

**AUGUST 2020:** Welcome to this installment of the **Avocet Update**. 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:



## **Mike Azevedo**

### **Wildlife Habitat in Your Backyard**

August 5th, our online speaker series continues with Mike Azevedo, Nestbox Coordinator of Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society's Cavity Nesters Recovery Program. Through his work with the California Bluebird Recovery Program, he's discovered that there are simple things we can do to make our backyards and other landscaping part of the ecosystem. You thought backyards couldn't be wildlife habitat? They absolutely can!

**August 5**

**7:00-8:30 PM via Zoom**

**Join Zoom Meeting:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84408983651?pwd=Unc2TlNqaUs1VmJ4TG9Sb3pyM0xGdz09>

See our [Calendar](#) for additional Zoom link information.

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## **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!





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## FIELD TRIPS:

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, our field trip schedule has been suspended until further notice. We will resume trips as soon as conditions permit, but as of now there is no date. As such, the Snowy Plover field seminar with Ben Pearl set for July has been postponed indefinitely. Please check our Field Trip page for updates.

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## NEW! SELF-GUIDED FIELD TRIPS:

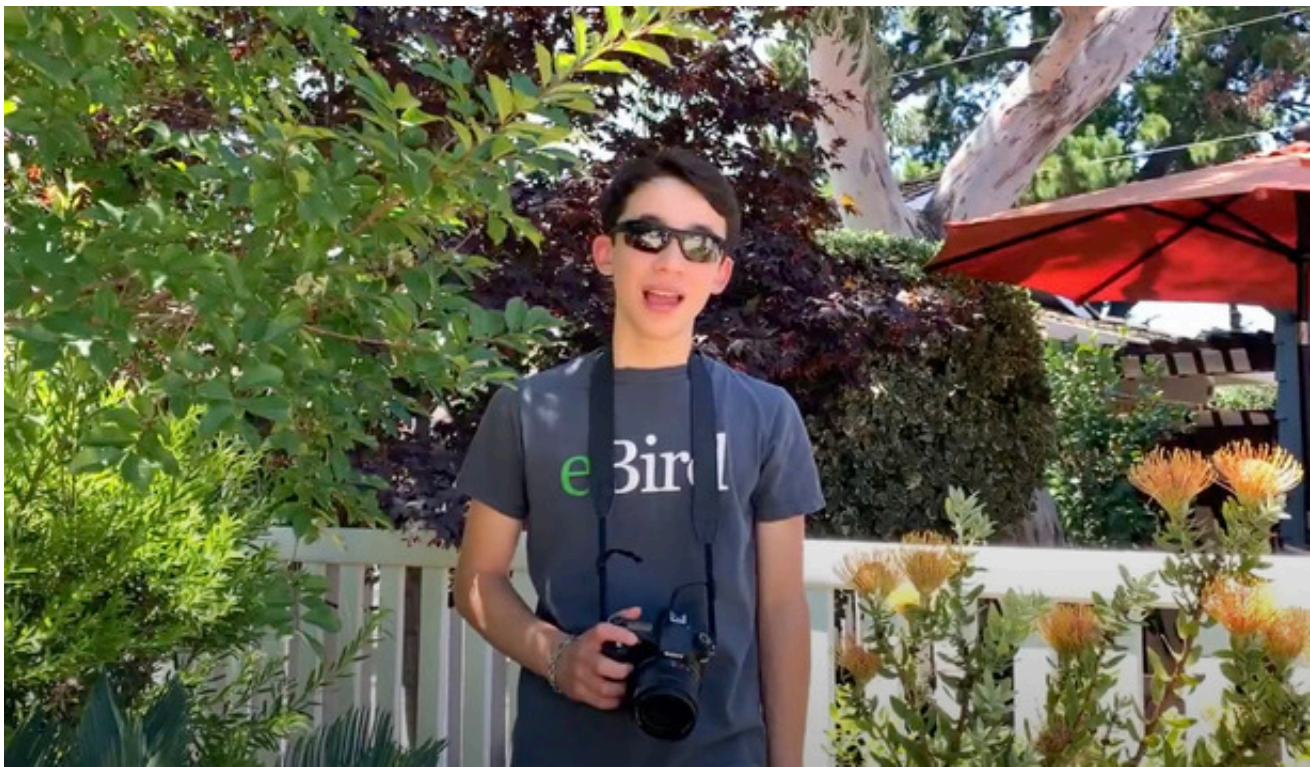
Since we can't go out birding as a group right now, we've come up with some great ideas for places you can bird on your own or with your household. Special attention has been given to sites that are usually uncrowded and make social distancing possible. Check out these 3 curated seasonal self-guided trips:

**South County:** [Coyote Creek Nature Trail at Anderson Lake County Park by Dani Christensen](#)

**Bayfront:** [Phalaropes at Sunnyvale Water Pollution Control Plant by Eve Meier](#)

**Bayfront:** [Emily Renzel Ponds by Dan Bloch](#)

**New Virtual Field Trip:** [Joseph D. Grant County Park by Carter Gasiorowski](#)



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](mailto:scvasfieldtrips@gmail.com).

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## And Finally... Our ANNUAL MEETING:

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



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