

Marine Wildlife Sightings-Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary- October 18, 2009

Vessel-New Sea Angler-Capt. Rick Powers Guides: Doreen Gurrola, Jennifer Stock

Itinerary: Porto Bodega, Head NW to north of Bodega Canyon, SW to Cordell Bank/shelf break, East to Cordell Bank and return to Bodega Harbor **Air Temp:- 60's Sky Condition-overcast-AM sunny-PM Wind-15+ knots Swell- <6 ft**

Cetaceans-Baleen Whales

Gray Whale	1
Humpback Whale	40-50
Blue Whale	
Minke Whale	
Fin Whale	
Other	

GW: Inside Bodega Rocks on return to harbor

HW: Most seen north of Bod. Canyon-krill in water, very active, friendly around boat, breaching seen in distance

Toothed Whales

Bottlenose Dolphin	
Common Dolphin	
Pacific White-sided	15-20
Northern Right Whale Dolphin	
Risso's Dolphin	
Harbor Porpoise	
Dall's Porpoise	2-3
Other	

Very acrobatic, flips

Seals and Sea Lions

N. Elephant Seal	
Harbor Seal	5 inside Bod. Harbor

Sea Lions

CA Sea Lion	Up to 5
Steller Sea Lion	
Guadalupe Fur Seal	
Northern Fur Seal	3
Other	

Fish

Ocean Sunfish (<i>Mola mola</i>)	2- dinner plate size
Blue Shark	1-small one
Other	Jellies: egg yolk, and nettle

Birds-Loons and Grebes

Red-throated Loon	
Pacific Loon	
Common Loon	1
Red-necked Grebe	
Eared Grebe	
Western Grebe	5
Clarke's Grebe	

Tubenoses

Black-footed Albatross	12+
Northern Fulmar	X- both light/dark morphs
Buller's Shearwater	X
Pink-footed Shearwater	X
Black-vented Shearwater	
Sooty Shearwater	X
Leach's Storm-Petrel	
Ashy Storm-Petrel	
Other- Flesh footed Shearwater	

List does not include numbers of birds seen, just presence throughout the entire day

Un-identified Storm Petrel

Pelican's and Cormorants

Brown Pelican	X
Double-Crested Cormorant	X
Pelagic Cormorant	X
Brandt's Cormorant	X
Other-White Pelicans	X-inside Bodega Harbor

At Low tide-white pelicans scoop feeding

Shorebirds

Black Oystercatcher	
Red Phalarope	
Red-necked Phalarope	X
<i>Other</i>	

Gulls, Jaegers and Terns

Parasitic Jaeger	
Pomarine Jaeger	
South Polar Skua	X-great view, harassing gull
Bonaparte's Gull	
California Gull	X
Herring Gull	
Thayer's Gull	
Glaucous-winged Gull	
Western Gull	X
Heerman's Gull	X
Sabine's Gull	
Black-legged Kittiwake	
Caspian Tern	
Elegant Tern	
Common Tern	
Forster's Tern	
<i>Other</i> ring billed gull	

Other species seen:
Great Blue Heron, Great Egret, Willet,
Marbled Godwit, Surf Scoters
(male/female)

Alcids

Common Murre	X
Pigeon Guillemot	
Ancient Murrelet	
Marbled Murrelet	
Cassin's Auklet	X
Rhinoceros Auklet	X
Tufted Puffin	