

Quick Overview – Spring is the ideal time to bird the back side of Mt. Hamilton via Del Puerto Canyon Road & Mines Road. We started our day coming from Del Puerto Canyon road in the east and working our way west. Many on the trip had never been out this way so the entire trip was an eye opener. California is experiencing one of the worst droughts on record so water was hard to find. One of our first wonderful sightings was that of an adult Bald Eagle drinking from a cattle trough while Horned Larks chattered near. We stopped all along the way adding kingbirds, orioles & various sparrows to our list. The Ash Throated Flycatchers were found throughout our day and having a Rock Wren on one side of the road while a Canyon Wren sang from the other side was a moment to remember. We had lunch at Frank Rains Park with Acorn Woodpeckers & White Breasted Nuthatch above. While we missed some target species we ended the day with a family of Great Horned Owls. When a Peregrine Falcon flew near the adult owl moved to another tree providing all with a little action. Let me add that towing your own “birdaloo” out that way makes for a nicer day.

- Mallard
- Wild Turkey
- California Quail
- Great Blue Heron
- Turkey Vulture
- Golden Eagle
- Bald Eagle
- Northern Harrier
- White-tail Kite
- Red-tail Hawk
- Cooper's Hawk
- Killdeer
- Rock Pigeon
- Mourning Dove
- Eurasian Collared Dove
- Great Horned Owl
- Anna's Hummingbird
- Costa's Hummingbird
- White Throated Swift
- Nuttall's Woodpecker
- Acorn Woodpecker
- Lewis's Woodpecker
- American Kestrel
- Peregrine Falcon
- Black Phoebe
- Western Kingbird
- Ash Throated Flycatcher
- Loggerhead-Shrike
- Western Scrub-Jay
- Yellow-billed Magpie
- American Crow
- Common Raven
- Northern Rough Wing
- Violet Green Swallow
- Cliff Swallow
- Horned Lark
- Oak Titmouse
- Bushtit
- White Breasted Nuthatch
- Bewick's Wren
- House Wren (H)
- Rock Wren
- Canyon Wren
- Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
- Western Bluebird
- Northern Mockingbird
- European Starling
- California Towhee
- Lark Sparrow
- Dark-eyed Junco
- Black-Headed Grosbeak
- Red-winged Blackbird
- Brewer's Blackbird
- Brown-headed Cowbird
- Western Meadowlark
- Bullock's Oriole
- Hooded Oriole
- House Finch
- Lesser Goldfinch



Images taken during our day - female Anna's Hummingbird – Nate Sanders
 The group scanning the countryside – Vicki Billings / Ash Throated Flycatcher
 bugging – Clyde Nagakura / Great Horned Owl branchers with adult – Clyde
 Nagakura / adult Bald Eagle drinking from cattle trough – Nate Sanders / When
 there will be no clean facilities, we say bring your own! – Vicki Billings.