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Field Guide Author and Illustrator comes to Campbell Community Center to Sign New Book: Raptors of California. Campbell, CA --June 27, 2005

The San Francisco Bay Bird Observatory (SFBBO) will proudly host a booksigning and lecture by Hans and Pam Peeters, the authors and illustrator of the new, comprehensive Raptors of California field guide. The authors will be available on Monday June 27th, 2005 in the Roosevelt Room at the Campbell Community Center, at 8pm.

There is a suggested donation of \$5 at the door. RSVP's are requested but not required, by calling the SFBBO office at 408-946-6548 or emailing Sharon Miyako smiyako@sfbbo.org Hans Peeters is well known for his illustrations in more than 15 nature publications including The Best of Wildlife Art and Book of North American Birds. With Raptors of California completed and released in 2005, Peeters is now working on a field guide to the birds of India, to be published by the Smithsonian Institution. Raptors of California is a unique book that not only includes Peeters unique artwork of the raptors as well as tips for identifying raptors, but also covers some of the unique biology and ecology of the species.

Lisa Myers, Campbell resident, SFBBO board member and owner of birding business **"Let's Go Birding"** says about the book, *"Eagles, hawks, falcons, also known as raptors are a favorite among birders. To observe these magnificent birds in the wild is always breathtaking. This is an exceptional book and will be extremely valuable for folks trying to understand the group of meat eating birds found right here in our state."*

Though the Peeters have appeared recently at Crissy Fields in San Francisco, and Yosemite National Park, this is their first south Bay appearance. In addition to signing the book, Hans Peeters will be addressing identification of species notorious for their frequent confusion. After discussing the various physical and behavioral points to look for, he'll show some slides for a fun self-test. The San Francisco Bay Bird Observatory is a non-profit conservation science organization dedicated to the conservation of birds and their habitats through original science and education. www.sfbbo.org