



Albatross

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Pinto Lake: For the Birds or Birdies?

by Bob Ramer

Think of Pinto Lake. What comes to mind? Perhaps the pair of Bald Eagles that attempted to nest there in 2012. Or maybe the abundance of chicks in the Great Blue Heron, Great Egret, and Double-crested Cormorant nests from previous years. Or are the “eagles” and “birdies” now being reported from the lake more apt to reflect scores from the disc golf course?

Living next to Pinto Lake for the first 35 years of my life and birding there extensively during the last 30 years, I’m afraid that the natural beauty of Pinto Lake and the myriad of wildlife that it has supported is in jeopardy of vanishing forever. So how did this happen?

After Bernadette and I visited the county park in early June, 2009, we were distressed to see that vast amounts of the understory vegetation had been removed to accommodate a disc golf course. Bernadette wrote to Christina James of the Parks, Open Space & Cultural Services to express our concerns. Christina wrote back that the golf course had been approved as “County Planning determined that the first phase of this course would have no significant impact on the environment”. So Bernadette wrote back asking if an environment impact report had been done. Christina replied referencing a “letter” that had been submitted by an environmental consultant. After reading the letter, Bernadette wrote Christina again requesting that a more thorough review should be completed before any additional work would be done and that the public should be notified about any upcoming meetings in regards to this project so interested citizens could voice their concerns. Although it was stated that the second phase for permitting the golf course would be more extensive, we never heard anything more about it; and, subsequently, the last nine holes of the course were completed without any further review from what we can tell. During this time, we visited the county park on several occasions and witnessed the continued weed-whacking amongst the understory and the chain-sawing of protruding limbs and saplings. When we asked the person in charge how it was determined which vegetation should be removed, he replied that, except for trees, he had pretty much free rein to remove anything that he thought would interfere with the golf course.

As we have done for the last 30 years, Bernadette and I surveyed the Pinto Lake County Park on New Year’s Day as part of the Moss Landing Christmas Bird Count. Although the day was sunny and bright, we were feeling downcast and gloomy. Where vegetated hillsides once hosted wintering sparrows and thrushes,

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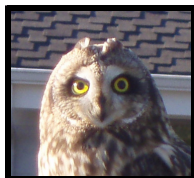
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now gullies spawned by the heavy December rains carried sediments through the trampled golf course and deposited their contents into the lake. Traversing the boardwalk behind the shrine to the Virgin of Guadalupe, we were greeted by the bloated corpses of carp floating near the shoreline. Another sad sight for us; but, at least, the Virgin had her back turned towards the boardwalk with her gaze fixed in the opposite direction. A study by the Department of Fish and Game theorized that the fish die-off was related to the blue-green algae bloom and that the algae bloom was probably a consequence of nitrogen- and phosphorous-laden sediments being deposited in the lake from erosion over the past several decades.

The Friends of Anna Jean Cummings Park (AJC) have published a detailed report which describes what happened at Pinto Lake in regards to the golf course there. (See **Reference** link below.) Their motivation was that the Santa Cruz County Parks staff stated that the Pinto Lake course could serve as a model of how the golf course at AJC would be done. So, yes, the Pinto Lake course can serve as a good example of a horrible way to oversee a project. Hopefully, people familiar with this report will hold the county accountable and prevent the same mistakes from being made at AJC. I also hope that the county will be taken to task for their mismanagement of the Pinto Lake disc golf course and that some form of remediation will be applied to this area to reverse the damage that has been done.



Damaged understory and drainage at Pinto Lake County Park. Photo: Bernadette Ramer

But that poses a perplexing question. That is, who gets excluded in a “multi-use” area?

Although a sign at the entrance to the golf course

states that the area is to be shared between users of the park, the needs of hikers, joggers, birders, and golfers can't coexist. I consider myself a birder and a naturalist, so I'm appalled at the adverse effects of disc golf at Pinto Lake. But golfers probably feel the same way about people like me. On a website promoting disc golf, one player extols the Pinto Lake course as being the “best mix of open and wooded holes in the area”. Conversely, he complains about the “public/locals who are really really slow and linger in the area”. So, when choices must be made, a typical solution is to hold meetings to solicit input from the various factions. To advance their cause and to sway public opinion, each group proclaims their concerns and demands with the din increasing as everyone tries to speak louder than the last. Except for one whispering voice.

But does anyone listen to the Lorax who speaks for the trees?.

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Reference: Pinto Lake Disc Golf Course Concerns: June 30, 2012

<http://www.friendsofannajcummingspark.org/pdf/pinto-lake-disc-golf-environmental-impact-report.pdf>

Express your concerns:

As this issue of the Albatross goes to press, meetings to get public input on the proposed course at AJC have already taken place. SCBC encourages birders to express their concerns. If you couldn't attend, please write (or email) the Parks Commissioners and/or the Public Works Director named below. Email & snail-mail addresses are the same for both: prcweb@co.santa-cruz.ca.us

Parks Department Offices, 979 17th Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA 95062

- Park Commissioners: **Jim Lang** (Chair), Michael Rosenberg, Kate Minot, Steven Bennett, Dave Mercer
- Assistant Public Works Director, Parks Open Space and Cultural Services Division: **Betsey Lynberg**



Tree damage at DeLaveaga Park (disc golf course)

Left: Typical damage to a young oak—disc cuts in the bark.



Right: A large old oak near a “hole” has lost large patches of bark.

Photos: Lisa Sheridan

More information at Friends of Anna Jean Cummings Park
<http://www.friendsofannajeancummingspark.org>



New Editor sought to keep the Albatross “flying”

The SCBC is still seeking a new editor for the Albatross. It has been an honor and a pleasure to produce the Albatross for the last five years, but now it’s time to retire and let someone else step up. Other responsibilities (plus age and health maintenance) are competing for my time. My last issue will be Sep/Oct 2013—two more issues to go. If a new volunteer steps forward now, I’d be able to show you “the ropes” gradually, while producing the next two issues. And I’ll be willing to *help* after that, if necessary.

Each new editor has added his/her unique style to the Albatross, and you could do that too--whether it’s a change in format or shifting more content online. I have a nearly complete archive of past issues if anyone is interested in how the newsletter has varied over the years (since 1956!). Some of the work can be parceled out to helpers—such as attaching labels and mailing. Maybe someone with graphics/photo experience could manage getting photos and/or illustrations ready for use. There are many possibilities for sharing production tasks.

Minimum requirements for the editor are: Good English editing skills, basic computer skills, internet access, and the ability to create documents with word processing or (preferably) desktop publishing software. Adapting photographs for publication is another useful skill, easily acquired. Perhaps a couple of people with complimentary skills could join forces on this. For more information or if you have questions, please contact me.

Judy Donaldson, Editor
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Events Calendar

March - April 2013



Friday, March 1 Neary Lagoon

This riparian and marsh habitat in the middle of Santa Cruz often has something unexpected.

Directions: Meet at the west entrance (off Bay and California) at 8:00 AM.

Leader: Steve Gerow, (831) 426-2476, stephengerow@aol.com



Sunday, March 3 Quail Hollow

Quail Hollow is a beautiful Santa Cruz Park with a good variety of species and habitats. Join us for a relaxed morning of birding.

Directions: Meet at 8:00 AM in the Quail Hollow parking lot.

Leader: Eric Feuss



Friday, March 8 Schwan Lake

We'll explore the live oaks, riparian, grassland, and other habitats of the upland portion of Twin Lakes State Beach.

Directions: Meet at 8:00 AM in the parking lot of the Simpkins Family Swim Center, 979 17th Avenue.

Leader: Steve Gerow, (831) 426-2476, stephengerow@aol.com



Sunday, March 10 Watsonville Sloughs

This midday foray will seek waterbirds and others in the sloughs of Watsonville with a theme of helping beginning birders and enjoying some great telescopic views of some of the birds that have become our old friends. Rain cancels.

Directions: Meet at 10:00 AM in the parking lot behind the West Marine building, off Harkins Slough Road. After we walk along that path, we can decide which other slough areas we want to cover depending on what we find. The trip will end between 1 and 2 PM, so bring some trail snacks and drinks. We won't be away from the cars for very long at a time. Bring a scope if you have one, and I will have mine along to share as usual.

Leader: Rod Norden, rod.norden@gmail.com

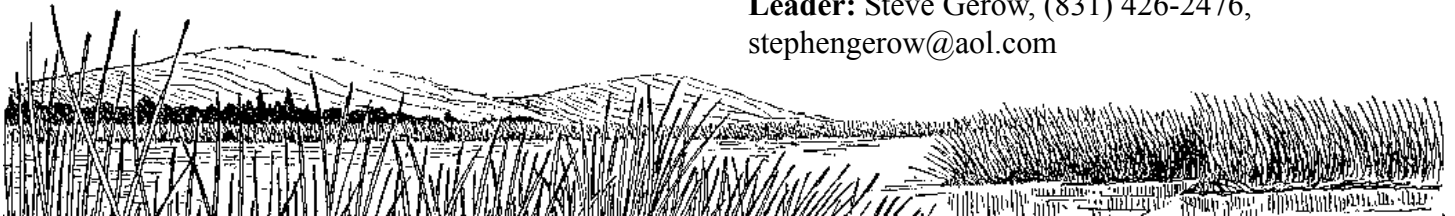


Saturday, March 16 Upper UCSC Campus

A walk through mixed evergreen and redwood forest, chaparral, and other habitats. Many wintering birds should still be around, and we may find a few early spring migrants, plus other wildlife. Some uncommon native plants should also be in bloom. Expect 3-4 miles of walking and some hills.

Directions: Meet at 8:00 AM in the North Remote Parking Lot, at the north end of Heller Drive at UCSC.

Leader: Steve Gerow, (831) 426-2476, stephengerow@aol.com



Santa Cruz Bird Club programs and field trips are open to the public—non-members are welcome. People needing rides to field trip sites are advised to contact field trip leaders. Carpooling is encouraged. Dress in layers and bring liquids. Lunches are optional on half-day trips. Heavy rain cancels.

Field trips can pose hazards. Reluctantly, we have decided we must publish and implement this policy:

The Santa Cruz Bird Club or its field trip leaders cannot be responsible for damage, injury, or loss incurred by the acts or omissions of any member or visitor during Club field trips or during commutes to or from them.

Field trip participants must release the Club from any liability for such damage, injury, or loss.

Ordinarily, field trip participants sign a waiver releasing the Club from such liability, but in the absence of such a signed waiver, participation on a Club field trip in itself implies consent to and agreement with this waiver.



Friday, March 22
Natural Bridges & vicinity

There is always a nice variety here and often something unusual.

Directions: Meet at 8:00 AM at the Delaware Avenue entrance to Natural Bridges State Beach.

Leader: Steve Gerow, (831) 426-2476, stephengerow@aol.com



Thursday, March 28
SCBC Meeting @7:30 PM
Speaker: Dr. Glenn Stewart

Peregrine falcons have made a dramatic population recovery in California and around the world. Glenn Stewart, a local legend and expert on peregrines, has maintained Bay Area falcon nest cameras at the Santa Cruz Predatory Bird Research Group (PBRG) website since 2000. The PBRG has been banding young at area nests in recent years. He will discuss early results and the network of volunteers who help monitor about thirty nesting territories.

Glenn Stewart has been active with the Predatory Bird Research Group since 1976 and teaches "environment & society" and "peregrine falcon recovery--a case study in conservation success" as a lecturer at UC Santa Cruz.

Location: Santa Cruz Museum of Natural History
1305 East Cliff Drive, Santa Cruz, CA



Peregrine Falcon



from Google Maps



Friday, March 29
Arana Gulch

We should find a good selection of resident and wintering birds plus some new spring arrivals in the mix of grassland, live oaks, riparian, and cypress and eucalyptus groves in this area.

Directions: Meet at 8:00 AM at the entrance on Agnes Street, by the end of Mentel Avenue (off the south side of Soquel Avenue two blocks east of Trevelyan and Hagemann)

Leader: Steve Gerow, (831) 426-2476, stephengerow@aol.com



Sunday, March 31
Smith Creek, Mount Hamilton,
and San Antonio Valley

These three locations can provide Lewis's Woodpecker, Costa's and Black-chinned Hummingbirds, Greater Roadrunner, Western Kingbirds, possibly Cassin's Kingbird, Western Bluebirds, Bullock Orioles, Black-headed Grosbeaks, Rufous-crowned Sparrows, and more. There will also be many wildflowers. Bring lunch and liquids for a full day of birding. The morning portion will involve some hiking, birding style.

Directions: Meet at the Santa Cruz Government Center, 701 Ocean St., Santa Cruz, at 6:30 AM for car-pooling. Meet near the center's sign, when entering parking lot from Ocean Street. Otherwise, please meet at the Twin Gates parking area of Joseph D. Grant County Park, right before the Smith Creek Cal-Fire Station at 8:00 AM.

Leader: Eric Feuss. 831-477-0280 (for alternate arrangements, please call ahead; mobile for day of trip only 408-717-0421).



Friday, April 5
Terrace Point

This time of year we are likely to see good numbers of migrating loons, Brant, scoters, and other coastal species. The weedy fields and coastal scrub here often hold a nice mix of Passerine birds, plus several species of raptors.

Directions: Meet at 8:00 AM at the west end of Delaware Avenue, just past Antonelli Pond.

Leader: Steve Gerow, (831) 426-2476, stephengerow@aol.com



Birders at Terrace Point



Sunday, April 7
Natural Bridges State Beach
Beginning Bird Walk

Our local birding hotspot is a great place to get an introduction to the birds of Santa Cruz County. Take a relaxed walk with a local birder at a beautiful local park. A nice variety of habitat should yield a fair number of species.

Directions: Meet at 8:30 AM at the Delaware Road entrance to Natural Bridges.

Leader: Phil Brown (831) 334-4249, pdpbrown@gmail.com



Friday, April 12
Moore Creek Preserve

We should find both Grasshopper and Savannah Sparrows on territory in the grasslands here (and compare their similar buzzy songs). Other possibilities include a variety of other grassland and forest birds, some mammals, spring flowers, interesting insects, and other things. Expect a few miles of walking and some hills.

Directions: Meet at 8:00 AM on Shaffer Road, across from the end of Mission Street.

Leader: Steve Gerow, (831) 426-2476, stephengerow@aol.com



Sunday, April 14
Watsonville Sloughs

This midday foray will seek waterbirds and others in the sloughs of Watsonville with a theme of helping beginning birders and enjoying some great telescopic views of some of the birds that have become our old friends. Rain cancels.

Directions: Meet at 10:00 AM in the parking lot behind the West Marine building, off Harkins Slough Road. After we walk along that path, we can decide which other slough areas we want to cover depending on what we find. The trip will end between 1 and 2 PM, so bring some trail snacks and drinks. We won't be away from the cars for very long at a time. Bring a scope if you have one, and I will have mine along to share as usual.

Leader: Rod Norden, rod.norden@gmail.com



Friday, April 19
Felton area

We may visit a few different spots (as yet undecided), likely including part of Henry Cowell Redwoods State Park (fee or a pass required).

Directions: Meet at 8:00 AM in the parking lot of Felton Faire Shopping Center (at the intersection of Graham Hill Road and Mount Hermon road, on the southwest side (closest to Graham Hill Rd).

Leader: Steve Gerow, (831) 426-2476, stephengerow@aol.com



Thursday, April 25
SCBC Meeting @7:30 PM
Speaker: Portia Halbert

Topic: Mysterious Marbled Murrelets

Discover the elusive, endangered Marbled Murrelet, which lives most of its life at sea and nests only in the tallest trees in the world. The story begins with how this mysterious bird was rediscovered (at Big Basin Redwoods State Park in the 1970s), then takes to the high seas and back in time with Captain Cook, fast-forwards to the Smithsonian Institution, and returns to the foggy coastal forests of Northern California. Learn about the Marbled Murrelet's habitat and life cycle and the scientific efforts under way to prevent its extinction. Portia Halbert is a California State Parks Environmental Scientist and Marbled Murrelet specialist.

Location: Santa Cruz Museum of Natural History
1305 East Cliff Drive, Santa Cruz, CA



Friday, April 26
Meder Canyon

An island of habitat within the west Santa Cruz residential area, featuring riparian and coastal scrub, plus extensive eucalyptus groves, which sometimes hold something unexpected.

Directions: Meet at 8:00 AM at the south end of the trail on Grandview Street, just past the Escalona Street intersection. To reach Grandview Street, turn north (inland) from Mission Street onto Swift Street. Swift Street makes a sharp left turn and becomes Grandview.

Leader: Steve Gerow, (831) 426-2476, stephengerow@aol.com



Sunday, April 28
Mount Diablo State Park

I have not been to Mount Diablo for a long time and, so, will be treating this park as a 'new' park for me. Expect birds similar to Fremont Peak State park: Canyon Wren, Rock Wren, California Thrasher, Greater Roadrunner, Sage and/or Rufous-crowned Sparrows, Black-chinned Hummingbird, Western Bluebird, Bullock Orioles, Black-headed Grosbeaks Bring lunch and liquids for a full day of birding and prepare for some hiking, birding style.

Directions: Meet at the Santa Cruz Government Center, 701 Ocean St., Santa Cruz, at 6:30 AM for carpooling. Meet near the center's sign, when entering parking lot from Ocean Street. Otherwise, please meet at the park's Summit Visitor Center. The park officially opens at 8 AM. A state park fee will be required.

Leader: Eric Feuss 831-477-0280 (For alternate arrangements, please call ahead; mobile for day of trip only 408-717-0421).



Marbled Murrelets

Santa Cruz County Christmas Bird Count 2012

by *David Suddjian, compiler*

Our 56th annual Santa Cruz County Christmas Bird Count (CBC) was held on December 15, 2012. Many thanks to everyone who helped make it another successful count and to Cathy Gamble for organizing the countdown dinner. A big thank you to Phil Brown for gathering and organizing the participants into teams!

December 15 was a cold day. Moderate rainfall began in the early afternoon and continued to dusk, but winds were light, and the cloud cover made for nice viewing of the ocean from shore. The general opinion was that the cold gray weather reduced activity for some land birds and apparently led to some known rarities not being found.

We had 67 observers in the field, logging 210.5 total party hours, both numbers very near the recent 10-year average. Coverage of the circle was similar to recent years, but the onset of the rain in the afternoon mostly shut down bird activity and curtailed coverage of some birding areas. This was the second year in a row that we did not have a boat go out on the ocean.

The species tally of 163 species for count day was one of the lowest totals in modern times, 12 species below the recent 10-year average. There were no especially notable finds on count day, although a count-week PLUMBEOUS VIREO is a new addition for the count, and a count-week FLESH-FOOTED SHEARWATER was the second ever for the count (the prior occurrence being a count day record). A count-week YELLOW WARBLER had only been found on count day in three prior years (plus once in count-week), and a count-week MACGILLIVRAY'S WARBLER was only found once before on count day. Based on general rarity over the last 15 years, the best species found on count day were WILSON'S WARBLER, CHIPPING SPARROW, and EVENING GROSBEAK.

Record counts were made for HOODED Merganser, RED-THROATED LOON, PACIFIC LOON, CLARK'S GREBE, BRANDT'S CORMORANT, EURASIAN COLLARED-DOVE, CHIPPING SPARROW, AND PINE SISKIN. Unusually high numbers (although not record-setting) of BLACK-VENTED SHEARWATER were noted.

Irruptive winter landbirds present in above average numbers included RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH, AMERICAN ROBIN, CEDAR WAXWING, RED CROSSBILL, PINE SISKIN AND EVENING GROSBEAK.

Misses for count day (defined as species found on count day in 10 or more of the last 15 years) were NORTHERN PINTAIL (12 of 15), GREEN-WINGED TEAL (13), GREATER SCAUP (11), LESSER SCAUP (14) [however, scaup sp. was recorded], WHITE-WINGED SCOTER (11), GREATER YELLOWLEGS (12), LONG-BILLED CURLEW (12), MARBLED GODWIT (14, only 2nd miss ever), BURROWING OWL (1st miss on count day since 1978), WHITE-THROATED SWIFT (11), WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCH (11), AMERICAN DIPPER (11), and BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER (10).

Species with especially low counts were Mew Gull, Ring-billed Gull, Forster's Tern, Rhinoceros Auklet, and Tricolored Blackbird.

I've been the compiler of this CBC since 1989, but the 2012 count was my final effort in that role. Eric Feuss is planning to step in as compiler next year, and I'm sure we'll continue to have a fun and top notch CBC!

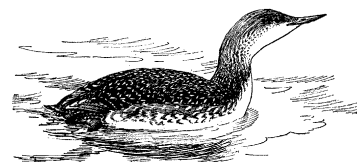
List of Participants: Emma Arul, Kumaran Arul, Barbara Banfield, Bonnie Bedzin, Jeff Bleam, Eric Bowman, Linda Brodman, Phil Brown, Mary Crouser, Tom Deetz, Mariana Del Valle, Judy Donaldson, Sue Dumller, David Ekdahl, Paul Fenwick, Eric Feuss, Larry Foard, Alexander Gaguine, Steve Gerow, Lois Goldfrank, Wally Goldfrank, Rich Griffith, Tom Helman, Howard Higley, Jon Hoch, Sharon Hull, Dobie Jenkins, Kent Johnson, Tim Jolly, Suzanne Kent, Anna Kopitov, Kathy Kuyper, Earl Lebow, Nick Levendosky, Marybelle Lukins, Lauren MacFarland, Susan Matulich, Barry McLaughlin, Paul Miller, Barbara Monahan, Kevin Monahan, Dania Moss, Pam Myers, Wendy Naruo, Todd Newberry, Margaret Perham, Shantanu Phukan, Bernadette Ramer, Bob Ramer, Michele Rheuby, Alex Rinkert, Barbara Scharfenstein, Michelle Scott, Lisa Sheridan, David Sidle, Scott Smithson, Pete Solé, Madeline Spencer, Kate St. Clair, Linda St. John, David Suddjian, Laura Swanson, Marie Swanson, Thomas Takano, Mari Tusitn, Nick Wallace, James Williams.

2012 Santa Cruz County CBC

SPECIES	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	Average	SPECIES	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	Average
Greater White-fronted Goose	1	134	4	39	1	18.0	Northern Harrier	11	15	5	19	13	14.9
Snow Goose	0	4	0	0	0	3.1	Sharp-shinned Hawk	11	10	10	4	5	11.2
Ross's Goose	0	1	0	0	0	0.3	Cooper's Hawk	9	17	10	12	15	12.6
Cackling Goose	1	165	1	0	19	17.1	Cooper's/Sharp-sh. Hawk sp.	4	4	5	4	1	4.4
Canada Goose	1	582	5	8	10	61.5	Red-shouldered Hawk	82	50	29	50	61	51.9
Brant	0	21	6	0	3	4.3	Red-tailed Hawk	101	83	46	103	82	95.8
Tundra Swan	0	6	0	0	0	0.6	Golden Eagle	2	2	1	1	2	1.8
Wood Duck	63	10	22	31	38	26.4	Virginia Rail	4	10	8	5	5	9.7
Gadwall	3	9	3	0	2	2.9	Sora	5	4	0	6	1	4.9
Eurasian Wigeon	0	0	CW	0	0	0.0	Common Gallinule	0	0	0	1	0	0.6
American Wigeon	40	48	40	30	19	30.8	American Coot	749	647	833	1130	841	746.7
Mallard	680	724	746	604	632	731.6	Black-bellied Plover	67	69	17	278	41	109.9
Cinnamon Teal	1	2	CW	0	0	0.7	Snowy Plover	28	56	37	112	114	66.6
Northern Shoveler	9	30	0	9	13	6.5	Killdeer	234	160	31	281	204	149.2
Northern Pintail	226	412	10	0	0	69.7	Black Oystercatcher	25	12	30	25	16	23.9
Green-winged Teal	3	7	CW	13	0	5.8	Greater Yellowlegs	0	CW	3	3	0	1.2
Canvasback	0	1	0	0	0	0.5	Willet	20	19	0	85	20	74.4
Ring-necked Duck	124	93	87	153	54	94.1	Spotted Sandpiper	8	7	6	3	4	7.3
Greater Scaup	1	24	1	0	0	9.5	Whimbrel	21	37	19	50	43	28.9
Lesser Scaup	1	1	2	2	0	1.8	Long-billed Curlew	2	3	1	2	0	1.8
Greater/Lesser Scaup sp.	0	500	0	2	2	50.2	Marbled Godwit	14	13	0	134	0	44.9
Surf Scoter	500	2928	1602	624	678	846.2	Black Turnstone	58	193	73	92	88	131.3
White-winged Scoter	0	1	2	0	0	1.0	Surfbird	11	56	60	77	73	53.2
Black Scoter	0	1	0	0	0	0.5	Sanderling	86	480	974	746	508	758.3
Bufflehead	88	142	76	98	146	90.4	Least Sandpiper	7	5	0	2	6	3.5
Common Goldeneye	22	36	20	32	15	20.2	Rock Sandpiper	1	1	1	0	0	0.7
Hooded Merganser	7	11	7	8	23	4.9	Wilson's Snipe	4	1	0	4	8	5.8
Common Merganser	16	15	15	12	27	18.1	Red Phalarope	0	0	0	150	0	15.1
Red-breasted Merganser	12	12	30	13	17	14.0	Bonaparte's Gull	0	0	5	0	0	38.3
Ruddy Duck	27	53	58	68	39	47.6	Heermann's Gull	128	22	90	2	216	244.7
Wild Turkey	39	42	22	12	14	48.1	Mew Gull	184	236	1040	269	112	500.7
California Quail	329	304	205	393	155	321.1	Ring-billed Gull	108	111	148	37	14	116.4
Red-throated Loon	311	161	17	151	921	89.8	Western Gull	2901	2381	4198	2181	3098	3226.4
Pacific Loon	946	75	263	144	8178	283.6	California Gull	2055	1181	6109	2104	1547	3130.7
Common Loon	21	27	13	17	47	25.9	Herring Gull	29	8	71	45	60	45.6
Loon species	47	92	170	76	358	111.3	Thayer's Gull	4	5	11	10	34	9.0
Pied-billed Grebe	42	62	41	43	101	51.4	Glaucous-winged Gull	570	138	1379	735	410	676.4
Horned Grebe	8	13	2	15	18	14.5	Herring X Gl.-winged Gull	2	4	0	1	2	1.4
Red-necked Grebe	3	1	0	1	1	0.8	Western X Gl.-winged Gull	253	50	431	46	122	206.9
Eared Grebe	25	40	11	81	22	31.4	Glaucous Gull	0	0	1	0	0	0.4
Western Grebe	969	521	111	263	638	339.5	Black-legged Kittiwake	0	0	0	1	0	0.3
Clark's Grebe	62	22	2	13	63	14.9	Gull species	427	925	2757	1385	2320	1224.8
Western/Clark's Grebe sp.	469	717	79	225	568	254.0	Forster's Tern	3	10	48	CW	1	39.0
Northern Fulmar	0	1	5	0	8	33.5	Pomarine Jaeger	0	1	1	0	0	0.6
Pink-footed Shearwater	0	0	1	0	0	0.6	Common Murre	1668	1234	181	2085	607	600.7
Flesh-footed Shearwater	0	0	0	0	CW	0.0	Pigeon Guillemot	2	0	0	0	0	0.2
Black-vented Shearwater	0	1	0	0	266	4.0	Marbled Murrelet	9	13	5	5	6	16.8
Dark shearwater species	0	0	0	30	0	3.5	Ancient Murrelet	10	18	0	2	3	3.7
Brandt's Cormorant	888	794	301	532	1486	469.5	Murrelet species	0	2	0	3	0	0.5
Double-crested Cormorant	212	110	111	169	206	249.1	Rhinoceros Auklet	123	195	1	115	4	179.3
Pelagic Cormorant	44	74	45	44	119	44.8	Rock Pigeon	1095	1933	1765	1678	1047	1534.4
Brown Pelican	579	188	179	262	589	348.6	Band-tailed Pigeon	574	410	50	1348	586	502.3
Great Blue Heron	19	20	25	18	17	19.8	Eurasian Collared-Dove	63	50	137	80	152	51.3
Great Egret	5	4	15	11	15	10.6	Mourning Dove	476	370	339	266	368	466.6
Snowy Egret	19	26	54	22	40	27.8	Barn Owl	1	5	1	3	4	7.8
Green Heron	5	6	8	7	8	4.9	Western Screech-Owl	21	61	4	9	42	36.8
Black-crowned Night-Heron	13	12	17	13	17	12.3	Great Horned Owl	27	40	9	15	35	29.8
Turkey Vulture	9	13	1	20	8	6.4	Northern Pygmy-Owl	2	5	1	1	1	2.8
Osprey	1	1	1	0	1	1.3	Burrowing Owl	3	5	2	4	CW	2.9
White-tailed Kite	11	26	9	29	24	22.8	Long-eared Owl	1	0	0	0	1	0.8
Bald Eagle	0	1	0	0	0	0.1	Northern Saw-whet Owl	19	44	1	4	28	24.6

2012 Santa Cruz County CBC

SPECIES	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	Average	SPECIES	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	Average
Common Poorwill	1	0	0	0	0	0.4	Tennessee Warbler	0	0	1	1	0	0.3
White-throated Swift	4	12	0	0	CW	8.4	Orange-crowned Warbler	10	9	12	18	9	9.6
Anna's Hummingbird	474	617	234	604	433	540.0	Lucy's Warbler	0	0	0	1	0	0.1
Rufous Hummingbird	0	0	0	2	0	0.2	Nashville Warbler	0	0	0	0	CW	0.6
Belted Kingfisher	10	14	6	11	18	13.0	MacGillivray's Warbler	0	0	0	0	CW	0.0
Acorn Woodpecker	213	258	104	301	221	211.7	Common Yellowthroat	23	31	38	36	27	33.1
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	0	0	0	0	0	0.2	Yellow Warbler	0	0	0	1	CW	0.1
Red-naped Sapsucker	0	0	0	1	0	0.5	Palm Warbler	1	0	0	0	1	0.6
Red-breasted Sapsucker	14	9	4	11	7	7.3	Yel.-rumped Warbler (form?)	312	385	336	272	310	323.9
Nuttall's Woodpecker	41	23	14	30	19	20.0	""Myrtle"" Warbler"	136	118	74	98	161	120.8
Downy Woodpecker	36	36	11	30	22	31.5	""Audubon's"" Warbler"	338	452	465	691	405	443.3
Hairy Woodpecker	60	54	26	61	46	45.0	Black-throated Gray Warbler	1	1	1	0	1	1.1
Northern Flicker (form?)	88	97	47	104	80	93.4	Townsend's Warbler	269	200	176	304	435	316.4
""Yellow-shafted"" Flicker "	1	0	0	1	0	0.3	Hermit Warbler	1	0	0	3	4	1.7
""Red-shafted"" Flicker"	49	62	28	45	46	48.3	Wilson's Warbler	1	0	0	1	1	0.3
Nor. Flicker (R.-sh x Y-sh.)	5	2	1	1	0	2.2	Spotted Towhee	182	192	95	235	151	166.1
Pileated Woodpecker	18	16	3	8	7	10.9	California Towhee	378	494	336	478	348	419.7
American Kestrel	32	40	26	56	44	44.3	Chipping Sparrow	0	0	0	0	2	0.2
Merlin	7	11	7	14	12	10.0	Savannah Sparrow	48	55	4	57	65	53.3
Peregrine Falcon	5	7	8	9	10	6.1	Fox Sparrow (Sooty)	88	70	44	126	84	118.4
Dusky Flycatcher	0	0	0	1	0	0.2	Fox Sparrow (Red)	0	1	0	1	0	0.2
Pac.-slope./Cord. Flycat. sp.	0	1	0	1	0	0.3	Song Sparrow	173	308	229	201	190	225.8
Black Phoebe	243	342	213	253	231	269.0	Lincoln's Sparrow	34	68	29	125	35	53.6
Say's Phoebe	19	24	13	35	24	28.8	Swamp Sparrow	1	1	2	2	3	1.2
Dusky-capped Flycatcher	0	0	1	1	0	0.3	White-throated Sparrow	11	2	6	5	13	8.4
Loggerhead Shrike	0	1	0	1	1	2.7	White-crowned Sparrow	763	750	879	713	1025	868.3
Plumbeous Vireo	0	0	0	0	CW	0.0	Golden-crowned Sparrow	1052	1023	741	826	651	1215.8
Hutton's Vireo	65	43	25	56	49	54.9	"Dk.-eyed ""Oregon"" Junco"	610	756	600	1385	986	933.8
Warbling Vireo	0	0	0	1	0	0.1	"Dk.-eyed ""Slate-col."" Junco"	1	1	CW	0	1	0.9
Steller's Jay	301	294	143	470	298	373.2	Summer Tanager	1	0	0	0	0	0.3
Western Scrub-Jay	465	459	296	464	292	456.9	Western Tanager	1	1	0	CW	0	0.4
American Crow	518	568	575	430	1484	431.9	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	1	1	0	0	0	0.4
Common Raven	738	484	495	366	448	424.0	Black-headed Grosbeak	0	0	0	1	0	0.3
Violet-green Swallow	9	0	0	0	0	8.1	Red-winged Blackbird	255	461	186	535	354	555.7
Swallow sp.	0	0	1	0	0	0.1	Tricolored Blackbird	867	58	5	90	170	627.2
Chestnut-backed Chickadee	927	888	595	824	820	911.8	Western Meadowlark	289	287	29	383	103	245.8
Oak Titmouse	89	95	83	97	109	84.0	Brewer's Blackbird	1471	916	592	915	1024	1414.9
Bushtit	912	1031	678	849	915	991.1	Blackbird species	0	30	0	0	600	3.0
Red-breasted Nuthatch	17	2	9	1	45	7.0	Brown-headed Cowbird	15	28	15	37	35	21.8
White-breasted Nuthatch	1	0	0	0	0	0.7	Orchard Oriole	0	0	CW	0	0	0.0
Pygmy Nuthatch	316	350	164	187	279	242.7	Hooded Oriole	0	CW	0	0	0	0.0
Brown Creeper	116	139	50	91	123	111.9	Bullock's Oriole	0	1	0	0	0	0.2
Bewick's Wren	155	184	115	181	82	142.2	Purple Finch	184	113	45	138	67	115.4
House Wren	5	6	6	11	6	5.7	House Finch	655	775	584	756	359	784.6
Pacific Wren	11	23	6	19	13	17.2	Red Crossbill	0	0	0	0	45	1.2
Marsh Wren	29	29	10	26	17	17.9	Pine Siskin	595	148	71	28	4600	236.8
American Dipper	0	1	0	1	0	1.0	Lesser Goldfinch	315	238	184	117	169	183.4
Golden-crowned Kinglet	46	42	14	19	67	36.2	American Goldfinch	815	584	270	344	224	462.6
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	434	389	262	368	410	592.3	Evening Grosbeak	0	0	CW	0	4	0.0
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	0	3	1	5	10	2.0	House Sparrow	64	111	89	97	78	95.6
Western Bluebird	2	21	0	27	29	5.9							
Hermit Thrush	150	190	125	248	194	186.0	No. of Individuals	38900	41615	39634	39605	56044	42096.3
American Robin	889	2768	888	1713	5699	2427.6	No. of Species	171	178	161	171	163	174.8
Varied Thrush	108	40	6	292	78	245.2	Total Party Hours	227.00	222.75	182.50	204.00	210.50	228.1
Wrentit	118	111	71	116	65	105.7							
Northern Mockingbird	40	62	43	36	34	43.3							
California Thrasher	17	24	10	15	8	18.2							
European Starling	1514	1268	2321	1778	923	1701.0							
American Pipit	131	88	10	103	56	127.3							
Cedar Waxwing	272	980	318	58	933	491.5							
Black-and-White Warbler	0	0	1	1	CW	0.7							



Santa Cruz Birds

By David Suddjian & Steve Gerow

Including reports

from November 1 to December 31, 2012

Among the expected string of reports of **Greater White-fronted Geese** was a high count of 68 over Capitola on December 10 (DSu). Several reports of **Snow Geese** included a high of 13 at Watsonville Slough on November 22 (GM). Nine **Ross's Geese** were there on November 23 (DSu) and up to two from December 10-27 (KK, JWa). The only reports of **Brant** were of a single bird at Natural Bridges and West Cliff Drive on November 20-21 (PB, SG) and three different reports of 1-10 birds at scattered points on December 17 (SG, AG, KK). A flock of up to 45 **Cackling Geese** at Watsonville Slough on November 19-25 was the high count among a series of reports (v.ob.). Seven **Tundra Swans** flew south over Watsonville on December 10 (KK).

A **Eurasian Wigeon** visited Struve Slough on November 13 (NA) and December 6-10 (HS, v.ob.), and one was at College Lake on December 9 (LR). A **Northern Pintail** at Roaring Camp November 4 and onward was rare for the San Lorenzo Valley and likely returned from last winter (AR, JW). Two **Redhead** were at Harkins Slough on November 19 (JG, AR, NL), and two were at College Lake on December 20 (NA). **Long-tailed Ducks** were at Terrace Point on November 8 (LH) and off Capitola on December 10 (DSu), while a lingering bird at Seacliff from December 18-27 was enjoyed by many birders (KK, v.ob.). The period's only **Black Scoter** flew by Capitola on December 2 (DSu). Three **Common Mergansers** flying down the coast at La Selva on December 31 were rare for the south county coast (DSu).

Unusual gatherings of **Red-throated Loons** at feeding hotspots off Capitola included 385 on December 12 and 790 on December 15 (DSu). **Pacific Loons** appeared in large numbers in late fall, including 10,850 passing by Seacliff during 25 minutes on November 24, and over 7,000 off Capitola on December 12 and December 15 (DSu). Unusually placed Pacifics were one flying overland at Capitola on November 26 (DSu) and one at Pinto Lake on November 27 (JP). A **Flesh-footed Shearwater** approached very near Capitola Beach during stormy conditions on December 17 and

landed on the ocean near the beach, where it was set upon by Western Gulls (DSu). **Black-vented Shearwaters** continued in good numbers in November to mid-December but then diminished markedly after (v.ob.). A **Masked Booby** photographed as it flew past the San Lorenzo River mouth on November 17 provided the second county record (JG, AR), pending California Bird Records Committee (CBRC) review.



John Garrett photographed a sub-adult Masked Booby, November 17, 2012.

An exceptionally out-of-place juvenile **Brown Pelican** was photographed beside a swimming pool in a yard at 2000' elevation at Skyland Ridge in the mountains north of Soquel on November 29 (fide Native Animal Rescue). Ten **Turkey Vultures** arising from a roost at Aptos on December 27 was a very high count for mid-county in early winter (DSu). Away from usual spots, a **White-tailed Kite** continued to make visits at Porter-Sesnon (DS), and one was at Arana Gulch Open Space on December 21-27 (DSu, BR). An adult **Bald Eagle** resumed using the Watsonville Sloughs from November 6 onwards (NA, GK, v.ob.), and one resumed at College and Pinto lakes on December 3 (LG, WG, v.ob.), with two at Pinto on December 12 (fide NAn). These are presumably the pair that attempted to nest at Pinto in 2012. An immature Bald Eagle passed over Capitola on November 20 (DSu).

Rough-legged Hawk has been very rare in Santa Cruz County over the last 20 years, so four records in late fall were exceptional: at Wilder Ranch on Novem-

ber 12 (AR, JG, NL), Santa Cruz on November 24 (SG), Capitola on December 6 (DSu), and Swanton Road on December 14 (JB). Less rare, but still few in recent times, were **Ferruginous Hawks** at Santa Cruz on November 3 (SG), at Capitola on November 23 (DSu), and north of Scott Creek on December 26 (PM). Notable urban sightings of **Golden Eagles** were over Santa Cruz (SG) and Capitola (DSu) on December 6 and then Soquel on December 7 (LS)—perhaps all of the same bird. One over Manresa Uplands on December 31 was rare for the south county coast (DSu).



Jeff Poklen photographed this probable 1st cycle Iceland Gull at Baldwin Creek, November 15, 2012.

A huge aggregation of 400 **Snowy Plovers** at Pajaro Dunes on November 29 presumably set a record for the county (CE, GK). A late **Lesser Yellowlegs** was at Pajaro Dunes on November 19 (AR, JG, NL). A sparse smattering of **Bonaparte's Gulls** this period was typical of the species' scarcity in recent years, but 85 at Watsonville Slough on November 23 (DSu), and up to 75 there on December 27 were exceptions (JWa, CK, ELe). **Ring-billed Gull** was noted to appear late this fall and remain unaccountably scarce at some regular strongholds (SG, DSu). This was borne out by a

very low tally of 14 on the December 15 Santa Cruz CBC, only 12% of average.

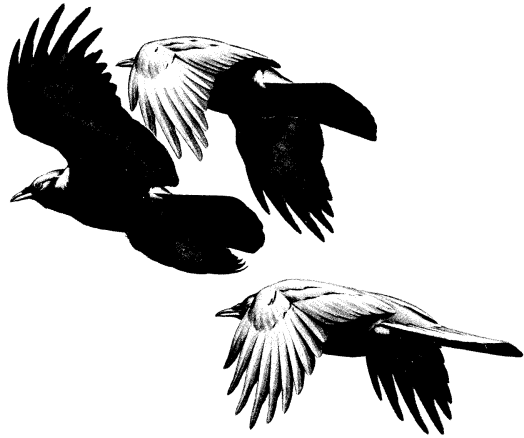
A 1st cycle **Iceland Gull** photographed at Baldwin Creek mouth on November 15-16 would be the first county record pending review by the CBRC (JP, JC, JG, AR, NL). A **Glaucous Gull** was at Baldwin on December 28 (JP). A late or lingering Pigeon Guillemot off the Terrace Point area November 9-25 was noted about two months after the usual last of the season (AR, v.ob.). A **Cassin's Auklet** flying off Sea-cliff on December 27 was a rare shore-based sighting.

A **White-winged Dove** visited a Live Oak feeder on November 25 (GM). A **Burrowing Owl** at Porter-Sesnon November 18-23 was the first reported from that park land (DK, LL, DSu). Others included one at UCSC from November 5 into January (AR, JG, BR, RR), one at Wilder Ranch on November 16 (AR), and several reports involving perhaps 2-3 owls around the Watsonville Slough System (v.ob.). A **Long-eared Owl** was north of Bonny Doon on December 15 (EFe). A **Short-eared Owl** was at UCSC on October 31 (BJS), and one was near Manresa Uplands on November 12 (JY), the latter photographed sitting atop a fire hydrant in a residential area! Two **White-throated Swifts** over Capitola on December 6 (DSu) were away from their normal range in the county, and the first recorded within the Capitola city limits.



A Short-eared Owl rested near Manresa Uplands on November 12, 2012. Photo: Joanne Yablonsky

A **Red-naped/Yellow-bellied** type **Sapsucker** made a brief visit to Lighthouse Field on December 20 (MS). A **Pileated Woodpecker** in the hills west of Corralitos on December 30 was away from its usual range in the county (FM), the first ever reported south and west of Freedom Boulevard. **Merlins** were again found in good numbers, with a healthy 48 reports from November 1 to December 31. At least one **Tropical Kingbird** stayed around College Lake from December 3-20 (LG, WG, NA), and two were there on December 4 (SG, MC, WN). A **Loggerhead Shrike** hunted the UCSC grasslands through the period (v.ob.), and another was at the south end of Swanton Road on December 11 (JWa). A **Plumbeous Vireo** returned for its second winter to San Lorenzo Park by December 4 (NL, v.ob.), again favoring the tall pines near the county building.



American Crows continued to use Arana Gulch as their primary roost site in the county, with a remarkable 2050 counted returning to roost on the evening of December 20 (DSu). A few migrant **Horned Larks** stopped at Moore Creek Preserve, with three there on November 3 (NL), and one on November 22 (SG). A flock of 14 was a nice find in the fields east of Watsonville on December 31 (AR). Late migrant **Barn Swallows** included one at Pogonip on November 7 (BJS) and two in Moore Creek Preserve on November 10 (JG). The now-regular mid-winter movement of Barn Swallows was represented this season by only one report—one at Struve Slough on December 27 (CK, ELe). **Chestnut-backed Chickadees** are one of our most abundant forest birds, but a total of 104 in a single “mega-flock”, carefully counted as they flew between trees in Little Basin on December 29, was amazing (AR)



The Plumbeous Vireo at San Lorenzo Park, photographed by Nicholas Levendowsky, December 4, 2012.

Red-breasted Nuthatches continued in above-average numbers, including a notable tally of 40 along seven miles of trail in the Rancho Del Oso area on November 24 (KK). A record count of ten **Blue-gray Gnatcatchers** were found on the December 15 Santa Cruz County CBC, all in the north coast portion of the count circle (fide DSu). **Western Bluebirds** continued their recovery in the county, with multiple reports from expected areas and some less expected, such as eleven near Harkins Slough on November 19 (JG, AR, NL) and up to eleven in Rio Del Mar in late November (SB). Anna Jean Cummings Park in Soquel held a substantial flock in December, with numbers ranging up to a high of 18 on December 10 (DSu, LS, EF), a high count for the Soquel area. A **Townsend's Solitaire** flew over a Capitola yard on November 23 (DSu), the first record for that city and quite a rarity anywhere in the coastal lowlands of the county. Another high count this season was 52 **Hermit Thrush** in Anna Jean Cummings Park on December 27 (DSu). Big numbers of **American Robins** moved into the Santa Cruz Mountains by early winter, including a very high count of 3,884 flying over Ben Lomond on December 22 (AR).

Three **Black-and-white Warblers** were reported in November and December. An **Orange-crowned Warbler** at Quail Hollow on December 4 was a rarity for the San Lorenzo Valley in winter (AR, JW). Three **Nashville Warblers** turned up in December. A **MacGillivray's Warbler** skulked around Bethany

Curve Park in Santa Cruz from December 2 into January (SG, v.ob.), the first found wintering in the county since 1998. At least 16 **Palm Warblers** were found in November and December. These two months also featured three **Black-throated Gray Warblers**. **Hermit Warblers** were found in very good numbers for winter, with nine individuals reported in December. Late or wintering **Wilson's Warblers** were along Moore Creek on November 10 (JG), Soquel Creek on November 23 (DSu), and the lower San Lorenzo River on December 15 (NL).

Chipping Sparrows were in unexpected spots at Quail Hollow on November 13 (AR), and Porter-Sesson on November 23 (DSu). Several **Chipping Sparrows** at the UCSC Farm stayed into early winter, with three still there through December 11 and at least one continuing into January (JG, v.ob.). A **Clay-colored Sparrow** visited the UCSC Farm on November 2 (JG), and one was at the Homeless Garden Project from October 29 until December 8 (AR, v.ob.). A **Lark Sparrow** was in Moore Creek Preserve on November 22 (SG). **Swamp Sparrows** were well distributed through the county's marshy and riparian habitats this season, with 18 found at 11 sites. Individuals in New Brighton State Beach from December 7 into early January and at Noble Gulch in Capitola on December 26 were at unexpected locations (DSu).

There were a whole lot of **White-throated Sparrows** around in November and December, with multiple reports involving about 42-45 individuals. The UCSC Farm had three "**Slate-colored**" **Dark-eyed Juncos** starting on November 11, one a male of the "**Cassiar**" form (which is intermediate with Oregon in some ways) and two typical Slate-colors. The Cassiar and at least one of the others were reported off and on through the rest of the period (JG, AR, BR, RR). Other Slate-colored Juncos included one along the San Lorenzo River on November 17 (AR, JG) and one near Lighthouse Field on December 26 (SG).

A female **Summer Tanager** was photographed at a feeder in Live Oak on December 24 (GM). A **Rose-breasted Grosbeak** was in Capitola on November 21 (DSu), and a **Black-headed Grosbeak** visited a feeder near Moore Creek in Santa Cruz from November 13-25 (MB). A female **Indigo Bunting** was along the San Lorenzo River on November 17 (JG, AR). A female **Yellow-headed Blackbird** visited College Lake on

November 23 (DSu). Three **Bullock's Orioles** were found in Santa Cruz from November 2-24 (SG, MS). A female Hooded Oriole visited a Soquel feeder off and on until December 20 (ELa), and another female Hooded was near West Struve Slough on December 11 (NA et al.)

Red Crossbills continued to be well-reported, mostly from forested areas in the mountains, but there were also some found in the coastal lowlands. Among those identified to call type, the larger-billed Type 2 crossbills were mostly reported from areas in the mountains with Ponderosa Pines, while redwood and douglas-fir dominated forests mostly had Type 3 crossbills. **Pine Siskins** continued to be very widespread and in high numbers, including an amazing 2500 estimated in the Roaring Camp area on December 15 (TN, AK). A **Lawrence's Goldfinch** flew over Capitola on November 12 (DSu). There were ten reports of **Evening Grosbeaks** from various locations from November 10 to December 15, mostly involving small flocks ranging up to twelve birds.

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White-throated Sparrow



Chipping Sparrow



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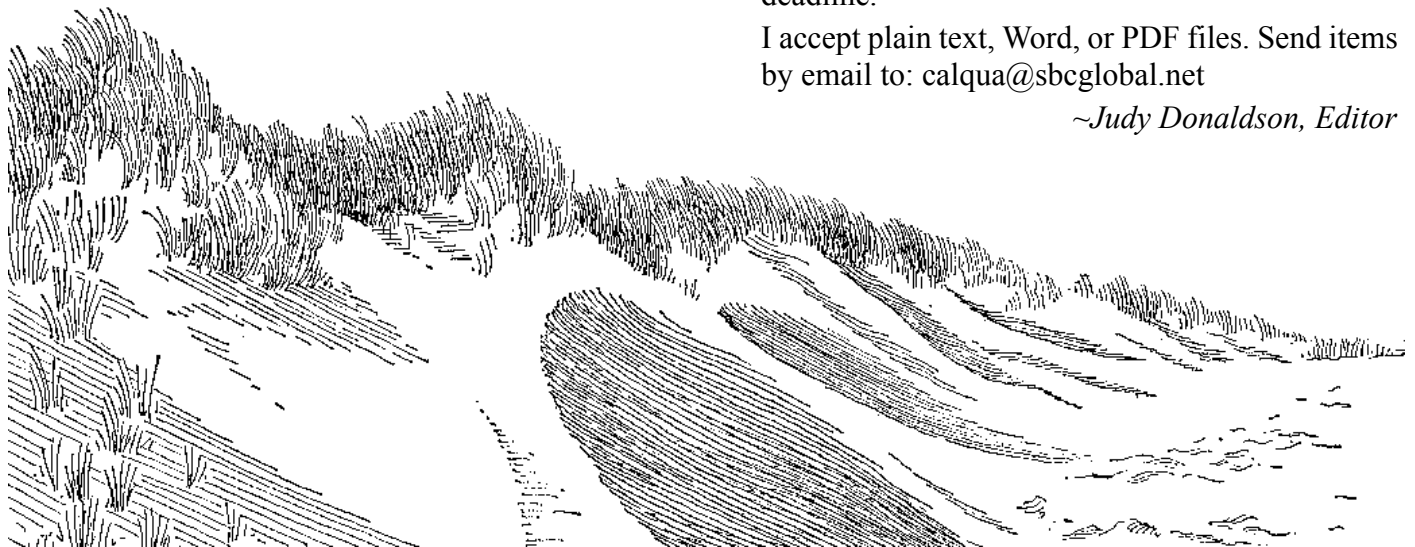
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