

Marine Wildlife Sightings-Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary
September 25, 2005-Point Reyes Field Seminar

Date: 9/25/05

Vessel: Profishent

Captain: Donny

Air Temp: 60's

Sky Conditions : Clear

Wind: 5 knots

Swell: 5-7ft

Naturalists: Doreen Moser and Jennifer Stock

Cetaceans-Baleen Whales

Gray Whale	
Humpback Whale	9 (1 st group of 5 in AM-10 miles SW of Bodega 2nd group of 4 in pm, 10 miles W of Bodega Both Groups feeding
Blue Whale	
Minke Whale	
Fin Whale	
Other	

Toothed Whales

Bottlenose Dolphin	
Common Dolphin	
Pacific White-sided	100's @ Cordell and Bodega Canyon-Bowriders
Northern Right Whale Dolphin	5-Seen with Risso's and White-sided
Risso's Dolphin	100's seen with white sided dolphins, resting and play behavior
Harbor Porpoise	
Dall's Porpoise	3 quick sighting, bowride for a bit and gone
Other	

Seals and Sea Lions

N. Elephant Seal	
Harbor Seal	

Sea Lions

CA Sea Lion	100's-feeding with humpbacks
Steller Sea Lion	2
Guadalupe Fur Seal	
Northern Fur Seal	5
Other	

Fish

Ocean Sunfish (Mola mola)	10+
Blue Shark	4+
Other	Salps, egg yolk jelly, lions mane

Birds-Loons and Grebes

Red-throated Loon	
Pacific Loon	
Common Loon	1
Red-necked Grebe	
Eared Grebe	
Western Grebe	
Clarke's Grebe	
Other	

Tubenoses

Black-footed Albatross	
Northern Fulmar	5+
Buller's Shearwater	20+
Pink-footed Shearwater	100's
Black-vented Shearwater	
Sooty Shearwater	50+
Leach's Storm-Petrel	
Ashy Storm-Petrel	
Other	
Other	

Pelican's and Cormorants

Brown Pelican	20+
Double-Crested Cormorant	15+
Pelagic Cormorant	1
Brandt's Cormorant	
Other	White Pelican

Shorebirds

Black Oystercatcher	1
Red Phalarope	
Red-necked Phalarope	1
Other	

Gulls and Terns

Parasitic Jaeger	4
Pomarine Jaeger	
South Polar Skua	
Bonaparte's Gull	
California Gull	yes
Herring Gull	
Thayer's Gull	
Glaucous-winged Gull	
Western Gull	yes
Heerman's Gull	Yes
Sabine's Gull	
Black-legged Kittiwake	
Caspian Tern	

Elegant Tern	
Common Tern	
Forster's Tern	3 in Bodega Harbor
<i>Other</i>	

Alcids

Common Murre	50+ (nearshore, not out at the Bank)
Pigeon Guillemot	
Ancient Murrelet	
Marbled Murrelet	
Cassin's Auklet	5+
Rhinoceros Auklet	50+
Tufted Puffin	
Other	

Notes or other sightings:

Black Turnstone seen on Rocks in Bodega Harbor

Total Species seen:

20-Birds

8- Marine Mammals

2- Fish

3-Inverts