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May-June 2012

Diverse Teams Give the 2012 Birdathon a Great Start

by Bob Power

SCVAS Executive Director

What do the Lean Mean Green Machine, the Fledgelings, the Snipe Hunters, the Wrong Terns, and the UniversalListers have in common? These teams launched this year's Birdathon in grand style during the first week of April.

The Fledgelings, led by Pati Rouzer, hoped to see 30 species of birds going into the event. Maya Zolotar reported "We saw 65 species in all, a lot more than we expected... we did see a rare female Barrow's Goldeneye and a Black Skimmer. And we saw a surprise Bald Eagle! I also got to release a Hermit Thrush at the Coyote Creek Banding Station, which was amazing."

The Lean Mean Green Machine, under the guidance of Rob Furrow, was our only true green entry with all seven participants bicycling along the bay to tally their astounding 104 species of birds in just 4 hours. "It was a spectacular day, and it was incredibly birdy along our route. By far the hardest part of the day was choosing when to stop, and forcing ourselves onward even when there were so many birds around," commented Captain Furrow.

The Wrong Terns membership comes from our Education Committee and they delivered a respectable tally of 83 species

including skydancing Red-tails and nesting Cooper's Hawks. "We didn't actually get lost this year, although we did forget where we parked once or twice," reported Toby Goldberg.

The UniversalListers, along with the Fledgelings and the Lean Means, are new to the Birdathon this year. Led by Jim Thomas, the four new birdathoners brought in a most excellent 92 species in four hours of birding. Special mention goes to 12-year-old Andrew Tey who without binoculars was first to see and ID many of the birds.

Laurie West-Roberts' Snipe Hunters have been together for a decade or more, which goes to show that Birdathons get in your system. The only true big day team so far in the Birdathon season, Laurie's team identified 135 species of birds between 6:30AM and 7PM. The highlight for many was the hundred or so White-throated Swifts foraging at eye-level at Lake Cunningham; or the Snipe Hunters' traditional gourmet lunch.

These five teams and the 19 teams that were still scouting and prepping when we went to press are raising funds for the SCVAS education and conservation programs, and we thank them all for this tremendous effort.

(see Birdathon Pictures on page 9)



Northern Rock-hopper Penguin
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General Membership Meeting Cubberley Community Center, Rm H1

Palo Alto - Middlefield & Montrose Roads

Doors open 7:30; program 8:00

Wednesday, May 16th

"Pure Entertainment"

with Ginny and Jerry Kaminski, Steve and Debbie Thompson

Our objective this month is high entertainment with a touch of intrigue during two artistically edited travel videos from around the globe.

First, Jerry and Ginny will present "Freezer to the Oven" about their recent five-week tour from the Southern Ocean halfway across the globe to Africa, stopping in such places as the Falkland and South Georgia Islands. They will share the tales of their encounters with penguins, fur seal pups, albatross, a

shipwreck, sea turtles, Caspian Terns, the largest mud-brick Mosque, and an African funeral dance.

Next, we will travel down under with Steve and Debbie Thompson who will present a video taken in Australia during a month-long trip with Cheesemans' Ecology Safaris. This fast-paced, short video will show bits from Eastern Australia - Kakadu National Park, Uluru, Atherton Tablelands, Great Barrier Reef, and Tasmania. Join us for the fun!



Laughing Kookaburra © Steve & Debbie Thompson

(Additional information and detailed directions available at www.scvas.org or by calling the SCVAS office)

Join Us for Our
Annual
June Meeting
and Potluck!

Wednesday, June 20, 6 PM
McClellan Ranch Preserve

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May - June '12 Field Trips

(Full details for all of our Field Trips are also available online at www.scvas.org)

Please carpool if possible; bring binoculars, field guides, layered clothing.

LO = Lunch optional; RC = Heavy rain cancels; NF = No facilities available

Wednesday May 2, 12:00 PM

City of Sunnyvale Landfill

One hour. **Leaders:** Freddy Howell, Allen Royer and/or Elaine Gould. Contact organizer Silviana Ruiz (408) 730-7545 to attend. **Directions:** Donald M. Somers Water Pollution Control Plant, junction of Borregas and Caribbean. Meet at Trailhead at north end. **Difficulty Level:** Birding geared toward beginners. **Notes:** Bring binoculars; loaners also available. **RC**

Saturday May 5, 8:30 AM

Mines Rd., Del Puerto Canyon & vicinity

Full day. **Leader:** Bob Reiling (408) 253-7527. **Directions:** We'll start this trip in Del Puerto Canyon, working our way west to San Antonio Valley. From I-580 go east over Altamont Pass, to I-5, south on I-5, west at the Patterson exit (Diablo Grande Pkwy) and then right on Del Puerto Canyon Rd. Meet at the first pullout. **Highlights:** Hoped for highlights include possible Costa's Hummingbird, Phainopepla, Lewis's Woodpecker and Lawrence's Goldfinch. **Notes:** Bring a full tank of gas, lunch and liquids.

Sunday May 6, 8:30 AM

Rancho Canada del Oro OSP

Half day. **Leader:** Janna Pauser (408) 569-9264 or jannana@pacbell.net. **Directions:** From Hwy 85 take Almaden Expwy southeast to Harry Rd; go right 1 block, then left on McKean. Take McKean 6+ miles, past Calero Reservoir, and turn right on Casa Loma Rd. Meet at parking lot at end of road, about 2 miles. **Highlights:** Hoped for species include Black-headed Grosbeak, Western Wood-Pewee, Purple Finch, possible Lazuli Bunting. **Notes:** Bring water. **LO**

Wednesday May 9, 8:30 AM

Rancho Canada del Oro O.S.P.

Half day. **Leader:** Janna Pauser (408) 569-9264. **Directions:** Take Hwy 85 exit Almaden Expwy. Follow Almaden to end; turn right on Harry; 1 block, then left on McKean. Take McKean 6+ miles past Calero Reservoir, turn right on Casa Loma Rd. Meet at parking lot at end of

road (2 miles). **Highlights:** Birds of oak woodland and riparian habitats. **Difficulty Level:** We'll bird along a quiet road, easy walking. **Notes:** Bring water. **LO**

Saturday May 12, 8:00 AM

Alum Rock Park

Half day. **Leader:** Jim Johnson (408) 996-3506. **Directions:** From Hwy 101 or I-680 take McKee Rd. northeast toward the hills then left on Toyon Ave., right on Penitencia Creek Rd. and continue on into the park. Pass under the bridge and meet at the far end of the upper parking lot. **Difficulty Level:** This is a moderately strenuous 3-4 mile walk. **LO**

Sunday May 13, 8:30 AM

Mt Madonna County Park

Half day. **Leader:** Steve Tracey (408) 996-3860. **Directions:** From Hwy 101 in Gilroy take Hwy 152 West (Hecker Pass Hwy). After approximately 6.4 miles turn right into the Sprig Lake parking lot. **Difficulty Level:** This half-day birding walk, climbing on the way out and descending on the return trip, begins in mixed oak woodlands but in short order passes through grasslands, chaparral and, finally, coastal forest where Redwood and Douglas Fir dominate the landscape. **Notes:** Be sure to bring liquids. **LO**

Saturday May 19, 8:15 AM

Arastradero OSP

Half day. **Leader:** Rich Page (408) 377-1092. **Directions:** From I-280 take Page Mill Rd. west; turn right on Arastradero Rd. and meet in the parking lot about a half-mile on the right. **Difficulty Level:** Trip involves moderately strenuous hiking. **RC**

Sunday May 20, 8:00 AM

Russian Ridge Open Space Preserve

Half day. **Leader:** Frank Vanslager (650) 961-1505. **Directions:** Meet at the Vista Point Pullout located on the Bay side of Skyline Blvd. (Hwy. 35) a little over a mile northwest of Page Mill Rd. **Notes:** Bring extra layers of clothing in case it's foggy and cold. **Highlights:** Possible Grasshopper Sparrow and Lazuli Bunting. **NF**

Saturday May 26, 8:00 AM

Monte Bello Open Space Preserve

Half day. **Leader:** Kirsten Holmquist (408) 747-0988. **Directions:** From I-280 in Palo Alto take Page Mill Rd. west, toward Skyline Blvd. (Hwy. 35), for approx. 7 miles and meet at the Monte Bello OSP parking area on the left. **Highlights:** Possible Lazuli Bunting, Black-throated Gray Warbler, Chipping and Grasshopper Sparrows. **Notes:** Be prepared, it can be cold, wet and foggy. **LO**

Sunday May 27, 8:00 AM

Skyline Ridge Open Space Preserve

Half day. **Leader:** Bob Reiling (408) 253-7527. **Directions:** Meet at the northeast corner of Skyline Blvd. (Hwy. 35) and Page Mill Rd. (the corner nearest San Francisco and the bay). **IMPORTANT:** Do not park in the Russian Ridge Parking Lot! **Difficulty Level:** This is a moderately strenuous walk with some elevation change. **Highlights:** possible Black-throated Gray Warbler, Western Tanager. **Notes:** Bring extra layers of clothing as temperatures can vary wildly even at this time of year. **LO**

Saturday June 2, No trip - Palo Alto Summer Bird Count

Sunday June 3, 8:00 AM

Smith Creek/Twin Gates "Birding by Ear" field trip

Half day. **Leader:** Frank Vanslager (650) 961-1505. **Directions:** From I-680 take Alum Rock Ave. northeast, turn right on Mt Hamilton Rd. go past main entrance to Grant Ranch County Park (approx. 9 miles). Continue uphill another two miles to Twin Gates parking lot on the left. **Highlights:** Probable birds include Horned Lark, Grasshopper Sparrow, woodland and riparian breeding birds. **Difficulty Level:** This is a moderately strenuous hike over rolling hills.

Wednesday June 6, 12:00 PM

City of Sunnyvale Landfill

One hour. **Leaders:** Freddy Howell, Allen Royer and/or Elaine Gould. Contact organizer Silviana Ruiz (408) 730-7545 to attend. See details from May 2nd.

Saturday June 9, 8:00 AM

Stevens Creek County Park

Half day. **Leader:** Allen Royer (408) 288-

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7768. **Directions:** From I-280 in Cupertino take Foothill Expwy exit south 2.1 miles (it becomes Stevens Canyon Rd.) turn left into first park entrance and meet in the Chestnut Picnic Area, the first parking lot. **Highlights:** A top riparian birding spot in the South Bay for migrants and local breeding birds. **Notes:** Entrance fee required. **LO, RC**



Sunday June 10, 8:00 AM Rancho del Oso (coastal Big Basin State Park)

Half day plus. **Leader:** Rich Page (408) 377-1092. **Directions:** Take Highway 17 to Santa Cruz, and then go north on Highway 1. Meet at the beach parking area alongside Highway 1 just north of the Waddell Creek Bridge (at MP 36.30; which is 2 miles south of Ano Nuevo State Reserve and seven miles north of Davenport). **Difficulty Level:** This is a long but fairly level hike (app. 5 miles) along the Skyline-to-the-Sea Trail. **Highlights:** Looking for Swainson's Thrush, Winter Wren, Wilson's Warbler, and woodpeckers. **Notes:** Be prepared to carry lunch and liquids (in a backpack if possible) and dress in layers.

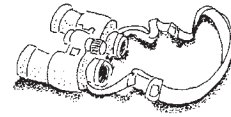
**Wednesday June 13, 8:00 AM
Lake Almaden & Los Alamitos Trail**
Half day. **Leader:** Janna Pauser (408) 569-9264. **Directions:** Meet in EAST parking lot of Lake Almaden Park. From Hwy 85, take Almaden Expwy south. Turn left on Coleman, right on Winfield Blvd., parking lot is about a block south on right. **Difficulty Level:** Easy walking. **Highlights:** Waterfowl, raptors, riparian birds, migrants. **LO**

Wednesday July 4, No trip - Enjoy the Independence Day holiday!

**Saturday July 14, 8:00 AM
Charleston Slough**
Half day. **Leader:** Nick Yatsko (408) 247-5499. **Directions:** Meet at Terminal Way at the end of San Antonio Rd. north off Hwy 101 in Mountain View. **Difficulty Level:** All are encouraged to attend but birding will be geared toward the beginning birder.

**Saturday August 4, 8:30 AM
Ano Nuevo State Reserve**
Half day. **Leader:** Bob Reiling (408) 253-7527. **Directions:** The entrance is along Highway 1 about 30 miles south of Half Moon Bay or 20 miles north of Santa Cruz. Meet at the far (south) end of the parking lot. **Difficulty Level:** Plan on a 3-4 mile walk (half of it in sand), fog, bright sun and wind. **Highlights:** Possible birds include Bank Swallow, Marbled Murrelet and early returning shorebirds. **Notes:** Bring a scope, lunch, liquids, and dress in layers. There is a \$10 per car parking fee. **LO**

**Sunday August 12, 9:00 AM
Charleston Slough**
Half day. **Leader:** Allen Royer (408) 288-7768. For directions see the write-up for July 14th.



Bird seed, bird feeders, bird books - oh my! The SCVAS Nature Shop has what you need for both backyard birdwatching and those exciting birding excursions too. And anything we don't carry at the moment, we can help you order.

Come by and check out our inventory - or just stop in for a visit!

SCVAS Events Calendar

Wed. 5/2; 7:30-9:00PM
Bay Area Bird Photographers
Lucy Evans Nature Center, Palo Alto
Topic: *"The Amazing Pantanal" with Doug Cheeseman*
see www.scvas.org/babp.

Tues. 5/8; 10:00AM
Eve Case Bird Discussion Group - meets at the home of Pat Dubois, 17150 Buena Vista Ave., Los Gatos (408) 395-4264
Topic: Jays

Tues. 6/5; 6PM
Birdathon Awards Dinner
McClellan Ranch Preserve, Cupertino
For details, go to www.scvas.org/birdathon



Tues. 6/12; 11:00AM
Eve Case Bird Discussion Group - meets at the home of Pat Dubois, 17150 Buena Vista Ave., Los Gatos (408) 395-4264. **Annual picnic.** Everyone welcome - please bring something to eat to share. Birds for 2012/2013 discussions will be decided.

Wed. 6/20; 6 PM
Annual Potluck Dinner & Board Elections
McClellan Ranch Preserve, Cupertino
see page 5 for details

Looking ahead:
September 26-20
Western Field Ornithologists Conference
Petaluma, CA



For full details and to register, go to www.westernfieldornithologists.org

Conservation Corner

By Shani Kleinhaus, Environmental Advocate

Google's crossings over Stevens Creek - one bridge at a time. Advocacy and outreach efforts by SCVAS and several other environmental organizations were successful in motivating Google to scale down its plan to build too many bridges over Stevens Creek. Initially, Google proposed to build two vehicle bridges and one pedestrian/bicycle bridge to connect the Bayshore area to the company's new campus development in Moffett Field. We opposed the development of a vehicular bridge on Crittenden Lane, based on a consensus among Environmental groups that such a bridge would irreversibly damage important buffer lands and threaten sensitive riparian ecosystems and wetlands and the many avian species that rely on these resources. Google is expected to restart its environmental review process for a scaled down project: crossing Stevens Creek at Charleston Road with one vehicular bridge and a bicycle/pedestrian bridge.

SCVAS invested time and effort working to reduce the scope of the proposed bridges project. We provided comments that highlighted the inadequacy of Google's California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review. We coordinated and collaborated with other organizations (Citizens Committee to Complete the Refuge, Committee for Green Foothills, Sierra Club, Native Plant Society) and government agencies, and engaged in direct advocacy with City of Mountain View City Council and staff.

Eliminating the proposed bridge at Crittenden allows for better transition from urban to natural landscapes and better protection of wildlife, nature and sense of place. We will continue following up on the plan and environmental review for the proposed Charleston Bridges. We see an opportunity to continue working with other environmental organizations, with the City of Mountain View, and with Google, to allow humans and nature to thrive along the bay.

Burrowing Owl Preservation Plan at Shoreline is moving forward. We thank City staff for their hard work and commitment to the conservation of burrowing owls, and thank City of Mountain View council members Laura Macias, Ronit Bryant, Jac Siegel, Magaret Abe Koga and mayor Mike Kasperzak for their leadership. Read-All-About-It (and perhaps post a comment): http://www.mvvoice.com/story.php?story_id=7658

McClellan Ranch Park is now McClellan Ranch Preserve, and it is McClellan Ranch west across Stevens Creek. We thank the Cupertino City Council for adopting these names and for moving forward with a master plan for both properties. McClellan Ranch serves hundreds of children and youth who come here to observe nature. The children and adults enjoy the synergy of a nature preserve, footpaths and a trail, the 4H farm and animals, the community garden - and the birds thrive here too. We owe a special thank you to longtime advocate Deborah Jamison. Her commitment and tenacity continue to protect and promote the Stevens Creek Corridor in the City of Cupertino.

For more information or to volunteer for conservation and advocacy, please contact Shani (shani@scvas.org)

Volunteer Ventures

by Toby Goldberg, Programs Coordinator

One of the many reasons I am so grateful to live in the Bay Area is the plethora of opportunities to get outside and explore some truly beautiful natural areas. And each time I do, I inevitably cross paths with someone who has attended, participated in, volunteered with, or supported an SCVAS program. Not only do these serendipitous encounters bring some joy, but they also reinforce the sense of the impact that our chapter makes in the community.

However, while I might be amusingly known as the "bird walk lady" to elementary school children around the county, it is only because of the strength of our volunteer corps that we're able to reach as many people as we do - and to keep those experiences and encounters happening! And we need your help more than ever before. If you are looking for the chance to actively get involved with a good cause, we have opportunities available for any interest, energy level and availability.

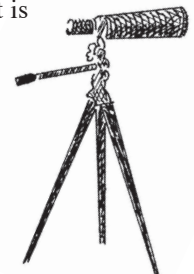
Here are just a few to pique your interest, although many more are available on our website. You can also give me a call at (408) 252-3740, or email me at programs@scvas.org.

Late May Inventory Assistants - We are in need of volunteers to help us count books and gifts in the shop before the end of our fiscal year on May 31st. Even volunteering just a few hours in the last week of May is helpful. No experience needed, just a willingness to count store items and sort through boxes. And don't worry - we'll supply the fun.

Summer "Adventures" Assistants - During the summer, SCVAS plans numerous activities for families and children to help get them connected with nature. As we expand our offerings, we are looking for enthusiastic volunteers willing to participate in various bird-and-nature-related activities for children, such as building bird feeders, dissecting owl pellets and more. See page 8 for some examples of upcoming activities.

Office/Data Entry Assistants - The SCVAS office is looking for volunteers to spend a bit of time helping us process a backlog of data entry for our educational programs evaluations. These evaluations are crucial for us to continuously improve our programs but are also a lot of work for just one (or two) people to deal with. Timing is very flexible and can work around any schedule. Once volunteers are familiar with the data entry material, they can be taken home if desired and worked on from home. Potential volunteers should be comfortable with computers, using the Internet, and should have good attention to detail.

Bird Count Leaders & Participants - This important effort helps track the bird populations throughout the Bay Area, and our summer bird count is coming up soon. Volunteers are needed to help lead, count and coordinate. See page 9 for more details.



Adult Education Classes - Summer 2012

The following classes are sponsored by the SCVAS Education Committee. To register please call the office at (408) 252-3740. All cancellations require 72-hour prior notification for refunds. Information about our upcoming classes is also available on our website at www.scvas.org.

The Breeding Birds of the Mono Basin with Bob Power

The east slope of the Sierra offers a spectacular array of breeding birds, from Black-backed Woodpeckers and MacGillivray's Warblers to Osprey and Green-tailed Towhees. With a six-day trip, we're able to explore a number of unique habitats including the alpine zone surrounding Saddlebag Lake, the high desert sage grasslands of the historic ghost town of Bodie, the extraordinary tufa formations of Mono Lake and the ancient Bristlecone Pines of the White Mountains. We typically see 100+ species of birds during this workshop, few are species available to study in the south bay, and all are stunning.

Dates: Tue. 7/17 through Sun. 7/22.

Location: We meet at 1:00PM Tuesday, at Mono Lake County Park, and then meet at 7:00AM at the Lakeview Lodge on following mornings; 6:00AM on Saturday. Transportation, lodging, and meals are the responsibility of each participant. Rooms may be reserved at the Lakeview Lodge in Lee Vining but there are many other options including great camping in Lee Vining and Lundy Canyons.

Fee: \$150 members; \$175 non-members.

Class size is limited to 11. We organize carpools each morning on location. We will have a maximum of three vehicles for our field trips. **Please do not sign up for this workshop if you're not prepared to carpool** around the Mono Basin and down to the White Mountains and back. Carpooling expenses are shared by the participants and are not part of the base fee; typically \$5/person/day.

Sketching Birds with Floy Zittin

Sketching can be great fun and a way to improve observation skills. A few sketching tricks can enhance field notes and journaling; slightly more refined studies make great greeting cards or gifts. This class will cover techniques for capturing characteristics and personality of a bird in pencil, pen & ink, and watercolor wash. It is designed for beginning nature artists.

Date: Sat. 6/23; 9:00AM-12:00PM.

Location: McClellan Ranch Park, Cupertino.

Fee: \$30 members; \$40 non-members. There will also be a \$6 materials fee.

Min: 8 students; **Max:** 12 students



sketches by Floy Zittin

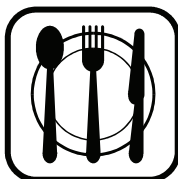


Annual Meeting and Potluck Wednesday, June 20, 6 PM McClellan Ranch Preserve



It's that time of year again!

Join your fellow SCVAS members for the annual potluck dinner and volunteer recognition awards. Meet the Audubon staff, board members and officers, and do some birding while you dine. Bring a main dish, casserole, salad or hors d'oeuvres to share - SCVAS provides beverages and desserts.



NOTE: Bringing your own plates and cups to the dinner will help us reduce the use of wasteful plastic and paperware.



Field Notes

(May 2012-June 2012)

by Bill Bousman

Geese through Loons

The number of **Greater White-fronted Geese** dropped quickly in February with one at the South County Waste Water Authority (SCRWA) Gilroy treatment ponds on 2 Feb (MJM, LCr), four to six near Bailey Avenue and Monterey Road 4-11 Feb (SCR), and seven at the Parkway Lakes on 12 Feb (AME). **Snow Geese** were found widely during the period but rarely for long periods. An immature was near Shoreline Lake 1-7 Feb (GZ, v.ob.), two birds were at the SCRWA ponds in Gilroy on 2 Feb (MJM, LCr), an adult was in Vasona CP 2-18 Feb (LSu, v.ob.), one was near Bailey Avenue and Monterey Road 4-11 Feb (SCR), one was in the New Chicago Marsh on 18 Feb (SCT), an immature was at Lake Cunningham (20-25 Feb (MJM, KBu), and an adult was in the Shoreline area 23-31 Mar (GZ, v.ob.). A single **Ross's Goose** at the SCRWA ponds in Gilroy on 2 Feb (MJM, LCr) remained from January's concentration. Similarly, an immature at Vasona CP 6-27 Feb (ER, WGB) probably was the same bird seen the month before. Six near Bailey Avenue and Monterey Road 4-11 Feb (SCR) appeared to be new. Three **Tundra Swans** at the SCRWA ponds in Gilroy on 2 Feb (MJM, LCr) did not linger. A **Eurasian Wigeon** was seen in the Palo Alto estuary on 10 Feb (MDo). A single bird was at the SCRWA ponds in Gilroy on 9 Mar (AME) and 21 Mar (JAC). A third bird was on Pond A9 in Alviso on 11 Mar (RFu). Two to five **Blue-winged Teal** were in the SCRWA ponds in Gilroy 2-8 Feb (MJM, LCr, WGB), but not after that. Two to three males were in Artesian (Mallard) Slough 2-6 Feb (DWe, WGB). No more were found over the rest of the period until a male was found in the Lockheed Martin ponds on 29 Mar (RFu). The number of wintering **Redhead** drops quickly in most February's. Pond A18 in Alviso retained hundreds of birds through 6 Feb (DWe, WGB), but declined after that with the last seen on 19 Feb (v.ob.). Five birds were seen on Pond A10 on 23 Mar (MJM) and three to five were on Pond A2E through the end of the period (RFu).

A male **Common X Barrow's Goldeneye**, not seen since late November, was once again found on the Los Capitancillos percolation ponds on 10 Mar (AV). Where was it from December through February? The wintering male **Barrow's Goldeneye** was last seen at Shoreline Lake on 17 Feb (SZ). A female was seen on the lake as well 10-17 Feb (GZ, SZ). After that no Barrow's were found until 16 Mar when

Good finds for late winter were a 2nd-cycle Slaty-backed Gull, a Plumbeous Vireo, and a Cassin's Vireo

a 1st-winter male showed up (WGB) and promptly disappeared. But then a female turned up on 17 Mar and remained there through the end of the period (JTh, m.ob.). A juvenile **Red-throated Loon** was found at Shoreline Lake on 6 Feb (MJM) and remained through 8 Feb (m.ob.). No other loons were seen during the period.

Pelicans through Shorebirds

This is the fourth winter in which **Brown Pelicans** have lingered in the South Bay over this period. Most notable was a count of 10 birds on ponds centered on Pond AB2 on 29 Mar (RFu). One or two birds have been seen occasionally during the period (v.ob.). The **American Bittern** wintering in the Mountain View Forebay was last seen on 17 Feb (SZ, v.ob.) and was the only one found during the period. A 1st-winter **White-faced Ibis** along Thompson Creek above Tully Road was reported four times during period, the latest being on 26 Mar (JPa et al.). There are at least three active **Bald Eagle** nests in the county this spring. Two adults were seen carrying nest material to the first nest on Coyote Reservoir on 4 Feb (RCP), one that had been used in past years. Birds were noted incubating by 21 Feb (JPa, v.ob.). A pair was first noted on the second nest on a tower west of Calaveras Reservoir on 26 Feb (DWe, v.ob.). The third nest is north of Casa de Fruta along Hwy 152. Incubation

seen on 9 Mar (DLSu). Elsewhere, birds were seen at six or seven different locations. Single **Ferruginous Hawks** were found at Joseph Grant CP on 6 Feb (MO'B, DRo) and north of Casa de Fruta on 16 Feb (DLSu). Birds remaining in Coyote Valley included an adult there on 25 Feb (MDo et al.), an immature on 1 Mar (MJM), and a late bird over Tulare Hill on 23 Mar (CE). A **Prairie Falcon** in San Antonio Valley on 25 Feb (PDU) may have been a local bird, wintering birds on the valley floor were not found after the third week in January. **Snowy Plovers** apparently wintered on Pond A13 in Alviso with 75 counted on 23 Mar (MJM). A **Lesser Yellowlegs** was seen in New Chicago Marsh on 19 Feb (MDo, KDo) and two were on Pond A13 on 23 Mar (MJM). **Sanderlings** continued on the Alviso ponds with 15 seen on 11 Mar (RFu) and 16 there on 23 Mar (MJM). This winter's **Ruff** was seen twice more in February in Crittenden Marsh, once on 18 Feb (SCT) and then on 22 Feb (DWe).

Gulls through Phainopepla

A 2nd-cycle **Slaty-backed Gull** was found in Pond A16 in Alviso on 11 Feb and was seen again on 18 Feb (SCR, v.ob.). Pond A16 was the metropolis for **Glaucous Gulls** in February with one to four 1st-cycle birds seen over the month (m.ob.). Two 2nd-cycle birds were seen on 11 and 19 Feb (SCR, DWe) and a 3rd-cycle was there on 4-5 Feb (SCR, v.ob.). Single 1st-cycle birds were on the Ogier Avenue ponds on 8 Feb (PDU) and 3 Mar (SCR). Missing since the end of January, five to six **Black Skimmers** showed up again at Charleston Slough 24-30 Mar (JTh, v.ob.). A **Greater Roadrunner** was found again northeast of Hellyer Avenue on 8 Feb (WGB). A



2nd-cycle Slaty-backed Gull
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Field Notes *cont'd*

second bird was along Coyote Ridge on 25 Feb (CE). One seen near San Felipe and Silver roads on 28 Feb (RWR) is likely a third bird. A wintering female **Costa's Hummingbird** was seen once more on 3 Mar at Morgan Hill feeders (SCR). The first migrant **Rufous Hummingbird** was at those same feeders the same day (SCR). One was at an Almaden Valley feeder 5-25 Mar. Two at Ed Levin CP on 22 Mar (WGB, DWe) were likely different birds. One was also seen in Santa Teresa CP on 27 Mar (PDU). The only report of **Lewis's Woodpeckers** were two in San Antonio Valley at the YZ Ranch on 2 Mar (WGB). A **Pileated Woodpecker** was seen west of Coyote Reservoir on 24 Mar (DRo et al.). We have three records for the Diablo Range and four for the valley floor, most are in spring. The **Pacific-slope Flycatcher** found in December remained along Alamitos Creek through at least 19 Feb (JPa). This is about the eighth winter record we have had in the last 30 or so years. The Lake Cunningham **Eastern Phoebe** found in January remained there at least through 25 Feb (CDL). A **Plumbeous Vireo** was seen along Coyote Creek near Sycamore Drive on 29 Mar (WGB) and continued into April (RWR). This is our 7th county record and the 1st for spring. A **Cassin's Vireo** was found at Stanford on 21 Feb (RCa), only our 3rd winter record. A pair of **American Dippers** in the Stevens Creek Canyon above Mt. Eden Road was seen through most of the period. Another pair in the canyon, a few miles above Redwood Gulch Road was found on 12 Feb (RFu). A pair in Los Gatos Creek above Main Street in Los Gatos was observed 27-30 Mar (JKJ, LSu). A male **Mountain Bluebird** was found along the Coyote Creek Trail below Hwy 237 on 3 Feb (PDU) and provided a treat for many birders. Adding to the treat,



Cassin's Vireo
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a second Mountain Bluebird joined the first on 7 Feb (CY). Both remained through 17 Feb (DWe), and a single bird through 20 Feb (CDL). It's been a banner winter for **Phainopepla**, but not in the interior of the Diablo Range. The male found at the end of Marsh Road in early December was seen at least through 26 Feb (DWe). Surprisingly, a female turned up there on 29-30 Mar (AME, MO'B). In Joseph Grant CP a female was seen on 19-21 Feb (P&JO'B, GaH). A pair was discovered on Roop Road on 9 Mar (MJM, LCr) and have remained at least through 14 Mar (v.ob.). Lastly, another female turned up on the west side of the valley on 15 Mar (PDU) in the yet-to-be-opened Coyote Valley OSP.

Warblers through Goldfinches

Single **Northern Waterthrushes** continued in the Charleston Road marsh, with one seen on 25 Feb (MJM, LCr), one heard on 17 Mar (WGB), and observations on 27 Mar (FT) and 29 Mar (RFu). The female-type **American Redstart** found in January remained until 20 Feb (MJM, v.ob.). **Hermit Warblers** appear to be on the move early with a singing male along Coyote Creek below Silicon Valley Boulevards 28-29 Mar (PDU), a male along Coyote Creek near Sycamore Drive on 31 Mar (DWe), and one in Alum Rock Park on that day as well (MDo, AS et al.). The Jeffrey Fontana Park wintering flock of **Chipping Sparrows** has continued through at least 21 Mar with high counts of seven birds on a number of occasions (v.ob.). Two singing **Grasshopper Sparrows** at Ed Levin CP on 22 Mar (AS) are first arrivals. About nine different **White-throated Sparrows** were found mostly in the flatlands during the period, plus at least four birds at feeders, many are continuing birds from earlier in the winter. The adult **Harris's Sparrow** is still coming to a Campbell feeder through the end of the period (LMY). Wintering **Western Tanagers** included a male along Coyote Creek at Sycamore Drive on 15 Feb (AS) and 29 Mar (WGB), two along San Francisquito Creek above El Camino on 17 Feb (PDU), a continuing bird at Vasona CP on 18 Feb (JPa) and 2 Mar (MO'N, MK), one in Edenvale Park on 27 Feb (JPa), and one at Ed Levin CP on 24 Mar (RWR, FV). At least 17 roosting **Great-tailed Grackles** continued at Lake Cunningham through 19 Feb (v.ob.). Then on 26 Mar at least 13 had returned to start nesting activities



Plumbeous Vireo
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(JPa et al.). A single bird was singing on the Ogier Avenue ponds on 4 Feb (SCR). **Pine Siskins** have been found widely, but in small numbers. Two were on Mt. Hamilton on 25 Feb (PDU), one was at Joseph Grant CP on 10 Mar (MDo et al.), two were at a feeder at Hidden Villa on 12 Mar (GHa), six to eight were in Almaden-Quicksilver CP on 22 Mar (JPa), at least one was at Santa Teresa CP on 27 Mar (PDU) and one at Belgatos Park on 30 Mar (JPa). **Lawrence's Goldfinches** have been scarce since the huge numbers found on the Mt. Hamilton CBC. Two females were on Seeboy Ridge east of Mt. Hamilton on 25 Feb (PDU), one was singing in a Morgan Hill yard on 4 Mar (SCR), and another was singing south of Pacheco Pass on 5 Mar (JB).

Observers: Joseph Belli (JB), Bill Bousman (WGB), Karen Burnson (KBU), Robin Carle (RCa), Jack Cole (JAC), Lea Crisp (LCr), Kelly Dodder (KDo), Matthew Dodder (MDo), Pete Duntun (PDU), Craig Edgerton (CE), Al Eisner (AME), Rob Furrow (RFu), Garth Hall (GaH), Garth Harwood (GHa), Jim Johnson (JKJ), Mary Kelly (MK), Calvin Lou (CDL), Mike Mammoser (MJM), Lisa Myers (LMY), Matt O'Brien (MO'B), Paul & Jovae O'Brien (P&JO'B), Martha O'Neal (MO'N), Janna Pauser (JPa), Bob Power (RCP), Bob Reiling (RWR), Don Rocha (DRo), Edward Rooks (ER), Steve Rottenborn (SCR), Ashutosh Sinha (AS), David Suddjian (DLSu), Linda Sullivan (LSu), Jim Thomas (JTh), Francis Toldi (FT), Steve Tracey (SCT), Frank Vanslager (FV), Ann Verdi (AV), Dave Weber (DWe), Chad Yarbrough (CY), Steve Zamek (SZ), and Gena Zolotar (GZ).

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PALO ALTO SUMMER BIRD COUNT

Please Help Us Track Our Local Breeding Birds and Enjoy a Fun Day in the Field!

Saturday June 2nd, (always the first Saturday in June), is the date for our annual counting of the birds in and around Palo Alto. We use the same circle as the Palo Alto Christmas Bird Count, which ranges from along the bay to the Open Space areas along Skyline. The count circle is split about equally between Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties.

We are looking for folks of all ages and experience levels to participate. If you are a regular to

this count, just contact your faithful region coordinator, but if you are new and want to join, let me know and I'll find a place for you. It becomes difficult sometimes to place people at the last minute so let me know as soon as possible if you wish to join the count.



Jack Cole, Count Organizer
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Birdathon 2012 Snapshots:



Rising Stars of the Next Birding Generation: The 2012 Birdathon team, the Fledglings, start off their species hunt well equipped and ready to go!



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Elections for SCVAS Board of Directors and Officers at our Annual Meeting on June 20, 2012

The Nominating Committee of the SCVAS Board of Directors is pleased to nominate the following candidates for elected positions on the Board for the term indicated. New directors and officers will take office on July 1, 2011. SCVAS members in good standing may participate in the voice vote at this Annual Meeting. The majority of available votes will determine the winner.

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Making A Difference

by Jenna Watts

One day at Girl Scouts my troop leader challenged us to make a difference in our community. My idea was to help save an endangered species. I decided to see if I could put nest mounds for Western Burrowing Owls in a primitive park in my neighborhood.

I presented my idea to the Morgan Hill Parks and Recreation Committee. They had me explain my idea to Mr. Eulo who is in charge of Morgan Hill's Environmental Program. He contacted a biologist and SCVAS about my idea. They thought the park's habitat would be better suited to cavity dwelling birds like the Western Bluebird than to Burrowing Owls.

We have good food for cavity dwellers, but tend to cut down the dead trees that they like for their homes. They suggested we put up nesting boxes for them. We built one nesting box and got more from SCVAS, who taught me and my mom about installing and monitoring the boxes and about recognizing pests.

I now monitor a nesting box trail in the park and in my yard as part of the Cavity Nesters Recovery Program. I like that I am helping birds and that there is a chance of seeing baby birds hatch and grow. My mom likes that we found so much support for my idea and so many people willing to help make it happen. I hope my story inspires someone to make a difference in their own community.



National Audubon Society Annual Board Retreat - Chapters Forum

The National Audubon Society (NAS) will hold its 2012 Board of Directors retreat in Palo Alto / Menlo Park May 18th - May 20th. NAS will host a Chapter Forum on the afternoon of Friday May 18th, providing an opportunity for members of local chapters to get together, hear NAS president David Yarnold and other speakers, and ask questions. The event will take place at the Stanford Park Hotel from 3PM to 5:30PM.

In Memoriam:

The Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society was saddened to learn of the recent passing of two of our long time members and supporters:

Marianne Dieckmann
July 21, 1926-Jan. 23, 2012
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Marie Gordon
March 22, 2012
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Highlights of the trip included nesting Resplendent Quetzals, a mangrove boat tour on the Tarcoles River, the incomparable Savegre Valley, and the extraordinary diversity of bird and plant life at the La Selva Biological Station. Our parting dinner was filled with a series of wonderful anecdotes from the trip.



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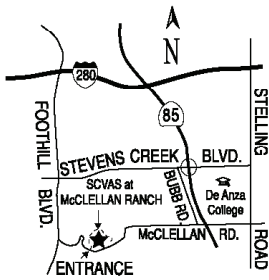


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