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The Newsletter of the Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society

March-April 2018

The Year of the Bird by *Ralph Schardt, Executive Director*



Migratory Geese by *Ralph Schardt*

Earlier this year, National Audubon, National Geographic, BirdLife International, and the Cornell Lab of Ornithology joined together to declare 2018 to be the “Year of the Bird.” What is so significant about 2018 that makes it the Year of the Bird? It is the centennial of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA)! Audubon and other groups are collectively promoting a variety of happenings that began in February and will continue throughout the year to celebrate the Act’s centennial. These concerted efforts will provide birders of all ages and skill levels ways to learn more about birds and the MBTA, while getting involved in activities to support bird conservation and continue the efforts started by MBTA 100 years ago.

In the last 100 years, we have made great strides to help protect birds and their habitats. However, we have much work left to do and some of our greatest achievements in bird conservation are at risk of being undone. The MBTA itself is in danger, as more species of birds are threatened and wildlife habitat is disappearing at an alarming rate. Now, more than ever, we need everyone to get involved. Help us celebrate the MBTA by spreading the word about bird conservation and the joy of birding. Whether you are attending a field trip, creating your own backyard bird habitat, or joining our Environmental Advocacy Team to help protect birds and their habitats, you are helping to make 2018 the Year of the Bird. Check out page 10 for links to our website with information on how you can get involved. I look forward to being out there with you and celebrating the Year of the Bird!

*“Birds are indicators of the environment. If they are in trouble, we know we’ll soon be in trouble.”
~ Roger Tory Peterson*

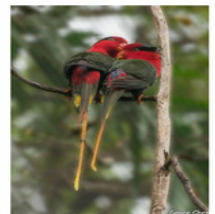
Monthly Speaker Series

Cubberley Community Center, Room H1, Palo Alto - Middlefield & Montrose Roads
Doors open 7:30PM; Program begins 8:00PM

Wednesday, March 21

“Papua New Guinea and Birds of Paradise” with Doug Cheeseman

Doug will present an energetic show discussing social behavior and other features of Papua New Guinea’s (PNG) birds, nature, and people. Using images from his trip this past July, Doug will explain PNG’s unique diversity and focus on action he observed while birding, attending sing-sings, and flying around the country. Doug has been leading trips around the world with Cheesemans’ Ecology Safaris after retiring from teaching zoology and ecology at De Anza College, and does not plan to slow down anytime soon!



Wednesday, April 18

“Living on The Edge” with Kim Steinhardt

California’s coast is one of the most fascinating and rapidly changing places in the world. Join environmental author and marine wildlife photographer Kim Steinhardt for an evening’s talk and photo journey exploring the past, present, and probable future of our coast - its shoreline, nature, and communities - with some legal, environmental, historical, and personal insights.

March-April Field Trips

(Full details 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

****Please note: Online registration is now required for all field trips.****

This is a simple but necessary step to ensure our trips run as smoothly as possible. Please RSVP by going to scvas.org (look for Calendar, then Field Trips), then find your trip and follow the easy registration directions.

A confirmation email will follow. Thank you for your patience and understanding!

If you have any questions, please call Kelsey Frey at (408) 252-3740.

Saturday, March 3, 8:00AM Windy Hills OSP

Half day. **Leader:** Kirsten Holmquist, (408) 747-0988. **Directions:** 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, go 0.8 miles to the parking lot on the left just past The Sequoias. Meet in the parking lot at Sausal Pond edge of the preserve. **RC**

Sunday, March 4, 8:00AM Grant Ranch County Park

Half day. **Leader:** Rich Page, (408) 377-1092. **Directions:** From I-680 take Alum Rock Ave north-east, turn right on Hamilton Rd and go about 9 miles to the park. Meet at Grant Lake (aka Hall's Valley Lake) parking lot, the first one on the left (do not enter the main park entrance on the right). **Highlights:** Fresh water ducks, oak woodland birds, and possible Golden Eagle. **Difficulty:** Involves a moderately strenuous 2-mile walk. **Notes:** Park entrance fee required for last half of trip. **RC, LO**

Wednesday, March 7, 12:00PM City of Sunnyvale Landfill

One hour. **Leader:** Allen Royer. Contact landfill coordinator, Silvana Ruiz, with questions at (408) 730-7545. **Directions:** Donald M. Somers Water Pollution Control Plant, turn into Borregas and then turn left at the T intersection. Meet under the pepper tree across from the Portapotty. **Difficulty:** Birding geared toward beginners. **Notes:** Bring binoculars; loaners available. **RC**

Saturday, March 10, 8:15AM Alum Rock Park

Half day. **Leader:** Jim Johnson, (408) 996-3506. **Directions:** From

Hwy 101 or I-680 take McKee Rd northeast toward hills then left on Toyon Ave, right on Penitencia Creek Rd, and continue into park. Pass under bridge and meet at far end of upper parking lot. **Difficulty:** Moderately strenuous 3-4 mile-walk. **Note:** Vehicle entry fee required. **RC**

Sunday, March 11, 8:00AM Ulistac Natural Area

Half day. **Leader:** Chris Johnson, (831) 601-8260. **Directions:** From Hwy 237 take Great America Pkwy south for about 0.8 miles, turn left on Tasman Dr for about one mile, right on Lick Mill Blvd, and meet at the south park entrance on the left. **Highlights:** We'll look for migrants and local breeding birds in diverse habitats. **RC**

Wednesday, March 14, 8:30AM Coyote Creek Trail; Silver Creek Valley Road

Half day. **Leader:** Eve Meier and Janna Pauser, (408) 569-9264.

Directions: From CA-85 South, take Blossom Hill Rd exit east (left) and continue 2.4 miles onto Silver Creek Valley Rd. Make a U-turn at Piercy Rd, then immediate right into Silver Creek parking lot. **Difficulty:** Easy walking. **RC**

Thursday, March 15, 11:00AM Shoreline Riparian to Baylands

2 hours. **Leader:** Ralph Schardt, (408) 624-7845. **Directions:** From Hwy 101 take Shoreline exit and head for the bay. Turn right on Crittenden Ln and continue to the end. Parking is available on the right in the nursery - look for Audubon Trip Leader to know where to park. Carpool if possible. We will hike along a trail that is next to Stevens Creek where it comes out to the bay. **Highlights:** Riparian birds as

well as raptors and shoreline birds. **Difficulty:** Easy walk with places to stop on bridges over the creek for better access to birds and scoping. **Notes:** Bring binoculars and/or cameras. **RC, LO**

Saturday, March 17, 8:00AM Picchetti Ranch

Half day. **Leader:** Dave Zittin, (408) 515-7104. **Directions:** From I-280 in Cupertino take Foothill Blvd south 3.3 miles (becomes Stevens Canyon Rd). Turn right on Monte Bello Rd, go about a mile, and turn left past winery entrance into preserve parking lot. **Difficulty:** Moderately strenuous walk past an old orchard, seasonal pond, and oak woodlands.

Saturday, March 31, 9:00AM Charleston Slough

Half day. **Leader:** Allen Royer, (408) 288-7768. **Directions:** From Hwy 101 in Mountain View take San Antonio Rd north to Terminal Way parking area. Meet at entrance nearest San Antonio Rd. **Notes:** For beginning birders but all are encouraged to attend. Bring your spotting scope and a friend.

Wednesday, April 4, 12:00PM City of Sunnyvale Landfill

One hour. **Leader:** Allen Royer. Contact landfill coordinator, Silvana Ruiz, with questions at (408) 730-7545. See write-up for March 7.

Saturday, April 7, 8:15AM Stevens Creek County Park

Half day. **Leader:** Pat Kenny, (408) 725-0468. **Directions:** From I-280 in Cupertino take Foothill Expy exit south and follow Foothill Blvd south (it becomes Stevens Canyon Rd) for 2.1 miles. Turn left into first park entrance and meet in the Chestnut Picnic

Field Trips

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Area parking lot. **Difficulty:** Moderately strenuous walk looking for migrants and local breeding birds in riparian area. **Notes:** Vehicle entry fee required. **RC**

Sunday, April 8, 9:00AM

Palo Alto Baylands

Half day. **Leader:** Allen Royer, (408) 288-7768. **Directions:** From Hwy 101 in Palo Alto turn right onto Embarcadero Rd. At the stop sign (not light), go left and follow the road past the duck pond to the parking lot across from Lucy Evans Center. Meet at the poles/gate to San Francisquito Creek Trail (towards Lucy Evans Center). **Difficulty:** For beginning birders but all are encouraged to attend. **Notes:** Bring your spotting scope and a friend. **RC**

Wednesday, April 11, 8:30AM

Santa Teresa County Park

Half day. **Leader:** Janna Pauser, (408) 569-9264. **Directions:** From CA-85 S, exit 1B (Bernal), or take Santa Teresa Blvd and go south on Bernal. Follow Bernal uphill and turn left at entrance road. Use county pass or purchase \$6 day pass at first parking lot. Meet at Pueblo Picnic Area near bath-

rooms. **Difficulty:** Approx. 2-mile walk over possibly muddy or uneven trails. **Highlights:** Spring arrivals, wildflowers. **LO, RC**

Saturday, April 14, 8:00AM

Rancho Cañada del Oro OSP

Half day. **Leader:** Jim Johnson, (408) 996-3506. **Directions:** From Hwy 101 take Bailey Ave west and turn left on McKean Rd. After approx. 2.4 miles turn right on Casa Loma Rd (from Hwy 85 take Almaden Expwy south, turn right on Harry Rd, then immediately left on McKean Rd. After 6+ miles turn right on Casa Loma Rd). After approx. 1.6 miles, park in the lot on the left. **Highlights:** We'll bird along the Serpentine trail to the Longwall trailhead and look for breeding birds on this level, open trail. **Difficulty:** Easy walking. **Notes:** Bring water, limited facilities. **RC**

Sunday, April 15, 8:00AM

Arastradero OSP

Half day. **Leader:** Kirsten Holmquist, (408) 747-0988. **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:** Moderately strenuous hiking. **RC**

Tuesday, April 17, 11:00AM

Shoreline Riparian to Baylands

2 hours. **Leader:** Ralph Schardt, (408) 624-7845. See write-up for March 15. **RC, LO**

Sunday, April 22, 8:30AM

Sanborn County Park

Half day. **Leader:** Dave Zittin, (408) 515-7104. **Directions:** Either take Stevens Creek Canyon Rd, Hwy 85 S, or Pierce Rd to get on Hwy 9, then take Sanborn Rd. Follow the road and meet in the large parking lot. On Google Maps, this lot is labeled Youth Science Institute. **Notes:** Entrance fee required. **LO**

Saturday, April 28, 8:00AM

Ulistac Natural Area

Half day. **Leader:** Chris Johnson, (831) 601-8260. See write-up for March 11. **RC**

Sunday, April 29, 8:00AM

Oka Ponds

Half day. **Leader:** Rich Page, (408) 377-1092. **Directions:** Take Hwy 17 S to Lark Ave Exit, turn right onto Oka Rd, then turn left onto W Mozart Ave, and turn right onto Oka Ln. Meet at the park entrance at the end of this road. Please be respectful in parking in and around this neighborhood.

Young Audubon

For more information and to RSVP, visit scvas.org and click "Kid's Corner," then "Young Audubon."

Elephant Seal Walks at Año Nuevo
Saturday, April 7; walks begin at 10:00, 10:30, and 11:00AM for 2.5 hours each

Register now for an unforgettable guided walk to see the Elephant Seals! Families with children ages 7 and older are welcome to attend. Space is limited, so sign up early!



Conservation in Action: Bird Banding with SFBBO
Saturday, May 19; 7:30-10:00AM

Join us at the peak of the spring migration for a special opportunity to witness live bird banding demonstrations by experts from San Francisco Bay Bird Observatory (SFBBO).

Cost: \$25/family or \$8/child*, \$10/adult

*Children must be accompanied by an adult

Birdathon is On! Join Now!

Get ready for our primary fundraiser of the year, complete with exciting prizes! Proceeds support SCVAS Conservation and Education programs and bringing nature back into Silicon Valley. Birders of ALL ages and skill levels are invited to compete! Sign up, read the rules, ask questions, and view prizes at scvas.org/birdathon.

It's going to be a great year! We are starting things off right with a Kickoff Dinner and everyone is invited! Bring in sighting lists for the day to *compete for prizes* from the Nature Shop and get into the spirit of Birdathon! For more information and to RSVP, check out our website.

Team Categories

- 24-hour Teams (any team over 4 hours)
- 4-hour Teams (4 hours of fast birding fun)
- Big-Sit 4-hour Teams (for those who want to relax)
- 24-hour Photography Teams
- 4-hour Photography Teams

Option 1: Join a Guided Team

Pick a team, leader, or intensity level that suits you (see below) and register online for a \$50 donation.

Option 2: Form Your Own Team

Choose at least 2 team members, a date, team name, and location. Pick a category, register, go birding together, and record your total species and dollars raised. Note: You **must** register to qualify for prizes. Please raise at least \$50 per team member - it's for the birds!

Option 3: Donate!

Watch the feeders at home, instead. Let us know which team or birder you are sponsoring, and mail checks payable to "SCVAS" at 22221 McClellan Road, Cupertino, CA 95014 or donate online at scvas.org/birdathon.

Questions? Contact Carolyn Knight, Birdathon Coordinator, at: scvasbirdathon@gmail.com.

Birdathon: Your Ticket to Fun!

This Year's Teams Will Go Head to Head...

You Can Join an Old Favorite...

- Persistent Picidae's with Lisa Myers
- Mean Green Birding Machines with Rob Furrow
- Varied Twitchers with Mike Rogers

...Or a Newcomer!

- Birds 2 Chocolate with Ralph Schardt
- Birds & Brews with Carolyn Knight
- Sitting Ducks with Chuq Von Rospach
- Shrikes of Joy with Chuq Von Rospach

...And Compete for Prizes!

- BRAND NEW Samsung Galaxy Tab E
- Framed bird prints
- Binoculars
- Golf outing
- Birding Basket from Los Gatos Birdwatcher
- Local bird photography notecards
- Assorted wines
- AND SO MUCH MORE!!

Keep checking scvas.org/birdathon for updates on new teams, their descriptions, and prizes. Don't miss out on the fun - join Birdathon today!

Birdathon Important Dates

- **Registration:** Open now; ends 1 week prior to your Birdathon day
- **Kickoff Dinner:** March 24
- **Birdathon Window:** March 25 - April 29
- **Results/Donation Cut-off:** May 14 @ 5:00PM
- **Awards Dinner:** June 5

Spring Classes & Excursions

We are pleased to offer the following classes to our members and community. For full descriptions and to register, please call the SCVAS office at (408) 252-3747 or visit our website at scvas.org and find the class in our calendar.

iNaturalist Workshops

Dates: Saturday/Sunday, March 17/18

Time: 10:00AM-12:00PM

Location: McClellan Ranch, Cupertino - Meet at SCVAS

Cost: Free! for members, \$5 non-members

Sessions: 3/17: adult birders; 3/18: families welcome

Topic: Join us for an iNaturalist workshop and become a citizen scientist! Learn how to use technology to document nature observations and even identify them.

Beginner's Bird and Plant ID Walk Series

Date: Sunday, March 18

Time: 9:00AM-12:00PM

Location: Lake Cunningham Park

Cost: Free! \$6 Parking fee is required.

Register: RSVP through Meetup.com ("California Native Plant Society - Santa Clara Valley Chapter" or "Open Space Appreciation Hiking Enthusiasts")

Session #1: First Day of Spring

Topic: Learn how to identify common local birds and the native plants they depend on for food, shelter, and nesting places. *Organized jointly by California Native Plant Society, SCVAS, and Open Space Authority*

Outdoor Photography with an Intro to Digiscoping

Dates: Thursday, March 22 and April 26

Time: 9:00-10:30AM

Location: McClellan Ranch, Cupertino - Meet at SCVAS

Cost: Free! for members, \$15 non-members

Note: Rain cancels, with refund or credit for future classes.

Topic: Explore outdoor photography technologies and opportunities and learn to take better nature photos, including digiscoping.

Conservation Corner: What Our Environmental Advocacy Team is Working On...

by Shani Kleinhaus and Mackenzie Mossing

Evergreen Initiative: A Threat to Coyote Valley

This June, San Jose residents will be asked to vote on a ballot measure that could transform the open space and wildlife habitat of Coyote Valley into sprawling subdivisions. The so-called “Evergreen Senior Homes Initiative” is a deceptive, misleading scheme that will rewrite San Jose’s General Plan to impose a “senior housing overlay” on all of San Jose’s “underutilized employment lands”. This includes North Coyote Valley, an area of ecological, hydrological, and cultural significance. The initiative is a blueprint for sprawl, and is not likely to help disadvantaged veterans and seniors - it actually reduces the City’s requirements for affordable housing. The initiative also circumvents environmental review and deprives the public from opportunities to participate in the review process - a process that SCVAS environmental advocates frequently engage in to protect birds and nature. Given the threat to Coyote Valley and lack of environmental review, we have joined other environmental groups and community leaders to defeat the initiative. Email MackenzieSCVAS@gmail.com or visit stopthedeception.com to learn more and click “take action” to endorse and volunteer to help.

Calling All Campbell Residents!

The City of Campbell is currently updating the “Envision Campbell” General Plan that will guide the growth of the city. This is an opportunity to advocate for a vision and policies that look to preserve and plant native trees, protect riparian habitats and open space, and require bird-safe design for buildings. The Los Gatos Creek corridor is being targeted for high-density development with no riparian setbacks. The birds and wildlife that rely on this important habitat need us to speak up for them! Please consider attending a community workshop on Monday, March 5, 6:30-8:30PM at the San Jose Christian School, and encourage the City to include nature and birds in the plan. If you are unable to attend the workshop but would like more details, please email Mackenzie at MackenzieSCVAS@gmail.com for more information and opportunities to participate.

Protecting the Ecosystems of Mountain View’s North Bayshore

Stretching between the bay and Highway 101, Mountain View’s North Bayshore is an area of significant ecological importance, and a focus of SCVAS’ advocacy for many years. The area is a birding hotspot, attracting migratory and resident birds seeking food and water in the Stevens Creek and Permanente Creek corridors, Charleston Road Marsh, and Shoreline Park. Hundreds of egrets congregate here each spring and summer to nest and raise their young along Shorebird Way. As Mountain View looks to transform the area with 9,000+ additional housing units, we engaged with our partners at the Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter to advocate for the birds and wildlife that rely on the North Bayshore. Due to our efforts, the new North Bayshore Precise Plan mandates bird-safe design for all new construction, as well as setbacks from the retention basin and egret rookery. The new plan’s implementation document also includes district sustainability measures that aim to monitor biological indicators and sensitive habitats within the area.



Great Egret Chicks at Google by Mackenzie Mossing

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Advocating for Birds in Cupertino

Situated next to Rancho San Antonio Open Space Preserve and Permanente Creek, the Forum Senior Community in Cupertino is looking to expand with additional villas and supportive care facilities. The 3,988-acre preserve is home to over 125 bird species, including several special-status species, and provides habitat for other native California wildlife. Considering the sensitive nature of the area, we provided comments on the Environmental Impact Report and asked for bird-safe design, the preservation of oaks, and mitigation for the loss of open space.

With More Planned Growth, Stanford Should Set Boundaries

As Stanford nears the completion of facilities and housing authorized by the 2000 General Use Permit, the University has applied for a new permit to add 2.275M square feet of academic and academic support (non-residential) space, 3,150 dwelling units or beds, and 40,000 square feet of additional building space to their campus between 2018 and 2035. Along with the Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter, we sent comments asking for bird-safe design, protections for open space, and mitigations for light pollution.

Field Notes

(December 2017-January 2018)

by Pete Dunten

Geese through Bitterns

Greater White-fronted Geese were found at many sites near the bay, with a few at outlying locations. High counts were 24 on 17 Dec at the entrance to Don Edwards NWR (BrB et al.) and 34 at Don Edwards on 13 Jan (JVs). Other notable counts were twelve at Byxbee Park on 23 Jan (PL) and nine at Independence HS in San Jose on 17 Dec (AVe, RPa). High tallies of **Cackling Geese** were 67 flying over the entrance to Don Edwards NWR on 6 Jan (GL et al.), eleven along Bailey Ave in Coyote Valley on 12 Jan (DN), eleven at Shoreline Lake on 14 Jan (ErS), and ten at the Shoreline Park kite-flying area on 30 Jan (SPv, AS). One to two **Snow Geese** were found at several locations, with high counts of two along Laguna Ave in Coyote Valley on the morning of 13 Jan (DDi et al.), and two at Calero Reservoir in the afternoon of that date (BH, PL, SPz). The longest staying geese were a single at Los Capitancillos Ponds from 27 Dec to 7 Jan (m. ob.) and the geese in Coyote Valley between 30 Dec and 13 Jan. A single **Ross's Goose** was found in Coyote Valley near Laguna Ave on 13 Dec (STu). It remained in the area of Laguna and Bailey Ave through 26 Jan (m. ob.). **Eurasian Green-winged Teal** were found at four locations. One was at San Tomas Aquino Creek on 6 Dec (JK), one continued at Charleston Slough through the period (m. ob.), one was on the North VTA Mitigation Pond on 3 Jan (RJ), and one was at the Palo Alto Baylands Duck Pond on 28 Jan (GL et al.). Astonishing numbers of **Redhead** have been in the ponds along the edge of the South Bay this winter. Thorough counts exceeded 1000 Redhead in December and January, with a high count of 3288 on 12 Jan (AR, VH). A male **Barrow's Goldeneye** joined the Common Goldeneyes on Shoreline Lake beginning on 22 Dec (FV). It was seen through 21 Jan (m. ob.). A single female was on Alviso Salt Pond A16 on 10 Jan (AR). A young **Common Loon** frequented the Los Capitancillos Ponds between 25 Dec

and 6 Jan (m. ob.). Careful scrutiny of the cormorants on Alviso Salt Pond A14 revealed a **Pelagic Cormorant** along with the usual Double-crested Cormorants (MMR, RJ). It was found again on 29 Jan on the A14/A11 Levee (FV). Single **American Bitterns** were spotted at Alviso Slough on 14 Dec (WGB) and at the end of Terminal Way on 15 Dec (DZ). The Bittern at the latter location remained through 28 Jan (m. ob.).



Vermillion Flycatcher by Mike Mammoser

Hawks through Sapsuckers

Ferruginous Hawks were widespread. A Ferruginous Hawk at the Stanford Dish on 11 Dec (DT) was further northwest in the county than is typical. The same individual may have been at Felt Lake on 18 Dec (AME, HM). Two were along Marsh Rd on 17 Dec (DZ, TO), and two were at Arastradero Preserve on 19 Jan (ABr). The high count in Coyote Valley, their traditional wintering grounds, was two (m. ob.). Three were counted over Coyote Ridge on 30 Dec (RH). In the south county, the two wintering along Jamieson Rd since the first week of November were seen again through 28 Jan (WP, KON, m. ob.). The **Ruff** present in New Chicago Marsh since the first week of November was seen through 7 Jan (m. ob.). The first **Glaucous Gull** of the winter was found on 30 Dec at the Kirby Canyon Landfill (SCR). Another was at Ogier Ponds on 19 Jan (WBG). A **Selasphorus Hummingbird** was heard on the Stanford campus on 31 Jan (RFu). Although Allen's Hummingbirds are expected to arrive in the county first as the earliest migrant of the year, this year Rufous Hummingbirds arrived at other

locations around the bay in late January. The **Lewis's Woodpeckers** at Chesbro Reservoir remained through the period, with a high count of four noted on 28 Jan (WP, KON). One was seen south of Coyote Valley OSP on 11 Jan (RPh, ABr). A **Red-naped Sapsucker** returned to Almaden Lake Park on 10 Dec (JPa) for its fourth winter and has stayed into February (m. ob.). Another was at Silver Creek Linear Park in San Jose on 30 Dec (PDU).

Flycatchers through Phainopepla

The highlight of the Audubon Christmas Bird Counts was a male **Vermillion Flycatcher** seen in Coyote Valley on 30 Dec (RPh) and enjoyed by many into February. It was the first county record. Wintering kingbirds of any species are exceptional, yet we had two sightings of **Cassin's Kingbirds** at different locations this winter. One was photographed in a San Jose neighborhood on 16 Dec (DWn) and a second was further south at the Gilroy SCRWA on 2 Jan (WP, KON). Large numbers of

Tree Swallows

were found earlier in the winters of 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 than in previous years. Notable counts were sixty over Shoreline Lake on 12 Dec (GL), 25 at Lake Cunningham on 17 Dec (EvM, SL), and 110 over Guadalupe Slough on 18 Dec (MJM, JHa). By 15 Jan, a flock of 200 swallows, presumably composed of mostly Tree Swallows, was over New Chicago Marsh (WGB). **Violet-green Swallows** were not found in exceptional numbers this winter, with the high count being twenty at Monte Bello OSP on 8 Dec (GHa). An unseasonal **Northern Rough-winged Swallow** was along Silver Creek in San Jose on 16 Dec (WP, KON). Hardy **Barn Swallows** were seen on three occasions, with three over Charleston Slough on 13 Dec (JY, AL), one over Alviso Salt Pond A16 on 10 Jan (RPh), and four over the Bailey Ave Pond in Coyote Valley on 12 Jan (DN). The **House Wren** wintering at Ulistac NA was found again on 26 Jan (PW), and another was noted near the Emily Renzel Wetlands on 18 Dec during the Palo Alto CBC (RJ). This winter has been a banner winter for **Blue-gray Gnatcatchers**. The two Blue-gray Gnatcatch-

Field Notes *cont'd*

ers wintering at Santa Teresa CP stayed through the period (JRy, m. ob.). On 17 Dec, the date of the San Jose CBC, two gnatcatchers were along Coyote Creek below Hwy 237 (WGB) and two were at Calaveras Reservoir (ARy, JiM, PDU). Another was found the next day on the Palo Alto CBC along Matadero Creek (RJ). Single gnatcatchers were found in Mountain View on 27 Dec (MSh) and at J Grant CP on 1 Jan (EF). One to two were found wintering at Calero Reservoir on dates between 28 Dec and 1 Jan (DN, BM, SBy). The **Phainopepla** at Guadalupe Oak Grove Park stayed through the period (m. ob.), and another wintering bird was at the entrance to Almaden Quicksilver CP, first noted on 29 Dec (JPa).

Warblers through Evening Grosbeak

One of the hardier warblers is the **Yellow Warbler**. During this period five were detected, one in an Alviso neighborhood on 17 Dec (MMR, SCR), one on 18 Dec at the Palo Alto WPCP (MMR), one on 5 Jan at Los Capitancillos Ponds (STu), one on 11 Jan along Coyote Creek near Silver Creek Valley Rd (JPa), and one at Coast Casey Forebay on 28 Jan (RC). One of the two **Palm Warblers** present in New Chicago Marsh since late October was resighted on 6 and 7 Dec (GL, WP). On 17 Dec one was nearby in Alviso Slough adjacent to the Yacht Club (MJM, DMc). **Black-throated Gray Warblers** and **Wilson's Warblers** also occasionally stay for the winter. There were two sightings of Black-throated Grays in the well-covered Almaden Valley, one continuing along the Alamos Creek Trail near Graystone Lane on 1 Dec and one along the Guadalupe Creek Trail above Camden on 4 Jan (both JPa). A third was along Stevens Creek below La Avenida on 18 Dec (MMR, StR). Single Wilson's Warblers were at the Almaden Lake on 8 Dec (JTa), Lake Cunningham on 17 Dec (PL, KON), and Guadalupe Creek near Los Capitancillos Ponds on 4 Jan (BM). The number of **Chipping Sparrows** at TJ Martin Park increased to seven by 7 Dec (DZ), and ten by 5 Jan (SPv). Two were found at nearby Guadalupe Oak Grove Park

on 7 and 13 Dec (BrB, SPz). Another two were found at William St. Park in San Jose on 17 Dec (RJ). **Grasshopper Sparrows** have been found on nine out of the last twelve Calero-Morgan



Evening Grosbeak by Dave Zittin

Hill CBCs, and this year one was tallied on Coyote Ridge on count day, 30 Dec (RH). A **Slate-colored Fox Sparrow** on 12 Jan along the Santa Teresa Canal Trail was a nice find (JPa). A wintering **Song Sparrow** that appeared to be from one of the Pacific Northwest groups was seen along the Guadalupe River Trail near Tasman on 17 Dec (NoA) and another was found at the Sunnyvale WPCP on 12 Jan (WGB). **Swamp Sparrows** turned up at three locations in December, with one at the San Jose/Santa Clara WPCP on 4 Dec (PDU), one at Stevens Creek below Crittenden on 18 Dec (MMR, StR), and one at Palo Alto Baylands on 18 Dec (MMR, NM). The Baylands sparrow remained through the period (m. ob.). Two **Slate-colored Juncos** graced the Moffett Golf Course on 18 Dec (MMR), and one was in New Almaden on 18 and 30 Dec (JPa). For the second winter in a row, a **Summer Tanager** visited Stanford campus (PtM). About a third of our records for Summer Tanagers are wintering birds. **Western Tanagers** were reported from five locations, all single birds (m. ob.). A **Bullcock's Oriole** was a nice surprise on 13

Jan, along Adobe Creek near Shoreline Park (JVs). Winter finches have been represented by widespread **Pine Siskins** and one to two **Evening Grosbeaks** in downtown Los Altos. A single Grosbeak was first found on 17 Dec (JL), and the latest report was from 5 Jan (MJM).

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2017 Christmas Bird Count Highlights

We would like to extend a special thank you to all of the count compilers and volunteers who participated in the 2017 Christmas Bird Count, and to Bonnie Bedford-White for formatting the results tables. For complete CBC data, including full summaries and results, please visit our website at scvas.org/christmasbirdcount.

San Jose, *Compiled and coordinated by Mike Azevedo*

The San Jose CBC was held on December 17, 2017. It began very windy. The owling party at Alum Rock Park was lucky to hear calling Western Screech Owls and Great Horned Owls that must have been hanging onto waving tree branches for dear life. That wind continued in varying degrees for the rest of the day.

Tree Swallows were recorded in several sections, totaling 260 in all. Violet-green Swallows and a Northern Rough-winged Swallow were also seen. Several parties saw Great-tailed Grackles, Cackling Geese, and Greater White-fronted Geese. A Wilson's Warbler (Patricia Lynch and Kitty O'Neil) was spotted at Lake Cunningham. A Chipping Sparrow (Richard Jeffers, William Street Park), Snow Goose (Ann Verdi, Independence High School), Ferruginous Hawk (Tom Olson, David and Floy Zitten, Calaveras Reservoir), Blue-gray Gnatcatcher (Pete Duntun, Calaveras Reservoir), Palm Warbler (Mike Mammoser, Alviso Slough), and Ruff (Mike Mammoser, Steve Tracey, Bruce Barret, New Chicago Marsh), were all observed during the day.

Palo Alto, *Compiled and coordinated by Al Eisner*

The weather for the Palo Alto CBC (December 18, 2017) was good everywhere, which paid off with a species count only two less than our highest ever. The only misses among species present (nearly) every recent year were Blue-winged Teal, Ring-necked Pheasant (which has been getting scarce), Common Gallinule, Black Skimmer, and Brown Pelican. We found all regular owl species, and did well with passerines found on only 1/3 to 1/2 of recent counts, including Tree and Violet-green Swallows, House Wren, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher (fourth ever, but all recent), Evening Grosbeak, Pine Siskin, Swamp Sparrow (two), and Yellow and Black-throated Gray Warblers. The bird of the count was the Harris's Sparrow found by Don Pendleton near Facebook in Menlo Park, our third ever, and first in over forty years. Great-tailed Grackle was also third ever, all in the past three years. Other most-notables were Bald Eagle (two, fourth year in a row), Ferruginous Hawk (first since 2000), and Lark Sparrow (eight).

Not only did we have a good variety, but many counts per species were strong. We set new highs by impressive margins for Tree Swallow (nearly three times the previous high, just a year earlier), White-breasted Nuthatch, Bewick's Wren, and Fox Sparrow. But the prize goes to the astonishing count of Redhead, more than twelve times our previous high! Thanks to all who helped coordinate or participated.

Mount Hamilton, *Compiled and coordinated by Bob Hirt*

We had our count on January 2, 2017 and, for a change, welcomed mild weather throughout the day. Most of the smaller ponds were unfrozen and water birds were spread out more this year than last. We had very few access problems since roads were open and dry. The result was a complete count. We had an average species count of 97, with 8,010 individual birds. This was much better than last year but at that time the numbers were a ten-year low. As to individual species we had an average year for Lawrence's Goldfinches with 128 tallied. One other target was Lewis' Woodpecker and we counted 54 (double last year's count). For the first time in eleven years we missed Golden Eagle and Common Merganser. The real shock was a miss for the first time in the count's history: American Robin. We did find seven Varied Thrushes and one Townsend's Solitaire! Mike Azevedo's Mines Road team braved the pre-dawn chill and was rewarded by hearing four Northern Saw-whet Owls - the first report of these little guys in many years.

Thanks to leaders Bill Bousman, Mike Rogers, Mike Azevedo, Charles Coston, and especially Bob Power who (along with Petra Kinsman and Leighton Nakata) hiked the grueling Mule Trail, and also to Kirsten Holmquist, Rich Page, Sophia Christel, and Dale Stahlecker for the long hike on one of the ranches. Our deepest thanks to Elinor Gates for hosting a marvelous compilation feast and for helping count the birds at the top and stocking her house feeders.

Calero-Morgan Hill, *Compiled and coordinated by Beth Hamel*

The Calero-Morgan Hill CBC was held on December 30, 2017. The sunny and calm weather was well appreciated by the 86 counters. However, lack of rain so far this year was apparent in many very dry areas. Most species counts were low of average and the total species count was 146.

There is no doubt regarding the best bird found during this year's count - the beautiful male Vermilion Flycatcher found by Ryan Phillips and team in Coyote Valley. This is a first Santa Clara County record, and the bird is continuing to delight birders daily. Will he overwinter here? Will he return next year? Other CBC highlights: Snow Geese and Cackling Geese in Coyote Valley, Burrowing Owl, Grasshopper Sparrow, Tree Swallows, and a Glaucous Gull found on Coyote Ridge. Tree Swallows were also found at the Ogier Ponds, a Greater Roadrunner at the Almaden Research Center, Phainopepla found at both Guadalupe Oak Grove Park and in Almaden Quicksilver Park, Blue-gray Gnatcatchers on the Stiles Ranch Trail and at the Calero Reservoir, the continuing Red-naped Sapsucker at Almaden Lake, and a total of four Lewis's Woodpeckers were found at Las Animas Road and Chesbro Reservoir.

2017 SANTA CLARA COUNTY CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNTS

Species	SJ 12/18/17	PA 12/18/17	MtH 1/02/18	Cal-MH 12/30/17
Snow Goose	6	-	-	1
Greater White-fronted Goose	33	6	-	-
Cackling Goose	5	3	-	9
Canada Goose	1375	789	5	567
Wood Duck	3	13	6	100
Cinnamon Teal	162	15	-	10
Northern Shoveler	7495	4057	-	3
Gadwall	329	210	10	137
Eurasian Wigeon	4	4	-	-
American Wigeon	3324	2246	144	14
Mallard	1365	848	140	716
Northern Pintail	193	351	-	-
Green-winged Teal	1372	1065	7	4
Eurasian Green-winged Teal	-	1	-	-
Canvasback	708	2782	-	3
Redhead	999	1949	-	-
Ring-necked Duck	33	81	109	64
Greater Scaup	121	5	-	1
Lesser Scaup	258	1109	-	1
<i>ayhya</i> , sp	794	3542	-	-
Surf Scoter	2	34	-	-
Bufflehead	3203	277	44	128
Common Goldeneye	687	120	-	7
Barrow's Goldeneye	-	6	-	-
Hooded Merganser	7	16	5	10
Common Merganser	9	4	-	121
Red-breasted Merganser	124	3	-	-
Ruddy Duck	3855	10772	124	297
duck sp	-	206	-	-
California Quail	198	102	1365	479
Ring-necked Pheasant	-	-	-	-
Wild Turkey	122	86	23	254
Pied-billed Grebe	211	81	32	60
Horned Grebe	12	2	-	-
Eared Grebe	1423	22	-	14
Western Grebe	359	39	-	29
Clark's Grebe	54	18	-	11
<i>aechmorphus</i> , sp	47	10	-	-
Rock Pigeon	1329	721	16	474
Band-tailed Pigeon	159	448	449	245
Eurasian Collared-Dove	118	52	16	145
Mourning Dove	375	207	16	187
Greater Roadrunner	-	-	-	1
White-throated Swift	40	47	-	45
Anna's Hummingbird	236	701	87	373
Ridgway's (formerly "Clapper") Rail	1	10	-	-
Virginia Rail	49	10	538	6
Sora	83	7	-	3
Common Gallinule	2	14	-	9
American Coot	5769	6859	475	1110
Black-necked Stilt	-	160	-	9
American Avocet	3833	3222	-	-
Black-bellied Plover	304	299	-	-
Snowy Plover	85	-	-	-
Semipalmated Plover	256	328	-	-
Killdeer	446	177	15	88
Whimbrel	3	3	-	-
Long-billed Curlew	400	102	-	10
Marbled Godwit	179	800	-	-
Ruddy Turnstone	-	1	-	-
Red Knot	-	5	-	-

Species	SJ 12/18/17	PA 12/18/17	MtH 1/02/18	Cal-MH 12/30/17
Ruff	1	-	-	-
Sanderling	2	-	-	-
Dunlin	4470	1680	-	-
Least Sandpiper	1024	916	1	4
Western Sandpiper	9390	5258	-	-
peep sp	465	2326	-	-
Short-billed Dowitcher	1	41	-	-
Long-billed Dowitcher	719	303	-	-
dowitcher sp	632	992	-	-
Wilson's Snipe	8	6	2	4
Spotted Sandpiper	6	5	-	9
Lesser Yellowlegs	1	-	-	-
Willet	604	201	-	-
Greater Yellowlegs	53	33	7	2
Bonaparte's Gull	216	5	-	-
Mew Gull	233	6	-	-
Ring-billed Gull	660	148	-	43
Western Gull	22	11	-	-
California Gull	2164	755	-	1331
Herring Gull	2550	7	-	4790
Iceland (formerly "Thayer's") Gull	67	1	-	194
Glaucous-winged Gull	302	10	-	56
Glaucous-winged x Western Gull	2	1	-	3
Glaucous-winged x Herring Gull	-	-	-	2
Glaucous Gull	-	-	-	1
gull sp	6706	333	-	315
Forster's Tern	194	4	-	-
Double-crested Cormorant	404	154	-	240
American White Pelican	131	29	-	-
American Bittern	-	CW	-	-
Great Blue Heron	52	24	3	33
Great Egret	73	43	2	52
Snowy Egret	95	69	-	18
Green Heron	8	5	-	9
Black-crowned Night-Heron	310	56	-	17
Turkey Vulture	415	130	2	289
Osprey	-	-	-	4
White-tailed Kite	18	34	2	52
Bald Eagle	7	2	5	5
Northern Harrier	46	28	1	17
Sharp-shinned Hawk	3	6	3	5
Cooper's Hawk	18	16	16	9
<i>accipiter</i> , sp	2	1	-	1
Red-shouldered Hawk	24	49	2	56
Red-tailed Hawk	194	149	52	165
Ferruginous Hawk	2	1	4	6
Golden Eagle	20	3	-	6
Barn Owl	3	2	-	2
Western Screech-Owl	2	4	13	8
Great Horned Owl	2	15	10	8
Northern Pygmy-Owl	-	2	-	-
Burrowing Owl	7	3	-	1
Northern Saw-whet Owl	-	5	4	-
Belted Kingfisher	7	8	6	23
Lewis's Woodpecker	-	-	54	4
Acorn Woodpecker	221	410	481	504
Red-naped Sapsucker	-	-	-	1
Red-breasted Sapsucker	8	13	14	12
hybrid Sapsucker	-	-	-	-
Nuttall's Woodpecker	28	111	33	98
Downy Woodpecker	9	19	5	19

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Hairy Woodpecker	1	56	10	20
Northern (Red-Shafted) Flicker	72	128	53	158
Northern (RedxYellow) Flicker (intergrade)	8	-	-	-
unidentified form	-	2	-	1
Pileated Woodpecker	-	5	-	-
American Kestrel	58	33	27	72
Merlin	9	6	3	11
Peregrine Falcon	9	6	-	4
Prairie Falcon	2	-	3	4
<i>falco</i> , sp	-	-	-	1
Black Phoebe	340	340	24	243
Say's Phoebe	55	23	7	48
Cassin's Kingbird	CW	-	-	-
Vermilion Flycatcher	-	-	-	1
Loggerhead Shrike	12	2	-	9
Hutton's Vireo	5	66	5	31
Steller's Jay	76	273	35	204
California Scrub-Jay	234	434	291	535
Yellow-billed Magpie	134	-	62	129
American Crow	556	1104	11	1021
Common Raven	98	143	68	320
Horned Lark	125	-	-	65
Tree Swallow	260	120	-	4
Violet-green Swallow	5	3	-	-
Barn Swallow	1	-	-	-
Northern Rough Winged Swallow	CW	-	-	-
swallow sp	13	20	-	-
Chestnut-backed Chickadee	101	749	12	236
Oak Titmouse	76	347	185	258
Bushitit	417	1007	117	619
Red-breasted Nuthatch	2	2	-	1
White-breasted Nuthatch	51	148	116	166
Pygmy Nuthatch	6	53	-	-
Brown Creeper	12	78	7	7
Rock Wren	-	-	-	14
House Wren	1	1	-	-
Pacific (formerly "Winter") Wren	-	10	-	1
Marsh Wren	70	15	1	-
Bewick's Wren	72	332	25	133
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	3	1	-	2
Golden-crowned Kinglet	-	12	-	8
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	139	419	45	314
Wrentit	7	115	75	65
Western Bluebird	93	271	188	257
Townsend's Solitaire	-	-	1	-
Hermit Thrush	59	158	14	79
American Robin	44	535	-	245
Varied Thrush	3	60	7	23
California Thrasher	1	19	18	25
Northern Mockingbird	50	48	1	71
European Starling	1955	930	132	2802
Cedar Waxwing	250	637	-	320
Phainopepla	-	-	3	2
House Sparrow	41	22	17	84
American Pipit	254	237	-	177
Evening Grosbeak	-	1	-	-
House Finch	634	637	29	661
Purple Finch	6	85	3	55
<i>Carpodacus</i> finch sp	-	-	9	-
Pine Siskin	42	127	5	43

Species	SJ 12/18/17	PA 12/18/17	MtH 1/02/18	Cal-MH 12/30/17
Lesser Goldfinch	171	485	69	277
Lawrence's Goldfinch	-	-	128	-
American Goldfinch	72	48	-	23
goldfinch sp	-	-	-	11
Spotted Towhee	30	203	61	130
Rufous-crowned Sparrow	6	323	-	29
California Towhee	222	-	78	288
Chipping Sparrow	2	-	-	-
Lark Sparrow	-	8	1	56
Bell's Sparrow	-	-	4	-
Savannah Sparrow	563	131	2	119
Grasshopper Sparrow	-	-	-	1
Fox Sparrow (unidentified)	41	114	29	22
Fox Sparrow (Sooty)	-	-	22	-
Fox Sparrow (Slate-colored)	-	-	12	-
Song Sparrow	119	124	5	100
Lincoln's Sparrow	37	50	-	26
Swamp Sparrow	-	2	-	-
White-throated Sparrow	2	4	-	4
Harris's Sparrow	-	1	-	-
White-crowned Sparrow	1409	1253	244	1009
Golden-crowned Sparrow	882	1421	664	1033
sparrow sp	20	68	26	77
Dark-eyed (Oregon) Junco	502	1460	857	575
Dark-eyed (Slate-colored) Junco	1	2	-	3
Western Meadowlark	636	464	30	451
Red-winged Blackbird	770	471	61	1623
Tricolored Blackbird	-	-	31	657
Brown-headed Cowbird	106	4	2	139
Brewer's Blackbird	451	343	141	1300
blackbird sp	550	1	90	3202
Great-tailed Grackle	35	1	-	2
Orange-crowned Warbler	4	10	-	-
Common Yellowthroat	53	45	-	5
Yellow Warbler	1	1	-	-
Palm Warbler	1	-	-	-
Yellow-rumped Warbler (Audubon's)	141	683	-	181
(Myrtle)	10	80	1	16
(Unidentified form)	799	615	1	373
Black-throated Gray Warbler	-	1	-	-
Townsend's Warbler	9	108	2	25
Wilson's Warbler	1	-	-	-
Western Tanager	-	1	-	-
Scaly-breasted Munia	-	-	-	1
Mandarin Duck	1	-	-	-
Total Species	188	170	97	146
Total Number of Birds	89,280	77,811	8,010	35,475

Key
sp = species undetermined
CW = Count Week
SJ = San Jose; compiled by Mike Azevedo
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Wed. 3/7 & 4/4; 7:30-9:00PM

Bay Area Bird Photographers
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 Topic 4/10: Finches

Fri. 3/16 & 4/13; 12:30-2:00PM

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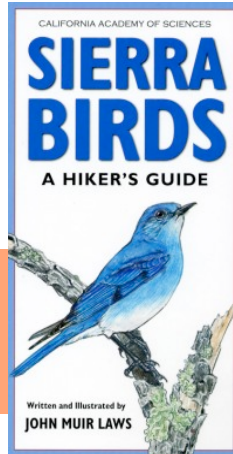
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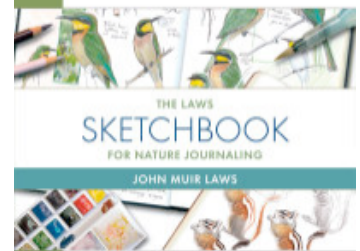


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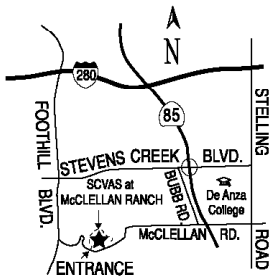
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Head over to the SCVAS office on Saturday, April 21 from 10AM-3PM to "rummage" through the items we have for sale! To donate, please stop by our office during operating hours. We can't wait to see you there!!!

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Saturday 10:00AM - 2:00PM

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