



CHECKLIST

FOR HALF MOON BAY, MONTEREY, BODEGA BAY PELAGICS AND FARALLON ISLANDS – 2019

*Mainly expected species included, some unexpected rarities which have occurred on our trips are noted in **bold and underlined**. Rare but regular species are in **bold**. I = Introduced. Some shorebird, waterfowl and land birds are included which could be found in the harbor area within the break wall, or may show up offshore. This list includes some species that are more likely later in the season (ducks, gulls) as well as the early season birds, seasonality is a factor on pelagics as it is on land.*



BIRDS

Anseriformes - Screamers, Swans, Geese, and Ducks

Anatidae - Ducks, Geese, and Swans

Greater White-fronted Goose (*Anser albifrons*)

Brant (*Branta bernicla*)

Canada Goose (*Branta canadensis*)

Northern Pintail (*Anas acuta*)

Green-winged Teal (*Anas crecca*)

Greater Scaup (*Aythya marila*)

Harlequin Duck (*Histrionicus histrionicus*)

Surf Scoter (*Melanitta perspicillata*)

White-winged Scoter (*Melanitta fusca*)

Black Scoter (*Melanitta americana*)

Common Goldeneye (*Bucephala clangula*) - winter

Bufflehead (*Bucephala albeola*) – spring, late fall.

Red-breasted Merganser (*Mergus serrator*)

Gaviiformes - Loons

Gaviidae - Loons

Red-throated Loon (*Gavia stellata*)

Pacific Loon (*Gavia pacifica*)

Common Loon (*Gavia immer*)

Yellow-billed Loon (*Gavia adamsi*)

Podicipediformes - Grebes

Podicipedidae - Grebes

Horned Grebe (*Podiceps auritus*)

Red-necked Grebe (*Podiceps grisegena*) – late fall winter.

Eared Grebe (*Podiceps nigricollis*)

Western Grebe (*Aechmophorus occidentalis*)

Clark's Grebe (*Aechmophorus clarkii*)

Procellariiformes - Tube-nosed Swimmers

Diomedidae – Albatrosses



Salvin's Albatross (*Thalassarche salvini*) 1st in continent!

Laysan Albatross (*Phoebastria immutabilis*)

Black-footed Albatross (*Phoebastria nigripes*)

Short-tailed Albatross (*Phoebastria albatrus*)

Procellariidae - Shearwaters and Petrels

Northern "Rogers's" Fulmar (*Fulmarus glacialis rogersi*)

White-chinned Petrel (*Procellaria aequinoctialis*) 1st CA

Cook's Petrel (*Pterodroma cookii*)

Hawaiian Petrel (*Pterodroma sandwichensis*) – Jul - Aug

Wedge-tailed Shearwater (*Ardenna pacifica*)

Buller's Shearwater (*Ardenna bulleri*)

Short-tailed Shearwater (*Ardenna tenuirostris*) – winter

Sooty Shearwater (*Ardenna griseus*)

Great Shearwater (*Ardenna gravis*)

Pink-footed Shearwater (*Ardenna creatopus*)

Flesh-footed Shearwater (*Ardenna carneipes*) – Sept-Oct

Manx Shearwater (*Puffinus puffinus*)

Black-vented Shearwater (*Puffinus opisthomelas*)

Hydrobatidae - Storm-Petrels

Wilson's Storm-Petrel (*Oceanites oceanicus*)

Fork-tailed Storm-Petrel (*Oceanodroma furcata*)

Leach's Storm-Petrel (*Oceanodroma leucorhoa*)

Ashy Storm-Petrel (*Oceanodroma homochroa*)

Black Storm-Petrel (*Oceanodroma melania*)

Suliformes - Frigatebirds, Boobies, Cormorants, Darters, and Allies

Sulidae – Gannet and Boobies

Brown Booby (*Sula leucogaster*)

Blue-footed Booby (*Sula nebouxii*)

Red-footed Booby (*Sula sula*)

Northern Gannet (*Morus bassanus*)

Phalacrocoracidae - Cormorants

Brandt's Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax penicillatus*)

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Double-crested Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax auritus*)

Pelagic Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax pelagicus*)

Pelecaniformes - Pelicans, Herons, Ibises, and Allies

Pelecanidae - Pelicans

Brown Pelican (*Pelecanus occidentalis*)

Ardeidae - Herons, Bitterns, and Allies

Great Blue Heron (*Ardea herodias*)

Great Egret (*Ardea alba*)

Snowy Egret (*Egretta thula*)

Cattle Egret (*Bubulcus ibis*)

Black-crowned Night-Heron (*Nycticorax nycticorax*)

Accipitriformes – Hawks and Eagles

Pandionidae – Osprey

Osprey (*Pandion haliaetus*)

Accipitridae – Hawks and Eagles

Red-tailed Hawk (*Buteo jamaicensis*)

Gruiformes - Rails, Cranes, and Allies

Rallidae - Rails, Gallinules, and Coots

American Coot (*Fulica americana*)

Charadriiformes - Shorebirds, Gulls, Auks, and Allies

Charadriidae - Lapwings and Plovers

Black-bellied Plover (*Pluvialis squatarola*)

Semipalmated Plover (*Charadrius semipalmatus*)

Killdeer (*Charadrius vociferus*)

Haematopodidae - Oystercatchers

Black Oystercatcher (*Haematopus bachmani*)

Scolopacidae - Sandpipers, Phalaropes, and Allies

Wandering Tattler (*Tringa incana*)

Willet (*Tringa semipalmata*)

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Whimbrel (*Numenius phaeopus*)
Long-billed Curlew (*Numenius americanus*)
Marbled Godwit (*Limosa fedoa*)
Ruddy Turnstone (*Arenaria interpres*)
Black Turnstone (*Arenaria melanocephala*)
Surfbird (*Aphriza virgata*)
Red Knot (*Calidris canutus*)
Sanderling (*Calidris alba*)
Dunlin (*Calidris alpina*)
Least Sandpiper (*Calidris minutilla*)
Western Sandpiper (*Calidris mauri*)
Short-billed Dowitcher (*Limnodromus griseus*)
Red-necked Phalarope (*Phalaropus lobatus*)
Red Phalarope (*Phalaropus fulicarius*)

Stercorariidae - Skuas

South Polar Skua (*Stercorarius maccormicki*)
Pomarine Jaeger (*Stercorarius pomarinus*)
Parasitic Jaeger (*Stercorarius parasiticus*)
Long-tailed Jaeger (*Stercorarius longicaudus*)

Alcidae - Auks, Murres, and Puffins

Common Murre (*Uria aalge*)
Pigeon Guillemot (*Cepphus columba*)
Marbled Murrelet (*Brachyramphus marmoratus*)
Guadalupe Murrelet (*Synthliboramphus hypoleucus*)
Scripps's Murrelet (*Synthliboramphus scripsi*)
Craveri's Murrelet (*Synthliboramphus craveri*)
Ancient Murrelet (*Synthliboramphus antiquus*) - winter
Cassin's Auklet (*Ptychoramphus aleuticus*)
Rhinoceros Auklet (*Cerorhinca monocerata*)
Tufted Puffin (*Fratercula cirrhata*)
Horned Puffin (*Fratercula corniculata*)

Laridae - Gulls, Terns, and Skimmers

Black-legged Kittiwake (*Rissa tridactyla*) – winter.

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Sabine's Gull (*Xema sabini*)

Bonaparte's Gull (*Chroicocephalus philadelphia*)

Little Gull (*Hydrocoloeus minutus*)

Heermann's Gull (*Larus heermanni*)

Mew Gull (*Larus canus*)

Western Gull (*Larus occidentalis*)

California Gull (*Larus californicus*)

Herring Gull (*Larus argentatus*) - winter

Iceland (Thayer's) Gull (*Larus glaucoides thayeri*) - winter

Glaucous-winged Gull (*Larus glaucescens*) – winter

Least Tern (*Sternula albifrons*)

Caspian Tern (*Hydroprogne caspia*) – spring-summer

Black Tern (*Chlidonias niger*)

Common Tern (*Sterna hirundo*)

Arctic Tern (*Sterna paradisaea*)

Forster's Tern (*Sterna forsteri*)

Elegant Tern (*Thalasseus elegans*)

Columbiformes - Pigeons, and Doves

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Rock Pigeon (*Columba livia*) - I

Eurasian Collared-Dove (*Streptopelia decaocto*) – I

Mourning Dove (*Zenaida macroura*)

Coraciiformes - Rollers, Motmots, Kingfishers, and Allies

Alcedinidae - Kingfishers

Belted Kingfisher (*Ceryle alcyon*)

Falconiformes - Caracaras and Falcons

Falconidae - Caracaras and Falcons

Merlin (*Falco columbarius*)

Peregrine Falcon (*Falco peregrinus*)

Passeriformes - Passerine Birds

Tyrannidae – Tyrant Flycatchers

Black Phoebe (*Sayornis nigricans*)



Tropical Kingbird (*Tyrannus melancholicus*)

Corvidae - Crows and Jays

American Crow (*Corvus brachyrhynchos*)

Common Raven (*Corvus corax*)

Hirundinidae - Swallows

Bank Swallow (*Riparia riparia*)

Barn Swallow (*Hirundo rustica*)

Tree Swallow (*Tachycineta bicolor*)

Violet-green Swallow (*Tachycineta thalassina*)

Sittidae – Nuthatches

Red-breasted Nuthatch (*Sitta canadensis*)

Regulidae – Kinglets

Ruby-crowned Kinglet (*Regulus calendula*)

Sturnidae - Starlings

European Starling (*Sturnus vulgaris*) – I

Passeridae - Old World Sparrows

House Sparrow (*Passer domesticus*) – I

Motacillidae – Pipits and Wagtails

American Pipit (*Anthus rubescens*)

Fringillidae - Fringilline and Cardueline Finches and Allies

House Finch (*Haemorhous mexicanus*)

Pine Siskin (*Spinus pinus*)

Parulidae – New World Warblers

Orange-crowned Warbler (*Oreothlypis celata*)

Common Yellowthroat (*Geothlypis trichas*)

American Redstart (*Setophaga ruticilla*)

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Bay-breasted Warbler (*Setophaga castanea*)

Yellow Warbler (*Setophaga petechia*)

Palm Warbler (*Setophaga palmarum*)

Yellow-rumped Warbler (*Setophaga coronata*)

Black-throated Grey Warbler (*Setophaga nigrescens*)

Townsend's Warbler (*Setophaga townsendi*)

Hermit Warbler (*Setophaga occidentalis*)

Wilson's Warbler (*Cardellina pusilla*)

Emberizidae – New World Sparrows

Chipping Sparrow (*Spizella passerina*)

Lark Sparrow (*Chondestes grammacus*)

Savannah Sparrow (*Passerculus sandwichensis* ssp.)

Large-billed Savannah Sparrow (*Passerculus sandwichensis rostratus*)

Icteridae - Blackbirds

Western Meadowlark (*Sturnella neglecta*)

Bullock's Oriole (*Icterus bullockii*)

Red-winged Blackbird (*Agelaius phoeniceus*)

Brewer's Blackbird (*Euphagus cyanocephalus*)

Brown-headed Cowbird (*Molothrus ater*)

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MARINE MAMMALS

Northern Fur Seal (*Callorhinus ursinus*)

Guadalupe Fur Seal (*Arctocephalus townsendi*)

California Sea Lion (*Zalophus californianus*)

Steller's (Northern) Sea Lion (*Eumetopias jubatus*)

Harbor Seal (*Phoca vitulina*)

Northern Elephant Seal (*Mirounga angustirostris*)

Gray Whale (*Eschrichtius robustus*) – spring, winter.

Humpback Whale (*Megaptera novaeangliae*)

Minke Whale (*Balaenoptera acutorostrata*)

Fin Whale (*Balaenoptera physalus*)

Sei Whale (*Balaenoptera borealis*)

Blue Whale (*Balaenoptera musculus*)

Cuvier's Beaked Whale (*Ziphius cavirostris*)

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Baird's Beaked Whale (*Berardius bairdii*)

Common Bottlenose Dolphin (*Tursiops truncatus*)

Short-beaked Common Dolphin (*Delphinus delphis*)

Long-beaked Common Dolphin (*Delphinus capensis*) –warm water years.

Pacific White-sided Dolphin (*Lagenorhynchus obliquidens*)

Northern Right Whale Dolphin (*Lissodelphis borealis*)

Risso's Dolphin (*Grampus griseus*)

Killer Whale (Orca) (*Orcinus orca*)

Dall's Porpoise (*Phocoenoides dalli*)

Harbor Porpoise (*Phocoena phocoena*)



Leatherback Sea Turtle

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Leatherback Turtle (*Dermochelys coriacea*)

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Great White Shark (Todd Easterla)

FISH

Blue Shark (*Prionace glauca*)

Salmon Shark (*Lama ditropis*)

Great White Shark (*Carcharodon carcharias*)

Common Thresher Shark (*Alopias vulpinus*)

Basking Shark (*Cetorhinus maximus*)

Ocean Sunfish (*Mola mola*)

Albacore (*Thunnus alalunga*)

Pacific Bonito (*Sarda chiliensis*)

California "Northern" Anchovy (*Engraulis mordax*)

Pacific Saury (*Cololabis saira*)



INVERTEBRATES

HYDROZOANS

By-the-wind Sailors (*Velella velella*)

CNIDARIANS (JELLYFISH)

Sea Nettles (*Chrysoaria sp.*)

Moon Jellyfish (*Aurelia aurita*)

Egg yolk Jellyfish (*Phacellophora camtschatica*)

ARTHROPODS

Pelagic Red Crab (*Pleuroncodes planipes*) warm water years.

Kelp Fly (*Coelopa frigida*)

Cormorant Fly (*Fucillia thinobia*) – Mainly Farallon Is. trips.

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TUNICATES (These are chordates but look like invertebrates)

Salps (Order Salpida) – various species.