

Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society 2010 Spring Birdathon Final trip report!

The Persistent Picidae's led by Lisa Myers – our search for 100 species! April 3, 2010

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The Persistent Picidae's were out again this year to raise money for the 2010 fundraiser. The goal – find a 100 species while learning something new and having a great time. Oh yeh, and we stop for bathrooms too! The team looped Santa Clara County in hopes of picking up new species in the various different habitats from redwood forests to oak woodlands to the bay. We missed some species we really should have had, but we met the goal with a final count of #103. The day was clear and crisp and at one time downright cold and windy near the bay. We started at 8:00 AM and ended in time for dinner. I thank everyone that participated in the day's adventure and to all of those and who supported the team. **Memorable Observations** – Oak Titmouse taking food into nest / An Osprey flying over McClellan Ranch / California Quail standing next to blooming California Poppies / Hooded Oriole looking down at us / Western Bluebird sitting on the fence / White Throated Swifts hunting over our heads / Flock of Cedar Waxwings sitting at eye level / Black Skimmers in the sun-lite / hundreds of Marbled Godwits undulating in the air / chickens don't count - bummer.



Male Hairy Woodpecker image provided by Ron Wolf

Legend – In order of our day - Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society's McClellan Ranch (MC) Start time 8:00 AM / Sanborn Park above Saratoga (SP) Los Gatos Creek Trail, Los Gatos (LG) / Santa Teresa County Park (ST) / Calero Reservoir (CR) / Coyote Valley (CV) / Ed Levin (EL) Mountain View Shoreline Lake (SL) & Terminal Way (MV) / Palo Alto Baylands (PA) Ending time 6:30 PM

Canada Goose	CR	Black-necked Stilt	PA	Bushtit	MC
Cackling Goose	MV	American Avocets	MV	Chestnut Backed Chick.	MC
Mallard	MC	Greater Yellowlegs	MV	Brown Creeper (H)	SP
Gadwall	MV	Black Skimmer	MV	White Breasted Nuthatch	MC
Northern Shoveler	MV	Marbled Godwit	MV	Bewick's Wren	MC
Lesser Scaup	MV	Willet	SL	Marsh Wren	MV
Greater Scaup	MV	Dowitcher Sp.	MV	American Dipper	LG
Common Merganser	LG	Least Sandpiper	MV	Western Bluebird	ST
Blue Winged Teal	MV	Killdeer	SL	American Robin	MC
Green-winged Teal	MV	Ring-billed Gull	PA	Hermit Thrush	MC
Cinnamon Teal	MV	California Gull	MV	European Starling	MC
Ruddy Duck	MV	Glaucous Wing Gull	MV	Northern Mockingbird	MV
Surf Scoter	SL	Rock Pigeon	MC	Cedar Waxwing	EL
Ring-necked Pheasant	SL	Mourning Dove	MC	Yellow-rumped Warbler	MC
Wild Turkey	ST	Band Tailed Pigeon	MC	Common Yellowthroat	MV
California Quail	MC	Anna's Hummingbird	MC	Townsend's Warbler	SP
Pied-billed Grebe	SL	White Throated Swift	ST	Orange Crowned Warbler	SP
Western Grebe	CA	Nuttall's Woodpecker	MC	Spotted Towhee	MC
Double-crested Cormorant	MC	Northern Flicker	SP	California Towhee	MC
Great Blue Heron	EL	Acorn Woodpecker	MC	Song Sparrow	MC
Great Egret	ST	Hairy Woodpecker	SP	White-crowned Sparrow	MC
Snowy Egret	ST	Black Phoebe	MC	Golden-crowned Sparrow	MC
Black Crowned Night Heron	PA	Pacific Slope Flycatcher	SP	Dark-eyed Junco	SP
White Faced Ibis	MV	Warbling Vireo (H)	SP	Black Headed Grosbeak	SP
Turkey Vulture	ST	Western Scrub-Jay	MC	Red-winged Blackbird	ST
Osprey	MC	Steller's Jay	SP	Brewer's Blackbird	LG
Golden Eagle	CR	American Crow	MC	Brown-headed Cowbird	PA
Northern Harrier	ST	Common Raven	CR	Western Meadowlark	CV
White-tail Kite	ST	Violet Green Swallow	MC	Bullock's Oriole	MC
Red Shouldered Hawk	ST	Cliff Swallow	MV	Hooded Oriole	MC
Red-tail Hawk	MC	Tree Swallow	EL	Purple Finch	MC
Cooper's Hawk	CV	Barn Swallow	MV	House Finch	MC
American Kestrel	ST	Oak Titmouse	MC	Lesser Goldfinch	MC
American Coot	CR			American Goldfinch	MC
Common Moorhen	MV			House Sparrow	LG

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