

## **Marine Wildlife Sightings-Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary**

Cordell Bank Field Seminar Oct 12, 2008-Species List

Boat: New Sea Angler, Porto Bodega, Bodega Bay

7:15 AM-5:45 PM

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### ***Cetaceans-Baleen Whales***

Gray Whale	
Humpback Whale	6
Blue Whale	
Minke Whale	
Fin Whale	
Other	Unconfirmed Fin or Minke? -1

Weather- Winds started out at about 10 knots and increased to 15-20 knots by mid afternoon on return trip.

Visability-40+ miles-could see Point Arena to Point Reyes from western edge of Cordell Bank

**Numbers listed here are approximate**

Also: Moon jellies (*Aurelia spp.*), Sea Nettles (*Chrysoara fuscenscens*)

### ***Toothed Whales***

Bottlenose Dolphin	
Common Dolphin	
Pacific White-sided Dolphin	~2000
Northern Right Whale Dolphin	100's (mixed in with PWDO)
Risso's Dolphin	
Harbor Porpoise	2 (leaving Bodega Bay)
Dall's Porpoise	10
Other	

*Coastal Birds in Bodega Bay and on Jetty*  
*Great Blue Heron, Great Egret, oystercatcher, belted kingfisher, killdeer, surf scoter (5), Black-crowned night heron, snowy egret,*

### ***Seals and Sea Lions***

N. Elephant Seal	
Harbor Seal	5 (inside Bodega Bay)

### ***Sea Lions***

CA Sea Lion	200
Steller Sea Lion	
Guadalupe Fur Seal	
Northern Fur Seal	
Other	

### ***Fish***

Ocean Sunfish ( <i>Mola mola</i> )	
Blue Shark	
Other	

### ***Birds-Loons and Grebes***

Red-throated Loon	
Pacific Loon	
Common Loon	
Red-necked Grebe	
Eared Grebe	
Western Grebe	2
Clarke's Grebe	2

***Tubenoses***

Black-footed Albatross	8
Northern Fulmar	4
Buller's Shearwater	50+
Pink-footed Shearwater	20+
Black-vented Shearwater	
Sooty Shearwater	1-5
Leach's Storm-Petrel	
Ashy Storm-Petrel	
Other- Flesh footed Shearwater	1

***Pelican's and Cormorants***

Brown Pelican	20
Double-Crested Cormorant	10
Pelagic Cormorant	2
Brandt's Cormorant	
Other-White Pelicans	30

***Shorebirds***

Black Oystercatcher	2
Red Phalarope	
Red-necked Phalarope	
<b><i>Other</i></b>	

***Gulls, Jaegers and Terns***

Parasitic Jaeger	
Pomarine Jaeger	
South Polar Skua	1
Bonaparte's Gull	
California Gull	50+
Herring Gull	1
Thayer's Gull	
Glaucous-winged Gull	
Western Gull	50+
Heerman's Gull	10
Sabine's Gull	
Black-legged Kittiwake	
Caspian Tern	
Elegant Tern	
Common Tern	
Forster's Tern	
<b><i>Other</i></b>	

Jaeger (unidentified)

***Alcids***

Common Murre	50
Pigeon Guillemot	
Ancient Murrelet	
Marbled Murrelet	
Cassin's Auklet	2
Rhinoceros Auklet	5
Tufted Puffin	