

BAY BIRD REVIEW

A QUARTERLY PUBLICATION ON THE SCIENCE AND CONSERVATION OF BIRDS AND THEIR HABITATS



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Director's Message

Fall is an exciting time for SFBBO—we're wrapping up our bird-focused field research for the season, and gearing up to implement habitat restoration once the rains begin. It's also the time of year for our annual California Fall Challenge, when we seek your help to raise \$25,000 to support our work to protect birds and their habitats.

This year we have many of the elements you've come to love, and are trying new ideas we think you'll enjoy. For example, as part of our new Family Program, we are kicking off this year's CFC with a family-focused event that will engage kids and their families in fun, hands-on activities. We also have new guided trips, including opportunities to explore the South Bay by kayak, hone your wildlife photography skills, and tour our habitat restoration sites. In addition, we're bringing back the Click Off bird photography contest!

To cap it all off, I'm thrilled to announce that, should we reach our Band-a-Thon goal of raising \$2,000 to support research at our Coyote Creek Field Station, we will receive a \$2,000 matching donation from an anonymous donor. Please read on to learn how you can participate in this year's CFC! I look forward to seeing you at these events and at our Annual Membership Meeting in October. Thank you!

By Cat Burns, SFBBO Executive Director



FAMILIES LEARN ABOUT AVIAN SCIENCE AT WING DING FAMILY FEST IN MAY.

Outreach Report

New Community Outreach Initiatives to Support SFBBO's Science Programs

Over the past 30-plus years, SFBBO has engaged Bay Area community members in our science through outreach activities like bird walks, workshops, special events, and a robust volunteer citizen science program. This year, we are piloting three new initiatives to expand our reach and build new and diverse partnerships.

Waterbird Ambassador Series: This spring, several citizen science volunteers in our Colonial Waterbird program helped spread the word about SFBBO by developing relationships with people in the community near the nesting colonies they monitor, resulting in opportunities for us to do talks and bird viewings for the public at libraries and parks near those colonies. Next, we plan to empower additional volunteers to serve as SFBBO ambassadors, and offer more presentations to help people in the community better understand the birds in their neighborhoods.

Corporate Engagement: We're developing activities to engage the corporate

community in our work. For instance, this spring, three corporate groups conducted habitat restoration weeding and seeding projects and vegetation surveys for SFBBO; this summer we had an information booth at a Bay Area sporting and outdoor clothing store; and we will give Lunch 'N Learn presentations to several corporate groups this fall.

Outreach to Families: Our new family engagement plan includes our involvement in community events like the Wingding Family Fest we participated in this spring; a special bird banding demonstration for families at our field station in August (see back page); and a youth bird-a-thon team, family-friendly birds walks, and our first Family Bird Adventure event during our annual California Fall Challenge (see page 5).

For information, or to participate in any of these new outreach initiatives, please contact Outreach and Communications Director Kristin Butler at 408.946.6548 x10 or kbutler@sfbbo.org.

Welcome New Board Member Dr. Lynne Trulio

Dr. Lynne Trulio recently joined SFBBO's Board of Directors. She is a professor and department chair of Environmental Studies at San Jose State University and supports graduate students who conduct research on species preservation. Dr. Trulio earned a Ph.D. in Ecology from UC Davis. She



LYNNE TRULIO

investigates human impacts on species and their habitats in human-dominated landscapes and seeks effective methods to mitigate or eliminate those impacts. Her research includes the ecology and protection of the Western Burrowing Owl in California, the effects of recreation on wildlife, and the restoration of tidal salt marshes in the San Francisco Bay, and she was the Lead Scientist for the South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project during its planning phase and continues with the project as a researcher studying public access and wildlife. Dr. Trulio formerly served on the SFBBO Science Advisory Board. Dr. Trulio will be leading a guided trip for the CFC (see page 6).

Farewell Kathi Kendrick

SFBBO would like to thank Kathi Kendrick, who retired this year from her role as our administrative assistant, for her dedication to SFBBO! Kathi was a member of the SFBBO team for four years and was instrumental in organizing our office, library, and participants in all of our bird walks, workshops, and special events. When she started at SFBBO, she was a birding novice, but through Alvaro's workshops and bird walks with our wonderful trip leaders, she quickly became an avid birder. Kathi says she loves the SFBBO community of members, volunteers, and staff and is continuing to participate in SFBBO programs as a volunteer.



KATHI KENDRICK

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And thank you to the 36 people who gave up to \$40 each.

Does Your Company Have a Matching Gift Program?

Matching Gifts are a great, easy way to double or even triple your donation to SFBBO. Many companies support employee philanthropy by offering matching gift programs. Please check with your HR department to see if your employer will match your gift to SFBBO. Employer contributions are counted towards your CFC Fundraising Competition total. If your company would like to learn more about our work, one of SFBBO's scientists can make a Lunch 'N Learn presentation to your staff. Your staff can also come to our Coyote Creek Field Station for team-building activities centered around our bird banding program or restoration activities.



RED-SHOULDERED HAWK.
Photo by Michael Mammoser.



AMERICAN BITTERN SHOWING UNUSUAL BEHAVIOR

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CALIFORNIA FALL CHALLENGE

Supporting Avian Conservation Science

Accept the Challenge – Join the Fun

The 17th Annual California Fall Challenge is the time to celebrate your passion for Bay Area birds and help meet our mission to conserve birds and their habitats through science and outreach. Please help us reach **our goal of raising \$25,000** during this month-long series of events and support the important work of our professional biologists and volunteer citizen scientists! To participate, visit www.sfbbo.org or contact cfc@sfbbo.org or 408.946.6548. Everyone who participates at a level of \$50 or more will receive the 2013 California Fall Challenge T-shirt.

Six Ways to Support SFBBO

SIGN UP FOR A GUIDED TRIP

Whether you are a birder, nature lover, photographer, or are interested in conservation science, there is a CFC Guided Trip for you! We have several new trips this year, including a kayak tour, a hike to learn about our restoration work, a trip focused on how to take beautiful bird photos, and a special bird walk for kids! See pages 4–6 for a listing of trips and leader bios.

JOIN A BIRD-A-THON

If you love a competition, sign up for our Mewaldt Cup Bird-a-Thon, the signature Fall Challenge contest! Join a team and do a Big Day anywhere in the state of California during the CFC period of September 14th to October 13th. The team or individual that records the most birds wins the Cup and other cool prizes! See page 7.

CONTRIBUTE TO BAND-A-THON

Help fundraise for SFBBO's Coyote Creek Field Station banding program by pledging to donate a set dollar amount per bird captured at Coyote Creek Field Station from September 14th – October 13th. If we meet our goal of raising \$2,000 through our CFC Band-a-thon, an anonymous donor will make a **matching gift of \$2,000** to support our field station! Also, sign up for our September 14th Bird in the Hand banding demonstration to see our station in action! See page 5 and back page.

COMPETE IN THE CLICK OFF PHOTO CONTEST

Share your best photos, support our mission, win great prizes, and tell the story of Bay Area birds by competing in our Click Off photo contest. This year's categories are *Birds and Their Habitats*, *Birds and Humans*, *Bird Behavior*, and *Bird Portraits*. See page 7 for information.

ATTEND OUR NEW FAMILY BIRD ADVENTURE

As part of SFBBO's new Family Program, we are hosting our 1st Annual Family Bird Adventure to kick-off our California Fall Challenge this year. The event will include fun bird-focused activities for kids ages 4 and up and their families and will be at the Environmental Volunteers EcoCenter at Baylands Nature Preserve in Palo Alto. See page 5.

FUNDRAISE FOR PRIZES

Everyone is encouraged to enter our Fundraising Competition! Share SFBBO's story with your friends and colleagues, tell them why you support our mission, ask them to sponsor your participation in the California Fall Challenge, and win great prizes! See page 6 for details or visit our website at www.sfbbo.org for updates about this year's prizes!

Visit www.sfbbo.org for all the details!

California Fall Challenge Guided Trips

Sunday, September 15th, 2013

7:00 am – 11:00 am

PLOVERS' PLIGHT, LED BY CAITLIN ROBINSON-NILSEN

COST: \$50

Join former SFBBO Waterbird Program Director Caitlin Robinson-Nilsen for a unique field trip and educational experience focused on the federally threatened Western Snowy Plover and the ongoing conservation efforts in San Francisco Bay. Caitlin is recognized as an authority on the Western Snowy Plover, and led SFBBO's plover research for many years. Participants will enjoy a morning in the field observing these rare birds at several locations in the South Bay.

Sunday, September 15th, 2013

9:00 am – Noon

BIRDING GUADALUPE RIVER PARK AND GARDENS, LED BY GREG KEREKES

COST: \$50

The Guadalupe River flows from the Santa Cruz Mountains through downtown San Jose and to San Francisco Bay, serving as a wildlife corridor through which birds forage for a wide variety of food. The Guadalupe River Park and Gardens in San Jose is home to a large number of bird species year round and serves as a rest stop for migrant birds. Join local naturalist Greg Kerekes in a three-hour bird watching adventure along the river and through the gardens. No prior birding experience needed; experienced birders can reinforce their knowledge and help newcomers. **Walk is open to all ages.**

Signing up for Guided Trips

Some trips fill quickly, so please don't wait to sign up!

Use the enclosed envelope or register online at www.sfbbo.org. Pay at the time of registration. You will receive an email confirmation with details on where to meet and park and what to bring. Participate in a guided trip at the \$50 and above level and receive SFBBO's 2013 commemorative T-shirt!

Tuesday, September 17th, 2013

5:45 pm – 7:30 pm

INTREPID A TO ZER'S, LED BY KAY PARTELOW AND KAREN DEMELLO

COST: \$40

Celebrate the autumn equinox on this leisurely "after work" bird walk. From Avocets to Zonotrichia, our goal is 26 species over 1-1/2 miles at Charleston Slough and Shoreline Lake. A perfect opportunity for beginning birders, or those with limited time, to participate in the California Fall Challenge. Kay has banded since she was a youngster and is skilled at identifying birds by ear; Karen's enthusiastic approach is great for beginning birders. Both are docents for the Mid-peninsula Regional Open Space District. Adults and children 12 years and older.

Saturday, September 21st, 2013

8:00 am – Noon

RESTORATION IN ACTION, LED BY DAVID THOMSON AND CHERYL STRONG

COST: \$50

Join SFBBO Habitats Program senior ecologist David Thomson and DESFB National Wildlife Refuge wildlife biologist Cheryl Strong on a tour of two of SFBBO's habitat restoration sites: East Palo Alto's Cooley Landing, and the Refuge's LaRiviere Marsh. David will guide you through SFBBO's habitat restoration work, and Cheryl will provide expertise on bird ID and natural history. These sites are in close proximity to a population of California Clapper Rails, so you may get lucky and see or hear these endangered birds! Adults and children 12 years and older.

Sunday, September 22nd, 2013

7:30 am – 6:00 pm

GALLINAGO GO GO'S, LED BY LISA MYERS

COST: \$100

Join Lisa for the Gallinago Go Go's 10th year in the Challenge. All birding levels are welcome to join the Go Go's as they bird Santa Clara County. Through her business, Let's Go Birding, Lisa leads tours and teaches classes that provide a fun, easy-going environment to learn, ask questions, and increase skill level.

Lisa has banded since her teens and leads tours throughout Central California and Costa Rica. She is a member of Nikon's Birding ProStaff and a former member of the SFBBO Board.

Thursday, September 26th, 2013

7:30 am – 3:30 pm

COASTAL MAVERICKS, LED BY ALVARO JARAMILLO

COST: \$100

The San Mateo coast offers a wide variety of birding, from shorebirds and raptors to vagrants at migratory stopover sites. This trip will help you find some of the goodies, specialties and diversity the coast has to offer! Alvaro is a senior biologist at SFBBO known for his popular workshops. He writes books on birding, the Identify Yourself column in *Bird Watcher's Digest*, and frequently contributes to scientific and popular birding articles. He leads international birding trips and pelagic outings through his company, Alvaro's Adventures. Adults and children 12 years and older.

Saturday, September 28th, 2013

7:30 am – 1:00 pm

VARIED TWITCHERS, LED BY MIKE ROGERS

COST: \$50

Mike is an expert birder and knows all the great birding spots of Santa Clara County. This fast-paced walk will take avid birders to the best Alviso and Shoreline Lake birding locations, with the goal to see and hear 100 species. Mike is a former member of the California Bird Records Committee and is currently a Northern California regional editor for the journal *North American Birds*.

Saturday, September 28th, 2013

8:00 am – Noon

VIVACIOUS VIREOS, LED BY GINA BARTON

COST: \$50

This trip will be a fun morning of birding around the South Bay looking for songbirds and perhaps shorebirds if time allows. This will be a laid back trip for those who want to learn basic identification by either sight or sound. Location will be decided closer to the trip.

Gina is a former SFBBO biologist. Adults and children 12 years and older.

Sunday, September 29th, 2013

9:00 am – Noon

**THE EGGHEADS,
LED BY DICK STOVEL**

COST: \$50

Join Dick Stovel for a bird walk around the Stanford campus to see Red-shouldered Hawks, Red-tailed Hawks, White-throated Swifts, and others, and learn a little history about the university. Dick is retired from Stanford, where he worked as a research engineer. He's been an avid birder since he bought his first pair of binoculars in 1976 and has led bird walks on Stanford's campus and at other Bay Area locations for the Audubon Society. Adults and children 12 years and older.

Saturday, October 5th, 2013

9:00 am – Noon

**KAYAKING THE SOUTH BAY,
LED BY CAT BURNS AND
JOSH SCULLEN**

COST: \$75

Explore the South Bay by kayak with SFBBO Executive Director Cat Burns and Biologist Josh Scullen! Spend the morning enjoying a good paddle, viewing birds and other wildlife, and discussing the Bay Area's conservation issues. The group will stop for a mid-morning snack along the way (food provided). Some experience paddling a canoe or kayak is preferred, but not required—this will be a leisurely paddle.

Saturday, October 5th, 2013

8:30 am – 11:30 am

**BIRD PHOTOGRAPHY WALK, LED
BY LEE AURICH AND BILL ROSE**

COST: \$50

Join Lee Aurich and Bill Rose for a walk in the Fremont area that will focus on the art of nature and bird photography. Lee is a Bay Area photographer whose bird photography specializes in telling the stories of birds by capturing their behaviors, beauty, and relationships (see aurich.com/photos). Bill Rose is a citizen science volunteer who monitors bird colonies for SFBBO's Colonial Waterbird Program. He has been a bird watcher and a photogra-

CFC Band-a-Thon Matching Gift Challenge!

You can help raise money for SFBBO's banding station by pledging to donate a set dollar amount per bird captured at Coyote Creek Field Station from September 14th – October 13th. Last year during the Band-a-Thon we banded almost 500 birds, so a pledge of 25¢ per bird would equal about \$125. You can also pledge a lump sum. Band-a-Thon kicks off with the Banding Demo on September 14th.

The full amount of your donation will directly support research at SFBBO's Coyote Creek Field Station. In addition, if we meet our goal of raising \$2,000 through our CFC Band-a-thon this year, a generous donor will make a **matching gift of \$2,000** to support our field station!

Donors who participate in the band-a-thon will receive a final tally of all species captured during the California Fall Challenge and will qualify for fund-raising prizes. Visit www.sfbbo.org for more information.

pher since he was an Eagle Scout and has led bird walks for the Ohlone Audubon Society. Trip destination will be determined a few days before the walk. Adults and children 12 years and older.

Saturday, October 5th, 2013

7:30 am – 2:00 pm

**THE FLEDGLINGS, A GUIDED
WALK AND BIRD-A-THON FOR
KIDS, LED BY PATI ROUZER**

COST: \$50 PER CHILD/ONE PARENT FREE

This fun team welcomes young birders ages 6-16. Birders must have basic binocular and ID skills, the interest to bird for 6 hours, and a willing parent to accompany them. The Fledglings will identify the birds, with the parent or chaperone allowed to help spot and carry scopes. They will blitz Santa Clara County from Ed Levin to the Palo Alto Baylands, breaking for a 30-minute lunch. Please contact trip leader Pati Rouzer at parouzer@yahoo.com to make sure your child will be a good fit for this

trip. Pati has served on the SFBBO Board of Directors and is an avid birder and international trip leader.

Sunday, October 6th, 2013

9:00 am – Noon

**REGAL EAGLES,
LED BY RYAN PHILLIPS**

COST: \$50

Join Ryan Phillips, Raptor Biologist, for a morning of birding focused on raptors in Coyote Valley, one of the last linkages between the Santa Cruz Mountains and the Diablo Range, and a great spot for migrating, wintering and breeding raptors. There will be a good chance of observing 14 raptor species, including Prairie Falcon, Golden Eagle and Ferruginous Hawk. Ryan has been studying raptors for many years and is the founding Executive Director of the Belize Raptor Research Institute. He is an instructor in the Environmental Studies Department at De Anza College where he teaches conservation biology, biodi-

Saturday, September 14, 2013 • 9:00 am – Noon

SFBBO'S FIRST ANNUAL FAMILY BIRD ADVENTURE

COST: \$15/CHILD AND \$25/ADULT

In honor of SFBBO's new Family Outreach Program, we are hosting our 1st Annual Family Bird Adventure to kick-off our California Fall Challenge this year. The event will include fun indoor and outdoor bird-focused hands-on activities and interactive games to learn about avian science! Volunteers from the organization Environmental Volunteers (who bring hands-on science education into our local schools) will join SFBBO staff in leading this fun event, which will be held at the EcoCenter at Baylands Nature Preserve in Palo Alto. Pre-registration required. Contact cfc@sfbbo.org or 408.946.6548.

CFC Fundraising Contest Guidelines – How Do I Win?

You win by raising the most money for avian research! Here's how you do it:

Register for the Fundraising Contest at www.sfbbo.org or use the enclosed envelope.

Tell everyone you know about the mission of the San Francisco Bay Bird Observatory – the conservation of birds and their habitats through science and outreach. Use your Facebook page or other social networking tool. **Ask for sponsorship** of SFBBO's California Fall Challenge at the \$500, \$200, \$50 or \$25 level, or whatever they feel is the **largest gift they can give** to avian research.

Ask for Pledges. You can also ask them to pledge a dollar amount per bird species that you see during a CFC Big Day Bird-a-Thon or Guided Trip you participate in, or pledge per bird banded in the Band-a-Thon, or donate a lump sum.

Make it easy. Collect their cash and checks. Direct them to your social networking giving page or www.sfbbo.org. Direct your sponsors to enter your name in the "dedication" window.

Be sure to add your own donation. Check if your company matches gifts.

The people who raise the most funds during the Fall Challenge **win fantastic prizes!** Last year's grand prize was a seven-day birding trip to Arizona.



SNOWY EGRET. Photo by Scott Norton.

versity, connectivity and numerous field studies courses. Adults and children 12 years and older.

Sunday, October 6th, 2013

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

THE AVOSETS, LED BY BOB POWER

COST: \$50

Join Bob at the premier hawk migration site in western North America: Hawk Hill in Marin County. In early October raptor migration is in full swing and a good day can produce several hundred raptor sightings and up to 12 different species. Raptor identification will be a non-stop field experience as hawks, falcons, accipiters, kites, and more move through this natural migration funnel. This walk will include morning refreshments, a trip to Rodeo Lagoon, a 15% discount at the GGNRA Visitor Center in Rodeo Valley, and a tour of the Golden Gate Raptor Observatory world headquarters. Bob is Executive Director at the Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society and has led a Hawk-watch team at Hawk Hill for nine years. Adults and children 12 years and older.

Saturday, October 12th, 2013

7:00 am – 4:00 pm

WANDERING VAGRANTS, LED BY SCOTT TERRILL

COST: \$100

During migration, birds can deviate from their normal migratory routes. In California, most "vagrants" are birds that typically occur in eastern North America, but a few Asian vagrants show up now and then as well. To maximize the probability of encountering vagrants, the trip location will be determined prior to the day of the trip. Scott is a specialist in avian ecology, having written over 30 scientific papers, primarily on bird migration. He has served as a member of the California Bird Records Committee, Regional Editor for *North American Birds*, the Board President of SFBBO, Science Advisor to SFBBO, and is the primary author of *Audubon Society Master Guide to Birding*.

Saturday, October 12th, 2013

8:00 am – Noon

WATERBIRD EXTRAVAGANZA, LED BY LYNNE TRULIO

COST: \$50

Join SFBBO's newest Board member in a morning sure to showcase the South

Bay's rich waterbird community, beginning at the DESFB National Wildlife Refuge's Environmental Education Center in Alviso, and continuing on in the vicinity of the nearby Alviso Marina. Both of these locations are part of a study led by Dr. Trulio, Chair of the Environmental Studies Department at San Jose State University, to evaluate impacts of public access trails on waterfowl and offer rich opportunities to see waterfowl and bay habitats, and talk about this groundbreaking study.

Sunday, October 13th, 2013

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

CONTRA COSTA MINI-BIG DAY!, LED BY DENISE WIGHT

COST: \$50

This abbreviated version of a Contra Costa County Big Day is a great way to discover the habitats and birds this East Bay county has to offer. Denise, a Contra Costa County native who has been teaching and leading birding classes since 1993, is the perfect guide! The trip will begin in Tilden Park, move to the Albany and Richmond shoreline, and head east to check out Martinez and Mitchell Canyon on the north side of Mount Diablo. You'll finish in East Contra Costa, with opportunities to see some Central Valley birds.

Sunday, October 13th, 2013

Noon – 4:00 pm

SILLY SANDPIPER, LED BY RICH CIMINO

COST: \$50

Join Rich Cimino on a trip to the Corte Madera Marsh Ecological Reserve in Marin County, 616 acres on San Pablo Bay. You may see Peregrine Falcon, California Clapper Rail, and Black Rail. Also expect to see wintering migrant ducks and shorebirds typical to San Francisco Bay. The upland habitat is home to the San Pablo Song Sparrow and Loggerhead Shrike, and if you're lucky you may find a fly-by Merlin or a Loon species. Rich is the Eastern Alameda County Audubon Conservation Chair, a trip leader for Ohlone Audubon Society, and serves on the Alameda Creek Alliance Board of Directors. Rich also owns Yellowbilled Tours, a birding tour and conservation outreach group. Rich has been birding in California for 44 years.

2013 CFC Click Off Contest Is Back!

SFBBO's 4th California Fall Challenge Click Off photo contest will focus on birds living in or migrating through the Bay Area and will run from August 15th to September 14th, 2013. Winners will be selected in the following categories: Birds and Their Habitats, Birds and Humans, Bird Behavior, and Bird Portraits.

- Merit Awards—Judges will choose five photos in each category to win Merit Awards and these will be highlighted on SFBBO's Facebook page.
- Category Winner—One Merit Award winner in each category will be chosen as a Category Winner. Category Winners will win great prizes and be highlighted at our Annual Meeting on Saturday, October 26th.
- People's Choice Award—Attendees at the October 26th Annual Meeting will vote for a People's Choice Winner, who will win the grand prize (the last People's Choice Winner won a weekend at Ramrod Ranch in Monterey County).

For information, to register, or to learn about prizes, please visit www.sfbbo.org.

Compete in our Bird-a-thon: Win the Mewaldt Cup

If you love a competition, sign up for our California Fall Challenge Mewaldt Cup Bird-a-Thon. Bird anywhere in California from September 14th to October 13th and record the most species in a 24-hour period to win the Cup, bragging rights, and a basket of goodies from our sponsors!

Registration requires a \$50 donation per person. Register using the attached envelope, email outreach@sfbbo.org, or call 408.946.6548. For complete Mewaldt Cup Competition Guidelines, prize information, and to support SFBBO, go to www.sfbbo.org. Good luck and happy birding!



PHOTO BY PATTY MCGANN

2012 Mewaldt Cup winners Mike Mammoser, Lea Crisp, Francis Toldi and Mike Rogers.

Join us for our Annual Meeting

The 32nd Annual Membership Meeting of the San Francisco Bay Bird Observatory will be held at Stanford University's Jasper Ridge Biological Preserve in Woodside on Saturday, October 26th. Join us for an optional morning bird walk at 8:30 a.m., followed by the SFBBO membership meeting from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The meeting will feature speaker Dr. Nat Seavy, Research Director at Point Blue Conservation Science, SFBBO's science and outreach program updates by Cat Burns, prizes and more. Participants will also cast votes for the "People's Choice" of SFBBO's 2013 Click Off photo contest.



PHOTO BY PATTY MCGANN

Attendees at the 2012 Annual Meeting.

The California Fall Challenge T-shirt!

SFBBO is proud to announce that our newest California Fall Challenge T-shirt, designed by artist Allison Connor and graphic designer Ken Schirle, will feature our signature bird, the Black-necked Stilt. We'll offer the T-shirt to California Fall Challenge participants who donate \$50 or more to SFBBO during this fundraising event through participant fees for a Guided Trip, Mewaldt Cup Bird-a-Thon, Family Bird Adventure, a Band-a-Thon pledge, the Click Off, a donation in support of a fundraiser, or as a straight donation to SFBBO.

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Calendar

A BIRD IN THE HAND FOR FAMILIES

Saturday, August 17th, 2013

8:00 am – 10:00 am

SITE: COYOTE CREEK FIELD STATION, MILPITAS
Kids ages 7 and up and their families can visit SFBBO's bird banding station, the Coyote Creek Field Station. We will tour mist nets, watch a bird banding demo, and explore a restored riparian habitat. Please join us and learn why bird banding is so important for protecting birds and their habitats. This program is in partnership with the Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society's Young Audubon Program. RSVP required, please contact 408.252.3747 or programs@scvas.org.

SNOWY PLOVER TALK

Thursday, September 12th, 2013 • 7:00 pm

SITE: MONTEREY BAY BIRD FESTIVAL
SFBBO Executive Director Cat Burns will give a presentation at the Ninth Annual Monterey Bay Birding Festival about our

To check your membership status, RSVP, or register for a workshop, go to www.sfbbo.org, call 408.946.6548, or email kbutler@sfbbo.org and we will be happy to assist you!

 MEMBER-ONLY ACTIVITY: Active SFBBO membership required to attend event.

research and restoration work to protect the threatened Western Snowy Plover. We will also have a booth at the festival that day. Please visit www.montereybaybirding.org for information.

A BIRD IN THE HAND AND CFC BAND-A-THON KICK-OFF

Saturday, September 14th, 2013

9:00 am – 11:00 am

SITE: COYOTE CREEK FIELD STATION, MILPITAS
Visit SFBBO's bird banding station, the Coyote Creek Field Station, and help us kick-off our CFC Band-a-thon to raise money for bird research. We will tour mist nets, watch a bird banding demonstration, and explore a restored riparian habitat. RSVP required, please contact Kristin Butler at 408.946.6548 x10 or kbutler@sfbbo.org.

PLOVER AND GULL RESEARCH PRESENTATION

Saturday, September 21st, 2013

Noon – 1:30 pm

SITE: ENVIRONMENTAL VOLUNTEERS ECOCENTER, PALO ALTO
SFBBO Executive Director Cat Burns will be a guest speaker for Environmental Volunteers (EVOLS), a Bay Area science and nature education organization. Her presentation is open to the public and will include an update about our Western Snowy Plover and California Gull research. For information, visit www.evols.org.

Workshop for the Birder and Naturalist – 2013



WITH: *Alvaro Jaramillo, SFBBO Senior Biologist*

SITE: *Sobrato Center for Nonprofits in Redwood Shores*

SEABIRDS

*Tuesday, August 27th and Thursday, August 29th (instruction), 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm
TBA (field trip)*

Seabirds include some of the most amazing of migrant species, birds that use the entire ocean as part of their annual distribution. The ocean off the coast of California is one of the richest places on earth, with opportunities to observe iconic species such as albatrosses, puffins, shearwaters, auklets, and storm-petrels.

The classroom portion of this workshop will focus on the identification, ecology, and distribution of seabirds. This workshop can be taken as just a class or include a discounted pelagic trip. The class is \$90, and the pelagic trip will be offered at the discounted rate of \$110. Please visit www.sfbbo.org for more information.