Cuba is one of the closest neighbors to the United States, but due to politics it might as well be on the other side of the world. Few Americans have traveled there, and birders have been restricted to a few legal survey trips a year or going there illegally through Canada in order to enjoy its birds. But things are finally starting to open up and we expect that more and more birders will be able to enjoy the amazing diversity and incredible level of endemism (species found nowhere else on earth). Cuba is a fantastic birding destination. It is safe, birdy, has much protected habitat and forest cover, and there is still a lot to learn there. In fact, it may be the place where the Ivory-billed Woodpecker actually still lives!

Alvaro has been lucky to have bired in Cuba on more than six occasions over the years. He is excited to be able to show you some of the gorgeous bird life, teach a bit about the interesting biology of Cuban wildlife, and give you a sense for the culture, people and how Cuba remains a charming, friendly and very jovial place even though the people there have had to endure so much!
Alvaro Jaramillo was born in Chile but began birding in Toronto, Canada, where he lived as a youth. He was trained in ecology and evolution with a particular interest in bird behavior. He is author of two books, including *The Birds of Chile* and has recently finished the ABA Field Guides to the Birds of California. Alvaro writes the “Identify Yourself” column in *Bird Watcher’s Digest*. He runs a birding and nature tour company, Alvaro’s Adventures, where the focus is to have fun, learn a thing or two and just enjoy birds and nature. Alvaro lives with his family in Half Moon Bay, California.

To reach San Leandro Main Library from I-580, take the Estudillo exit. Follow Estudillo to library on the right. From I-880, take the Davis St. exit and head east, passing under BART tracks. Go through light at E. 14th St (Davis becomes Callan). Continue 1 ½ blocks to library on right. Library parking lot can be entered from both Callan or Estudillo. We’ll meet in the Karp Room.

A Bird’s Rainbow

**Presenter:** Bob Lewis

**Date:** May 5

**Time:** 7:30PM

**Location:** Pleasanton Middle School

Many birds are brightly colored, others use patterned feathers for camouflage. How do these colors originate? What’s the difference between colors from pigments and physical colors? From Yellow Warblers to Anna’s Hummingbirds, from Snow Geese to Brewer’s Blackbirds, each species makes unique use of the feather colors it possesses. What do the colors indicate to other birds? And do birds see the same colors we do? Bob will unravel some of the mysteries of color in birds with a little chemistry, a bit of physics, and a lot of brightly colored slides.

Bob trained as a chemist and worked for Chevron for 33 years. He’s taught birding classes in the Bay Area for over 20 years, and is the chair of Golden Gate Audubon’s Adult Education Committee. Currently he’s co-teaching a popular Master Birder class at the SF Academy of Sciences with Jack Dumbacher and Eddie Bartley, and will be spending June in the Sierra teaching ‘Birds of the Sierra’ with Rusty Scalf and Eddie Bartley. He loves to travel and photograph birds and has just returned from a trip to SE Asia, chasing the brightly colored birds of that area.

**NOTE: ROOM CHANGE**

To reach Pleasanton Middle School, take I-680 toward Pleasanton. Exit at Bernal Avenue and head east on Bernal to Case Avenue. Turn right on Case. The school is located on the right. Park at the south end of the parking lot. We will be meeting in Room 415A, which is behind and to the left of the library. Look for signs.

The pigment that creates the yellow color in *King Penguins* is still undefined.

Saffron Toucanet’s yellow feathers are colored by carotenes in the food it eats.

The Red-headed Barbet operates a chemical plant in its body to convert yellow carotenes to red pigments.
Garretson Point to Arrowhead Marsh - MLK Shoreline

Leaders: Rich Nicholson and Stephanie Floyd, fieldtripsATohloneaudubon.org

Nice flat paved trails invite you to search for five species of grebes in their breeding plumage along with three species of teal and a long list of resident birds. The weather should be good, and the effort will be well worth it, as MLK Shoreline always offers a rewarding day of birding. To reach Garretson Point, take I-880 to Hegenberger in Oakland. Drive west to Edgewater Drive, then go north until the roads ends at a free parking lot. Heavy rain cancels.

North Livermore

Leader: Ray Fontaine 925-784-5411, rayfontaine2@att.net

We will walk along the Arroyo where we can expect many wading birds such as stilts, avocets and herons (maybe a nesting Black-Crowned Night Heron), ducks, teal, and many songbirds. Raptors are around, and a Golden Eagle was observed a few years ago. Wide, level trails make walking easy. Beginners are especially welcome and encouraged. Bring your scope if you have one. Directions: Take I-580 east to exit 54 for First Street/Springtown Blvd, turn left onto First Street and continue onto Springtown Blvd. Turn right (east) on Bluebell Dr. and continue about a mile and a half to Marlin A. Pound Park (North Livermore Neighborhood Park). We will meet at the bridge crossing the Arroyo. Park on either side of the road. Rain cancels.

Mines Road, Livermore

Leader: Rich Cimino, yellowbilledtours@gmail.com

Some birds are just easier to see on Mines Road than anywhere else in Alameda County, including Bald and Golden Eagles, Phainopeplas, Rufous-Crowned Sparrows, Wrentits, Yellow-Billed Magpies, Violet-Green Swallows, and maybe even a rare Red-Naped Sapsucker or Lewis’s Woodpecker or scarce Lawrence’s Goldfinches. Join Rich Cimino for an all-day adventure to see what we can find. The winding road climbs into the mountains for some 30 miles with little room to park on the shoulders, so plan to carpool. The weather may be warm. Bring food and water.

Garin/Dry Creek Regional Parks

Leaders: Brenda Senturia and Rich Nicholson, fieldtripsATohloneaudubon.org

On this relaxed trip we’ll explore Garin/Dry Creek Regional Parks from the Dry Creek entrance. April is an excellent time to see a wide variety of birds. Residents and newly arrived migrants will be courting and setting up nesting territories. From this entrance, excellent riparian habitat, oak woodland and grazed pasture are accessible. We’ll be looking closely at bird behavior: setting up breeding territories, courtship displays and signs of nesting. Birds will be in their finest plumages, and we should find quite a variety: woodpeckers, flycatchers, warblers, wrens, sparrows, and thrushes.

Meet at the Jack in the Box on N Livermore Ave. at 7:30 AM to form carpools. From I-580 eastbound in Livermore, take the exit for N Livermore Ave. and turn right onto N Livermore Ave. The Jack in the Box will be on your right. Mines Road is about 10 minutes from this starting point. We will briefly visit Del Valle State Recreation Area along our route ($6 entry fee per car, free to EB Parks Annual Passholders). Facilities are available only at Del Valle and at The Junction (28 miles up Mines Road).
Welcome New Members

Ohlone sends a warm welcome and thank you to the following new and renewing chapter members:


Donations:


We would also like to thank all of you who generously contribute to our drawing each month by contributing prizes or buying tickets!

Is it time to renew? Look at your mailing label - it will tell you. For example: “Pd Thru 4/1/15” indicates that you are paid thru April 2015. A “RENEW?” indicates that / this is your last Kite Call! If you see a “JOIN LOCAL?” on your label this indicates that you have joined the National Audubon Society, but alas, not your local Ohlone chapter. To renew or join us please send a $20 check to Pat Gordon, Membership Chair, 1922 Hillsdale Street, Hayward, CA 94541-5428. Thanks!

(Field trips continued)

Swallow Festival - Lake Elizabeth & Coyote Hills Reg Park
April 26, Sunday  10:00 AM - 11:30 AM & 12:15 PM - 2:30 PM
Leaders: Phil Gordon, pagpeg@aol.com, and Park Ranger Sandy Ferreira

The 13th Annual Return of the Swallows Festival, sponsored by the City of Fremont, Ohlone Audubon Society, and Chabot College, will be held on Tuesday, April 21, at 11:00 AM at Chabot College. In conjunction with the festival, we offer a field trip on Sunday, 4/26 to see swallows at Lake Elizabeth and Coyote Hills Regional Park.

1st Segment on 4/26: At 10:00, Park Ranger Sandy Ferreira will lead us along Lake Elizabeth and Mission Creek to view several nesting swallow species: Cliff Swallow, Barn Swallow, Tree Swallow and possibly others. From I-880, exit at Stevenson Blvd. and go east to Paseo Padre Parkway. Turn right on Paseo Padre and follow the signs to the Waterpark. We will meet at the five tall palm trees at the north end of the Waterpark lot, south end of the lake.

2nd Segment on 4/26: At 12:15 PM, meet Phil on the Visitor Center lawn at Coyote Hills Regional Park to eat your bag lunch, followed at 2:00 by a Marsh and Hills Swallow Trek. From the Waterpark at Lake Elizabeth, turn right onto Paseo Padre Parkway. Turn left on Stevenson and stay on it to I-880. Go north on I-880 to the Decoto Road/Highway 84/Dumbarton Bridge exit. Go west on Highway 84 to the last exit before the bridge, Paseo Padre Parkway. Turn right onto Paseo, then left on Patterson Ranch Road. $5 parking fee payable at kiosk unless you have an EB Parks annual pass. Heavy rain cancels.

Sibley Volcanic Regional Preserve
April 29, Wednesday, 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM
Leaders: Jim & Linda Hargrove, fieldtripsATohloneaudubon.org

Join us for a pleasant walk through some small woods into a typical grassland habitat. The birds should be on territory and singing. We can expect to see, or at least hear, California Thrasher, Lazuli Bunting, and several species of sparrows. In previous years, a pair of Golden Eagles has nested on the microwave tower on the hill, and we hope to see them again this year. The hike is along a gravel path and some paved areas, involving a moderate uphill slope. We’ll proceed slowly, so most will have no trouble with the walk. Bring water and sunscreen.

We’ll meet at the visitor’s center on Skyline Blvd., near the intersection with Grizzly Peak. The simplest route is to take CA 13 and exit at Park Blvd. Turn left on Mountain Blvd and right onto Snake Rd. Stay on Snake Rd until you reach Skyline. Take a sharp left onto Skyline and look for the entrance to the parking lot.

Del Valle SRA  Saturday, May 2, 8:30 - 11:30 AM
Leader: Steve Huckabone, shuckabone@comcast.net

We will take a ~3 mile route looking for migrants and resident birds, including Chipping Sparrow, Ash-throated Flycatcher, Bell’s Sparrow and Phainopepla. Along the way we may inspect nest boxes to see how this year’s hatchlings are progressing. Warning: the hike involves some steep terrain so would be considered strenuous by most birders. Bring walking sticks if you like.
(More Field trips!)

Meet at the parking lot at the west end of the bridge at the south end of the lake. Restrooms and water available near the parking area and about half way through the transect at the Cedar Group Camp. To reach the meeting place, exit I-580 in Livermore at North Livermore Avenue. Head south and proceed through town. North Livermore Avenue will become South Livermore Avenue in town. About 1.5 miles outside town, turn right at Mines Road, go about 3.5 miles and continue straight onto Del Valle Road (Mines Road turns left) to the park entrance ($6 fee, no charge with an EBParks annual pass). After entering the park continue on Del Valle road to the parking lot on the west end of the bridge.

Sunol Regional Wilderness
Leaders: Jerry Ting and Vicki Robinson, fieldtripsATohloneaudubon.org

Join the leaders for a chance to enjoy early spring at one of our great regional parks, Sunol. We hope to find early nesting activity near the foot bridge and visitor’s center. Our route from there will depend on recent sightings. In any case, plan for moderate hiking. Meet at the Green Barn parking lot, first parking lot on the left after entering the park.

May 6, Wednesday, 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM

To reach the park, take the Calaveras Rd./SR-84 exit from I-680 and drive southeast about five miles to Geary Road; turn left (east) on Geary and continue to the park (watch for wild turkeys along the road!) Parking fee $5; free to East Bay Parks annual pass holders.

Bobelaine Audubon Sanctuary
Leaders: Phil and Pat Gordon, pagpeg@aol.com, 510-538-3550

Bobelaine Audubon Sanctuary is a wildlife sanctuary owned by the National Audubon Society and managed by volunteers of the Sacramento Audubon Society. It was donated to National Audubon in 1975 for use as a sanctuary. The name was derived from the names of the donors, Bob & Elaine Crandall. Bobelaine is a rare remnant of the riparian forests that once projected two to five miles on either side of the rivers in the Great Central Valley of California. The sanctuary is also registered as a “State Ecological Reserve” and is protected by the State Department of Fish & Game and the National Audubon Society. It is also listed as part of an “Important Bird Area” by the National Audubon Society.

Join us for a spring day stroll through this very special place. Bobelaine is a sanctuary representing a disappearing riparian habitat along the Feather River. This is a good time for spring arrivals, including warblers, orioles, grosbeaks, as well as resident woodpeckers and other passerines. Many species should be in the midst of nesting. Bring liquids and a lunch and be prepared to walk. Bobelaine is not wheelchair accessible at this time.

May 16, Saturday, 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Directions: From the Bay area, proceed to Sacramento either via I-5 east of Tracy or from I-80 in Cordelia. From Sacramento, take Hwy 99/70 north. When Hwys 99 and 70 split stay on 99 and cross the Feather River bridge. About 2 miles north of the bridge, turn right at Laurel Avenue, the second signed street after crossing the bridge. Stay on Laurel Ave. until you reach an "End" sign. At this point the road turns to dirt and gravel and is over private land. We ask that you slow to five miles per hour from the "End" sign to the parking area to keep the dust down. Continue on until you reach the "Bobelaine Audubon Sanctuary" sign, parking lot, kiosk and metal barn. There is a large color map in the kiosk showing the trails and the three entrances to the sanctuary. Map handouts should be available in the mail box adjacent to the kiosk. If the gate happens to be open DO NOT DRIVE ONTO THE LEVEE! Please park in the parking area. There is no charge to bird the sanctuary at this time. Driving time from the Bay Area is estimated at 2-1/2 hours.

COMING LASSEN PARK WEEKEND 6/27-28/15!!!!!

New Sibley guide

“Undoubtedly the finest guide to North American birds.”—Guy McCaskie, Birding

The publication of The Sibley Guide to Birds in 2000 quickly established David Allen Sibley as the author and illustrator of the nation’s supreme and most comprehensive guide to birds. Used by millions of birders from novices to the most expert, The Sibley Guide became the standard by which natural history guides are measured. The highly anticipated second edition builds on this foundation of excellence, offering massively expanded and updated information, new paintings, new and rare species, and a new, elegant design. . Be sure to get 2nd printing.
EAST COUNTY:
The main activity this month involved a hearing before the eastern Alameda County Board of Zoning Adjustments on the DEIS describing and application for a conditional use permit by Altamont Winds Inc. to delay upgrades to their turbines. The upgrades were mandated in 2013 to be completed by 2015. AWI requested to delay this requirement to 2018 for economic reasons. The 2013 Final EIS for the project found that continued operation of the older turbines would “very substantially increase avian mortality.”

WEST COUNTY:

- **Newark:** Newark: several environmental groups attended the Newark city council meeting concerning Area 4. At that meeting city staff recommended setting aside the 2010 Areas 3 & 4 and all the attendant approvals, as was ordered by the court, but the city postponed the approval of the 2015 REIR for the two areas. This was after the Planning Commission staff had recommended and it was voted on by the commission to recommended approval of the 2015 REIR. The City Council attempted to resolve the flawed General Plan Update EIR by unanimously passing a very confusing resolution stating it had not been the City’s intention to provide environmental disclosure, CEQA compliance or clearance for the Area 3 & 4 Specific Area Plan. The resolution however, does not change the fact that the 2013 GPU EIR relied heavily upon the 2010 Areas 3 & 4 Specific Plan EIR, that was ordered to be set aside by the court. No questions were asked by any city council member, and the city attorney, said the city council meeting was not the appropriate place to engage in academic debates!

- **Niles** - Alameda Creek Bridge Replacement - the deadline for the submittal of comments has been extended to 5 pm Friday, April 3, 2015. We encourage our members to submit comments, and additional information can be found at the Alameda Creek Alliance website: [http://www.alamedacreek.org/take-action/protecting-niles-canyon.php](http://www.alamedacreek.org/take-action/protecting-niles-canyon.php)

- **Coliseum City** – Coliseum City – we have heard that it was one of the most bizarre meetings, as there were hoards of people dressed in black and silver, they were leading cheers, and singing songs. The filling of Edgewater Seasonal wetlands still appears on the maps, but has been removed from the actual text of the FEIR. The Regional Water Quality Control Board a submitted a letter signed by the Executive Director stating it would be extremely difficult to permit the filling of the mitigation site.

- **South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project** SEIR for Phase 2 should be out sometime in this spring.

- **Habitat Means Home** poster contest dates have been set. The awards ceremony is scheduled for Saturday, May 16th. – Carin High

**CALLING ALL GARDENERS!**

Spring is here and we need help in maintaining our lively (full of birds!) Bette Wentzel Hummingbird and Butterfly Garden at Shinn Arboretum in Fremont. We meet each Tuesday from 10 AM—noon. Projects now include a spring cleanup, new plantings, and bender board replacement. The garden is located at 1251 Peralta Blvd, Fremont. For further details contact Phil Gordon at pagpeg@aol.com
NOMINATIONS

The following is offered as the slate of officers for 2015-2016. Members will be asked to vote for the slate at the May general Meeting. Nominations may also be submitted from the floor.

PRESIDENT: Evelyn Cormier
VICE PRESIDENT: Allen Bertillion
RECORDING SECRETARY: Helen Sowers
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Deborah Pan
TREASURER: Gail Ryujin
DIRECTOR AT LARGE (2018): Vicki Robinson

SILENT AUCTION

This original lithograph by J. Gould and HC Richter, “Sumatra Elegant Trogons,” was donated to Ohlone several years ago. It was valued by Clars Auction Gallery at between $200-400. The Ohlone Board has decided to sell it by a silent auction.

This is a great hand-colored trogon (Harpactes macloti) lithograph, from “A Monograph of the Trogonidae, or Family of Trogons”, 2nd edition, 1858-1872, published by Gould. It is matted and framed. The lithograph size is 12-1/4 inches by 29 inches, in a frame that measures 19 inches by 27 inches. John Gould was a renowned ornithologist and bird artist. He frequently drew a bird sketch and another artist finished the work. In this case it was Henry C. Richter.

The beautiful lithograph may be viewed at our April, May, and June meetings. Bids start at $100. Place your bid with Helen Sowers, 510-537-2377 or hmsowers@comcast.net Bidding will close at our June 2 meeting.

Ohlone Neck Coolers

We are also considering ordering Ohlone Audubon neck coolers as a fundraiser. As I demonstrated at our March meeting, once these cotton neck scarves are soaked in cool water for about 15 minutes, they will remain cool around your neck for quite some time. We must order a minimum of 75 in order to have our logo printed on these neck coolers and the cost will be $7.00 each. If you would like to order one or more of these items, please call me at 510/537-0311 or e-mail at dennismona@outlook.com. Please respond by April 15 so that we can determine if we have enough interest to place an order. I will bring samples to our April 7th meeting as well.

IMBD T-Shirt Sale

We’ve received the 2015 International Migratory Bird Day catalog and like the t-shirt design so much, we’d like to order some for our members. An added bonus this year is in addition to the regular t-shirt style, they are offering a women’s fit shirt with a deeper neckline. To offer these to our members at a reasonable price, we must order a minimum of 24 shirts.

Please let me know if you would like to participate in this order by either calling me, 510/537-0311 or e-mailing me at dennismona@outlook.com with the number of shirts you would like, whether you prefer the standard style or women’s fit, and what sizes. The cost per shirt will be $17.00. (Add $2.00 for XXL) I need these orders by April 15. You can also sign up to order at our April meeting on April 7th.

The t-shirt is tan and can be viewed on our website.

-Mona Brauer

WANTED: BIRD SIGHTINGS REPORTER

We need someone to report all the unusual bird sightings in our area for the Kite Call. Contact us at pagpeg@aol.com
Alice Hoch’s Next Field Trips Class

Field identification, life styles, and ecology of local birds

Alice Hoch’s next Birding Field Trips class will be held on four consecutive Tuesdays from May 19 thru June 9th. Class dates are: 5/19, 5/26, 6/2, & 6/9. (Note: The change to consecutive Tuesdays for this class is due to the birds' schedule.)

This is the time to see birds in their breeding plumage (usually their brightest) and to see them nesting and caring for their young. It’s the time to hear them singing and the time they will be the easiest to see. It’s the time to observe their behavior and appreciate their lifestyles. Besides all that... the weather should be our best. Treat yourself to 4 Tuesday mornings of enjoying the birds, the butterflies, the flowers, nature, & the great outdoors with a really nice group of like-minded, helpful companions! Alice’s birding class is different because it consists of tutoring during actual birding, rather than sitting through lectures. The class will bird a different excellent birding site each Tuesday from 9:30AM to 12:30PM Alice has been teaching Birding Field Trips for 40 yrs. and is an active member of Ohlone Audubon Society. Her classes are filled with friendly, helpful people at all levels from absolute beginner to very experienced. They would love to have you join them. Class size is limited, so register early! I expect this to be my last class until late August or early Sept. Questions about class and registration: Contact Alice at amhoch@aol.com or 510-657-0475

Eastern Alameda CBC Results

Rich Cimino submitted the following counts for the CBC held Friday, December 19, 2014. A total of 138 species and 29,547 individuals were found:

- **Canada Goose** 449
- **Mute Swan** 2
- **Wood Duck** 19
- **Gadwall** 34
- **American Wigeon** 327
- **Mallard** 359
- **Cinnamon Teal** 7
- **Northern Shoveler** 18
- **Northern Pintail** 4
- **Green-winged Teal** 41
- **Canvasback** 16
- **Redhead** 3
- **Ring-necked Duck** 94
- **Greater Scaup** 14
- **Lesser Scaup** 69
- **scaup sp.** 8
- **Bufflehead** 120
- **Common Goldeneye** 35
- **Hooded Merganser** 19
- **Common Merganser** 17
- **Ruddy Duck** 61
- **Ring-necked Pheasant** 1
- **Wild Turkey** 311
- **California Quail** 359
- **Common Loon** 3
- **Pied-billed Grebe** 22
- **Horned Grebe** 198
- **Eared Grebe** 15
- **Western Grebe** 184
- **Clark's Grebe** 16
- **American White Pelican** 28
- **Double-crested Cormorant** 67
- **Great Blue Heron** 26

- **Great Egret** 30
- **Snowy Egret** 9
- **Green Heron** 4
- **Turkey Vulture** 347
- **Osprey** 8
- **White-tailed Kite** 20
- **Bald Eagle**
  - Adults: 1 Immatures: 1
- **Northern Harrier** 1
- **Sharp-shinned Hawk** 6
- **Cooper’s Hawk** 11
- **Red-shouldered Hawk** 23
- **Red-tailed Hawk** 139
- **Ferruginous Hawk** 3
- **Golden Eagle**
  - Adults: 15 Immatures: 3
- **American Kestrel** 48
- **Merlin** 4
- **Peregrine Falcon** 7
- **Virginia Rail** 1
- **Common Gallinule** 3
- **American Coot** 611
- **Killdeer** 51
- **Spotted Sandpiper** 1
- **Greater Yellowlegs** 4
- **Wilson’s Snipe** 28
- **Ring-billed Gull** 514
- **California Gull** 424
- **Herring Gull** 14
- **Glaucous-winged Gull** 1
  - gull sp. 647
- **Rock Pigeon** 410
- **Band-tailed Pigeon** 1866
- **Eurasian Collared-Dove** 68
- **Mourning Dove** 538
- **Barn Owl** 8
- **Great Horned Owl** 21
- **Northern Pygmy-Owl** 2
- **Burrowing Owl** 1
- **Vaux’s Swift** 12

- **White-throated Swift** 29
- **Anna’s Hummingbird** 158
- **Belted Kingfisher** 7
- **Lewis’s Woodpecker** 6
- **Acorn Woodpecker** 472
- **Red-breasted Sapsucker** 23
- **Nuttall’s Woodpecker** 122
- **Downy Woodpecker** 14
- **Hairy Woodpecker** 8
- **Northern (RS)Flicker** 265
- **Black Phoebe** 162
- **Say’s Phoebe** 41
- **Loggerhead Shrike** 10
- **Hutton’s Vireo** 13
- **Steller’s Jay** 105
- **Western Scrub-Jay** 398
- **Yellow-billed Magpie** 114
- **American Crow** 887
- **Common Raven** 90
- **Horned Lark** 14
- **Tree Swallow** 11
- **No Rough-winged Swallow** 1
- **Barn Swallow** 1
- **Chesnut-bked Chickadee** 193
- **Oak Titmouse** 137
- **Bushtit** 526
- **Red-breasted Nuthatch** 1
- **White-breasted Nuthatch** 100
- **Brown Creeper** 12
- **Rock Wren** 8
- **Bewick’s Wren** 48
- **Marsh Wren** 2
- **Golden-crowned Kinglet** 1
- **Ruby-crowned Kinglet** 210
- **Townsend’s Warbler** 16
- **Common Yellowthroat** 2
- **Spotted Towhee** 141
- **California Towhee** 231
- **Rufous-crowned Sparrow** 13
- **Bell’s Sparrow** (Bell’s) 2
- **Savannah Sparrow** 53
- **Fox Sparrow** 30
- **Song Sparrow** 79
- **Lincoln’s Sparrow** 37
- **White-throated Sparrow** 5
- **White-crowned Sparrow** 1222
- **Golden-c Sparrow** 2215
- **Dark-eyed Junco** 659
- **Red-winged Blackbird** 924
- **Tricolored Blackbird** 71
- **Western Meadowlark** 380
- **Brewer’s Blackbird** 1365
- **Great-tailed Grackle** 6
- **Brown-headed Cowbird** 87
  - blackbird sp. 70
- **Purple Finch** 11
- **House Finch** 770
- **Pine Siskin** 209
- **Lesser Goldfinch** 1320
- **American Goldfinch** 85
- **House Sparrow** 50
Need A Good Suet Recipe?

Member Nancy Mendoza shared this recipe from the feeding station at Ash Canyon Bed & Breakfast, Hereford, AZ http://AshCanyon.com. We have it on good authority that it works well here!

Melt together on low heat, and stir to blend:

- 2 cups chunky peanut butter
- 2 cups lard

When fat is melted, turn off heat. Add dry ingredients one at a time, mixing well after each addition:

- 2 cups flour
- 4 cups corn meal
- 4 cups oatmeal (Tip: using “quick” oatmeal holds the cakes together better)

Blend all ingredients thoroughly. Press mixture into 9 x 13 inch pan. Cool and cut into squares. Or, press into empty plastic suet container. Chill. Remove from containers as needed and place in suet baskets.

“Bird-A-Thon” – Fund Raising Event
Saturday, April 25, 2015

Are you interested in participating in an exciting, renewing and rewarding birding adventure while helping to generate funds to support the Wildlife Volunteer Program? During this “Quest for 101 Birds in a Day” event, you will get “nose to beak” with birds, while visiting several active bird research and restorations sites. Our dawn to dusk adventure will take us through numerous locations recording the “Feathered Jewels” they contain, while generating tax-deductible donations to meet the mission of protecting and enhancing California least tern and western snowy plover nesting habitat in the District. Space is limited. Register by contacting Doc Quack at docquack@ebparks.org (Registration must be received no later than Friday, April 10, 2015). Locations: TBA
Please renew your Ohlone membership by the date shown on your address label.
Direct questions about Kite Call delivery to the Membership Chair

Yes, I want to Join Ohlone Audubon Society!
Please sign me up today

Name: __________________________
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