

Area 1

Leader: Ron LeValley

Definition:

North edge of circle south to Virgin Creek mouth to the west, and Noyo River to the east.

North edge is in general Little Valley Rd and approx. 0.5 miles north of Ward Ave along beach.

East boundary extends to edge of circle north of Noyo River.

South boundary is complex; it follows the Noyo River west to approximately the center of Section 11 (2.5 miles due south of Glenblair), then north approximately 3/4 mile to the divide between the Noyo River and Pudding Creek watersheds, west to Pudding Creek (staying north of Sherwood Road), north around Bald Hill, and curving west to Virgin Creek at Highway One.

Area 1 includes Little Valley Road and areas accessible from it, including Little Valley, Glenblair, and Pudding Creek downstream to the oxbow; Highway One and tributary roads from Virgin Creek north to just past Little Valley Road, including Ward Avenue, Cleone, Odom Lane, etc; and MacKerricher State Park to and including the mouth of Virgin Creek.

BOLO: *Spotted and Saw-whet Owls; Ducks; White-winged and Black Scoters; Red-necked Grebe; Bittern; Rails; Snowy Plover; Rock Sandpiper et al; Bonaparte's & Thayer's Gull; Black-legged Kittiwake; American Pipit; Say's Phoebe; Warblers*

Area 2

Leader: Carolyn Kinet

Definition:

GP property west of Fort Bragg extending south to bluffs and rocks of North Noyo Bay, north through Glass Beach (west of Glass Beach Drive) to the mouth of Virgin Creek.

South boundary east of Highway 1 is the south side of Pudding Creek canyon, including the Skunk Train tracks and extending east to the oxbow (Sec 4, T18N, R17W).

North boundary is Virgin Creek at Highway One but doesn't include the creek mouth. East of Highway One the boundary curves north to include Bald Hill, then south to Pudding Creek at the oxbow.

Eastern boundary is in general the furthest reaches of Pudding Creek Rd., Airport Rd., and Bald Hill Rd.

Area 2 includes GP Mill site, Glass Beach, all of Pudding Creek up to the oxbow, Skunk Train Tracks, Pudding Creek Rd., Airport Rd., Bald Hill, and all coastal areas from North Noyo Bay to Virgin Creek.

Watch for: Snow, Ross's, and Greater White-fronted Goose; Harlequin Duck; Green Heron; White-tailed Kite; Ferruginous Hawk; Merlin; Rails; Murrelets; Barn Owl; Bewick's Wren; Say's Phoebe; Tricolored Blackbird; Brown-headed Cowbird; Pine Siskin

Area 3

Leaders: Warren and Ginny Wade

Area 3 is defined as:

The City of Fort Bragg east of GP Property and Glass Beach Drive. North to south side of Pudding Creek Bridge (**doesn't** include Skunk tracks **east** of cemetery) .

South to Noyo Harbor west of Coast Guard Station and out to breakwater and dog run beach. Also including the A&W Haul Road (starts across from police station, crosses the Noyo and goes approx. 2.4 miles to a locked gate.)

Eastern boundary extends up Sherwood Road until locked gate (5.3 miles).

Area 3 includes Fort Bragg residential areas, parks, cemeteries, A&W Haul Road, the dog run beach, outer Noyo Harbor, and Sherwood Road.

Note: Cate Hawthorne will lead a team kayaking the Noyo River upstream from Dolphin Isle. Birds in the river and on the banks up to the limit of Area 3 should be reported to the Area 3 leaders and counted in this area.

***Birds to watch for:** Orioles, Sapsuckers, and Nashville Warblers in Rose Memorial; Merlin; Cedar Waxwing; Lesser Goldfinch; Northern Mockingbird; White-throated Sparrow; Cackling, White-fronted, or Snow Geese on school fields*

Area 4

Leader: Robert Keiffer

Area 4 is defined as:

South boundary is Hare Creek. North boundary is generally the north bank of the Noyo River, except that stretch of the River accessible from the A&W Haul Road and the outer Noyo Harbor accessible from North Harbor Drive (part of Area 3).

Noyo Bay is generally included in Area 4 except that small part accessible from Noyo Beach on the north. East boundary is the emergency call box (20 115) just east of the Parlin Fork Camp turnoff on Highway 20.

Area 4 includes the inner Noyo Harbor and the Noyo River, Todd's Point, Highway 20 and roads leading from it.

Note: Area 3 (Warren & Ginny Wade) includes the dog run park (Noyo Beach) and the small part of the Bay accessible from it, the outer Noyo Harbor west of the Coast Guard Station, and the area along the A&W Haul Road. Note however that only small parts of the Noyo River are viewable from the A&W Haul Road, so anyone kayaking the river should count birds along that stretch and report them to the Area 3 leaders.

Also, if the boat goes out for seabirding, you should go ahead and count everything on or over the water from the docks out. Call or text the Area 3 leaders if you know in advance, otherwise just reconcile the tallies at the Dinner.

Area 5

Leader: Art Morley

Area 5 is defined as:

North boundary is the north end of Hare Creek Bridge.

South boundary is Mitchell Creek.

Eastern boundary is limited by access.

Area 5 includes Hare Creek, Hare Creek Beach, Cypress Subdivision, Simpson Lane and associated roads, Mendocino Coast Botanical Gardens, Old Coast Highway, Boice Lane and Pearl Drive.

Note that Mitchell Creek Road which crosses Mitchell Creek is **in** this area because of easier access from Area 5.

Watch for: Summer Tanager; Pygmy-owl; Western Screech-owl; Band-tailed Pigeon; Cedar Waxwing; Warblers

Area 6

Leaders: Adam Hutchins & Alison Cebulla

Area 6 is defined as:

Northern Boundary is Mitchell Creek.

Southern Boundary is the north end of Caspar Creek Bridge and Caspar Creek. Eastern boundary is limited by access.

Area 6 includes Pine Beach coastal access, Gibney Lane and associated roads, Jughandle Staple Preserve, north Caspar Headlands and Caspar Orchard Road.

Note that Mitchell Creek Road which crosses Mitchell Creek is not in this area because of easier access from Area 5.

Watch for: *Ring-necked and other Ducks; Hooded Merganser; Wilson's Snipe; Merlin; White-tailed Kite; Snowy Egret; Barn Owl*

Area 7

Leader: David Jensen

Area 7 is defined as:

Northern boundary is north end of Caspar bridge and generally follows Caspar Creek east and North Fork Caspar Creek north, then east to junction of Road 450 and Highway 20, then south of Highway 20 to eastern edge of circle.

Southern boundary is Jack Peters Creek Bridge, easterly to junction of Road 409 and 408, northeasterly mouth of Thompson Gulch, and east to circle edge .

Eastern boundary extends out Road 409 to junction with Road 408(Little Lake Road), then on to junction with Highway 20.

Area 7 includes Caspar Bay, Caspar South, Point Cabrillo, Russian Gulch State Park, Surfwood, and Road 409 to Highway 20.

Watch for: Red Crossbill; Osprey; Sandpipers; Harrier; Kite; Bewick's Wren

Area 8

Leader: Richard Hubacek

Area 8 is defined as: Jack Peters Creek bridge south to edge of circle.

Northern boundary is Jack Peters Creek Bridge, easterly to junction of Road 409 and 408, northeasterly mouth of Thompson Gulch, and east to circle edge.

Area 8 includes Mendocino village and headlands, Big River east approximately 3 miles from the mouth (and including the Oxbow), Little Lake Road up to the junction with Road 409, Railroad Gulch and Little North Fork (Road 700) up to Thompson Gulch, and Jack Peters Creek.

Watch for: Harrier; Kite; Wood Duck; Common Merganser; Seabirds; California Towhee; Lesser Goldfinch