



**Santa Teresa Cty Park, Bailey Road, Calero Reservoir, Laguna & Richmond Rds., Ogier Ponds..**

**Quick Overview** – This trip was planned to bring in the year with an adventure in nature. The route was to be based on recent sightings and as the date approached the best birding seemed to be around the open spaces found in south San Jose and Morgan Hill. The open fields still found in “Coyote Valley” have been sought after by developers. For now they remain without commercial buildings! These fields are also heavily used by wintering Eagles and Hawks and have become a hot spot of activity. Before arriving there we started our morning at the historic Bernal-Gulnac-Joice Ranch located in Santa Teresa Park. The activity here was amazing and we stood in one spot for quite awhile while activity was going on all around us. California Quail were everywhere and an un-common White Throated Sparrow was found feeding with the usual suspects. This sparrow was a sweet find and a life bird for most of the group! From here we headed to Bailey Road and had great views of a Merlin and Northern Harrier. We took a detour to Calero Reservoir to look for Bald Eagles. No such luck, but the synchronized diving of the Common Mergansers was great to watch. Soon we headed to the open lands around Laguna Ave. and had the opportunity to watch a Golden Eagle hunting close to the ground. We also found the reported wintering Ferruginous Hawk before arriving at Ogier Ponds. We ended the day adding waterfowl to the list and stopping at one final area where a recent Roadrunner had been reported. The sun was going down and the light was getting low and we were not able to re-locate the bird, but everyone knows where to go back & look!



*California Quail image provided by Bill McCarey  
White Throated Sparrow image provided by Tom Grey*

**Memorable Observations!**

- White Throated Sparrow feeding amongst the Golden Crowns
- Merlin flying in and landing above the cars on Bailey Ave.
- Long Billed Curlews feeding amongst the cows
- White Tailed Kites with talons locked spiraling toward the ground
- Western Meadowlarks all around us
- Say’s Phoebe throughout our day

**Total Species Counted for the Day = 72 includes heard only (H)**

Canada Goose – Common	Great Egret	Rock Pigeon	American Robin
Canada Goose -Cackling	Green Heron for some	Band Tailed Pigeon	Northern Mockingbird
Mallard	Black Crowned Night Heron	Mourning Dove	Wrentit (H)
Gadwall	Turkey Vulture	Eurasian Collared Doves	European Starling
Bufflehead	Osprey	Burrowing Owl	California Thrasher
Ring-necked Duck	White Tailed Kite	Anna’s Hummingbird	Cedar Waxwings
Greater Scaup	Golden Eagle	Nuttall’s Woodpecker	Spotted Towhee
Lesser Scaup	Northern Harrier	Hairy Woodpecker (H)	California Towhee
Common Merganser	Red Shouldered Hawk	Northern Flicker	Song Sparrow
Common Goldeneye	Ferruginous Hawk	Acorn Woodpecker	White-crowned Sparrow
Ruddy Duck	Red-tail Hawk	Black Phoebe	Golden-crowned Sparrow
Wild Turkey	American Kestrel	Say’s Phoebe	White Throated Sparrow
California Quail	Merlin	Loggerhead Shrike	Fox Sparrow
Pied-billed Grebe	American Coot	Western Scrub-Jay	Savannah Sparrow
Eared Grebe	Common Moorhen	American Crow	Dark Eyed Junco
Double-crested Cormorant	Long-billed Curlew	Common Raven	Red-winged Blackbird
American White Pelican (1-101)	Spotted Sandpiper	Bewick’s Wren	Western Meadowlark
Great Blue Heron	California Gull	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	House Finch