

## Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society 2009 Spring Birdathon Final trip report!

### The Persistent Picidae's led by Lisa Myers – our search for 100 species! March 28, 2009

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The Persistent Picidae's were the first team out for this year's 4-week spring Birdathon. We hoped to get wintering species that had not yet left while finding spring arrivals. The team goal is always to find a minimum of 100 species while enjoying everything birding has to offer. On this day we had fantastic weather with temperatures in the low 80's. We traveled a loop throughout Santa Clara County in an attempt to visit several different habitats including salt water marshes, fresh water reservoirs, riparian corridors and open chaparrals. The breeding season was evident everywhere as we found birds in spectacular breeding plumages, singing, courting, nest building and incubating. Our last bird of the day was #120, the American Dipper on Los Gatos Creek! **Memorable Observations** - Nesting Great Horned Owl & Bald Eagles / Cliff Swallow building their mud nests / Golden Eagles overhead / Un-expected Western Kingbird / Burrowing Owl pair / Bullock's & Hooded Orioles sitting next to each other / Lots of Woodpeckers / Wood Ducks out of no where / Orange Crowned Warblers singing away!

**Legend** - Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society Headquarters McClellan Ranch (MC) 7:30 – 8:30 AM / Arastradero Preserve (AR) 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM  
 Palo Alto Baylands (PA) 9:45 – 10:45 AM / Terminal Way (TW) & Shoreline Lake (SL) 11:00 AM – 12:00 / Jubilee Christian Center 12:15 PM – 1:25  
 Ed Levin Cty Park (EL) 1:45 – 2:30 / Calaveras Reservoir (CV) 1:55 – 3:00 / Calero Reservoir (CA) 3:30 – 4:00 / Rancho Canada del Oso (RC) 4:30 – 6:00  
 Chesboro Reservoir drive by (CH) 6:10 PM / Los Gatos Creek Trail (LG) 6:35 PM

Canada Goose	PA	American Avocets	PA	Oak Titmouse	MC
Mallard	MC	Greater Yellowlegs	PA	Bushtit	AR
Gadwall	PA	Long-billed Curlew	JC	Chestnut Backed Chick.	MC
American Wigeon	PA	Marbled Godwit	TW	Brown Creeper	MC
Northern Shoveler	PA	Dowitcher Sp.	TW	White Breasted Nuthatch	CV
Canvasback	PA	Least Sandpiper	PA	Bewick's Wren (H)	MC
Lesser Scaup	PA	Killdeer	TW	House Wren (H)	AR
Greater Scaup	PA	Black-bellied Plover	PA	Marsh Wren	PA
Common Merganser	CA	Ring-billed Gull	AR	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	MC
Common Goldeneye	SL	California Gull	PA	American Dipper	LG
Green-winged Teal	PA	Mew Gull	JC	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	RC
Cinnamon Teal	TW	Thayer's Gull	CA	Western Bluebird	AR
Wood Duck	RC	Caspian Tern	CA	American Robin	MC
Ruddy Duck	PA	Forster's Tern	CA	European Starling	AR
Surf Scoter	SL	Rock Pigeon	MC	Wrentit (H)	AR
Ring-necked Pheasant	SL	Mourning Dove	MC	Northern Mockingbird	MC
Wild Turkey	EL	Band Tailed Pigeon	RC	California Thrasher	AR
California Quail	MC	Barn Owl	MC	Cedar Waxwing	MC
Pied-billed Grebe	SL	Great Horned Owl	EL	Yellow-rumped Warbler	MC
Eared Grebe	SL	Burrowing Owl	JC	Common Yellowthroat	MC
Western Grebe	CA	Anna's Hummingbird	MC	Townsend's Warbler	RC
Clark's Grebe	PA	Selasphorus Hummer	EL	Orange Crowned Warbler	RC
American White Pelican	CH	White Throated Swift	AR	Spotted Towhee	MC
Double-crested Cormorant	MC	Nuttall's Woodpecker	MC	California Towhee	MC
Great Blue Heron	AR	Northern Flicker	MC	Song Sparrow	MC
Great Egret	PA	Acorn Woodpecker	MC	White-crowned Sparrow	AR
Snowy Egret	PA	Downy Woodpecker	MC	Golden-crowned Sparrow	MC
Black Crowned Night Heron	TW	Red-Breasted Sapsucker	AR	Savannah Sparrow	CA
Turkey Vulture	JC	Black Phoebe	MC	Dark-eyed Junco	RC
Golden Eagle (2)	JC & CV	Western Kingbird	SL	Red-winged Blackbird	MC
Bald Eagle (2)	CV	Western Scrub-Jay	MC	Brewer's Blackbird	MC
Northern Harrier	AR	Yellow-billed Magpie	EL	Brown-headed Cowbird	MC
White-tail Kite	AR	Steller Jay	MC	Western Meadowlark	JC
Red Shouldered Hawk	AR	American Crow	MC	Bullock's Oriole	MC
Red-tail Hawk	MC	Common Raven	AR	Hooded Oriole	MC
Cooper's Hawk	AR	Violet Green Swallow	AR	Purple Finch	RC
Sharp-shinned Hawk	JC	Cliff Swallow	PA	House Finch	MC
American Kestrel	CA	Tree Swallow	AR	Lesser Goldfinch	MC
American Coot	PA	Barn Swallow	PA	American Goldfinch	TW
Common Moorhen	TW			House Sparrow	TW
Black-necked Stilt	PA				