

May 26 <sup>th</sup> 28, 2012				
Species	26th	27th	28th	Totals
<del>BIRDS</del>				
Mallard	1			1
Surf Scoter			2	2
Pacific Loon	3		12	15
Common Loon	4	1		5
Black-footed Albatross		2		2
Northern Fulmar		2		2
Pink-footed Shearwater	300	20	5	
Flesh-footed Shearwater	1			1
Sooty Shearwater	100	60	35	195
Black-vented Shearwater	3		1	4
Leach's Storm-petrel		30		30
Ashy Storm-petrel	2	2		4
Black Storm-petrel	40	75	8	123
Brown Booby	5		20	25
Brown Pelican	25	6	45	76
Brandt's Cormorant	125	5	240	370
Double-crested Cormorant	20	2	56	78
Pelagic Cormorant			3	3
Great Blue Heron	13		2	15
Great Egret	17	6		23
Snowy Egret	6		1	7
Red-tailed Hawk			1	1
American Kestrel			1	1
Peregrine Falcon			2	2
Black Oystercatcher			10	10
American Oystercatcher			2	2
<i>hybrid oystercatcher</i>			1	1
Red-necked Phalarope	10			10
Heermann's Gull	10		12	22
California Gull	7	8	3	18
Western Gull	300	200	200	700
Sabine's Gull	3		3	6
Least Tern	9	28	15	71
Caspian Tern	4		2	6
Common/Arctic Tern		1		1
Royal Tern	3			3
Elegant Tern	75	13	2	90
South Polar Skua		2		2
Pomarine Jaeger		1		1
Common Murre	1	1		2
Pigeon Guillemot			2	2
Xantus's Murrelet ( <i>scrippsi</i> )	11	10	5	26
Cassin's Auklet	100	3	7	110
Rhinoceros Auklet	1	2		3
White-throated Swift			2	

Cliff Swallow			1	
Barn Swallow	3			3
Rock Wren			5	5
<del>MAMMALS</del>				
California Sea Lion	50	3	425	478
Harbor Seal			40	40
Northern Elephant Seal			18	18
Northern Fin Whale	20	4		24
Blue Whale	2	1		3
Common Bottlenose Dolphin	12	6	35	53
Long-beaked Common Dolphin			205	205
<i>common dolphin sp.</i>		1		1
Risso's Dolphin	20	30		50
<del>OTHER</del>				
Mola Mola	6		1	7

## BASIC TRAVEL ITINERARY

26 May: We departed the San Diego harbor at 0950 after an orientation by Celia, safety meeting by Art and an introduction to the naturalists and crew. After a quick pass by the bait receivers, we traveled out to the Nine-Mile Bank. We crossed into Mexican waters around noon, and headed south past the Coronado Islands to the upper end of the Finger Bank, approximately 12 miles to the south of the Coronado Islands. After spending the afternoon in this area that was incredibly rich in wildlife, we traveled north to the south end of South Coronado Island and anchored for dinner and the first part of the night. We picked up anchor around 0100 on 27 May and headed northwest in order to position ourselves further offshore and in deeper water by daylight.

### 27 May:

At dawn we were offshore south of San Clemente Island and we passed over the Forty-three Mile Bank mid-morning. We motored southeast towards the Coronado Islands, traveling over and down portions of the Nine-Mile Bank to our final destination at the south end of South Coronado Island, where we anchored for the night.

### 28 May:

After an early morning wake-up call at 0600, we spent time at each of the Coronado Islands (South-Middle-North), viewing birds and pinnipeds on the islands. Captian Art positioned us for excellent viewing of the middle rocks where we had great looks at the small Brown Booby colony here. At 0900, after looking at several active Brown Pelican nests with chicks on North Island, we began our northward journey to San Diego, passing the southeast edge of the Nine-Mile Bank. We arrived back at the San Diego Harbor at 1230.