



# SEQUOIA AUDUBON SOCIETY

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## New Student Scholarship for ABA's Camp Colorado

Sequoia Audubon Society recently created a Scholarship Committee consisting of Ginny Marshall, Nelle Lyons, Melissa Hero, and Robbie Fischer. They have done a lot of work in a short time and, as a result, we have a new youth scholarship program. The scholarship was made possible by donations in honor of Robin Smith and Nancy Lecich. Using the available funds, the plan was to offer two grants. A generous donation from Joe Morlan has enabled Sequoia to award three scholarships instead of two. Please consider donating to the scholarship fund to keep it going for many years to come.

From the January 26<sup>th</sup> press release:

In honor of our 70th Anniversary, the Sequoia Audubon Society is pleased to announce a youth scholarship for students age 13-18 to attend the American Birding Associations' Camp Colorado ([www.aba.org/camp-colorado/](http://www.aba.org/camp-colorado/)). This will encourage youth to pursue their interests in birds, the natural world, conservation, and education. The scholarship was made possible by donations in honor of Robin Smith, past president, and Nancy Lecich, a generous donor.

This scholarship is open to students age 13-18 residing or attending school in San Mateo County. It will cover the cost of registration for the American Birding Associations' Camp Colorado (\$1449), ABA student membership (\$25), and travel costs to/from Colorado (up to \$250). Scholarship recipients will also receive a year's membership to Sequoia Audubon Society.

Applicants must complete an application that includes an essay and letter of recommendation from a teacher or adult mentor.

The ABA offers Camp Colorado to people between the ages of 13 to 18. It is a seven-day experience where young birders are exposed to world-class naturalists, their peers from throughout the country, and a bit of the unknown. There will be birding all morning, with hands-on workshops in the afternoon and evenings. All in the magnificent Colorado Rockies.

The word of our new scholarship was spread effectively, and at least 6 applications were received. The deadline to apply was March 1. The Committee will assess the submissions and award ~~two~~ three scholarships. We expect to make this an annual scholarship so if you don't get to the big dance, there's always next year! The recipients will be announced in the next newsletter. (The announcement will be before then but the information will be in the next newsletter.)

## Monthly Meetings

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays 7:00 pm  
San Mateo Garden Center  
605 Parkside Way, San Mateo

### April 11

The Olympic Peninsula  
*Ken & Mary Campbell*

### May 9

Community Engagement  
*Jennifer Rycenga*

### June 13

Proper (Linnaean) Order  
*Robert Siegel*

## Upcoming Field Trips

### April

Wed. 3<sup>rd</sup> Pillar Point Bluff  
Sat. 6<sup>th</sup> Pillar Point Harbor  
Sun. 7<sup>th</sup> Coyote Point  
Sun. 21<sup>st</sup> Burleigh Murray  
Sat. 27<sup>th</sup> Foster City  
Sat. 27<sup>th</sup> Bioblitz@Huddart

### May

Wed. 1<sup>st</sup> Burleigh Murray  
Sun. 12<sup>th</sup> Burleigh Murray  
Sun. 19<sup>th</sup> Burleigh Murray  
Wed. 29<sup>th</sup> Skyline OSP

### June

Sun. 16<sup>th</sup> Burleigh Murray

## Birding in 2019: Off to a Fine Start by *Chris O'Connell*

The Sequoia Audubon Society, thanks to the efforts of Malia DeFelice, maintains a Year List of birds observed in the county at <http://www.sequoia-audubon.org/SMCbirds.php>. Some rare birds already seen this year include Tufted Duck, Redhead, Royal Tern, Pacific-golden Plover, Orchard Oriole, Northern Waterthrush, and Black-and-white Warbler. The Northern Gannet and Green-tailed Towhee are two recent rarities I'd like to highlight: the big and the little, the near and the far, the new and the old, the mystery and the less-of-a mystery.

The Northern Gannet – the one and only, the one and lonely - was spotted in April of 2012 at the Farallon Islands, the first ever record of the bird on the West Coast. There are tens of thousands of them in the East but gannets don't fly over land so it is a bit of a mystery how it got here. From the Atlantic Ocean to the Arctic and down the Bering Sea? The Panama Canal? Magic? Who knows, but get here it did.

The gannet has chosen to make San Mateo its home county and it has really become our bird. Covering a lot of "ground" and spending so much time at sea, it's not really reliable to chase. But it's out there. It has been seen (ir)regularly on Egg Rock at Devil's Slide Trail in the north, Pillar Point Harbor in the central part of the county, and Año Nuevo Island in the south. Other than the Farallon Islands, the bird apparently has not strayed from these parameters since 2015. It's working a right triangle off the coast. (How can it know the Farallons are not in San Mateo?) Back in 2015, it was spotted in Marin and San Francisco.

The gannet has lived and thrived on the West Coast for at least 7 full years now. But on a sad note, gannets are colonial breeders, accustomed to being surrounded by many thousands of their kind. This bird is experiencing the extreme opposite. It must make do with murres and cormorants. In fact, eyewitnesses have seen our bird getting frisky with cormorants on Egg Rock but that never came to anything.



Northern Gannet by *Donna Pomeroy*



Green-tailed Towhee by *Donna Pomeroy*

The Green-tailed Towhee is a special bird, too. Not quite epic like the gannet but it may be the first confirmed wintering bird of its kind in the county. Barbara Kossy found the towhee in Moss Beach near Fitzgerald Marine Reserve in mid-February. This has been a hot spot in the past and continues to surprise.

The bird has been active near a feeder in the front and back yards of the neighborhood. The towhee has attacked its image in car mirrors. It's likely been terrorizing mirrors all winter since the mirror won't back down. It is a small towhee, the size of a Golden-crowned Sparrow. Unlike the roaming and unpredictable gannet, the towhee has been consistent and cooperative. Scores of birders have ventured to see it, and almost all have gone away happy (although negative "reports" are often not reported at all).

With birds like this, we can count on another good year of birding.



## Sequoia Field Trips

### Pillar Point Bluff

**Wednesday, April 3, 8:00 am - 11:00 am**

This small County Park has only been open since 2011. It has sweeping views of both the agricultural land and the ocean, with an uncrowded trail system. There is a nice mix of birds here including breeding California Thrashers. Dress in layers and bring sunscreen and water. There is a restroom in the parking lot. The trail is moderately easy with a short, but steep descent at the end of the loop. **Directions:** Meet at the Pillar Point Bluff parking lot on Airport Street, across from the Half Moon Bay airport on the west side. **Heavy rain cancels.** **Leader:** Donna Pomeroy. **Contact:** dpom@comcast.net.

### Pillar Point Harbor

**Saturday, April 6, 8:00 am - 11:00 am**

Pillar Point is a hot spot for birding year-round. We should find a variety of resident birds and wintering shorebirds. Most of the walking will be on fairly level dirt trails, but if time permits, we may hike up onto the bluff top for a better view out to sea. Scopes will be useful here, so if you have one, bring it along. A primitive restroom is available at the parking lot. Heavy rain cancels. **Directions:** The harbor is located just west of Coast Highway One; 18 miles south of San Francisco and 4 miles north of Half Moon Bay. From Coast Highway One, turn west at the stoplight at Capistrano Road and continue along the north side of the harbor to Prospect Way. Turn left onto Prospect, then a brief jog right on Broadway, to an immediate left on Harvard Avenue. Proceed through the boatyards to the end of Harvard Avenue, then turn right onto West Point Avenue, which curves around a marshy area and heads uphill to an Air Force Radar Facility. Meet at the "West Shoreline Access", popularly known as the parking lot to Mavericks, just below the radar station. **Leader:** Donna Pomeroy. **Contact:** dpom@comcast.net.

### Coyote Point Marsh & Harbor

**Sunday, April 7, 9:00 am - Noon**

This bird walk for families and young birders will take a leisurely walk around Coyote Point Marsh and Harbor. We will spend 2-3 hours as interest maintains. Expect to see shorebirds, marsh birds, gulls, birds of prey, and some passerines. Wind off the bay could bring a chill so come with layers and sunscreen or a hat. Please bring binoculars as you have them, we will try to have some loaner pairs. **Directions:** Meet at the parking lot next to the Yacht Club, 1820 Coyote Point Drive, San Mateo. **Heavy rain cancels or Air Quality Index over 100 cancels.** **Leader:** Casey Girard. **Contact:** casey.girard@gmail.com.

### Pinnacles National Park - Reservations Required

**Wednesday, April 17, 8:00 am - 3:00 pm**

Pinnacles National Park lies just south of Hollister and affords the opportunity to see California Condors in the wild. We'll also look for Canyon Wren, Lawrence's Goldfinch, Prairie Falcon and more. **RSVP Required** to Leslie Flint (info below) as there is a maximum of 12 participants for this trip. **Directions:** Take Hwy 101 south through the city of Gilroy to Hwy 25 south. On Hwy 25, go through the town of Hollister and continue about 30 miles to Hwy 146. Turn right on Hwy 146, then turn left into the Pinnacles Campground and Visitor Center. Allow 2 hours driving time. \$15.00 entrance fee (per car). Bring a flashlight for walking through the caves. Contact Leslie for no-host carpool. **Leader:** Leslie Flint. **Contact:** lflint@earthlink.net.

### Burleigh Murray Ranch State Park

**Sunday, April 21, 7:30 am - 11:30 am**

Join us for a leisurely 3-4 hour walk in this bird-rich gem on our coast. The trail is a one-mile former ranch road leading to a historic barn. Plan layers for cool temps, morning fog and sunshine. Heavy rain cancels. **Directions:** Meet at the lower parking lot to the Johnston House, located on Higgins-Purisima Road in Half Moon Bay. Higgins-Purisima Road begins just off of SR1, going east where Main Street ends. The Johnston House is the big white 1850s farmhouse on the hill. We will caravan to Burleigh Murray, which is 1½ miles up Higgins-Purisima Road from here. **Leader:** Ginny Marshall. **Contact:** ginnybirder@gmail.com.



*Check our website and Facebook page for updates and new listings.*

**Filoli Estate (for Bay Area Audubon members only; RSVP required)**

**Saturday, April 27, 8:30 am - Noon**

Filoli Estate is the property of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Bay Area Audubon members have been invited for a morning of birding at this beautiful site on the edge of the San Francisco Watershed. The grounds of Filoli have a beautiful formal garden surrounded by large oaks and trails leading to riparian, redwood and farm habitats. Over 96 species of birds have been found here. Filoli has limited this invitation to Audubon members from the Bay Area Audubon chapters. **Reservations are required and there is a limit of 20 people maximum** (sorry, no children under 14.) Participants may remain after the bird walk to enjoy the house and /or formal gardens at no charge. Picnic tables are available near the Visitor Education Center if you wish to enjoy your own lunch, or you can purchase a wide variety of food items and beverages at the Quail's Nest Cafe. The gift shop will also be open. **Directions:** Take Hwy 280 to the Edgewood Road exit; go west. Turn right/north on Cañada Road and drive approx. one mile to the entrance of Filoli. We will meet in front of the Visitors Center. **Heavy Rain Cancels.** **To reserve your spot:** Call Sue James at 650-348-0315. **Leaders:** Sue James and Tricia Jordan.



Royal Tern at Pillar Point Harbor, Feb. 2019 by Donna Pomeroy

**BioBlitz at Huddart County Park**

**Saturday, April 27, 2019, 8:45 am - 2:00 pm**

Join us for a spring San Mateo County Parks BioBlitz! We will spread out at Huddart Park to discover species of birds, plants, mammals, fish, invertebrates, reptiles, and more that the park has to offer! Several teams will split up for about 3 hours to explore entire sections of the park! We'll finish within the park and meet at the Buckeye Room at the Town of Portola Valley at Noon for our "Wrap-Up" session. Here, you'll have an opportunity to upload your findings to iNaturalist and discuss with experts the different species you found while learning more about our partnering organizations! **Please sign-up for the event through iNaturalist.org:** <https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/2019-huddart-park-bioblitz>. **Directions:** Meet at 8:45 am at the Zwierlein Picnic Area, Huddart Park, 1100 Kings Mountain Road. (The entrance fee is waived for blitz participants.) **Wrap-Up Location:** Buckeye Room in the Town of Portola Valley, 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley, CA 94028. This event includes snacks for participants!

**Burleigh Murray State Park**

**Wednesday, May 1, 8:00 am - Noon**

Burleigh Murray State Park is a hidden treasure on the coast. It has very low visitor usage and a very high density of breeding birds. The only trail is the mile-long, old ranch road that leads up to an historic and picturesque barn. The high number of singing birds will keep this walk at a slow pace. This is a great location to learn and practice birding by ear. Morning fog is common here, but it usually burns off and it can be warm and sunny. **Directions:** We will meet at the lower parking lot to the Johnston House, located on Higgins-Purisima Road in Half Moon Bay. Higgins-Purisima Road begins just off of SR1, going east where Main Street ends. The Johnston House is the big white 1850s farmhouse on the hill. We will caravan to Burleigh Murray, which is 1 ½ miles up Higgins-Purisima Road from here. **Special Guest Leader:** Ginny Marshall. **Contact:** [ginnybirder@gmail.com](mailto:ginnybirder@gmail.com).

*Check our website and Facebook page for updates and new listings.*

**Burleigh Murray Ranch State Park**

**Sunday, May 12, 9:00 am - Noon**

Join a bird walk that is aimed at families with help for young birders. We will spend 2 to 3 hours walking a tucked away spot, filled with birds, along the coast. The trail is a one-mile former ranch road leading to a historic barn. The trip may start chilly but should end warm as the sun comes up, there are open sky sections along with tree cover, sunscreen suggested. Parking lot is small so carpool if coming with friends. Please bring binoculars as you have them, we will try to have some loaner pairs. **Directions:** Meet at the Burleigh H. Murray parking lot 305 Higgins Canyon Road, Half Moon Bay. **Heavy rain cancels or Air Quality Index over 100 cancels. Leader:** Casey Girard. **Contact:** casey.girard@gmail.com.

**Burleigh Murray Ranch State Park**

**Sunday, May 19, 7:30 am - 11:30 am**

See April 21<sup>st</sup> entry for details. **Leader:** Ginny Marshall. **Contact:** ginnybirder@gmail.com.

**Skyline Open Space Preserve – Horseshoe Lake**

**Wednesday, May 29, 8:00 am - 11:30 am**

Skyline Ridge Open Space Preserve attracts an abundance of spring migrants and breeding birds as well as a wonderful variety of resident species. Horseshoe Lake is just one of the many diverse habitats in this park. The hike we will take around the lake will be relatively easy and we will take our time exploring this gorgeous park. Dress in layers. **Directions:** The main entrance to this 2,143-acre preserve is located .9 miles south of the Alpine Road. and Skyline Blvd. intersection on Skyline Blvd. (Hwy 35). The turnoff is on the west side of the road. We will meet in the equestrian parking lot, the southernmost lot of the three parking lots. **Leader:** Donna Pomeroy. **Contact:** dpom@comcast.net.

**Burleigh Murray Ranch State Park**

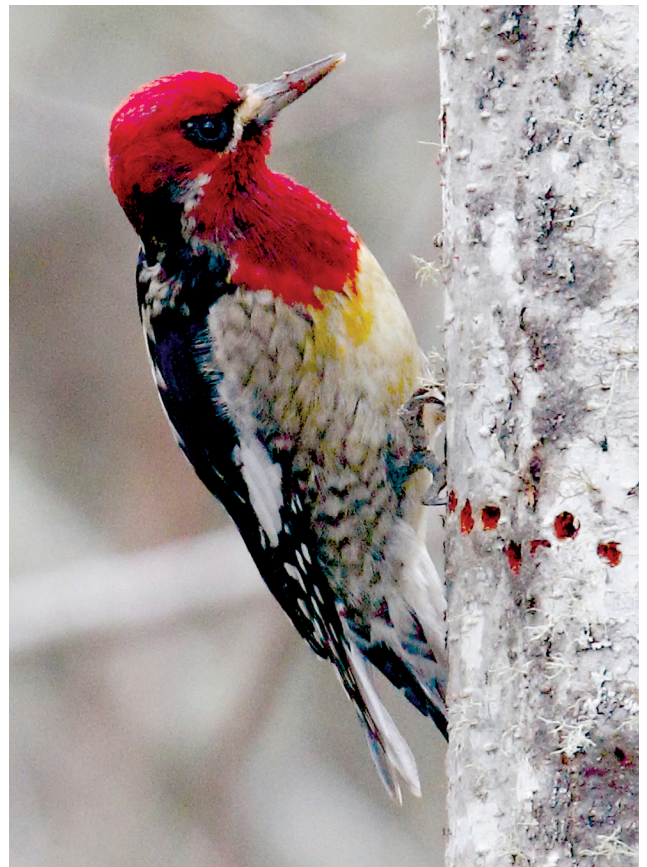
**Sunday, June 16, 7:30 am - 11:30 am**

See April 21<sup>st</sup> entry for details. **Leader:** Ginny Marshall. **Contact:** ginnybirder@gmail.com.

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**Monthly Nature Walks Offered by California State Park  
Docents at Pescadero Marsh:**

Docents lead nature walks the first Sunday of each month from 10:00 am - Noon; and third Sunday from 1:00 - 3:00 pm. Dress in layers, bring binoculars, water, wear a hat, and enjoy the marsh. Meet the volunteer docents in the middle parking area for Pescadero State Beach on Highway 1. Pescadero State Beach has three parking areas. **Directions:** From the north, the parking area for marsh walks is immediately south of the bridge, on your right. From the south, the lot is 1/4 mile past the flashing light at Pescadero Road and before you reach the bridge, on your left. **More info:** [http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=26931](http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=26931).



Red-breasted Sapsucker at Burleigh Murray  
March 2019 by Donna Pomeroy



## **MEETING PROGRAMS**

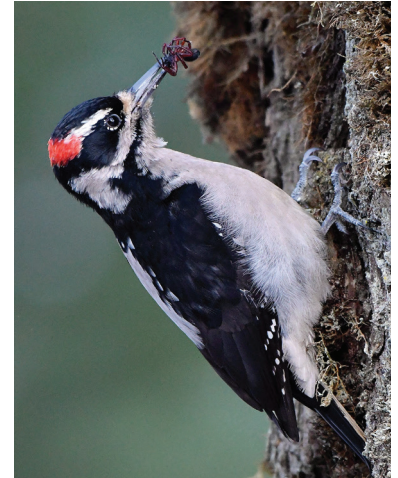
605 Parkside Way, San Mateo

**April 11, 2019, 7 pm**

### **A Naturalist's Guide to the Olympic Peninsula with Ken and Mary Campbell**

Take a photographic tour of Washington's Olympic Peninsula with Ken & Mary Campbell to see and learn about some of the best places to view the amazing diversity of habitats and wildlife. The Olympic Peninsula has two National Wildlife Refuges, a National Marine Sanctuary, a National Forest, and a National Park. With nearly 3,600 square-miles to explore, the Peninsula has glacier-covered mountains, magnificent old-growth forests, temperate rain forests, alpine meadows, high alpine lakes, free-flowing salmon rivers, beautiful waterfalls, miles of rugged undeveloped coastline, and the biologically diverse Strait of Juan de Fuca. Though the area is known for its precipitation with the west side receiving nearly 200 inches per year, the area in the rain shadow on the east side receives less than 20 inches. The variety of ecosystems and diverse climates create an environment that is home to a unique mix of flora and fauna.

The Campbells are wildlife and nature photographers. They have traveled the world to find the top natural wonders this planet has to offer, photographing nature for more than 35 years together while making trips to all seven continents in search of extraordinary wildlife.



Hairy Woodpecker  
photo by Ken and Mary Campbell

**May 9, 2019, 7 pm**

### **Community Engagement Through Urban Wildlife with Deb Kramer**



When people think of nature, they usually think of far off places like the Sierras or Point Reyes. However, Keep Coyote Creek Beautiful strives to bring people out to their urban creek areas to see nature up close. We host many activities with many partners to bring people of all ages and backgrounds to Coyote Creek to see birds, plants, bugs, and fish up and down the length of this 64-mile waterway. At this talk, you'll learn about what we do and how we get the community outside to appreciate the wildlife around them.

Deb Kramer is the founder and Executive Director of Keep Coyote Creek Beautiful, a nonprofit group that has been living its tagline — “Working Together for a Vibrant Coyote Creek” since 2015. Through her leadership and collaboration, the organization has removed over 100 tons of trash from Coyote Creek, and offered over 50 educational and recreational activities such as BioBlitz events, kayak outings, and creek walks. As a community organizer, she was the catalyst for the Coyote Meadows Coalition to create an urban open space park in the heart of San Jose. Deb was instrumental in rallying over 1200 volunteers immediately following the February 2017 Coyote Creek flood. She is a Bay Area native and graduate from UC Berkeley in Environmental Science.

**June 13, 2019, 7 pm**

### **Keeping the Birds in Their Proper (Linnaean) Order with Robert Siegel**

Dr. Robert Siegel travels widely as a Stanford teaching professor of microbiology and immunology. Everywhere he visits, he aims to take riveting photos of the birds (and, in fact, of all living taxa), with the goal of having all the avian orders represented on his website (<https://web.stanford.edu/~siegelr/photo.html>). A great conversationalist, nature enthusiast, and educator, with an interest in all taxa, Bob will regale us with birds (both exotic and familiar), a witty brand of science, and tales of international wonder.



## Species Seen on the Local Christmas Bird Counts *assembled by Leslie Flint*

The Crystal Springs (CS) and Año Nuevo (AN) Christmas Bird Counts were conducted on December 15 and December 29, 2018 respectively. Leslie Flint and Al DeMartini spearheaded the efforts. Here is a chart showing the bird species tallied on those days. CW stands for Count Week birds which do not count in the totals and an \* represents rare birds.

|                              |                            |                               |                               |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Greater White-fr. Goose CS   | Osprey CS, AN              | Glaucous-winged Gull CS, AN   | Pacific Wren CS, AN           |
| Brant AN                     | White-tailed Kite CS, AN   | Glaucous Gull* CS, AN         | Marsh Wren CS, AN             |
| Canada Goose CS, AN          | Golden Eagle CS, AN        | Forster's Tern CS             | Bewick's Wren CS, AN          |
| Cackling Goose CS            | Northern Harrier CS, AN    | Black Skimmer CS              | Blue-gray Gnatcatcher CS, AN  |
| Wood Duck CS, AN             | Sharp-shinned Hawk CS, AN  | Rock Pigeon CS, AN            | Golden-crowned Kinglet CS, AN |
| Gadwall CS                   | Cooper's Hawk CS, AN       | Band-tailed Pigeon CS, AN     | Ruby-crowned Kinglet CS, AN   |
| Eurasian Wigeon CS           | Bald Eagle CS, AN          | Eurasian-collared Dove CS, AN | Wrentit CS, AN                |
| American Wigeon CS, AN       | Red-shouldered Hawk CS, AN | Mourning Dove CS, AN          | Western Bluebird CS, AN       |
| Mallard CS, AN               | Red-tailed Hawk CS, AN     | Barn Owl CS, AN               | Townsend's Solitaire* AN      |
| Blue-winged Teal CS          | Ferruginous Hawk* CS, AN   | Western Screech-Owl CS, AN    | Hermit Thrush CS, AN          |
| Cinnamon Teal CS, AN         | Virginia Rail CS, AN       | Great Horned Owl CS, AN       | American Robin CS, AN         |
| Northern Shoveler CS, AN     | Sora CS, AN                | Northern Pygmy-Owl CS, AN     | Varied Thrush CS, AN          |
| Northern Pintail CS, AN      | American Coot CS, AN       | Burrowing Owl CS, AN          | California Thrasher CS, AN    |
| Green-winged Teal CS, AN     | Black-necked Stilt CS      | Long-eared Owl CS             | Northern Mockingbird CS, AN   |
| Canvasback CS                | American Avocet CS         | Northern Saw-whet Owl CS, AN  | European Starling CS, AN      |
| Greater Scaup CS             | Black Oystercatcher CS, AN | Common Poorwill CW (CS)       | American Pipit CS, AN         |
| Lesser Scaup CS, AN          | Black-bellied Plover CS    | White-throated Swift CS, AN   | Cedar Waxwing CS, AN          |
| Harlequin Duck AN            | Snowy Plover CS, AN        | Anna's Hummingbird CS, AN     | Northern Waterthrush* CW (AN) |
| Surf Scoter CS, AN           | Semipalmated Plover CS     | Belted Kingfisher CS, AN      | Black-and-white Warbler* AN   |
| White-winged Scoter CW (AN)  | Killdeer CS, AN            | Acorn Woodpecker CS, AN       | Orange-cr. Warbler CS, AN     |
| Black Scoter CS, AN          | Whimbrel CS, AN            | Williamson's Sapsucker* AN    | Nashville Warbler AN          |
| Long-tailed Duck CS          | Long-billed Curlew CS, AN  | Red-naped Sapsucker* AN       | Common Yellowthroat CS, AN    |
| Bufflehead CS, AN            | Marbled Godwit CS, AN      | Red-breasted Sapsucker CS, AN | Palm Warbler* CS              |
| Common Goldeneye CS, AN      | Ruddy Turnstone CS, AN     | Nuttall's Woodpecker CS, AN   | Yellow-rumped Warbler CS, AN  |
| Barrow's Goldeneye CS        | Black Turnstone CS, AN     | Downy Woodpecker CS, AN       | Townsend's Warbler CS, AN     |
| Hooded Merganser CS, AN      | Red Knot CS                | Hairy Woodpecker CS, AN       | Hermit Warbler CS, AN         |
| Common Merganser CS, AN      | Surfbird CS, AN            | Northern Flicker CS, AN       | Clay-colored Sparrow* CS      |
| Red-br. Merganser CS, AN     | Sanderling CS, AN          | Pileated Woodpecker CS, AN    | Fox Sparrow CS, AN            |
| Ruddy Duck CS, AN            | Dunlin CS                  | American Kestrel CS, AN       | Dark-eyed Junco CS, AN        |
| Wild Turkey CS, AN           | Least Sandpiper CS         | Merlin CS, AN                 | White-crowned Sparrow CS, AN  |
| California Quail CS, AN      | Western Sandpiper CS       | Peregrine Falcon CS, AN       | Golden-cr. Sparrow CS, AN     |
| Red-throated Loon CS, AN     | Short-billed Dowitcher CS  | Pacific-slope Flycatcher* AN  | White-throated Sparrow CS, AN |
| Pacific Loon CS, AN          | Long-billed Dowitcher CS   | Black Phoebe CS, AN           | Savannah Sparrow CS, AN       |
| Common Loon CS, AN           | Wilson's Snipe CS, AN      | Say's Phoebe CS, AN           | Song Sparrow CS, AN           |
| Pied-billed Grebe CS, AN     | Red Phalarope CW (CS)      | Loggerhead Shrike CS, AN      | Lincoln's Sparrow CS, AN      |
| Horned Grebe CS, AN          | Spotted Sandpiper CS       | Hutton's Vireo CS, AN         | Swamp Sparrow* CS             |
| Red-necked Grebe AN          | Wandering Tattler CS, AN   | Steller's Jay CS, AN          | California Towhee CS, AN      |
| Eared Grebe CS, AN           | Greater Yellowlegs CS      | California Scrub-Jay CS, AN   | Spotted Towhee CS, AN         |
| Western Grebe CS, AN         | Willet CS                  | Clark's Nutcracker* AN        | Summer Tanager* CS            |
| Clark's Grebe CS, AN         | Pomarine Jaeger AN         | American Crow CS, AN          | Red-winged Blackbird CS, AN   |
| Northern Fulmar AN           | Common Murre CS, AN        | Common Raven CS, AN           | Tricolored Blackbird CS, AN   |
| Brandt's Cormorant CS, AN    | Marbled Murrelet CS, AN    | Tree Swallow AN               | Western Meadowlark CS, AN     |
| Double-crested Corm. CS, AN  | Ancient Murrelet AN        | Violet-green Swallow AN       | Orchard Oriole* AN            |
| Pelagic Cormorant CS, AN     | Rhinoceros Auklet AN       | Barn Swallow AN               | Brewer's Blackbird CS, AN     |
| American White Pelican CS    | Bonaparte's Gull CW (CS)   | Chestnut-backed Chick. CS, AN | Brown-headed Cowbird CS, AN   |
| Brown Pelican CS, AN         | Heermann's Gull CS, AN     | Oak Titmouse CS, AN           | Purple Finch CS, AN           |
| Great Blue Heron CS, AN      | Mew Gull CS, AN            | Bushtit CS, AN                | House Finch CS, AN            |
| Great Egret CS, AN           | Ring-billed Gull CS        | Red-breasted Nuthatch CS, AN  | Red Crossbill CS, AN          |
| Snowy Egret CS, AN           | Western Gull CS, AN        | White-br. Nuthatch CS, AN     | Pine Siskin CS, AN            |
| Green Heron CS               | California Gull CS, AN     | Pygmy Nuthatch CS, AN         | Lesser Goldfinch CS, AN       |
| Black-cr. Night-Heron CS, AN | Herring Gull CS, AN        | Brown Creeper CS, AN          | American Goldfinch CS, AN     |
| Turkey Vulture CS, AN        | Iceland Gull CS, AN        | House Wren CS, AN             | House Sparrow CS, AN          |

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## MISSION STATEMENT

*Sequoia Audubon Society protects native birds and other wildlife and their ecosystems in San Mateo County by engaging people of all ages in conservation, education, advocacy and enjoyment.*

## Sequoia Audubon Society

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Please consider an extra donation to your chapter in support of the work we do to provide birding trips, monthly programs, monitoring conservation concerns around the county, education and outreach. Thank you!

## Give a Gift Membership or in Recognition

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## We're looking for Volunteers! Get Involved! Take Action!

You can make a difference! How can you help? Join our team! For more information, email: [office@sequoia-audubon.org](mailto:office@sequoia-audubon.org)

## Make Sure Your Coffee Supports Birds – Buy Bird Friendly SMBC Certified Coffee

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## Sequoia Audubon Society Membership Form

|                              |          |
|------------------------------|----------|
| Senior or Student membership | \$15.00  |
| Individual membership        | \$20.00  |
| Family membership            | \$25.00  |
| Supporter                    | \$100.00 |
| Donation to SAS              | \$ _____ |
| Total                        | \$ _____ |

Yes, I am interested in volunteering \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ Mail and / or \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail

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