 12 Arrival 12.05 at Schiphol.

# BIRDS

## GAVIIDAE

1. **Pacific Loon** *Gavia pacifica* – At least 10 during Monterey Pelagic, Oct 8.
2. **Common Loon** *Gavia immer* – As previous species.

## PODICEPIDAE

3. **Western Grebe** *Aechmophorus occidentalis* – A few distant birds during pelagic and from beach at Asilomar.
4. **Eared Grebe** *Podiceps nigricollis* – Nice views of a single bird at Moss Landing.



## PROCELLARIIDAE

5. **Northern (Southern) Fulmar** *Fulmarus glacialis rodgersii* – Three single birds during the pelagic. Pacific or Rodger's Fulmar is potential split from Northern Fulmar ([www.wordbirdnames.org](http://www.wordbirdnames.org); version 7.3).
6. **Buller's Shearwater** *Puffinus bulleri* – At least 30 birds during the pelagic.
7. **Sooty Shearwater** *Puffinus griseus* – The most common Shearwater, at least 500+.
8. **Short-tailed Shearwater** *Puffinus tenuirostris* – A single bird seen well during the pelagic.
9. **Pink-footed Shearwater** *Puffinus creatopus* – The second most common Shearwater, at least 200.
10. **Flesh-footed Shearwater** *Puffinus carneipes* – Two single birds during the pelagic.

## PELECANIDAE

11. **Brown Pelican** *Pelecanus occidentalis* – Common during pelagic and at Asilomar.

## PHALACROCORACIDAE

12. **Brandt's Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax penicillatus* – A flock seen during the pelagic.



13. **Pelagic Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax pelagicus* – Common at Asilomar and during pelagic.



ARDEIDAE

14. **Great Blue Heron** *Ardea herodias* – Various birds seen at Monterey and at Moss Landing.



15. **Great Egret** *Ardea alba* – Seen at Moss Landing

16. **Snowy Egret** *Ardea thula* – Various birds at Monterey and at Moss Landing.

ANATIDAE

17. **Greater White-fronted Goose** *Anser albifrons* – A flock of at least 30 birds seen during the pelagic.

18. **Cackling Goose** *Branta hutchinsii* – Split from **Canada Goose** *Branta canadensis* (*hutchinsii*) - As previous species.

19. **Mallard** *Anas platyrhynchos* – Four birds at Moss Landing. Surprisingly, the only species of duck seen during the trip.

ACCIPITRIDAE

20. **Cooper's Hawk** *Accipiter cooperii* – A single bird seen at the conference grounds of Asilomar.

- 21. **Sharp-shinned Hawk** *Accipiter striatus* – A single perched female seen well at Asilomar.
- 22. **Red-tailed Hawk** *Buteo jamaicensis* – Common roadside bird.

#### CATHARTIDAE

- 23. **Turkey Vulture** *Cathartes aura* – Common and widespread.

#### FALCONIDAE

- 24. **Peregrine** *Falco peregrinus* – Two birds seen, one at Monterey and one during the pelagic.

#### CHARACRIIDAE

- 25. **Black-bellied Plover** *Pluvialis squatarola* – A single bird seen at Moss Landing.
- 26. **American Golden-Plover** *Pluvialis dominica* – Several small perched flocks at Asilomar.



- 27. **Snowy Plover** *Charadrius alexandrinus* – A single bird at Moss Landing (beach).

#### HAEMATOPODIDAE

- 28. **Black Oystercatcher** *Haematopus bachmani* – A pair seen during the pelagic and a pair at Asilomar.

#### SCOLOPACIDAE

- 29. **Whimbrel** *Numenius phaeopus* – Common at Asilomar.
- 30. **Long-billed Curlew** *Numenius americanus* – A single bird at Moss Landing.
- 31. **Marbled Godwit** *Limosa fedoa* – Common at Moss Landing.
- 32. **Willet** *Catoptrophorus semipalmatus* – Common at Asilomar and at Moss Landing.
- 33. **Surfbird** *Aphriza virgata* – At least four birds at Asilomar.
- 34. **Ruddy Turnstone** *Arenaria interpres* – A single bird at Asilomar.
- 35. **Black Turnstone** *Arenaria melanocephala* – Common at Asilomar.
- 36. **Sanderling** *Calidris alba* – As previous species.
- 37. **Least Sandpiper** *Calidris minutilla* – Common at Moss Landing.



38. **Short-billed Dowitcher** *Limnodromus griseus* – Common at Moss Landing.



*Whimbrel (top, left), Willet (top, right), Marbled Godwit (centre, left), Black Turnstone (centre, right), Surfbird (bottom, left) and Least Sandpiper (bottom, right)*

#### LARIDAE

- 39. **South Polar Skua** *Stercorarius maccormicki* – Two birds seen, one seen well, during the pelagic.
- 40. **Pomarine Jaeger** *Stercorarius pomarinus* – At least ten birds during the pelagic.
- 41. **Parasitic Jaeger** *Stercorarius parasiticus* – As previous species.
- 42. **California Gull** *Larus californicus* – Common.
- 43. **Western Gull** *Larus occidentalis* – Common.
- 44. **Heermann's Gull** *Larus heermanni* – Common.
- 45. **Elegant Tern** *Sterna elegans* – Common.
- 46. **Common Tern** *Sterna hirundo* – A single bird seen during the pelagic.

47. **Foster's Tern** *Sterna fosteri* – A single bird at Moss Landing.



*Heerman's Gull (left) and Western Gull (right)*

#### ALCIDAE

48. **Common Murre** *Uria aalge* – Common during the pelagic.

49. **Rhinoceros Auklet** *Ceorhinca monocerata* – As previous species.

50. **Tufted Puffin** *Fratercula cirrhata* – A few birds seen in non-breeding plumage.

#### COLUMBIDAE

51. **Rock (Feral) Pigeon** *Columba livia* – A few roadside birds seen while driving. Introduced.

52. **Eurasian Collared Dove** *Streptopelia decaocto* – A single bird at Asilomar.

#### ALCIDINIDAE

53. **Belted Kingfisher** *Ceryle alcyon* – A single bird at the harbor of Monterey while waiting for departure of the pelagic.

#### PICIDAE

54. **Acorn Woodpecker** *Melanerpes formicivorus* – Common at Asilomar.

#### TYRANNIDAE

55. **Black Phoebe** *Sayornis nigricans* – Common at Asilomar.

56. **Say's Phoebe** *Sayornis saya* – A single bird seen in the dunes at Asilomar.

#### LANIIDAE

57. **Loggerhead Shrike** *Lanius ludovicianus* – A single bird on the telephone wires, Santa Cruz.

#### CORVIDAE

58. **Western Scrub-Jay** *Aphelocoma clifornica* – Various birds seen at Asilomar.

59. **American Crow** *Corvus brachyrhynchos* – Common at Asilomar.

#### AEGITHALIDAE

60. **Bushtit** *Psaltirparus minimus* – A small flock seen upon arrival at Asilomar.





*American Crow*

#### SITTIDAE

61. **Red-breasted Nuthatch** *Sitta canadensis* – A single bird at Santa Cruz.

#### TROGLODYTIDAE

62. **House Wren** *Troglodytes aedon* – A single bird at Asilomar.

#### MIMIDAE

63. **Northern Mockingbird** *Mimus polyglottos* – As previous species.

#### STURNIDAE

64. **European Starling** *Sturnus vulgaris* – Common. Introduced.

#### PARULIDAE

65. **Townsend's Warbler** *Dendroica townsendi* – Great views of a female at Asilomar.  
 66. **Yellow-rumped Warbler** *Dendroica coronata* – At least three birds seen at Asilomar.

#### EMBERIZIDAE

67. **California Towhee** *Pipilo crissalis* – A single bird seen at Asilomar.  
 68. **White-crowned Sparrow** *Zonotrichia leucophrys* – Common at Asilomar.  
 69. **Lapland Longspur** *Calcarius lapponicus* – A single female seen well during the pelagic.

#### ICTERIDAE

70. **Brewer's Blackbird** *Euphagus cyanocephalus* – Common.





*California Towhee (top, left), White-crowned Sparrow (top, right) and female Lapland Longspur (bottom, left)*

## MAMMALS

**Harbor Seal** *Phoca vitulina* – Seen at Monterey in low numbers.

**California Sea Lion** *Zalophus californianus* – Common at Monterey and during pelagic.

**Mule (Blacktail) Deer** *Odocoileus hemionus* – Male and at least one female at the conference grounds, Asilomar.

**Humpback Whale** *Megaptera novaeangliae* – About ten seen during the pelagic, one (distant) breaching.

**Sea Otter** *Enhydra lutris* – Common at Asilomar (see page 2 for picture), superb views at Moss Landing.

