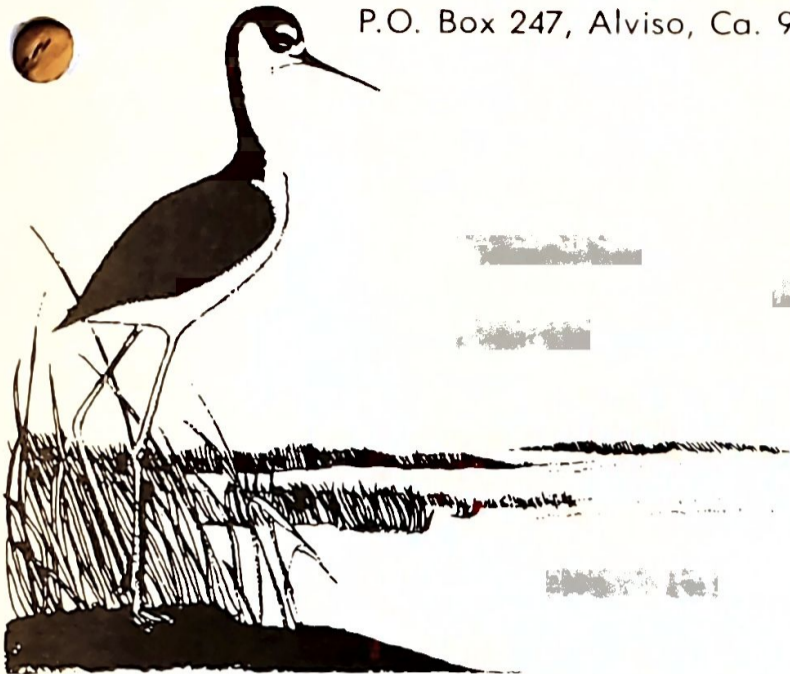


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Dear Member,

Since its inception, members' support has been a key factor in the Bird Observatory's success. Without it we could not carry out the important research projects that help us to understand the wildlife of the San Francisco Bay. Below is the Bird Observatory's Christmas Wish List for this year. Won't you put this worthwhile organization on your gift list.

With Warm Thanks and Our Best Wishes for the Holidays.

Adding machine with Tape
Office Supplies

Subscriptions to: Condor, Auk, Wilson
Bulletin, Journal of Field Ornithology,
Journal of Wildlife Management

Gulls: A Guide To Identification, P.J. Grant
Owls of the World, J. A. Burton
A California Flora and Supplement, P. Munz
A Flora of California Marshes, H.L. Mason

Banding Equipment - Nets, Pliers, Scales, Etc.
Tools - Metric and English

A 12 foot Canoe

Plexiglas to replace broken windows

Exterior plywood (26+ 8x4' sheets)

Garden Tools

Carpeting for Office

Folding Chairs

Wild Bird Seed

Slide Projector & Screen

Native Plants: Gum Plant

Alkali Bulrush

California Bulrush

Coyote Brush

Willows

Box Elder

Toyon

Ceanothus

Native Annuals



OFFICE CLOSED

The Bird Observatory office will be closed for the holidays from December 21 to January 5.

BANDING AT THE CREEK 1985

1985 has been a very good year for our Coyote Creek Riparian Station (CCRS) projects. As of October 2, there were 58 banding dates and 2623 birds banded by volunteers of the Bird Observatory. We have logged 996 recaptures which provide useful information on migration stopover times, local movements and home ranges, progress of molt, breeding and wintering site faithfulness from year to year, longevity, and more. We are grateful to Rudolph & Sletten, Inc. for the donation of a 10 x 40 foot Scotsman trailer which is used as our field office and laboratory, to the City of San Jose for access to the site, to Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society for a donation of \$250 for bird seed and to all donors to the endowment fund. The following list of volunteers participated in bird banding projects this year:

Janis Bilan, Peter Cocotas, Barbara Cox, Helena de la Fuente, Susie Formenti, Jason Formenti, Russ & Marilyn Fowler, Karen Gale, Tim Gates, Terry Hart, Michealle Havenhill, Kathy Hobson, Joan Humphrey, David Johnson, Ralph, Marcia & Jennifer Johnson, Valerie Layne, L. Richard Mewaldt, Yi Nisonger, Nancy Norvell, Paul Nobel, Rick Palmer, Peter Perrine, Elsie Richey, Ed Roberts, Annie Roland, Allen Royer, Jim Royer, Alfred Schmitz, Allan Sillett, Lynn Tennefoss, Susan Ueber, Sally Walters and Susan Wright

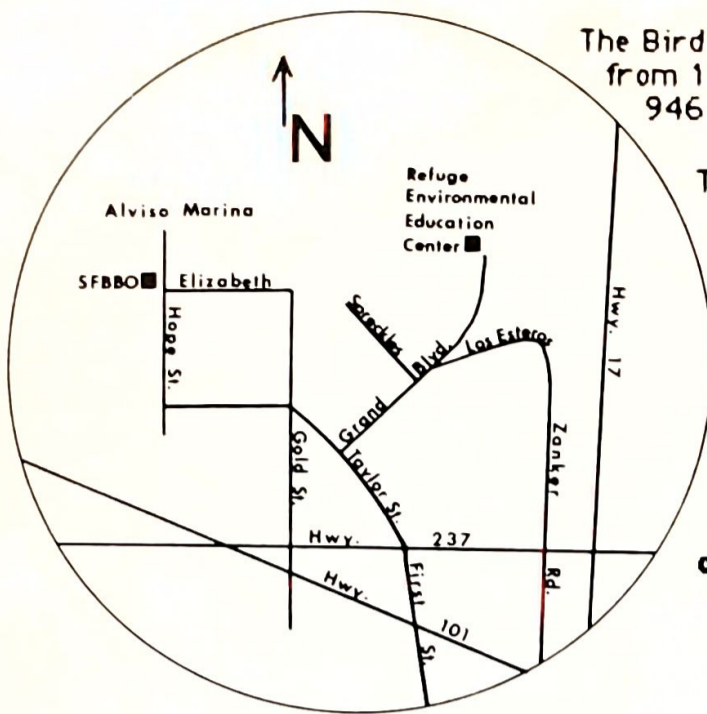
SUMMARY OF BIRDS BANDED AT COYOTE CREEK RIPARIAN STATION (To 2 October only in 1985)

Species	1982	1983	1984	1985	Total
Green Heron		1			1
Cinnamon Teal	1				1
Gadwall	2				2
Ruddy Duck		1			1
Sharp-shinned Hawk				1	1
Cooper's Hawk			1		1
Red-tailed Hawk			1		1
California Quail				33	33
Virginia Rail	1				1
Killdeer	3	18	2		23
Semipalmated Plover	6	27			33
Lesser Yellowlegs		3			3
Spotted Sandpiper		1			1
Black-necked Stilt		3	4		7
Least Sandpiper	3	70	10		83
Semipalmated Sandpiper		3			3
Baird's Sandpiper	1				1
Western Sandpiper	27	321	13		361
Pectoral Sandpiper		2			2
Dunlin			1		1
Long-billed Dowitcher		3			3
Short-billed Dowitcher		2			2
Red-necked Phalarope	1				1
Mourning Dove		2		54	56
Allen Hummingbird		1a		3	4
Anna Hummingbird		1		3	4
Downy Woodpecker				5	5
Western Wood-Pewee				1	1
Willow Flycatcher				2	2
Western Flycatcher	1	16	7	133	157
Black Phoebe	7	86	53	32	178
Ash-throated Flycatcher	1			2	3
Barn Swallow	21	19	19	13	72
Violet-green Swallow		13			13
Cliff Swallow		24		10	34
Rough-winged Swallow		2			2
Scrub Jay	1	6		12	19
Chestnut-bk Chickadee	1	5	5	10	21
Bushtit	30	23	13	46	112
Brown Creeper		1			1
Bewick's Wren		1	5	9	15

House Wren		1			1
Marsh Wren	1	10			11
Winter Wren		2		4	6
Golden-crowned Kinglet			1		1
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	7	9	8	2	26
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher		1			1
Swainson's Thrush		7	2	49	58
Hermit Thrush	14	15	6	13	48
American Robin	4	2	4	3	13
Varied Thrush	1				1
Mockingbird	1	3	1	12	17
California Thrasher				1	1
Starling	19	20	1	1	41
Loggerhead Shrike	1	2		8	11
Warbling Vireo			1	4	5
Orange-crowned Warbler	5	4	2	17	28
Yellow Warbler		9	6	36	51
Myrtle Warbler	41	7	38	1	87
Audubon's Warbler	18	19	7		44
MacGillivray's Warbler				3	3
Salt Marsh Yellowthroat	5	8	11	22	46
Wilson's Warbler		8	2	44	54
Western Tanager				2	2
Black-headed Grosbeak		4		9	13
Lazuli Bunting		1			1
Rufous-sided Towhee	2		4		6
Brown Towhee	4	15	4	24	47
Chipping Sparrow				1	1
Savannah Sparrow	6	21	4	6	37
Oregon Junco	1	1		6	8
Fox Sparrow	8	14	8	17	47
Song Sparrow	42	147	68	213	470
Lincoln Sparrow	29	55	11	39	134
White-throated Sparrow		3			3
Golden-crowned Sparrow	52	135	76	244	507
Gambel's Wh-cr Sparrow	87	264	82	303	736
Puget Sound Wh-cr Sp	46	57	56	83	242
Red-winged Blackbird	13	93	6	91	203
Tricolored Blackbird	1	16	1	4	22
Brown-headed Cowbird		5	1	9	15
Brewer's Blackbird		4	1		5
Western Meadowlark	5				5
Bullock's Oriole		3		5	8
Purple Finch		1			1
House Finch	1	97	77	981	1156
Pine Siskin	4				4
American Goldfinch	1	10	81	3	95
Lesser Goldfinch		9		2	11
House Sparrow		10	11	2	23
Total	526	1747	715	2635	5623

GREAT NEWS !!!

An anonymous donor will match dollar-for-dollar contributions to the Coyote Creek Riparian Station Endowment Fund totaling up to \$2,500 (equals potential \$5,000 addition). Offer is good to December 31, 1985. With your help we hope to achieve an initial goal of \$10,000 so that the interest earned will pay our electric and phone bills, our insurance, trailer-laboratory registration fee, and modest amounts of forms, mist nets, bait, and basic supplies. If you can, please send \$\$ payable to "SFBB0" and earmarked for CCRS Endowment Fund, it will be a real investment in the present and in the future of CCRS and its goals. Contact me (Dick Mewaldt at 408-258-7491) if you have questions. If you wish, I will take you on a personally guided tour of CCRS, including its research area.



The Bird Observatory office is located at 1290 Hope St. in Alviso. The office is open from 1-5 pm weekdays and some weekends. But before stopping in, call (408) 946-6548 and check the schedule.

The General Membership meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm at the San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge Environmental Education Center in Alviso. (see map) The Board meetings are open to the membership and are held monthly. Call the Observatory for dates and times.

The newsletter deadline is the first Monday of the month. Send contributions to the editor: Susie Formenti, 16675 Buckskin Ct., Morgan Hill, CA 95037.

The San Francisco Bay Bird Observatory is a non-profit corporation under IRS statute 501(c)3. All memberships and contributions are tax deductible.

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

The annual Audubon Christmas Bird Count will be held on Sunday, December 29. The Bird Observatory will organize the Alviso section again this year. If you are new to Christmas counts, or a new birder, please don't let that stop you. Both novices and experienced birders are needed. We guarantee an exciting day. The final tally will be given at a dinner held immediately following the count. If you are interested in helping in the Alviso section, call the Bird Observatory office or Jean Dubois, section leader, at (408) 395-4264 for more details. It is important to have adequate coverage of all areas within the count in order to properly census both the abundant species as well as the uncommon to rare ones. remember, we go out rain or shine and your help is needed to make the day a success.

DONATIONS. . . . Thanks to Fran Mewaldt, Peter Perrine, and Susie Formenti for refreshments for the November General Meeting.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday, December 4, 1985

Refuge Environmental Education Center
in Alviso

7:30 pm

FEATURED SPEAKER: Dr. Thomas Harvey, Professor Emeritus, San Jose State, will give a presentation on salt marsh restoration in the San Francisco Bay.

Wish someone a Happy Holiday with a gift membership to the San Francisco Bay Bird Observatory



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Contributing	\$100
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Corporation	\$500 +

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* Single payment becomes part of an endowment fund