



Welcome to the Avocet Update for **September 2020**. This monthly email to our members highlights upcoming events, field trips, environmental alerts, and other items of interest for the coming month. We have exciting offerings to share, including new videos, new birding locations to cure the summer doldrums, and an exciting Speaker Series.

~Matthew Dodder, Executive Director

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ONLINE SPEAKER SERIES:



John Muir Laws

Nature Journaling for Birders

Keeping a nature journal is one of the best ways to improve your birding skills. While online platforms such as eBird help you sort and manage your species lists while contributing to citizen science, they can not help you see more deeply and remember your experience more vividly. This is the magic of a paper notebook and pencil. By keeping field notes the old fashioned way, you will get more out of every birding experience. Learn strategies to improve your field notes. Bring a pencil and paper and be ready to practice.

September 16 (Wednesday)
7:00-8:30 PM via Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81993714996?pwd=eWJlcm5LbDFtclBEEd1VFMWtrY2JNUT09>



Richard Tejada

Founder of Saved By Nature

Richard Tejada, founder and Executive Director of Saved By Nature. Growing up in a drug and gang infested neighborhood in South San Jose, Richard is very familiar with how the lives of youth and adults can be improved by experiences outdoors. His inspiring personal story and success of his non-profit organization will energize listeners. Don't miss this opportunity to meet our newest partner in the effort to reach new audiences.

September 23 (Wednesday)
7:00-8:30 PM via Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86884245338?pwd=ckpTc1RIYjR6dIVRS01vMUINdTlMQT09>

ANNUAL MEETING

This year we will be holding an online Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting has been scheduled for **September 19** evening. Details will be provided soon, but **SAVE THE DATE**.

VIDEOS:

SCVAS continues to produce new video content each week to make indoors life a little more tolerable. We have dozens of video you might enjoy such as Ask BirdGuy, Birding Basics, Virtual Birding Trips, Bay Area Bird Photographers, Native Plants and more!

For more videos:

[YouTube Channel](#)

[SCVAS Video Page](#)



BACKYARD BIRDS:

Meet the Backyard Bird of the Month: [Dark-eyed Junco](#) by Dave Zittin

Hundreds of different bird species can be found in Santa Clara County, many of which will turn up in your own backyard or neighborhood. Of course, where you live, whether it's on the edge of the bay or in the foothills, determines what birds you see. This series focuses on the most common birds you will see in your yard or at a feeding station.



MORE SELF-GUIDED FIELD TRIPS:

September Self-Guided Field Trips

Since we can't go out birding as a group right now, we've come up with some great ideas for places you can bird on your own or with your household. September is a special time for shorebirds as they pass through our area or settle in for the winter. Check them out at Palo Alto Baylands. Or, you can enjoy our fall warblers and other songbirds at Almaden Quicksilver, Ulistac, or Vasona.

- **West Hills:** [Wood Road Trail at Almaden Quicksilver County Park in September](#) by Dani Christensen
- **Urban Area:** [Ulistac Natural Area](#) by Chuq Von Rospach
- **Urban Area:** [Vasona Lake County Park](#) by Eve Meier
- **Bayfront:** [Palo Alto Baylands](#) (Wheelchair Accessible) by Unice Chang and Eve Meier
- **El frente de la bahía:** [Duck Pond Loop Trail y "Rail Alley" en las Marismas de Palo Alto](#) (otoño/accesible en silla de ruedas) por Eve Meier y Unice Chang, traducido por Carlos Marquez Garcia

SCVAS would like to hear from you! Do you have a favorite place you love to bird that you would like to recommend to our members? Is there a place you would like to learn more about? If so, please email scvasfieldtrips@gmail.com.

ADVOCACY UPDATE:

SCVAS endorsed the **Open Space Authority Measure T** to be on the ballot November 3rd. Measure T is a \$24/parcel tax that, should it be approved by voters, will enable OSA to continue to protect open spaces and hills and connect people to the outdoors in open space landscapes and in their own neighborhoods through nearby parks, trails, urban community

gardens, and environmental education programs.

The **Cupertino Bird-Safe & Dark Sky** is moving forward very VERY slowly. Cupertino residents, we need your support. Please contact your council members (and candidates) and encourage Cupertino to adopt strong ordinances to protect birds, the night sky, and human health.

Please contact shani@scvas.org if you have questions, or want to help.



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