

barn owl walking
at midnight, in moonlight, in a headwind, it looked like a jaunty man in white strolling by



bluebirds

1 baby great horned owl

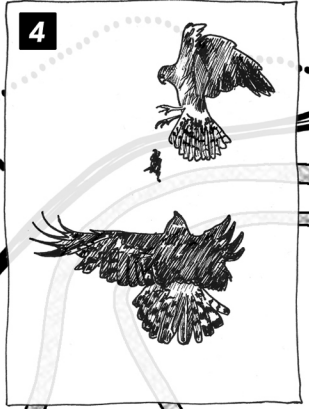


2 owl rock

gull bill in owl pellet



4 mid-air prey exchange



a raccoon used a tool here by testing the buoyancy of several objects before grabbing a kelp float and using it as a swimming aid to cross the lagoon

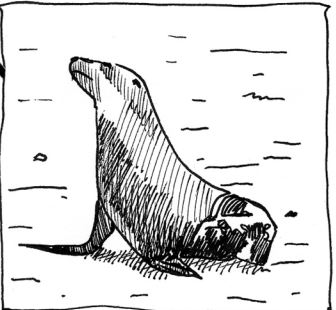
otter dining hall
the otters loved to bring their prey here to share the spoils



otter hunting heron
a group of seven otters stalked a great blue heron here. they approached underwater before lunging at the bird and narrowly missing the target

ailing sea lion

found on the beach - rescued by the marine mammal center



hawk migration

look up! from august through november the skies are filled with migrating raptors. the golden gate raptor observatory is based here. head to hawk hill in the fall and enjoy the show



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bottlenose dolphins
seen in the surf just off rodeo beach

a personal natural history of the rodeo lagoon recollected and illustrated by walter kitundu

map legend
sightings bobcat coyote owl

- location marker
- Ⓜ on this spot
- □ more info below
- ▬ roadway
- ⋯ trail

- A eviscerated pelican carcass from an otter kill
- B otters hunting mallards
- C gray fox sightings
- D baby raccoons in dumpster
- E deer eating poison oak

- F great horned owl calling
- 1 fierce and fluffy - a baby owl in the brush waits for the adults to deliver a meal
- 2 a family of great horned owls raised their owlets on this rock. ravens and owls often perch here

- 3 at the base of owl rock was a pellet with an intact heerman's gull bill in it. owls are amazing
- 4 a mating pair of northern, harriers, commonly known as marsh hawks, acrobatically traded a meal as the evening fog rolled in

- 5 headlands center for the arts look for songbirds, deer, owls, and artists among the historic buildings
- 6 western bluebirds sit atop fences and on powerlines hawking insects from the air and plucking them out of the grass below

NAVIGATION

OBSERVATION

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PATIENCE

PRESENCE

MEMORY

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