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Date: 08/24/07 Time: 9:17am Weather: nice & fairly overcast
Location: Monterey Bay, Monterey Co., CA
Notes: Our first shearwater of the day was this BULLS, my 500th life bird! In a few minutes there were BULLS everywhere. All the trip leaders couldn't believe how many there were. In the end Brian Sullivan counted about 680. Smaller than PFSH, closer in size to SOSH, but more slender, graceful, and buoyant. Wingbeats slow and smooth not fluttering like SOSH. Distinctive patternful plumage, clean white below.

Sketch or Photo

Common Name: Buller's Shearwater (BULLS)
Latin Name: *Puffinus bulleri*
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Date: 08/24/07 Time: 9:28am Weather: nice & overcast
Location: Monterey Bay, Monterey Co., CA
Notes: Enormous! Extremely long, slender wings, grayish-brown plumage (although chocolate brown in brighter light), pale face, large dark bill. Very graceful, about size of an eagle, but makes them look fat and clumsy. Distinctive hump when swimming. Total of 15 seen by end of day. My 501st life bird! One had an all-white head.

Sketch or Photo

Common Name: Black-footed Albatross (BFAL)
under side

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Date: 08/24/07 Time: 10:06am Weather: nice & overcast
Location: Monterey Bay, Monterey Co., CA
Notes: Often in large flocks. Distinctive pattern above. Note yellow tip on bill. My 502nd life bird. All species seen: BFAL: 15 PFSH: 350 FFSH: 2 BULLS: 680 SOSH: 40,000 BRPE: BRAID: 2000 MAGU: PECO: 5 GREG: 2 BLOY: 1 BLTU: 1 RNDH: 40 SPK: 4 POJA: 15 PAJA: 3 TJA: 3 HEEG: 70 CAGU: 20 HERG: 4 WEGU: 450 AGU: 19 ELTE: 6 COMU: 50 PIGU: 20 CAAU: 1 RMAU: 30 BEKI: 170 BRRI: 1 PALC: 1

Sketch or Photo

Adult breeding small and Tern-like

Common Name: Sabine's Gull (SAGU)
Latin Name: *Xema sabini*
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Total = [unclear] Trip leaders: Brian Sullivan, Jennifer Green
* = Yearbird / Sullivan, Jennifer Green
** = Life bird / Ted Chudik, Debra Shearwater
Saw Moon Jellyfish & Egg Yolk Jellyfish!
I only caught a brief glimpse of one of the PFSH and I missed the CAAU
Sea Otter: 20 (with pups), California sealion: 60
N. Fur seal (Cugging), Harbor seal: 20
Minke whale: 1 Humpback whale: 6
N. Right whale Dolphin: 30 P. White-sided Dolphin: 250
Striped Dolphin: 3! Dalls Porpoise: 7