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Wings Over San Bruno Mountain

By Doug Allshouse

The San Bruno Mountains consist of the main ridge, aka San Bruno Mountain, and the lower Guadalupe Hills to the north; 4 square miles of open space surrounded by urban development. It's the largest remaining piece of the Franciscan Region that once extended from southern Marin to just north of Montara Mountain. My bird checklist here has 200 species. The summit of the main ridge offers excellent raptor-watching with the ocean and the bay on opposite sides. Local transients are those species that fly over between the bay and ocean.

I frequently encounter my feathered friends on my almost-daily morning walks carrying a lightweight pair of Nikon Trailblazers, easier on the neck than my Zeiss binocs. On a walk around the Saddle Trail I noticed a pair of White-tailed Kites hover-hunting on a fairly windy morning. I find it fascinating watching how they bend or stretch their wings to balance themselves. One dropped to the ground out of my sight. I hope it caught something. Just a few minutes later a female Northern Harrier blew by searching for breakfast and a Red-tailed Hawk was hovering about 200 feet above everyone else. Just the day before I was on a ridge at the top of Owl Canyon and I saw a raven chasing a Cooper's hawk before breaking it off and joining his friends.

Like clockwork, Father's Day brings Rose-breasted Grosbeaks to the Bay Area. There was one particular grosbeak that was singing in the oaks in the Day Camp but refused to come out in the open. This is very frustrating to birders because the bird can see you and if he's shy he'll refuse to move even though he seems to be a few feet away. Well, Mr. Shy Grosbeak finally flew out into the open, exposing the bright red triangle on his white chest, and low and behold he was being chased by an Allen's Hummingbird!

July and August are a little dull here but the other 10 months offer excellent birding especially the spring and fall migrants and vagrants.

See you on the mountain...



White-tailed Kite
by
Donna Pomeroy

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Monthly Meetings

San Mateo Garden Center

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All One Ocean

March

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Climate Change & Species

of Special Concern

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Wed. 7th Pillar Point Harbor

Sun. 11th Edgewood County Park

Sat. 17th San Benito County

**Sun. 18th San Benito County &
Pescadero Marsh**

Sat. 31st Redwood Shores

February

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Wed. 4th Pescadero State Beach

Sun. 8th Edgewood County Park

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Bayfront Park**

Sat. 14th Pillar Point Harbor

**Sun. 15th Pigeon Point Lighthouse
& Pescadero Marsh**

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MEETING PROGRAMS

"Birds and Coffee"

Speaker: John Sterling

Thursday, Jan. 8, 7:00pm

John will be presenting some of his Smithsonian research supporting the Bird-Friendly Coffee movement. He will discuss why some coffee farms are better than others for birds, why good coffee farms are critical for conservation, and will illustrate his talk with photos of birds from coffee farms in Latin America, the Philippines and Sumatra. John has been a very active birder since 1971 and a professional wildlife biologist since 1981. He has traveled extensively throughout California learning about local bird distribution and is working on a book on the Central Valley's avifauna. He has traveled internationally as a guide and ornithologist for many institutions including projects as a Smithsonian ornithologist to Mexico, Ecuador, Peru, Sumatra, the Philippines, Canada and Russia. John currently has his own company specializing in tours, birding classes, research and environmental consulting.

His website is www.sterlingbirds.com



Plumbeous Kite

Frequently nests in shade coffee plantations in Latin America

Photo by John Sterling

**Bird Friendly Coffee will be available at the meeting
for tasting and purchase.**

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Monthly Meetings

**San Mateo Garden Center
605 Parkside Way, San Mateo**

*(Parkside Way is west of Alameda de las Pulgas,
between 26th and 28th Avenues)*



FIELD TRIPS

BY GINNY MARSHALL AND MALIA DEFELICE

Please note that heavy rain cancels our trips.
Also, you might consider planning a weekend birding getaway by participating in BOTH San Benito County trips on the weekend of Jan 17 and 18.

Pescadero Marsh – State Park Docent Nature Walks

The first Sunday of each month is a morning walk from 10:00 am till Noon

The third Sunday of each month is an afternoon walk from 1:00 pm till 3:00 pm

Walks in January are on the 4th and 18th

Walks in February are on the 1st and 15th

Walks in March are on the 1st and 15th

Pillar Point Harbor

Wednesday, Jan. 7 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

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.

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 boat yards 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” parking lot below the “Golf Ball”. More information: <http://birding.sequoia-audubon.org/description.php?loc=18&p=0>

Leader: Donna Pomeroy dpom@comcast.net

Edgewood County Park

Sunday, Jan. 11 8:00am- hike will last 3-4 hours

Explore this gem of a park with Susie Hons. Hike through oak woodlands and natural meadows. Look for California Thrasher, Wrentit, Oak Titmouse and Western Bluebird year round. Hike 3-5 miles with some hills. **Directions:** Take 280 to Edgewood Rd. in Woodside. Go east down Edgewood to the park entrance on the right. Meet at the Nature Center.

Leader: Susie Hons susieturtlewings@mac.com

(Upcoming Field Trips from Page 1)

February Continued

Mon. 16th	Coyote Point
<u>March</u>	
Sun. 1st	Pescadero Marsh
Wed. 4th	Redwood Shores
Sun. 8th	Edgewood County Park
Sun. 15th	Arastradero Preserve & Pescadero Marsh
Sat. 21st	Burleigh Murray State Park

Raptors of San Benito County

Saturday, Jan. 17 8:30am -3:00pm

Let's explore the backroads of San Benito County in search of Golden Eagles, Ferruginous Hawks, Prairie Falcons (and whatever else we might find). Meet at Paicines Reservoir on Hwy 25 south of Hollister. **Directions:** From San Mateo, take Hwy 101 south to Hwy 25; follow Hwy 25 through Hollister to Paicines. Meet at Paicines Reservoir, on the right just past the junction of Hwy 25 and County Road J1, 13 miles south of Hollister. Contact leader for carpooling info.

Leader: Leslie Flint lfint@earthlink.net

Panoche Valley

Sunday, Jan. 18, 8:30am – 5:00pm

Panoche Valley lies between Hwy 101 and Hwy 5 in San Benito County. Winter in Little Panoche Valley is great for raptors! Golden Eagle, Ferruginous Hawk, and Prairie Falcon are all possible. We also hope to see Roadrunner, Lewis's Woodpecker, Phainopepla, Mountain Bluebird, Rufous-crowned and Vesper Sparrows. In a good year, we may find Mountain Plover, Chukar, Sage Thrasher and possibly Bald Eagle. Bring lunch and liquids and a full tank of gas as there are no gas stations between Hollister and I-5. **Directions:** Meet at 8:30am at Paicines Reservoir, on the right just past the junction of Hwy 25 and County Road J1, 13 miles south of Hollister. From San Mateo, take Hwy 101 south to Hwy 25; follow Hwy 25 through Hollister to Paicines.

Leaders: Gary Deghi gdegghi@h-bgroup.com 650-208-8711 and **Francis Toldi** ftoldi@earthlink.net 650-678-1864

Nob Hill Pond and Redwood Shores

Saturday, Jan. 31, 9:00 am - 12:30 pm

Plan to spend an enjoyable morning viewing and identifying

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a variety of ducks and other waterbirds which we should be able to view up close in the pond behind Nob Hill Market. After we explore this area, we can check out some of the other excellent birding sites in Redwood Shores. This walk will be on either sidewalk or well maintained trails, mostly level ground, however, good hiking or walking shoes are recommended. Restrooms may be found in the nearby shopping center. Beginning birders and families welcome! Bring binoculars and scopes if you have them. Will have a limited number of binoculars to loan. Directions: Take the Redwood Shores Parkway exit east from Hwy 101 and go past the shopping plaza that gives the area its name (from its anchor grocery store, Nob Hill). Turn right on Bridge Parkway. Almost immediately, take a right at Tiller Lane (there is a small city park in front of you, named «Mariner Park»). Follow Tiller Lane to its end point, where you take a left on Spar. Follow Spar to its end, where there is a small cul-de-sac that has parking spaces for three or four vehicles (you can also park in the residential area if necessary). We will meet here at the end of Spar Lane.

Leaders: Malia DeFelice and Chris Hayward Contact Malia malia.defelice.sas@gmail.com for details. **HEAVY RAIN CANCELS**

Pescadero State Beach

Wednesday, Feb. 4 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

We will meet at the furthest end of the second (middle) parking lot for Pescadero State Beach. This is the dirt parking lot just south of the creek mouth. It does not require a fee. We will spend some time looking for shorebirds and seabirds from the bluff, then drive a short distance to explore another part of the park. There is a wide variety of habitats in this park and we will hope to see quite a few species. Scopes will be very useful on this trip, so bring one along if you have one. Expect cool and breezy weather here.

Directions: From Half Moon Bay, take Highway 1 south, about 15 miles toward Santa Cruz. As you approach Pescadero, you will see extensive marsh on the east side of the highway and the second parking lot will be on your right, just after you cross the bridge over Pescadero Creek mouth. We will meet in the northern end of the lot.

Leader: Donna Pomeroy dpom@comcast.net

Edgewood County Park

Sunday, Feb 8 8:00am- hike will last 3-4 hours

See write-up for Jan. 11th

Leader: Susie Hons susieturtlewings@mac.com

Pescadero Marsh

Friday, Feb. 13, 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

This will be part of the Great Backyard Bird Count and what a backyard! We will meet at the furthest end of the second (middle) parking lot for Pescadero State Beach. This is the parking lot just south of the creek mouth. It does not require a fee. We will spend some time looking for shorebirds and seabirds from the bluff. We will then drive a short distance to a dirt parking lot at the intersection of Hwy 1 and Pescadero Rd. where we will journey into the marsh and walk along trails which will allow us to view waterfowl, heron's, egrets, raptors and other marsh birds up close and personal. If time and energy allows, we will head back to the parking lot where we met, then walk across and under the bridge the explore the middle and north pond. Restrooms are located at the first parking lot. Heavy rain cancels.

Directions: From Half Moon Bay, take Highway 1 south, about 15 miles toward Santa Cruz. As you approach Pescadero, you will see an extensive marsh on the east side of the highway and the second parking lot will be on your right, just after you cross the bridge over Pescadero Creek mouth.

Leaders: Malia DeFelice and Chris Hayward malia.defelice.sas@gmail.com 650-346-2009 (call if you are running late or lost) **HEAVY RAIN CANCELS**

Bayfront Park

Friday, Feb. 13 9:00am -11:00am

Bedwell Bayfront Park has a nice variety of habitats which means you may see a good variety of birds, including ducks, shorebirds and various sparrows. This trip is part of the Great Backyard Bird Count.

Directions: Take the Marsh Road off ramp from Highway 101 in Menlo Park and head east. Where the road ends go straight into the park. Meet at the parking lot by the bathroom.

Leader: Rich Ferrick richferrick@comcast.net

Pillar Point Harbor

Saturday, Feb. 14

This field trip for the Great Backyard Bird Count visits the wonderful Pillar Point Harbor. Expect loons, grebes and sea ducks and we will look for rocky shorebirds and Peregrine Falcon.

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 boat yards 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 parking lot below the "Golf Ball"

Leader to be announced.

Contact Ginny Marshall ginnybirder@sbcglobal.net

Pigeon Point Lighthouse

Sunday, Feb. 15 9:00am -11:00am

This trip for the Great Backyard Bird Count visits this gem on the coast just south of Pescadero. We will look for the threatened Tricolored Blackbird, and scan for seabirds and ducks on the ocean. Maybe we will see whales or dolphins as well.

Directions: take Highway One south past Pescadero, Turn right on Pigeon Point Rd. Park in or near the lighthouse parking lot.

Leader: Ginny Marshall ginnybirder@sbcglobal.net

Coyote Point

Monday, Feb. 16 9:00am - 11:00am

Visit Coyote Point as part of the Great Backyard Bird Count. The marsh and mud flats host thousands of wintering birds and rare sparrows often turn up in winter. Maybe you will see the resident Harlequin Duck. An entrance fee may be charged.

Directions: From the south: take Highway 101 to Peninsula Ave East and follow the signs to Coyote Point. From the north: exit at Poplar Ave and go west. Turn right on N Humboldt and then right on Peninsula Ave. Follow the signs to Coyote Point. Meet at the parking lot by the Yacht Club (at the end of the road)

Leader: Rich Ferrick richferrick@comcast.net

Nob Hill Pond and Redwood Shores

Wednesday, Mar. 4 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Nob Hill Pond is a very productive area for a variety of ducks and other waterbirds. After we explore this area, we may have time to check out some of the other excellent birding sites in Redwood Shores. This will be an easy walk on mostly level ground. Bring scopes if you have them. Restrooms may be found in the nearby shopping center.

Directions: Take the Redwood Shores Parkway exit east from Hwy 101 and go past the shopping plaza that gives the area its name (from its anchor grocery store, Nob Hill). Turn right on Bridge Parkway. Almost immediately, take a right at Tiller Lane (there is a small city park in front of you,

named "Mariner Park"). Follow Tiller Lane to its end point, where you take a left on Spar. Follow Spar to its end, where there is a small cul-de-sac that has parking spaces for three or four vehicles (you can also park in the residential area if necessary). We will meet here at the end of Spar Lane.

Leader: Donna Pomeroy dpom@comcast.net

Edgewood County Park

Sunday, Mar. 8, 8:00am- hike will last 3-4 hours

See write-up for Jan 11th

Leader: Susie Hons susieturtlewings@mac.com

Arastradero Preserve

Sunday, Mar. 15 8:00am - 12:00pm

Spring is almost here, birds will be singing and hawks will be nesting. We will hike 2-3 miles in rolling hills. We'll admire the wildflowers and celebrate the imminent arrival of spring.

Directions: Take Highway 280 to Page Mill Rd and go west. Turn right on Arastradero Rd. The parking lot for Enid Pearson Arastradero Preserve will be on the right.

Leader: Ginny Marshall ginnybirder@sbcglobal.net

Burleigh Murray State Park

Saturday, Mar. 21 8:30am - Noon Come celebrate Spring with a bird walk! Burleigh Murray State Park is a former ranch. The park's only active trail consists of the old ranch road. The habitats include mature eucalyptus groves, grassy valleys, and an extensive riparian corridor along the ranch road. It is a pleasingly birdy hike of just over a mile from the parking lot to the barn, with nearly constant activity and bird sounds. The road gains elevation quite slowly, and would be an appropriate trail for people with mild mobility issues. There are 3 bathrooms along the route. We should anticipate spring migrants including Allen's Hummingbird and Wilson's Warbler. Birds to expect include California Quail, Red-tailed and Red-shouldered Hawk, Band-tailed Pigeon, Downy and Hairy Woodpeckers, Northern Flicker, Black Phoebe, Hutton's Vireo, Bewick's and Pacific Wrens, Wrentit, Dark-eyed Junco, and finches. **Directions:** Burleigh Murray State Park is located on Higgins-Purisima Road in Half Moon Bay. Higgins-Purisima Road begins just off of SR1, going east where Main Street ends. Visible as a landmark, from SR1, is a local Fire Station at the corner of Main St. and Higgins Canyon Rd. The park is about 1.5 miles east on the left side of Higgins-Purisima Road.

Contact Leader for details: Malia DeFelice and Chris Hayward malia.defelice.sas@gmail.com
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HEAVY RAIN CANCELS

(Cover Story-Continued from page 1)



Rose-breasted
Grosbeak
by
Joe Morlan

Ed: You can purchase San Bruno Mountain native plants propagated by Mission Blue Nursery.

A project of San Bruno Mountain Watch's Stewardship program, Mission Blue Nursery is a retail & restoration nursery specializing in native Bay Area plants.

Mission Blue Nursery is a nonprofit project of San Bruno Mountain Watch. They grow locally native plants to support restoration efforts of rare & endangered species on San Bruno Mountain, the peninsula's largest open space. They are open to the public during the spring & fall sales, during their annual Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser, and by appointment for orders meeting the \$100 minimum. Join them every Wednesday from 10-12:30 for volunteer workdays. Their dedicated volunteers of all ages and experience help transplant, weed, wash pots, and maintain the demonstration gardens and annual farms.

For more information: <http://www.mountainwatch.org>

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"All One Ocean"

Speaker: Lauren Weiner, Director of All One Ocean
Thursday, Feb. 12, 7:00pm

All One Ocean provides an interactive, proprietary PowerPoint presentation that features awe-inspiring images of the ocean and sea creatures and illustrates threats to the health of our oceans. During the presentations, AOO showcases its Beach Clean Up Stations (BCUS), including debris samples from BCUS, and encourages students and adults to take the All One Ocean Pledge: to reduce their single-use plastic consumption and to participate in beach cleanups.

All One Ocean, a project of Earth Island Institute, provides a simple, inexpensive, community-based solution to Ocean trash. AOO educates and inspires people to help clean up the Ocean by installing Beach Clean Up Stations (BCUS), permanent on-site boxes with educational signage, kids' art and repurposed bags so any and everyone can pick up marine debris while they enjoy the beach.

Lauren cut her teeth in film production working on

projects with LL Cool J, Mariah Carey, Sean Combs and Martha Stewart among many others. After which, she pursued an MBA and, after graduation, landed a corporate job for a Fortune 500 company, Foot Locker, Inc. where she expedited marketing campaigns, built partnerships with vendors like Nike, adidas and Timberland, and conducted qualitative and quantitative consumer research. Following completion of the certificate program at Columbia University's Earth Institute, greening up her graduate business degree, Lauren relocated to the Bay Area for a lifestyle and career change and consulted for organizations like Sustainable Brands, Mindful Investors, CleanFish, SF Yoga School and SF's Department of the Environment. Two and a half years after settling in San Francisco, she found her dream job, Director of All One Ocean (AOO), focusing her time, effort and experience to enhance the vitality of ocean ecosystems, protect marine life, beautify beaches and improve human health by reducing the amount of debris, especially plastic trash, that makes its way into the world's collective Ocean. In addition her work at the AOO, she is an activist with Surfrider Foundation's SF Chapter. She lives in three blocks from the beach in San Francisco with her husband, young son and two cats.

"Climate Change and San Mateo County Species of Special Concern"

Speaker: Brigid McCormack, Executive Director,
Audubon California

Thursday, Mar. 12, 7:00pm

Please refer to the SAS website www.sequoia-audubon.org for details.

Great Backyard Bird Count By Rich Ferrick

Launched in 1998 by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and NAS, the GBBC was the first online citizen-science project to collect data on wild birds and to display results in near real-time. Since then, more than 100,000 people of all ages and walks of life have joined the four-day count each February to create an annual snapshot of the distribution and abundance of birds. We invite you to participate! SAS has scheduled several mini field trips that you can attend from **February 13-16**. After the trip(s), you will be able to enter your count results on Ebird and track results from around the world on the GBBC website. Of course, you can enter counts from your backyard and other birding locations that you visit throughout the four day period as well.

Check out the field trip write-ups for these GBBC trips:

Friday, February 13th - Bayfront Park, Menlo Park

Saturday, February 14th - Pillar Point, Half Moon Bay

Sunday, February 15th - Pigeon Point

Monday, February 16th - Coyote Point

Other Birding Activities

(SAS does not sponsor the following activities)

Evening bird classes, Field Ornithology 2 and 3, taught by Joe Morlan and endorsed by Golden Gate Audubon Society will be starting February 24 and 25, 2015. All classes meet 7-9:15 p.m. in room 218 at City College of San Francisco, John Adams Center. Free parking is in the school lot adjacent to the building at 1860 Hayes Street. Information at: <http://fog.ccsf.edu/~jmorlan/spring15.htm>

19th Annual Morro Bay Winter Bird Festival

January 16 – 19, 2015, Morro Bay, CA

Morro Bay Community Center, 1001 Kennedy Way, Morro Bay

Field trips, presentations, bazaar, etc.

Contact: <http://www.morrobaybirdfestival.org/> or 805-234-1170 to register

16th Annual Snow Goose Festival of the Pacific Flyway

January 21 - 25, 2015, Chico, CA

Experience the sights and sounds of the Pacific Flyway migrating waterfowl. Adventure and learning for all ages with field trips, workshops, art show with reception, banquet, and auction.

Registration begins in early December.

Contact: (530) 345-1865 www.snowgoosefestival.org
email: info@snowgoosefestival.org

19th Annual San Diego Bird Festival

March 3 - 8, 2015

Marina Village Conference Center, at Mission Bay Park, San Diego

Presented by the San Diego Audubon Society

Keynote Speaker: Bernd Heinrich, author of The Homing Instinct

Pelagic birding, field trips to mountains, desert, shore and wetlands; workshops, birding and optics expo and much more.

Information: www.sandiegoaudubon.org

Conservation

Current issues include:

- (1) Pescadero Marsh and its Sequoia Audubon Trail improvements and repairs
- (2) The proposed Saltworks Project - Redwood City. Updates at <https://www.facebook.com/RedwoodCityNeighborsUnited>
- (3) The proposed Foster City Marina project
- (4) Sharp Park Golf Course litigation

President's Message

from Ginny Marshall

Ten things you can do to help birds.

Try changing just one thing or adopt them all!

1. Create a bird friendly environment. Put in a native plant garden, or put in plants that produce berries or seeds for birds to eat. Put in an oak tree!
2. Keep your cats indoors. They will live longer healthier lives and so will the birds.
3. Buy bird friendly shade grown coffee.
4. Put out a bird feeder (or two). Thistle and sunflower are good. Hummingbirds live here year round and will appreciate a feeder of their own.
5. Reduce or discontinue your use of pesticides and herbicides.
6. Put in a water feature. Shallow running or trickling water will attract birds. Even a shallow bird bath may be appreciated by your feathered friends.
7. Adopt a patch. If you have a favorite park or birding spot, or even your yard, keep regular records of the birds you see. Let the park people know what you are doing. Upload your lists to Ebird.
8. Join local organizations that support conservation and fight habitat loss and policies that endanger birds, such as Sequoia Audubon, Coastside Land Trust, Save the Bay and Pacifica Shorebird Alliance.
9. Join national organizations that fight habitat loss on a global or national level, such as National Audubon, American Bird Conservancy and Ducks Unlimited.
10. Participate in Citizen Science. Help out with your local Christmas Bird Counts, Breeding Bird Surveys, Bioblitzes and other counts. Upload your bird lists to Ebird. The data you collect on populations and migration is used by scientists and conservationists.

Adapted from "Thirty Things You Can Do For Birds, Birding And The ABA, Birding Magazine, Feb 99



Chestnut-backed
Chickadee at
Water Dripper
Photo by
Bob Cossins

Sequoia Audubon Society Membership Form

Individual membership for seniors (>62) \$15.00
 and students (<25) \$20.00
 Individual membership \$25.00
 Family membership \$
 Donation to SAS \$

Total

Yes, I am interested in volunteering _____

Newsletter Preference:

_____ Mail and / or _____ E-mail

E-mail address _____



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Big Sit Report

The annual Big Sit competition was held Oct 12, 2014. Our SASsyseawatchers team finished tied for 8th place in total species seen.

Here's a rundown of the top 10: 1.Cape May Point, New Jersey (US) 150. 2.San Blas (Mexico) 124. 3.Milford, Connecticut (US) 117. 4.Weslaco, Texas (US) 107. 5. Los Osos, California (US) 103. 6. Seagoville, Texas (US) 98. 7.Corporis Christi, Texas (US) 91. 8. Pescadero, California (US) 88. 8.Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (US) 88. 9.Canfield, Ohio (US) 82. 10. Fort Washington, Pennsylvania (US) 80.

Though we finished tied for 8th place, we added 10 new species this year that have never been seen before on any previous BIG SIT. Results were added to the BIRDersDigest website and the eBird database.

As well as adding valuable data to bird science, The Big Sit has also been a successful fundraiser. This year we raised \$1930. Thank you to all who supported this effort.

Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteer Coordinator Position

Publicity

Graphic Design

Single Day Jobs ie: organize a beach clean-up or other events

Please contact Sue Cossins for more information:

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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.