

# THE AVOCET

The Newsletter of the Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society

September-October 2012

## Successful Summer Partnerships: Summer Day Camp with SCVAS and MROSD

by Toby Goldberg

SCVAS Programs Coordinator



Explorations at Picchetti Ranch Open Space Preserve included hunting for tracks, plants, flowers, and more. Here, a group of campers explores the tracks a beetle left behind in the dust.

Beautiful spaces, temperate weather, lots of sun, noisy birds, silly lizards, creeks full of critters, and habitats galore to explore! Or put another way - a whole lot of summer fun!

July was once again time for a fantastic collaborative endeavor - the Summer Nature Days camp with our friends at Mid-peninsula Regional Open Space District (MROSD). Thanks to a successful program in 2011, and lots of hard work on all sides, we were able to offer a meaningful 4-day program for children in grades 2-6 that was both fun and educational, exciting and thought-provoking. As Renee Fitzsimons, the docent coordinator at MROSD, and I have discovered time and again, our two organizations have strengths that greatly compliment each other, and it has been a wonderful experience to see our efforts produce such high-quality results. This is the only camp we know of that takes

advantage of so many beautiful open space areas, providing a unique nature experience for the campers.

During Nature Days 2012, camp participants experienced plant walks at Picchetti Ranch Open Space Preserve, scientific explorations of the animal kingdom at McClellan Ranch Preserve, and majestic views and moments of wonder at Skyline Ridge Open Space Preserve. And of course, so much more.

As we learned from last year, having consistent, trained staff throughout the week helped to make the experience enjoyable

for everyone. Our Senior Camp Counselors - Kan and Brian - as well as our volunteer Junior Counselors - Annie, Hannah, Megan, and So - worked hard to keep the fun rolling all week long. They hiked, played, dug, read, peered, splashed, counted, created, and tromped



A little Build-a-Bug time at McClellan Ranch to get those creative juices flowing

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### General Membership Meetings

Cubberly Community Center - Rm H1  
Palo Alto - Middlefield & Montrose Rds  
(go to [www.scvas.org](http://www.scvas.org) for maps to this location)

Doors open 7:30; program 8:00



Wednesday, September 19th  
“Colombia and its  
Abundance of Birds”  
with Christopher Calonje

Join our photographic tour of intriguing Colombia and its plentiful birds. Boasting the world’s longest list of birds - now over 1,870 species (more than North America and Europe combined) - Colombia is well worth an evening of exploration.

Christopher Calonje was born and raised in Colombia, and currently lives in Oregon working for a small environmental consulting firm specializing in wetlands, botanical surveys, environmental education, and biological assessments.

Wednesday, October 17th  
“Best of Chile and  
Argentina”  
with Doug Cheeseman, &  
Debbie & Steve Thompson

Several presenters will join together this month to give you an energetic multimedia show featuring Chile and Argentina: north to Lauca National Park, west to Easter Island, south to Patagonia and east to the Peninsula Valdes. An evening of beauty and wonder not to be missed!

Additional information - including driving directions - are available on the SCVAS website, [www.scvas.org](http://www.scvas.org). Click on “Member Programs: Speaker Series.”

Photos Above ©Doug Cheeseman:

Left: Guanacos;

Right: Chestnut-throated Huet-huet

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# Sept-Oct '12 Field Trips

(Full details for all of our Field Trips are also available online at [www.scvas.org](http://www.scvas.org))

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

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

## Saturday Sept. 1, 8:15 AM

### Arastradero Preserve

Half day. **Leader:** Rich Page; (408) 377-1092. **Directions:** From I-280 take Page Mill Rd. west approx. 1/2 mile to Arastradero Rd. Turn right and meet at the parking lot located 1/2-mile on the right. **Highlights:** Woodland and grassland species as well as a good assortment of raptors are possible. **Difficulty Level:** Trip involves two plus miles of moderately strenuous walking. **RC**

## Sunday Sept. 2, 8:00 AM

### Ogier Ponds

Half day. **Leader:** Kirsten Holmquist; (408) 747-0988. **Directions:** From Hwy 101 in Morgan Hill take Cochrane Rd. west to Monterey Hwy, turn right, go north 2.6 miles, turn right towards the Model Airplane Park (street is unnamed). Follow the road for 1/4 mile and park in the gravel lot at the first bend in road (meet at the gate if the entrance is locked). **RC**

## Wednesday Sept. 5, 12:00 PM

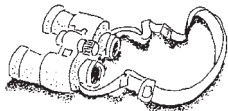
### City of Sunnyvale Landfill

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 Sept. 8, 8:00 AM

### Almaden Lake Park and Alamos Creek

Half day. **Leader:** Frank Vanslager; (650) 961-1505. **Directions:** Meet at the bathrooms (blue building) near the east entrance to Almaden Lake Park. From Hwy 85 take Almaden Expwy south, turn left on Coleman Road and then right on Winfield Blvd. **Difficulty Level:** Expect about 3 miles of easy walking. **Highlights:** We will bird the lake and the trail upstream looking for waterfowl, raptors, and a wide variety of riparian birds. **Notes:** Entrance fee may be required, but parking is free on Winfield Blvd. **LO, RC**



## Sunday Sept. 9, 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. then right on Penitencia Creek Rd. and continue on into the park. Drive under the bridge and meet at the far end of the parking lot. **Notes:** Possible entrance fee. **Difficulty Level:** A moderately strenuous 3-4 mile walk. **LO, RC**

## Wednesday Sept. 12, 8:30 AM

### Vasona Lake County Park

Half day. **Leader:** Janna Pauser; (408) 569-9264. **Directions:** Entrance on Blossom Hill Road, on the west side of Hwy 17 in Los Gatos. From Hwy 17 exit at Lark Ave.; go west to University Ave., turn left onto Blossom Hill Rd. and use main entrance. Turn into first parking lot on your left after kiosk. **Difficulty Level:** Easy walking. **Highlights:** We'll bird the south end of this popular Los Gatos Park. Possible Yellow Warbler, Western Tanager and a variety of riparian birds. **Notes:** Gate opens at 8 AM, entrance fee required. **LO, RC**

## Saturday Sept. 15, 9:00 AM

### Point Reyes

Full day. **Leader:** Peter LaTourette; (650) 961-2741. **Highlights:** Our annual trip to the west coast's most active vagrant trap where birds and the weather are always exciting and unpredictable! **Directions:** From Hwy 1 in Marin Co. take Sir Francis Drake Blvd. west approx. 14 miles and turn left to Drakes Beach. Meet in the parking area. **Notes:** Bring lunch, liquids, a full tank of gas, and be ready for fog, wind, sun and lots of difficult to ID birds. Be prepared to carpool from Drakes Beach.

## Sunday Sept. 16, 9:00 AM

### Charleston Slough

Half day. **Leader:** Allen Royer; (408) 288-7768. **Directions:** From Hwy 101 in Mt. View take San Antonio Rd. north to Terminal Way parking area. Meet at the entrance nearest San Antonio Road. **Difficulty Level:** This trip recommended for beginning birders but all are encouraged to attend. **Notes:** Bring your spotting scope and a friend.

## Saturday Sept. 22, 7:30 AM

### Sunnyvale Baylands Park

Half Day. **Leader:** Pat Kenny; (408) 725-0468. **Directions:** From Hwy 237 take the Lawrence Expwy/Caribbean Dr exit toward Caribbean Dr. Turn right into the park at the first stoplight on Caribbean Dr. north of Hwy 237. Meet in the first parking lot to the right of the entrance kiosk. **Notes:** A \$6.00 parking fee may be required. **RC**

## Sunday Sept. 23, 8:30 AM

### Coyote Hills Regional Park

Half day. **Leader:** Frank Vanslager; (650) 961-1505. **Directions:** Take Hwy 84 (Dumbarton Bridge) east to Newark. Exit right at Thornton, then go left on overpass, as Thornton becomes Paseo Padre turn left at Patterson Ranch/Commerce Rd into park. Meet at far end of Quarry parking lot located on the left, 1/4 mile past park entrance. **Notes:** Entrance fee required. **LO, RC**

## Saturday Sept. 29, 8:00 AM

### Carmel River

Half day plus. **Leader:** Bob Reiling; (408) 253-7527. **Directions:** Take Hwy 1 south to Carmel, turn left at Rio Rd., and then immediately turn right into the Crossroads Shopping Center. Meet near the back, southwest corner of the shopping center near Safeway and the river. **Notes:** Bring lunch and liquids or buy food at the meeting place. Temperatures vary, so bring extra layers of clothing. Rubber boots optional as there may be puddles in the riverbed.

## Sunday Sept. 30, 8:00 AM

### Ogier Ponds

Half day. **Leader:** Rich Page; (408) 377-1092. For directions see the write-up for Sept 2<sup>nd</sup>. **RC**

## Wednesday Oct. 3, 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 additional details from Sept 5<sup>th</sup>.

## Saturday Oct. 6, 8:00 AM

### Sunnyvale Water Treatment Facility

Half day. **Leader:** Frank Vanslager; (650) 961-1505. **Directions:** From Hwy 101 take Hwy 237 east, exit North on Caribbean Dr., turn right on Borregas Ave. then left to the parking area. **Highlights:** This is a great place to study ducks. **Difficulty Level:** Trip is fairly easy but a long walk is possible. **Notes:** Scopes highly recommended. **RC**

## Field Trips *continued*

**Sunday Oct. 7, 8:00 AM**

### Windy Hills OSP

Half day. **Leader:** Steve Tracey; (408) 996-3860. **Directions:** Meet in the parking lot at Sausal Pond edge of the preserve. From I-280 in Portola Valley take Alpine Rd. south (toward hills) about 2.9 miles to the first stop sign, turn right on Portola Rd and go 0.8 miles to the parking lot on the left side of the road just past the entrance to The Sequoias. **RC**

**Wednesday Oct. 10, 8:00 AM**

### Lake Almaden & Los Alamitos Creek Trail

Half day. **Leader:** Janna Pauser; (408) 569-9264. See details from Sept 8<sup>th</sup>. **LO, RC**

**Saturday Oct. 13, 8:00 AM**

### Moss Landing & vicinity

Half day. **Leader:** Todd Newberry, Santa Cruz Bird Club; (831) 426-8741. **Directions:** Meet in Moss Landing in the big parking lot and boat launch ramp just north of the Elkhorn Slough Bridge off Hwy 1 next to the Sea Harvest Restaurant. **Notes:** Weather conditions can be highly variable so dress in layers, bring lunch and liquids. **Highlights:** Shorebirds, waterfowl and other migrants.

**Sunday Oct. 14, 9:00 AM**

### Charleston Slough

Half day. **Leader:** Allen Royer (408) 288-7768. See write-up for Sept 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Saturday Oct. 20, 7:30 AM**

### Local Hot Spots

Half day. **Leader:** Bob Reiling; (408) 253-7527. **Directions:** We'll meet at the Alviso Marina. From Hwy 237 in San Jose take

Gold St. north to the end of the street, bear left on Elizabeth St. and then right on Hope St. to the Marina parking lot. **Highlights:** A chance to visit some of the local hot spots you hear about and, we hope, to see some "good" birds

**Sunday Oct. 21, 9:00 AM**

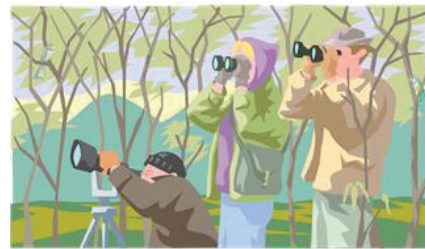
### Hawk Hill/Marin Headlands

Full day. **Leader:** Nick Yatsko; (408) 891-3187. **Directions:** Going north on Hwy 101, after crossing the Golden Gate Bridge exit just past the Vista Point, cross under Hwy 101 and turn right just before entrance back onto Hwy 101 south. Drive up hill to the highest point and park. Meet at the parking area or at the Hawk watch on top of the hill. **Highlights:** Migrating raptors including the possibility of seeing a rare Broad-winged Hawk. **Notes:** Weather conditions can be highly variable, dress in layers, bring lunch and liquids. **This will be our only field trip to the Hawk Hill/Marin Headlands this fall.** Heavy fog in the headlands will likely cancel the trip.

**Saturday Oct. 27, 8:30 AM**

### Grant Ranch County Park

Half day. **Leader:** Jim Johnson; (408) 996-3506. **Directions:** From I-680 take Alum Rock Ave. northeast, turn right on Hamilton Rd. and go approximately 9 miles to the park. Meet at Grant Lake (aka Hall's Valley Lake) parking lot, which is the first parking lot on the left side of the road (do not enter the Main Park Entrance on the right). **Highlights:** Fresh water ducks, oak woodland birds and possible Golden Eagle. **Notes:** A Park entrance fee will be required for the last half of the trip. **Difficulty Level:** This will be a moderate 2 mile walk. **LO, RC**



**Sunday Oct. 28, 8:00 AM**

### Elkhorn Slough, Moss Landing, Moon Glow Dairy

Half day plus. **Leader:** Norm Kikuchi; (831) 459-9424. **Directions:** Meet in the parking lot just north of the Elkhorn Slough Bridge just off Highway 1 in Moss Landing at the Sea Harvest Restaurant. **Highlights:** With fall at hand, we will bird the watershed looking for returning ducks, shorebirds, wintering land birds and reported vagrants. **Notes:** Bring food and liquids. Dress in layers.

**Saturday Nov. 3, 8:00 AM**

### Alum Rock Park

Half day. **Leader:** Rich Page; (408) 377-1092. For directions see the write-up for Sept 9<sup>th</sup>. **LO, RC**

**Sunday Nov. 4, 9:00 AM**

### Charleston Slough

Half day. **Leader:** Dick Stovel; (650) 856-6105. **Directions:** Meet at Terminal Way at the end of San Antonio Rd. north off Hwy 101 in Mountain View. **Difficulty Level:** This is a trip that is geared toward the beginning birder but all are encouraged to attend. **Notes:** Bring a scope if you have one, friends and non-members are always welcome. **IMPORTANT:** Daylight Savings Time change - fall back or be an hour early for this trip.

## SCVAS Events Calendar:

**Wed. 9/5 & 10/3, 7-9PM**

### Bay Area Bird Photographers Meeting

*Lucy Evans Interpretive Cntr, Palo Alto*

Topic: TBA - go to [www.scvas.org/babp](http://www.scvas.org/babp) for details

**Tues. 9/11 & 10/9, 10:00AM**

### Eve Case Bird Discussion Group

Meets at the home of Pat Dubois, 17150 Buena Vista Ave., Los Gatos; (408) 395-4264

Topic 9/11: Beaks, Mouths, Tongues, Legs and Feet

Topic 10/9: Black-crowned Night Heron

**Thurs. 9/13, 7-9PM**

### Cavity Nesters Recovery Program (CNRP) End-of-Season Meeting

*McClellan Ranch Park, Cupertino*

All monitors are invited to attend. We'll all introduce ourselves, talk about the season, get a chance to ask questions,

look at the data that has been submitted and bring closure to the 2012 nest box season. Please remember to submit your data online before the 13<sup>th</sup>! See details on page 14.

**Sat. 10/27, 10AM-2PM**

### 21st Annual Wildlife Education Day

*McClellan Ranch Park, Cupertino*

A free event for families and children - of all ages!

*See page 12 for details*

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# Conservation Corner

By Shani Kleinhaus, Environmental Advocate

## Panoche Valley needs YOUR help

The Panoche Valley solar project received an infusion of funds from Duke Energy and the developers are now pursuing additional permits from state and federal agencies. While our California Environmental Quality Act legal challenge is to be resolved in the California Appellate Court later this year, the Army Corps of Engineers has published a Notice of Intent to prepare a federal Environmental Impact Assessment. The fight to save Panoche Valley continues, and **YOU CAN HELP US PERSEVERE**: Email: [spn.eis.panoche@usace.army.mil](mailto:spn.eis.panoche@usace.army.mil); **please also copy**: [shani@scvas.org](mailto:shani@scvas.org)

Please ask that 1) the Environmental Impact Statement consider alternatives outside of Panoche Valley and outside of San Benito County on land that is not designated an Important Bird Area and is not included in the Core Recovery Area for endangered species; 2) Comprehensive surveys, following Department of Fish and Game protocols, for all endangered species must be conducted, and 3) please add your own thoughts about the potential development of a solar project in Panoche Valley.

## Mountain View General Plan

Our extensive advocacy efforts on behalf of birds and wildlife habitat in Mountain View engaged many in our community. On July 10<sup>th</sup>, the City Council approved a new General Plan, and rejected residential development as an option in the North Bayshore area. While housing is now off the table, other development is permitted and we can expect to see great expansion and intensification as Google and other companies grow.

The new General Plan's Vision for North Bayshore promotes biological habitats. The vision trickles to a new Goal: "*An area that is a model of highly sustainable and innovative development, protective of the natural and biological assets of the area*" and a new Policy: *Wildlife friendly development. Implement wildlife friendly site planning, building and design strategies.*

We hope to continue working with the City of Mountain View, Google and other employers in the area throughout the implementation of the plan.

## Cavalía and the Burrowing Owls

The Cavalía experience opened in San Jose in July. The Armer siblings and Greg Kerekes provided Cavalía with footage used to create a video on the plight of the burrowing owls. This video (see <http://zone.pmt.ca/zone/zonepublique.php?u=s9rzkh>) screened at the start of each performance. Overall, more than 50,000 saw the video. We are very grateful to Cavalía for their support and help in raising Burrowing Owl awareness.

## Additional Projects We Are Tracking Closely:

- High Speed Rail Authority is planning Maintenance and Storage Yards south of San Jose
- The Santa Clara County Vector Control District is planning a new Integrated Mosquito and Vector Management Program
- Palo Alto is updating the Natural Environment Element of its Comprehensive Plan.
- San Jose is considering residential development on Penitencia Creek. In addition, the city is planning Creek Bank Stabilization projects for five areas along upper Guadalupe Creek
- Don Edwards National Refuge is completing its Comprehensive Conservation Plan

Please contact [shani@scvas.org](mailto:shani@scvas.org) if you are interested in these projects.

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# Volunteer Ventures

by Toby Goldberg, Programs Coordinator

It seems like school starts earlier every year - and 2012 is no exception. With most school districts in full swing by September 1st, the SCVAS Education Committee is already moving at full speed! We're proud of the programs we're able to offer to classrooms around the county, but we need your help!

If you're interested in education or working with children, this is definitely the perfect time to get involved. But, we also have a lot of other opportunities - office assistance, committee participation, and more - that will fit any interest and any schedule. Here are just a few pressing needs, but these, and many more, are also listed on our website under "Get Involved."

Wetlands Discovery Program Docent - This program, our flagship educational program, shares the wonder and importance of wetland habitats with third through sixth graders throughout Santa Clara County. In fact, SCVAS is well known for this well-designed and engaging program, and we often have more schools inquiring than we have room for! Volunteers guide students in exploring wetland wildlife and habitat both in the classroom and out in the field. This program is rewarding for both volunteers and the hundreds of South Bay children who participate (15 schools and 1302 students in 2011-2012!). **No previous birding or field trip experience is necessary**, as we will provide training for both field and class sessions.

Wildlife Education Day Support - As our largest annual event, Wildlife Education Day fields an abundance of ways for you to volunteer. With interactive booths, environmental organizations, educational presentations, live animals, a poster contest, raffle, and much more, this fun-filled affair will require a lot of volunteer support weeks before the event as well as on the big day - Saturday, October 27 (see page ## - or online at [www.scvas.org/WildlifeFestival](http://www.scvas.org/WildlifeFestival) - for more details). Here's how YOU can help:

<b>Prior to the Event:</b>	Classroom Presenter (CA
Poster Contest	Wildlife, fully-scripted
Coordinator	- and lots of fun!
Publicity	
<b>Day of the Event:</b>	Nest Box Building Station
Set Up	Event Photographer
Registration	Parking
Nature Arts & Crafts	Clean Up
High School Volunteer	And so much more!
Coordinator	

EcoTraveler Coordinator - Are you well organized and like making plans? Enjoy discovering hidden treasures at exotic locales? You might just be the person we need! SCVAS is looking for a volunteer to assist us with our Field Excursions program - everywhere from Arizona to Alaska! This position will work closely with the Programs Coordinator and the Executive Director.

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# Adult Education Classes - Autumn 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](http://www.scvas.org).

## Raptors in Flight with Bob Power

Raptors hold everyone's attention. Their grace as they dominate the airways and their power as they hunt are mesmerizing. The beauty and majesty of a raptor when they choose to allow us a prolonged look on a distant perch always makes a lasting impression. This class will focus on identification of raptors in flight using multimedia to focus on the size, shape, flight style, and field marks of the common and not so common raptors of the Bay Area. Field trips will reinforce the classroom experience with one trip to the west's most productive Hawkwatch site, Hawk Hill in the Marin Headlands, and one trip in search of our rarest raptor, the California Condor. *Note:* We will not be studying owls in this class.



**Dates:** Classes: Mon. 10/08 & 10/15; 7-8:30PM. Field: Sun. 10/14 (8:30AM-3PM) & 10/21 (7AM-5PM).

**Location:** Classes: McClellan Ranch Park, Cupertino. Field: Hawk Hill, Marin County (10/14); TBD (10/23).

**Fee:** \$60 members; \$95 non-members.

**Additional Information:** Carpooling is highly recommended for the trip to Hawk Hill and is required for the 2nd field trip (we will have a maximum of four vehicles for that trip). **Please do not sign up for this class if you're not prepared to carpool all day on 10/21.** Class size limited to 15.

## Duck Identification Made Easy with Bob Power



Struggling with ducks? Just starting out? Hoping to engage someone in a conversation about hybrids? This is the class for you. We will be looking at both the common and not so common ducks that populate the San Francisco Bay and our local salt ponds during the winter months. Our field trip will start in the East Bay and we will work our way back to Sunnyvale. Along with repetitive and reinforcing sightings of common duck species, our field trip will be focused on finding, identifying and comparing Barrow's and Common Goldeneye, Eurasian and American Wigeon, Greater and Lesser Scaup, and the elusive Tufted Duck, and White-winged Scoter.

**Dates:** Class: Tues. 12/04; 7-8:30PM. Field: Sun. 12/09; 7AM-5PM.

**Location:** Class: McClellan Ranch Park, Cupertino. Field: Various locations (driving required).

**Fee:** \$30 members; \$65 non-members.

**Additional Information:** **Please do not sign up for this class unless you are willing to drive or ride in a 4-person carpool.** Class size limited to 15.

**Turn to pages 6-9 for a preview of our upcoming 2013  
Field Seminars.**

**These are truly "trips of a lifetime!"**

*Cooper's Hawk in Flight (top) & Tufted Duck (left): photos courtesy of Ashok Khosla - seeingbirds.com*

# SCVAS Field Seminars 2013

The SCVAS Staff and Board are always dreaming up, planning, and coordinating outdoor educational adventures that we think will captivate the birder in anyone. We are very excited, therefore, to be able to present our roster of Field Seminars for the coming year - we hope that you'll join us for one (or more) of these adventures! Additional information is also available online at [www.scvas.org](http://www.scvas.org) - click on "Calendar." Call the SCVAS office at 408-252-3740 or 408-252-3747 to register.

## Winter 2013

### Costa Rica: Quintessential Tropical Birding

January 15th – January 29th

with *Charlie Gomez, Bob Hirt, and Bob Power*

Costa Rica's temperate climate and environment rich in fruits and flowers is also blessed with an avian population that is diverse, colorful, and prolific. Nearly 890 species of birds can be found here, ranging from Scarlet Macaws to Three-wattled Bellbird. While we cannot hope to see all 890 species in one trip, we can hope to see 300 to 350 species under the capable leadership of Charlie Gomez, arguably Costa Rica's finest trip leader. From National Wildlife Refuges and National Parks to high mountain ecosystems and tropical forests, we will be searching for endemic and exotic birds including Keel-billed Toucan and the ultimate Costa Rica target bird, the Resplendent Quetzal. This 13-day tour, sandwiched between travel days to and from Costa Rica, will take us from the outskirts of San Jose, Costa Rica, through the most unique habitats of the Pacific rain forests and the Talamanca highlands, immersing ourselves in four of the country's finest birding destinations along the way. We hope you will make plans to join us on this fantastic adventure.

**Fees:** \$2950/person, double-occupancy; \$500 single supplement. Deposit of \$500 due by 9/15 to hold reservation.



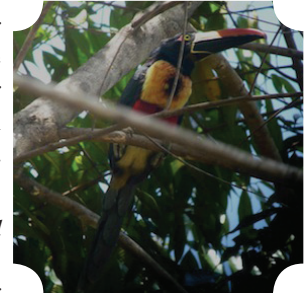
Additional Information: Fees do not include airfare, bar bills, or other incidentals. Fees do include all park entrance fees, tips for guides and drivers, and a tax deductible donation to SCVAS. Trip limited to 12 participants.

#### *About the Costa Rica Field Leaders:*

*Carlos Gomez*, or as he is better known, Charlie, started his birding career working with Gary Stiles, the author of *Birds of Costa Rica*. He has guided birding and other natural history groups for Costa Rica Expeditions for two decades. Before that, he was Station Manager at the Organization for Tropical Studies' La Selva Biological Station and has been called "legendary" in the *Washington Post*. An excellent naturalist and avid birder with a B.S. in biology from the University of Costa Rica, Charlie's tireless enthusiasm on the job has made him Costa Rica Expedition's most requested naturalist guide.

*Bob Hirt*, past President of the SCVAS Board of Directors, has led birding trips on three continents. This will be Bob's fifth trip to Costa Rica. Bob's knowledge of Costa Rica and its birds adds a special element that other trips cannot match.

*Bob Power* is the Executive Director for Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society (SCVAS). Bob has taught birding classes for the past eight years and delights in helping field trip participants not only find birds but confidently identify them. This will be Bob's 2nd trip to Costa Rica.



### Honey Lake, Eagle Lake & Vicinity (a.k.a. The Legendary Shaffer Sage-grouse Lek)

Dates TBA: See November/December Avocet

with *Bob Hirt*

A weekend trip to a remote corner of northeast California to see Sage Grouse on their booming grounds. Other expected species include eagles, hawks, geese, ducks, cranes, woodpeckers and other mountain specialties such as Townsend's Solitaire, Cassin's Finch, Mountain Bluebird, and Pinyon Jay.

Trip limited to 20 participants.



*Fiery-billed Aracari (top), Costa Rica Group Participants 2011 (middle) & Greater Sage Grouse (left): photos courtesy of Bob Power*

## Lower Klamath / Tule Lake Eagles

February 15th-18th

with Bob Power



President's weekend trip to the California – Oregon border to see eagles in abundance. While we attempt to identify all birds seen on this trip, the focus is on the lower Klamath Basin is a magnet for Rough-legged Hawks, Ferruginous Hawks, Golden Eagles, and of course, Bald Eagles. We see geese in phenomenal numbers, duck species, and often see the first wave of north-bound Sandhill Cranes.

Lodging: Participants make their own arrangements. We suggest Verna's Winema Lodge - a Northern California classic known for its excellent dining, and price combo, it is ideally situated and puts on a great dinner and breakfast. Space at the lodge fills quickly, though. Other accommodations are available in the area as well.

Additional Information: Participants must be prepared to either drive or carpool on Saturday and Sunday. We will have a maximum of 3 vehicles, 4 guests per vehicle, as we wander around the backroads of the lower Klamath and Tule Lake National Wildlife Refuges.

**Trip is Full - Waiting-list Sign-ups Only**

There is no fee for this trip, although guests will be invited to make a purely voluntary donation to SCVAS.

## Spring 2013

## Southeastern Arizona

May 10th-19th

with Bob Power and David Wimpfheimer

Cave Creek Canyon, the Huachuca and Chiricahua high country, Patagonia Roadside rest area, and enough specialty birds to satisfy the most avid birders; in short, one of the top birding destinations in North America. Our first night will be spent in Tucson, then 3 nights at the lovely Case de San Pedro adjacent to the San Pedro River National Riparian Conservation area, 4 nights rubbing elbows with scientists and researchers at the American Museum of Natural History's Southwest Research Station, and a final night in Tucson. We will immerse ourselves in the mountains, canyons, and desert lowlands as southeastern Arizona comes alive with the songs and calls of birds starting the nesting cycle. Join us to seek all of the area's specialty birds from Elegant Trogon to Red-faced Warbler, in one of North America's top birding destinations. Fees: \$2195/person, double-occupancy; \$450 single supplement. Deposit of \$500 due by 12/1 to hold reservation.

Additional Information: Fees do not include airfare, bar bills, or other incidentals. Fees do include all park entrance fees, tips for guides and drivers, and a tax deductible donation to SCVAS. Trip limited to 12 participants.

### **About the Arizona Field Leaders:**

David Wimpfheimer is a naturalist and a biologist with a passion for the birds and natural history of the West. During his twenty-five years of expeditions, in addition to local classes for the Point Reyes Field Seminars, Marin Agricultural Land Trust and the California Academy of Sciences, he has led numerous tours to Mexico, Alaska, Scotland and other regions for groups including the Smithsonian Institution, Wild Wings, and Elderhostel. Although the majority of David's field trips are geared toward teaching and interpreting the language of the avian world, he is just as experienced teaching the rich diversity of the natural world. From wild birds to wildflowers, David will make every visit to the natural world memorable and enjoyable.

Bob Power is the Executive Director for Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society (SCVAS). Bob taught birding classes for the past seven years in the south bay and delights in helping field trip participants not only find birds but confidently identify them.

*Bob and David have been co-leading field trips for 8 years and strike a wonderful balance between exhilarating birding and general enjoyment of the natural world.*



Bald Eagle (top) & Elegant Trogon (right): photos courtesy of Bob Power

# Late Spring 2013

## The Breeding Birds of Yuba Pass, Sierra Valley, and the Gold Lakes Region May 31st - June 3rd

with *Bob Power*

The northern Sierra offers a spectacular array of nesting birds, from White-headed Woodpeckers and Hermit Warblers to Yellow-headed Blackbirds and Green-tailed Towhees. We typically see 100+ species of birds during this workshop, few are species available to study in the South Bay, and all are stunning. With a four-day trip, we are able to explore these unique habitats at leisure.

Fee: \$125 members; \$160 non-members. Trip fees cover continental breakfast and bag lunches for those staying at the Buttes Resort in Sierra City.

Location: We will meet at 1 PM at Yuba Pass on May 31st, and then meet at 7AM in Sierra City on June 1st, 2nd, and 3rd.

Additional Information: 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 Sierra Valley.** Carpooling expenses are shared by the participants; typically \$5/person/day. Transportation, lodging, and meals are the responsibility of each participant. Shared meals are available for participants who stay in or near to Sierra City. Detailed itinerary will be forwarded upon registration.

**Trip is limited to 11 participants.**



# Summer 2013

## Alaska: Denali National Park and Kenai Fjords National Park

June 21st – July 5th

with *Bob Power and David Wimpfheimer*

Two spectacular national parks mark the northern and southern bounds of this trip: Denali and Kenai Fjords. Denali, with the incomparable Alaska Range and around every corner a chance for Grizzly Bear, Moose, Caribou, or one of Alaska's other magnificent mammals. Nearby, the Denali Highway's extraordinary scenery harbors more mammals: Long-tailed Jaeger, Arctic Warbler, and other species at the limits of their range. Taking no back seat is Kenai Fjords, with its immense ice fields, breathtaking mountains rising from the ocean, and thousands of breeding seabirds. June marks the peak of breeding activity with all of our target species in their finest plumage. The birds we'll be seeking comprise a long list of highlights: White-winged Crossbill, Three-toed Woodpecker, Northern Hawk-owl, Long-tailed Jaeger, Horned Puffin, Arctic Tern, Kittlitz's Murrelet, Willow Ptarmigan, Gyrfalcon, and so many more. There are fabulous birding trips, amazing birding trips, wonderful birding trips... and then there's Alaska!



Fees: \$3950/person, double-occupancy; \$975 single supplement. Deposit of \$1000 due by 1/15/13 to hold reservation.

Additional Information: Fees do not include airfare. A portion of your fees represent a tax-deductible donation to Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society, supporting our educational programs.

**Trip limited to 10 participants.**

*Bob and David have been co-leading field trips for 8 years and engage participants in a comfortable balance between exhilarating birding and general enjoyment of the natural world.*

*American Bittern (top): photo courtesy of Bob Power. Long-tailed Jaeger (middle) and Horned Puffins (left): photos courtesy Ashok Khosla - seeingbirds.com*



# Late Summer 2013

## Eastern Sierra mid-summer Birding Dream

July 16th-21st

with *Bob Power*

The east slope of the Sierra offers a spectacular array of breeding, post-breeding and migratory birds, from Williamson's Sapsuckers and Clark's Nutcrackers 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 basalt columns of Devils Postpile National Monument. We typically see 120+ species of birds during this workshop, few are species available to study in the South Bay, and all are stunning.

Fee: \$175 members; \$210 non-members. Fees cover: Kayaking, Bodie Entrance, Devil's Postpile Entrance, and Saddlebag Ferry. A portion of your fees go directly to supporting SCVAS Educational Programs.

Altitude: Lee Vining is our daily departure point at 7,000 ft. in elevation. We venture off one day to Saddlebag Lake at 10,000 ft. and above. It is not unusual for participants to feel the effects of the altitude and may require a couple days to acclimate.

Physical activity: Each day involves some hiking at altitude. While at a birder's pace, it is still hiking at altitude. One morning is spent kayaking along the south shore of Mono Lake. Participants on this trip should be in reasonable physical condition and should consult their doctor if altitude is a concern.

Additional Information: 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 each day.** Carpooling expenses are shared by the participants and are not part of the base fee; typically \$5/person/day.



*Eastern Sierras 2012: photo courtesy of Bob Power.*

# Field Notes

(June-July 2012)

by Bill Bousman

## Geese through Gulls

A SY **Greater White-fronted Goose** was at the Morgan Hill Community Park on 22 Jun (SCR), now resident since last December. We have a few summering records. A pair of **Blue-winged Teal** was seen in the Lockheed Martin marsh on 20 Jun (MSt), our only summer report. A male and female **Common Goldeneye** were found on the Ogier Avenue ponds on 14 Jun (RPh et al.). A **Pacific Loon** on Vasona Reservoir on 9-13 Jun (JPa et al., v.ob.) is only the second summer record for the county. A pair of **Clark's Grebes** nested on the southeast island in Pond A1 in Mountain View 8 Jun-17 Jul (R&PF, m.ob.) but were not successful as the eggs did not hatch. A **White-faced Ibis** briefly visited Adobe Creek in the Palo Alto FCB on 10 Jun (DWe). Two juvenile **Bald Eagles** fledged from the nest northeast of Casa de Fruta on 7 Jun (DLSu) and were seen regularly nearby into early July (v.ob.). A **Sora** was heard twice in Artesian Slough on 21 Jun (RWR, FV), our only June record (most are late July). This is the first summer record since 2003. **Snowy Plovers** were seen in small numbers from New Chicago Marsh and Ponds 13 and 16 (v.ob.). The high counts were of 11 on 8 and 23 Jul (MJM) in New Chicago. There was no evidence of nesting as in the last six years. A surprise was a breeding plumaged **Wandering Tattler** on the edge of Stevens Creek Reservoir on 15 Jun (RFu, v.ob.). This is our first summer record. The first **Lesser Yellowlegs** of the season were in New Chicago Marsh 17-24 Jul (PDu, v.ob.). Based on descriptions, two different adult **Semipalmated Sandpipers** were found in New Chicago Marsh 19-20 Jul (MJM, LCr, SCR et al., v.ob.). Surprising was a basic **Dunlin** there on 19 Jul (SCR et al.). The adult **Wilson's Phalaropes** started moving through in late June as is typical. The high count was 1730 birds in New Chicago Marsh and Pond A16 on 21 Jul (WGB). The numbers of **Red-necked Phalaropes** do not peak until August or September, so the 153 birds on New Chicago Marsh on 24 Jul (WGB) were also typical. A

SY **Heermann's Gull** was over the San Francisquito Creek delta in both counties on 2 Jun (MMR, ARo). Although we have a few records from July, this is the first for June.

## Doves through Phainopepla

A **White-winged Dove** was seen in Morgan Hill on 16 Jul (SCR), but could not be refound. This is the sixth county record. Two different **Greater Roadrunners** were seen along County Line Road in Henry Coe

*A good summer for rarities, although few stayed: Wandering Tattler, Heermann's Gull, White-winged Dove, Northern Parula, and Chestnut-sided Warbler.*

SP on 26 Jun (AL, JY). A few **Black Swifts** may linger into June. Three over Monte Bello OSP on 1 Jun (GHa) were certainly migrants, but one near Loma Prieta on 15 Jun (ARi) may have been a foraging bird from the small coastal population. **Vaux's Swifts** were found in typical numbers this summer. Nesting pairs were found using chimneys (JPa, BHe), one in the Almaden Valley and the second closer to Los Gatos. A HY male **Allen's Hummingbird** was photographed at Stanford 26-28 Jul (JM). The adults have gone south by May, but HY birds may linger into early September.

Three young female **Pileated Woodpeckers** fledged from their Mt. Madonna CP nest on 9 or 10 Jun (DPo). Two more **Willow Flycatchers** were found in June, one singing along Llagas Creek above Bloomfield Road on 1 Jun (MMR) and another in an Almaden Valley yard on 18 Jun (JPa). A very late **Say's Phoebe** was seen at Moffett Field on 2 Jun (MMR). More surprising was a nesting pair off Hellyer Avenue 2-16 Jul (JPa, v.ob.) that fledged three young. A pair fledged young nearby last year in May. There have been a half dozen or so nesting records at the western front of the Diablo Range over the last 60 years. The **Purple Martin** showing was one of the best in recent years. Birds were found near the Loma Prieta lower saddle throughout June (m.ob.) with at least four on 8 Jun (WGB) and 15 Jun (ARi). To the south, five birds were at Maymens Flat on 15 Jun (ARi), and a male was about three miles south of the Loma Prieta Way/Summit Road junction on 23 Jun (CK, PK). A number of birds were seen in a closed area on Mt. Umunhum on 14 Jun (AJ).

A family group of 3-4 **Canyon Wrens** was found on Route #8 in Henry Coe SP on 30 Jun (MMR), the only Canyon Wrens seen so far this year. At least one of the pairs of **American Dippers** in Stevens Creek Canyon nested successfully as two adults were found with two fledglings on 15 Jun (RFu). A **Golden-crowned Kinglet** was on Mt. Umunhum on 14 Jun (AJ), a few miles away from areas where birds have nested in the past. One to three **Hermit Thrushes** in Mt. Madonna CP on 20 Jul (DPo) are from the coastal nesting population. This park is the best place in the county to find this nesting subspecies. An adult **Cedar Waxwing** was seen along Harry Road on 1 Jul (JPa); we have few summer records following the tail of migration in early June. The invasion of **Phainopeplas** into Henry Coe SP near the border with Stanislaus County continued into June. Along Routes #4 and #5, where 13 birds were found in late May including a pair building an nest, a total of 21 birds were counted on 26 Jun (AL, JY). During winter invasions in the 1980s, the Mt. Hamilton CBC tallied 26 birds on two successive years (but the individual maximum party count was 11). So the count of 21 birds along about eight miles is without precedent.



White-winged Dove: ©Tom Grey

## Field Notes *cont'd*

Moreover, if we were not doing these burn surveys in Coe, this invasion would have been completely missed. How often has this happened before in these remote regions? One to two birds were also found on Route #12 on 10 and 30 Jun (SCR), and four birds were on Route #8 on 30 Jun (MMR).

### Warblers through Goldfinches

An adult male **Northern Parula** was found along the Coyote Creek bike path south of the model airplane park on 14 Jun (RPh et al.) for the 7th county record. It could not be found again. A singing adult **Chestnut-sided Warbler** was seen in Stevens Creek CP on 16 Jun (MMR, DWe) during the search for the Wandering Tattler. This is our first spring record and 12th overall. Breeding **Yellow-rumped Warblers** are always of interest, so a singing bird southeast of the junction of Hwys 35 and 9 on 11 Jun (DM, MP) and one or more birds in Sanborn-Skyline CP near Castle Rock on 19 Jun (ARi) were notable. Less common are summering **Hermit Warblers**. One was along Skyline Boulevard south of Page Mill Road on 2 Jun (GHa). Two to three were southeast of Hwys 35 and 9 on 11 Jun (DM, MP), and one or more birds were in Sanborn-Skyline CP near Castle Rock on 19 Jun (ARi). The biggest surprise were the two HY birds found in Ed Levin CP on 19 Jul (SCR, PE, MSc). On this date, they are likely from a coastal breeding population, or are they?

A **Yellow-breasted Chat** was heard singing along Llagas Creek above Bloomfield Road on 1 Jun (MMR). A juvenile **Rufous-crowned Sparrow** was seen in a Morgan Hill yard on 8 Jul (SCR) for the second time in two years. **Black-chinned Sparrows** continued to be found on the slopes below Summit Road near Loma Prieta in Santa Cruz County (m.ob.). On occasion a bird would briefly move across the road for a Santa Clara County tick (v.ob). Similarly, a Santa Cruz **Sage Sparrow** would move into Santa Clara County (v.ob.). A SY male **Summer Tanager** was found at Stanford on 8 Jun (RoC, v.ob.), but did not



*Chestnut-sided Warbler: ©Tom Grey*

remain, the first since 2006. It has been a good spring for **Rose-breasted Grosbeaks**. An immature male visited a feeder west of Gilroy on 24 May (A&JA), an adult male was at a Saratoga feeder on 13 Jun (JJ), and a female or immature was on Mt. Umunhum on 14 Jun (AJ). A male **Blue Grosbeak** was briefly seen along the Pajaro River below Hwy 101 on 3 Jul (RWR, FV). A singing male **Indigo Bunting** was found near the

campground at Joseph Grant CP on 18 Jun (P&JO'B) and remained at least through 27 Jun (m.ob.). A single **Pine Siskin** at Monte Bello OSP on 2 Jul (GHa) was a good find. Fairly good numbers of **Lawrence's Goldfinches** were seen in June with a high count of 25 in Joseph Grant CP on 4 Jun (FV et al.). Only two birds were reported in July, one at Monte Bello OSP on 2 Jul (GHa) and a male was singing in Morgan Hill on 24 Jul (SCR).

Observers: Amir & Julie Avnit (A&JA), Bill Bousman (WGB), Robin Carle (RoC), Lea Crisp (LCr), Pete Duntun (PDu), Paul Elsen (PE), Ron & Patty Fulks (R&PF), Rob Furrow (RFu), Garth Harwood (GHa), Bev Hesse (BHe), Alvaro Jaramillo (AJ), Jane Jordan (JJ), Clay Kempf (CK), Pamela King (PK), Amy Lauterbach (AL), Mike Mammoser (MJM), Juliana Manoliu (JM), Dominik Mosur (DM), Paul & Jovae O'Brien (P&JO'B), Michael Park (MP), Janna Pauser (JPa), Ryan Phillips (RPh), Dennis Porter (DPo), Bob Reiling (RWR), Alex Rinkert (ARi), Alma Rogers (ARo), Mike Rogers (MMR), Steve Rottenborn (SCR), Michael Scott (MSc), Michael Strom (MSt), David Suddjian (DLSu), Frank Vanslager (FV), Dave Weber (DWe), and Jim Yurchenco (JY).

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## Summer Camp

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*"Caterpillar Walking" at Skyline Ridge Open Space Preserve*

alongside 20-25 very enthusiastic campers each day. With lots of smiles, and better yet, oooh's and aaaah's, this summer program successfully helped to introduce youth - and their parents - to some of the hidden natural gems that our county has to offer.

As always, for this kind of program to take place, there were a lot of folks who stepped up and helped out. A big thank you, therefore, also



*Bug Day at McClellan Ranch Park. Above: Exploring what's found in the bushes and grass. Below: A chance to get wet searching for aquatic insects in Stevens Creek.*



goes out to the rest of the SCVAS and MROSD staff who helped with some of the behind-the-scenes logistics, the SCVAS and MROSD docents who helped to lead the hikes and special activities, and our high school volunteers who joined us for a day or two to support the special activities. We would also like to our generous donors who believe in the value of this program. We couldn't have done it without you!

We hope that you'll make plans to join us for this unique experience next year!



*A budding young scientist explores what's hiding in Alpine Pond at Skyline Ridge Open Space Preserve*

*Birdhouse Building!*



*Environmental Groups from  
around the Bay Area!*

*Raffle Prizes!*

*Nature Arts and  
Crafts!*



Join the Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society  
and local Nature and Environmental Organizations  
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**Saturday, October 27, 2012**

**10am-2pm**

**McClellan Ranch Park in Cupertino**



*Environmental  
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*Live Animals - Birds of Prey,  
Snakes, Insects - and more  
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**“Early Bird” Shorebird Walk**

**8:00 am @ Charleston Slough in  
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**RSVP Required for walk *only***

**Annual Wildlife Poster  
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**Prizes and Awards  
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**Submission deadline 10/15**

For more details or to make reservations for the Bird Walk, call (408) 252-3740, or visit [www.scvas.org](http://www.scvas.org)

**General Parking @ Monta Vista High School w/ FREE SHUTTLE SERVICE,  
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# Silicon Valley Watershed Summit!

The Silicon Valley Watershed Summit is a gathering of activists and elected officials, agency staff and non-profit leaders, and the newly-interested, to learn about and take steps to improve our local watersheds in Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties. This event will focus on “Big Picture” issues that challenge the health of our watersheds, and teach skills that YOU can implement in your watershed and community.

Saturday, September 22; 8:30am-2:00pm

Foothill College Cafeteria - 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills  
Registration (\$10): <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/256652>

For additional details see: <http://www.acterra.org/watershedsummit>

## Outside Events Calendar:

**Sun. 9/9; 10AM-3PM**

**Wine Country Optics Fair - FREE!**

**Cornerstone Gardens, Sonoma**

The leading binocular and scope companies from all over the United States will be in Sonoma for the first time, along with several important nature organizations from the San Francisco Bay Area. Join us to experience the best optics and learn more about great nature photography. *For more details, go to [www.sonomabirding.com](http://www.sonomabirding.com).*

**Thurs-Sun. 9/13-16**

**8th Annual Monterey Bay Birding Festival**

**Watsonville, CA**

2012 Theme - “The Big Year”

Designed for seasoned and beginning birders, as well as outdoor lovers, the festival offers a unique opportunity to explore, learn and appreciate world class habitats. *Go to [www.montereybaybirding.org](http://www.montereybaybirding.org) for more details and how to register*



**Thurs. 9/13; 7-8:30PM**

**Kepler's Books**

**Palo Alto, CA**

“The Great Animal Orchestra: Finding the Origins of Music in the World's Wild Places” with author Bernie Krause. Go to [www.keplers.com/event/bernie-krause](http://www.keplers.com/event/bernie-krause) for tickets and more details.

**Sat. 9/29; 8:45AM-5:30PM**

**CNPS Symposium**

**Lawn Alternatives: Do-It-Yourself Native Landscaping**

A symposium on native plant garden design, installation, and maintenance. Talks by leading landscape professionals and authors. Plus: Book Sale, Plant Sale, Tours, Refreshments & Lunch provided, Free parking.

*To register or for more information, visit: <http://symposium.cnps-scv.org>.*

**A Look Ahead:**

**Thurs-Sun. 11/15-18**

**16th Annual Central Valley Birding Symposium**

**Stockton, CA**

Come meet the CVBS board & staff members! Reconnect with old friends! Meet new ones! Take advantage of the scrumptious Hors D'oeuvres buffet & No Host Bar on Thursday night. Listen to amazing speakers on Central Valley Birds (and beyond).

And of course, participate in fabulous field trips and the Birder's Market. *Full schedule, brochure, registration form, etc. are available at: <http://cvbs.org>.*



## SCVAS Education Interns Needed

Each fall, we search for outstanding Education & Outreach Interns to help us deliver the many programs we offer to local schools, community groups, and neighborhoods.

If you or someone you know is outgoing, enjoys working with children, wants to learn more about the world of environmental education, and wants to help us continue to offer high-quality programs, give us a call! We are looking for two interns available during the day (and occasional weekends) for about 10-15 hours per week. The exact schedule will be flexible, but **Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday mornings** and some weekend availability will be required. **Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup>** is also required. Some experience with environmental science, biology, education, or working with children is desirable, but we will train the right candidate.

¿Habla Español? Bạn có nói tiếng Việt? We are hoping to hire one intern who is fluent in Spanish or Vietnamese to help us deliver our programs more effectively to our multi-cultural community!

Note: these are *paid* internships.

More information is available online at [www.scvas.org](http://www.scvas.org) - click on "About Us" - or contact the Programs Coordinator, Toby, at 408-252-3740 or [programs@scvas.org](mailto:programs@scvas.org).

*Positions are open until filled.*

## Calling All CNRP Monitors:



The end of the breeding season is upon us, so don't forget to **submit your data!** Our end-of-the-season meeting, on Sept 13th, depends on having information to share, so please don't procrastinate!

Your data is one of the main reasons for this program - this information helps us to plan future conservation programs, and make decisions about the Cavity Nesters Recovery program as a whole. Please help us continue this valuable conservation and research tool by submitting your data soon!



The online database is the preferred method for receiving year-end data - go to <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/ccc?key=0AsOLjlvu4wK1dGluSFNwO EZEX0JFVGprenJINWFxWnc> (make sure to type in/copy the entire link...) OR go to the SCVAS website - [www.scvas.org/cnrp](http://www.scvas.org/cnrp).

Contact Toby, the SCVAS Programs Coordinator, at [programs@scvas.org](mailto:programs@scvas.org) with any questions.



Whether you're heading back to school or out of town, come see what the SCVAS Nature Shop has for you! Don't miss our large collection of used books - there's something for everyone!

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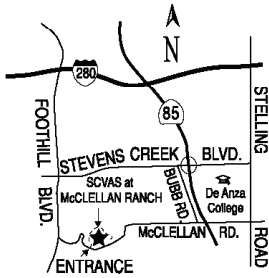
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