

# Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society 2014 Spring Birdathon Final trip report

## The Persistent Picidae's led by Lisa Myers – our search for 100 species! April 6, 2014

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**Birdathon Review** - The *Persistent Picidae's* started our day at 7:30 AM at the Santa Clara Valley Audubon headquarters at McClellan Ranch. It turned out to be a clear, hot day with temps in the mid 80's. The first bird of the day was a male Hooded Oriole. From here we headed south and worked our way around Santa Clara County ending with a final total of 107 species. Our route is listed below in order of our birding. At the beginning of a birdathon day every bird is a new species for the list, but as the day proceeds one ignores the species we've already seen and its more challenging to find a new species to add to the lists. There are too many stories to tell, but a few exciting moments included an Osprey eating a fish at Calera Reservoir, an adult Golden Eagle flying directly over our heads in & spotting a pair of Swainson's Hawks with nesting material in Coyote Valley, breeding plumage Yellow-rumped Warblers throughout, a herd of Tule Elk on the horizon, a Rufous-Crowned and a Fox Sparrow, Black-bellied Plovers in breeding plumage and Black Skimmers skimming! **Thank you to all that supported Picidae team members and our efforts!**



*Coyote Valley in bloom / Swainson's Hawk newly arrival to Coyote Valley / Tule Elk herd digiscoped along eastern foothills ridgeline*

**Legend** – In order of our day – Started at 7:30 AM @ Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society's McClellan Ranch (MC) / Rinconada Park, Los Gatos (R) / Vasona Park, Los Gatos (V) Fortini Road, San Jose (F) / Calero Reservoir (CR) / Coyote Valley (CV) / Hellyer Road, San Jose (HR) / Ulistac Nature Area (U) / Charleston Slough / Shoreline Lake Area (CS) Ending time 6:00 PM / (H) = is a heard only bird

Canada Goose	MC	Red-tail Hawk	F	Nuttall's Woodpecker	MC	American Robin	MC
Mallard	MC	Swainson's Hawk	CV	Acorn Woodpecker	MC	Hermit Thrush (H)	MC
Gadwall	CS	Cooper's Hawk	HR	Hairy Woodpecker	R	European Starling	MC
Northern Shoveler	CS	American Kestrel	CR	Black Phoebe	MC	Wrentit (H)	F
Canvasback	CS	Peregrine Falcon	CV	Say's Phoebe	HR	Northern Mockingbird	V
Common Merganser	SCR	American Coot	V	Western Kingbird	F	California Thrasher (H)	R
Green-winged Teal	CS	Black-necked Stilt	CS	Western Scrub-Jay	MC	Cedar Waxwing	V
Cinnamon Teal	CS	American Avocets	CS	Steller's Jay	R	Yellow-rumped Warbler	MC
Ruddy Duck	CS	Greater Yellowlegs	CS	Yellow Billed Magpie	CV	Common Yellowthroat (H)	CS
Surf Scoter	CS	Long-billed Curlew	CS	American Crow	MC	Spotted Towhee	MC
Wild Turkey	CV	Marbled Godwit	CS	Common Raven	MC	California Towhee	MC
California Quail (H)	R	Willet	CS	Violet Green Swallow	MC	Song Sparrow	MC
Pied-billed Grebe	V	Dowitcher Sp.	CS	Cliff Swallow	CV	White-crowned Sparrow	MC
Horned Grebe	CS	Least Sandpiper	CS	Tree Swallow	MC	Golden-crowned Sparrow	MC
Western Grebe	CS	Western Sandpiper	CS	Barn Swallow	CS	Fox Sparrow	U
Double-crested Cormorant	CS	Killdeer	CS	Northern Rough Wing	MC	Rufous-Crowned Sparrow	F
Great Blue Heron	V	Black-bellied Plover	CS	Oak Titmouse	MC	Dark-eyed Junco	MC
Great Egret	CV	Black Skimmer	CS	Bushtit	MC	Red-winged Blackbird	R
Snowy Egret	CS	Ring-billed Gull	CS	Chestnut Backed Chick...	MC	Brewer's Blackbird	CV
Black Crowned Night Heron	CS	California Gull	CS	Brown Creeper	R	Brown-headed Cowbird	MC
American White Pelican	CV	Forster's Tern	CS	White Breasted Nuthatch	MC	Western Meadowlark	CV
Turkey Vulture	CV	Rock Pigeon	MC	Bewick's Wren	MC	Bullock's Oriole	V
Osprey	CR	Mourning Dove	MC	Rock Wren (H)	CV	Hooded Oriole	MC
Golden Eagle	CV	Eurasian Collared Dove	CV	Marsh Wren (H)	CS	Purple Finch	MC
Northern Harrier	CV	Anna's Hummingbird	MC	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	R	House Finch	R
White-tail Kite	CV	White Throated Swift	CV	Western Bluebird	MC	Lesser Goldfinch	MC
Red Shouldered Hawk	V			Blue-gray Gnatcatcher (H)	F	House Sparrow	LM