

San Francisco Bay Bird Observatory's California Fall Challenge 2013

The "Gallinago Go Go's" bird Santa Clara County - Trip Leader – Lisa Myers

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We ran into this Tarantula on Sierra Road – Lisa Myers

Quick Overview – This was the 11th year for the "Gallinago Go Go's" to bird in the SFBBO California Fall Challenge. As always, we want to find a minimum of 100 species, raise money for SFBBO and have a great time. We use minimal to no recordings of bird calls as we seek out each species by visiting different habitats, looking throughout the landscape, listening and pishing the old fashioned way! We started at 7:30 AM in Mountain View off Terminal Blvd. and walked around Coast Casey Forebay. The hunting Peregrine Falcon was a wonderful way to start our day. We then stopped off at the Palo Alto Baylands and then Geng Road before leaving this area with 70 species under our belt. The Geng Road stop proved very fruitful as warblers and passerines were abundant. Alviso was our next stop providing us with Burrowing Owl and our first Golden Eagle. Ed Levin was next providing different habitat & new species including a first of the season Red Breasted Sapsucker. We decided we would work our way back via Felter, Marsh and Sierra roads. Our efforts got us Horned Larks, Savannah & Lark Sparrows, shrike & magpies. Only a few species short of a 100, we dropped down to Shoreline Lake and found new species in pond A1 plus the Surf Scoters missed earlier. And before returning to our cars on Terminal Blvd. we found the Pectoral Sandpiper in the forebay. However, our last bird of the day was a female House Sparrow #104



Go Go's birding the Baylands – Julie Bryson



Go Go's birding the eastern foothills of Santa Clara County – Lisa Myers

T Canada Goose	E Band Tailed Pigeon
T Mallard	B Mourning Dove
T Gadwall	A Eurasian Collared Dove
A1 American Wigeon	A Burrowing Owl
T Northern Pintail	T Anna's Hummingbird
T Northern Shoveler	E Red Breasted Sapsucker
A1 Canvasback	G Nuttall's Woodpecker
T Green-winged Teal	M Acorn Woodpecker
T Cinnamon Teal	E Western Wood-Pewee
B Ruddy Duck	E Willow Flycatcher
SH Surf Scoter	G Pacific-Slope Flycatcher
F California Quail	T Black Phoebe
F Wild Turkey	M Say's Phoebe
T Pied-billed Grebe	M Loggerhead-Shrike
T Double-crested Cormorant	G Warbling Vireo
A1 Brown Pelican	A Western Scrub-Jay
T American White Pelican	E Steller's Jay
T Great Blue Heron	F Yellow Billed Magpie
T Great Egret	T American Crow
T Snowy Egret	G Common Raven
T Black Crowned Night	S Horned Lark
A Golden Eagle	A Cliff Swallow
T Northern Harrier	T Violet Green Swallow
T White-tail Kite	A Barn Swallow
F Red Shouldered Hawk	G Chestnut Backed Chickadee
G Red-tail Hawk	G Oak Titmouse
T Turkey Vulture	T Bushtit
E Accipiter sp.	M White Breasted Nuthatch
T American Kestrel	T Bewick's Wren
T Peregrine Falcon	T Marsh Wren
T Sora	G Western Bluebird
T American Coot	SH American Robin
T Common Gallinule	T Northern Mockingbird
T Black-necked Stilt	S California Thrasher
T American Avocets	G European Starling
T Willet	G Yellow Warbler
T Greater Yellowlegs	G Yellow Rumped Warbler
T Long-billed Curlew	G Townsend's Warbler
T Short-billed Dowitcher	T Common Yellowthroat
T Marbled Godwit	T California Towhee
T Whimbrel	T Song Sparrow
CCF Pectoral Sanpiper	T White-crowned Sparrow
G Spotted Sandpiper	M Lark Sparrow
T Western Sandpiper	S Savannah Sparrow
T Least Sandpiper	G Dark-eyed Junco
T Killdeer	E Red-winged Blackbird
T Ring-billed Gull	S Brewer's Blackbird
T California Gull	S Brown-headed Cowbird
T Western Gull	S Western Meadowlark
SH Glaucous-winged Gull	B House Finch
T Forster's Tern	T Lesser Goldfinch
B Rock Pigeon	T House Sparrow

Legend in order of the places we birded. 7:30 AM – 6:00 PM
 Started our morning birding off Terminal Blvd. Mtv. View (T) / Palo Alto Baylands (B) / Went east to Alviso (A) / Had lunch at Ed Levin County Park (E) / Drove through the east foothills on the following roads - Felter (F), Marsh (M), Sierra (S), Dropped back down with a stop at Shoreline Lake (SH), Scoped out bay pond (A1) and finished back at Coast Casey Forebay where we found the Pectoral Sandpiper (CCF)