Sixteen of us met up with leaders Bob Battagin and Jim White at Bolinas Lagoon under sunny skies. The low tide had attracted more than a hundred American Wigeons, joined by a Blue-winged Teal, and a few Eurasian Wigeons. On the rocky shoreline we spied a Spotted Sandpiper, and two food lines - Wigeons standing wing to wing where a small creek enters the lagoon - to feast on exposed plant matter.

After another stop on the lagoon, where we spotted several Goldeneyes (Common and Barrow’s), we visited the “Pumpkin Patch” near Bolinas, where grass, mud puddles and brush cover offered good birding. We had a close view of a Peregrine Falcon perched on a post, as a large group of American Wigeons scoured the field. In willows and oaks at the field’s edge we saw Western Bluebird and Say’s Phoebe. An American Pipet foraged near the pond and Wilson’s Snipe was spied at the edge of the field. Our last stop was the marsh at Pine Gulch, where we sighted Ospreys and seven gull species, including Thayer’s Gull and Herring Gull. In all it was a 59 species day (harbor seals not included), and a great outing at scenic Bolinas Lagoon, rich with wildlife.

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