



The Kite Call

Ohlone Audubon Society, Inc.

*A chapter of the National Audubon Society
Serving Southern & Eastern Alameda County CA*
Our Mission: To celebrate and protect birds and their habitats in
Southern and Eastern Alameda County
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DAY!**

Membership Meeting

Annual Potluck Dinner Installation of Officers

Date: June 4, 2019 **Time:** Bird Walk 4PM **Setup:** 5PM **Dinner** 6PM
Location: Lake Chabot Regional Park— Group picnic area near restrooms
17600 Lake Chabot Road, Castro Valley, 94546

It is our annual potluck dinner and this year it will be held outdoors, with us flocking together at **Lake Chabot Regional Park in Castro Valley**. Time to catch up with fellow members about birds, happenings, or life, over delicious food. We will also be installing our new Board of Directors for FY 2019-2020. (*see page 6*)

Please bring your own table service, utensils, and a dish to share (about 10 to 12 servings) Last names: **A-G:** Entrée **H-O:** dessert **P-Z:** salad, vegetable or side dish. Beverages will be supplied, courtesy of OAS. (Visitors are requested to refrain from alcoholic beverages in the park).



Come early! Bring your binoculars and **Kathy Robertson** and **Phil Gordon** will lead a bird walk, beginning at **4PM**.

Directions: In Castro Valley on I-580 westbound, take the Strobbridge Avenue exit. Turn right on Strobbridge, right on Castro Valley Boulevard, and left on Lake Chabot Road. The Lake Chabot Marina is about two miles ahead on the right. In Castro Valley on I-580 eastbound, exit at Redwood Road and go left, go left at Castro Valley Boulevard, right at Lake Chabot Road, and follow the directions above. From I-580 in San Leandro, exit at Fairmont Drive and go east (uphill). The marina entrance will be to the left at the bottom of the hill (parkingfee/EBRPD pass).

Our next meeting will be **September 3** at Carlton Plaza in Fremont with Peter Pyle, speaking on the *Ecology & Conservation of the Gulf of the Farallones*.

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**Remember to
bring your
own cup to
meetings!**





Field Trips

Mitchell Canyon, Mt. Diablo State Park.
Saturday, May 18 8:30 AM-12:00 PM
Leader: Rich Nicholson
rsn711@yahoo.com

Enjoy an easy to moderate walk on a dirt road for a two to three mile round trip to look for raptors, woodpeckers, thrushes, vireos and warblers. Scopes can be useful, but they are not necessary. Lunch is optional as we recap the list after the walk. Restrooms are available. Heavy rain cancels.

Directions: Take Hwy 24 east or 680-north to Walnut Creek; exit at Ygnacio Valley Rd. Proceed east 8.5 miles to Clayton Rd; turn right. Drive one mile to Mitchell Canyon Rd.; turn right. At the end of the road, enter the park after paying the \$6 entry fee. Meet at the parking lot.

Lake Chabot Regional Park
Wednesday, May 22 8:30 AM - noon
Leaders: Rich Nicholson and Kathy Robertson
fieldtrips@ohloneaudubon.org

Lake Chabot Regional Park offers a variety of habitats for birdwatching: riparian, grassland, oak savannah, marshy shoreline, and open water. We'll look for spring migrants and nesting residents. We might see the Bald Eagles that are nesting on the lake! We will hike a few miles over mostly moderate terrain with a few steep hills. Pre-registration is not required, and all are welcome. Heavy rain cancels.

Directions: Take Lake Chabot Road north from Castro Valley Boulevard for 1.6 miles. Turn right just before the East Bay Regional Park District sign. Follow the road uphill for 0.7 miles to the parking area on the left. Meet at the parking area across from the Security and Fire Headquarters.

Niles Hotspots
Wednesday, May 29 8:30 - 11:30 AM
Leaders: Kathy Robertson and Stephanie Floyd
fieldtrips@ohloneaudubon.org

We will visit several great birding spots in the Niles area along the Alameda Creek channel and in the woods in hopes of seeing spring migrants and nesting birds including Hooded Orioles, warblers, and waterfowl. Pre-registration is not required, and all are welcome. Heavy rain cancels.

Niles cont'd: Meet at the Niles Community Park.

Directions: To reach the park, from I-880, take Decoto Road northeast about 2 miles. Turn right (east) on Alvarado-Niles Blvd. and stay on it for about 2 1/2 miles (it becomes Niles Blvd.) Turn right on H St. The park is at the end of H St. From I-680, take Niles Canyon Road (Hwy 84) southwest to Fremont. Cross Mission Blvd. to reach Niles Blvd. and bear right on Niles Blvd. to go through the main part of Niles. Turn left on H St. The park is at the end of H St. From Mission Boulevard north or south, turn onto Niles Blvd. and follow the directions above.

**Behind the Scenes at
 the Hayward Interpretive Center**
Sunday, June 9 8:30 AM- Noon
Leaders: Pat & Phil Gordon and Maggie Clark
pagpeg@aol.com

Join us for a very special trip behind the locked gates at the Hayward Shoreline. Maggie has been monitoring nests for EBRPD out there and will guide us. We will have the opportunity to see the nesting islands with California Least and Forster's Terns and possibly the Black Skimmers. We will also view the other shorebird summer inhabitants of the shoreline. Scopes will be essential as we want minimal disturbance to the nesters. We will have to go in together so be sure to arrive on time.

Directions: From I-880 in Hayward, exit onto Hwy 92 West toward the San Mateo Bridge, then take the Clawiter Road/Eden Landing Road. Go straight through the light (Do not turn onto Clawiter). Make the first left onto Breakwater Avenue. Turn left to stay on Breakwater Avenue. Go all the way to the end of the street, and park parallel to the freeway.

LASSEN WEEKEND TRIP JUNE 22-23, 2019

Limited to 20 participants—trip is full!
 To be put on the waiting list email Phil and Pat
 Gordon at pagpeg@aol.com.
 See details in April 1-May 15, 2019 issue

(other trips—see page 3)

BIRDING OBSERVATIONS

Spring 2019

By Stephanie Floyd

The migrant birds of spring are back! The swallows, warblers, kinglets, orioles, vireos, flycatchers, kingbirds, grosbeaks, tanagers... they're turning up all over town. Is that a **House Wren** singing? A **Cassin's Vireo** calling? **Western bluebirds** and **Tree Swallows** have claimed nest boxes.

One bright warm morning at the end of March, our newest field trip leader, Phil Georgakakos, led us through beautiful Mountain View Cemetery in Piedmont where we found more than 50 species, many of them newly back in town: **Pacific Slope Flycatcher**, **Wilson's Warbler**, **Allen's Hummingbird**, and three kinds of Swallows: **Northern Rough-winged**, **Violet-Green**, and **Cliff**.

Our local **Bewick's Wrens**, **Marsh Wrens**, **House Wrens**, **American Robins**, **Dark-Eyed Juncos**, and **Song Sparrows** are up and singing on territory. By mid-April birders reported **Hooded Oriole** calling at Ardenwood, **Nashville Warbler** at Coyote Hills, **Northern Pygmy-Owl** at Sunol, and four tern species at Alameda shoreline:

Forster's, **Elegant**, **Least** and **Caspian**. Singing **Black-headed Grosbeaks**, **Hammond's Flycatcher** and chattering **Bullock's Orioles** have arrived at Garin. Babies are being born!

During our annual Earth Day Swallow Walk at Lake Elizabeth with Phil Gordon, we found a **Bushtit** nest with both parents flying in and out to feed the kids. As for rare sightings, John Luther reported a **Royal Tern** in Alameda, and others reported **Calliope Hummingbirds** on Mt. Diablo. **Black-Throated Gray Warbler** and **Orange-Crowned Warbler** showed up for our annual field trip at Del Valle along with **Warbling Vireo**.

At the end of April birders at our Sunol field trip found **Ash-Throated Flycatcher**, **Western Kingbird**, and **Western Tanager**.

Join one of our spring field trips to get in on the fun!



Double-crested Cormorant on nest, Shadow Cliffs, 2/28/19 (PGordon)



Join Ohlone's **Kathy Robertson and Ryan Gilpin** of Golden Gate AS (yanmgilpin@gmail.com, (925) 980-1256) for a trip to the:

California Historic Nursery Park, Fremont
Sunday May 19th,
8:00 - 10:00 a.m.

While the main focus will be birds, this a combined tree and bird trip. This is a very interesting site for trees. We can go over the basics to help describe which tree a bird is in to your friends, as well as some of the trickier species ID of non-native species that grow in the Bay Area.

Meet in the main parking lot (free) near the bathrooms (they are normally locked, so plan ahead). From Hwy 880, take Alvarado-Niles Road 4 miles east and the park will be on the right. The site is flat and there are a series of semi-maintained trails that we will use to explore the orchard, boxed forest, oaks, and palms transplanted from the 1915 World Fair.

Call, text or email with any questions. <https://goo.gl/maps/X7WqMBJ58dG2>. For a complete description see <https://goldengateaudubon.org/upcoming-field-trips/>

Annual Field Trip Planning Meeting

The annual field trip planning meeting will take place Saturday June 1, 2019, 4PM, at the Gordon Home, 1922 Hillsdale Street, Hayward. Send your ideas to Lynn Feindel, fieldtrips@ohloneaudubon.org or join us for a potluck supper! RSVP to Lynn by email or at 925-895-8397.



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

We will have plenty of information on what parts of the ocean have been hot this season and we will try to maximize the seabird list by heading to these areas. Late August to mid-September are when diversity peaks out there not only for birds but the whales as well. Trip cost: \$140.

SAVE THE DATE!

OHLONE AUDUBON TRIP!

Leader: Dorian Anderson

Join other OAS members on this co-promoted trip with Alvaro's Adventures



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Conservation



Coyote Hills Regional Park Land Use Plan Amendment (LUPA) and Restoration and Public Access Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR)

OAS signed on to a 12 page comment letter submitted regarding the inadequacies of the DEIR and the LUPA. Comment letters were also submitted by the Sierra Club and CCCR hired environmental consultant Scott Cashen, to provide comments regarding the inadequacies of the DEIR.

Here are a few excerpts from our comment letter:

- Language included in the LUPA acknowledges the ecological significance of the remnant historic willow grove within the Patterson Slough Natural Unit, as well as the importance of protecting, preserving and restoring this area. Unfortunately, the actions proposed within the LUPA and DEIR do not provide confidence that that will actually occur.
- Second, it is impossible to determine whether impacts to biological resources will be less than significant, as baseline conditions have not been adequately described and the DEIR fails to analyze or discuss the adverse impacts of human disturbance, trails and picnic areas that were raised in our scoping letter.
- Last, the proposed public access features have the potential to result in significant adverse impacts to the natural environment at the project level and cumulatively when reviewed against the many projects in the area that now have reduced habitats that sustain natural resources. This is in stark contrast to the stated intent of protecting and preserving a regionally significant habitat – the willow sausal, historically known as “The Willows.”

The Goals Project (Baylands Ecosystem Habitat Goals Report) described the area thusly, "The diked wetlands east of Coyote Hills [partially within the park boundaries and the Patterson Ranch Property] support the largest remaining willow groves in the baylands ecosystem." [emphasis added]

The remaining remnant was once "a 400 acre willow thicket east of Coyote Hills and just south of the present-day Flood Control Channel..." and was known as a "hotspot for local biodiversity [emphasis added]: "Ornithological records reflect the diversity of habitats available in and around this small wetland. "

In addition to its significance as a hotspot for local biodiversity, the Willows was an important local cultural landmark."

The Goals Project recommends protection and restoration of the willow grove habitat. Unfortunately, the emphasis of the LUPA and DEIR seem to be on providing public access and recreational elements. Detailed drawings of public access trails and facilities are provided, while little information is provided regarding the proposed restoration activities.

We fully agree that public access and recreational facilities are important elements and contribute to the public’s appreciation and enjoyment of the resources the EBRPD provides. The ability to walk in a natural environment improves our quality of life and increases recognition of the need for stewardship. However, care needs to be taken in siting such facilities, and these facilities should not be located in areas that would be to the detriment of regionally significant biological resources. Scientific literature strongly indicates that human disturbance can have significant, adverse impacts on biological resources.

We strongly urge the EBRPD to relocate the parking and picnic facilities to the south side of Patterson Ranch Road, and remove the spur trail on the west side of Patterson Slough. The Tule Lookout Trail should be removed from public access or open only on a seasonal basis to avoid disturbance of migratory waterbirds. The question to consider is whether EBRPD desires public access that will support restoration efforts to provide increased habitat for neotropical songbirds, rare or listed species, or that which will support species associated with urban areas that are potential competitors or predators of these species, such as rodents, raccoons, corvids, feral animals, etc.

OAS members will be encouraged to attend EBRPD meetings on this issue. -C.High

ED NOTE: this is only a short summary. Please contact Carin High (conservation@ohloneaudubon.org) for a much more detailed report on this very important issue.



SB 767 Update

Senator Steve Glazer’s **SB 767** (Alameda-Tesla Expansion Area) has passed both the Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee and the Senate GO Committee. It is now being held in suspense in the Senate Appropriations Committee, awaiting the state budget approval.

We thank our local legislators for their continued support. **For more information on this most important continuing effort see <http://www.teslapark.org>**



SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday September 21, 2019

Ohlone Audubon Society invites you to:

MEMBERSHIP APPRECIATION DAY

Saturday, September 21, 2019—noon



**Shadow Cliffs Regional Park,
Pleasanton
Lago del Sol Picnic Area**

In recognition and appreciation of the great support of our members, you and your family are invited to a catered (no charge!) luncheon at Shadow Cliffs Regional Park in Pleasanton. Come and meet other members. Please join us for:

Field Trip
10:30 AM
Kathy Robertson
Steve Huckabone

LUNCH
NOON

Meet the Board of Directors

Give input to your organization

Drawing for scope and other items

Free optics cleaning

Members will have the opportunity to meet the Board of Directors, field trip leaders, and discuss our trips, education, programs, and conservation.

Where would you like to go on a field trip?
What programs would you like to see?
What conservation items should we be working on?
Help out with education for the next generation? We will have tables set up so you give us your input!



Save the date! Hope to see you there!
Please RSVP to Pat Gordon, pagpeg@aol.com



Conservation continued

WRAPP - Update

State Wetlands and Riparian Protection Policy

The State Water Board approved the policy with no additional changes on April 2nd. There was a good representation of environmental groups present - Defenders of Wildlife, Sierra Club, California Audubon, several water keeper alliance groups, Center for Biological Diversity and CCCR (Citizens Committee to Complete the Refuge). We all expressed disappointment that the policy did not end as well as it had begun and pressed the State Board to commit to carefully monitoring the implementation of this policy to ensure there are no negative ramifications on protection for waters of the state. It was also stated this is only phase one of what is supposed to be a 3 phase process with definition and protection of riparian areas in the coming

Alameda County Soil Import Ordinance

OAS submitted comments, along with Citizens Committee to Complete the Refuge. The ordinance as currently written will not adequately protect wetlands, creeks or rare or listed species from the adverse impacts of soil import activities. The Alameda County Planning Commission was set to hold a public hearing on May 6th. Neither OAS nor CCCR received notification of the public hearing even though comment letters were submitted. The matter will go before the Alameda County Supervisors later in May for a final vote.

Capitol Corridor



We had a very informative meeting with the Capitol Corridor representatives. Very conceptual project alternatives were presented, with all alternatives being a triple tracked rail - traditional expansion of the existing railroad berm, one that they are not pressing. Other alternatives include one that undergrounds the tracks for passenger rail, but the UP railroad tracks would remain for freight trains and an another alternative where the rail is on trestles.

In the short term we all agreed that the trestle alternative would be preferable through the Refuge and wetlands in Alviso, the long-term question is if they decide at some point in the future to electrify the rail line, we could have major concerns due to bird strike problems.

There will be one more meeting with stakeholders and then Capitol Corridor folks will take this information back to the powers that be to determine which of the options might be worth pursuing further. The end result of the current process will not be a public environmental review document.

President's Corner

I am writing this sitting on a beach having a glass of sangria in Huatulco, Mexico. Wherever I go I try to get in some birding. In checking some of the local bird lists between here, Costa Rica, Guatemala and Panama, I was struck by how many of the birds that I might recognize are gone, headed north. Many of the common wintering birds down here are the ones we work so hard to see during spring migration up north. Virtually all of the warblers we enjoy spend their nonbreeding season in southern Mexico, Central America, the Caribbean or other areas of the Neotropics. Working to preserve bird habitat in the Neotropics is as important as working to preserve it in our backyard. Migratory birds are truly an international resource. They need the entire system of habitat: wintering grounds, migration stop-overs and breeding grounds to make it through the year.

You can learn more about efforts to protect bird habitat in the Neotropics at the National Audubon, ABA and Birdlife International program webpages

<https://www.audubon.org/conservation/international> <https://abcbirds.org/program-division/international/> <http://www.birdlife.org>

It also wouldn't hurt to take a birding trip down here and financially support the birds and those they depend on for help. I have taken trips to southern Mexico, Panama, Costa Rica and Ecuador and as others will tell you the birding and people are fantastic.



Clay-colored Thrush.
Not much to look at, but can he sing.

On this trip I have found another "favorite" bird, at least for this week. It is the Clay-colored Thrush. It is a fairly common, drab brownish bird but it's song is a cross between a robin and a Black-headed Grosbeak. It also sings with the frequency and gusto of a mockingbird. Have fun birding. All the Wilson's Warblers I

am not seeing down here should be up your way by now. Go out and enjoy them.

- Bill Hoppes

Who's Your Webmaster? Ours is Leslie Koenig

Leslie, who maintains our fabulous website, has been volunteering with Ohlone Audubon Society since 2009.

Since that time she has had two daughters, aged 4 and 8 and tries to find time to bird in between work and family life. She currently works as a Senior Biologist for Swaim Biological, Incorporated, a biological consulting firm based out of Livermore. Her favorite bird right now is the American Kestrel, although she is often heard saying "that's one of my favorites" to every bird she sees!



A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW AND RENEWING OHLONE MEMBERS!

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

Thank You!

William Clark, Julie Gilson, James Holland, Cathy Loewen, Alice Helen Masek, Janice Mitchell, Elizabeth Olin, Bernt Pettersson, Rosemarie Richardson, Barbara Ryan, Melinda Selva, Joseph Smith, and Jim Watts

Donations: William Clark, Jeanette King, Bernt Pettersson, and Joseph Smith



Is it time to renew? Look at your mailing label - it will tell you. For example: "Pd Thru 06/19" indicates that you are paid thru June 2019. A "RENEW?" indicates that this is your last Kite Call! A cmp means you are chapter membership paid; a nnmp means you are a national member only and a "JOIN LOCAL?" on your label indicates that you have joined the National Audubon Society, but alas, **not** your local **Ohlone** chapter. **We would love to have you join us.**

If you receive your Kite Call electronically, look for a reminder in your email box.

To renew or join us please send a \$25 check to Pat Gordon, Membership Chair, 1922 Hillsdale Street, Hayward, CA 94541 Or thru PayPal on our website. Thanks!

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NOMINATIONS 2019-2020

The following slate of officers were elected at the May General Meeting, to serve from July 1, 2019 thru June 30, 2020:

- President: Bill Hoppes**
- Vice President: Marty Morrow**
- Recording Secretary: Kathy Robertson**
- Corresponding Secretary: Jackie Bertillion**
- Treasurer: Gail Ryujin**
- Director at Large 2022: Terry Preston**

Spartina, Rails and Arrowhead Marsh

By Bill Hoppes

If you study the natural history of the San Francisco Bay Area you will quickly learn that many of the plants and animals we see are not native. Those wonderful green hills we have enjoyed all spring are full of plants that originated in Eurasia and were brought here by the Spanish and others.

San Francisco Bay is no different. The Bay is the largest estuary on the Pacific coast and provides key habitat for a broad range of flora and fauna. The Bay is also one of most invaded aquatic systems in the world. One of the worst invaders has been **Spartina alterniflora** (Atlantic smooth cordgrass) introduced by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in the 1970s for dredge spoils stabilization and control. **Spartina alterniflora** grows between mean low water and mean high water which is the same tidal zone inhabited by the Pacific coast native **Spartina foliosa** (Pacific cordgrass). By the 1980s, **Spartina alterniflora** had expanded beyond its original planting sites in the bay and fertile hybrids between **S. alterniflora** and **S. foliosa** were common.



Ridgeway's Rail, dealing with invasive species can lead to tough choices with endangered species.

The spread of hybrid **Spartina** was most rapid on mudflats, vital foraging habitat for resident

and migratory shorebirds along the Pacific Flyway and in numerous restoration projects aimed at converting former salt evaporator ponds and agricultural land back to tidal marsh. This hybrid hindered the restoration effort by forming dense monocultures, blocking the reestablishment of the diverse native marsh flora-one of the key goals of the restoration program. To combat this, in 2000 the State Coastal Conservancy and the USFWS established the San Francisco Estuary Invasive **Spartina** Project. Large scale chemical and mechanical treatment of invasive **Spartina** hybrid areas began in 2011. To date the program has reduced invasive and hybrid **Spartina** stands from 800 acres to less than 100. Great news right? Well not so fast.

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Spartina (continued)

In preparing the EIS for the ***Spartina*** eradication project, the agencies evaluated the potential impacts on 47 plant and animal species that inhabit San Francisco Bay. ***Spartina*** removal was expected to have beneficial impacts on almost all these species, including the iconic Salt-Marsh Harvest Mouse.

The situation with Ridgeway's Rail was more complicated. Rails use the dense invasive ***Spartina*** stands as cover from predators and for nesting. In areas where hybrid ***Spartina*** colonized mudflats and new restoration marshes, studies by Casazza et al. in 2016, showed rail habitat was created where previously none had existed. As ***Spartina*** eradication proceeded, studies by Liu et al in 2012 showed that rail numbers declined both in areas subject to eradication and in areas never impacted by invasive ***Spartina*** or its removal. There was the belief that birds displaced from treated areas were not able to colonize existing, adjacent marshes. After consultation among the agencies, eradication of ***Spartina*** continued, at a reduced pace, recognizing that it would lead to reduced rail numbers in the bay since there would be no adjacent marshes available for rail use on a scale needed to accommodate all displaced birds. The expectation is that this trend would reverse as the native ***Spartina*** marshes established and grew in extent.

This approach is getting push back from some in the bay area bird-watching community. In an article in Spring 2017 edition of the Sequoia Audubon Society bulletin, Joe Morlan points out that during the eradication program, rail numbers have crashed in the north bay - in one marsh going from 65 counted birds in 2005 to 0 in 2012 and have dropped precipitously in the San Mateo shoreline where eradication has occurred. Critics are questioning whether rail numbers will drop so low that full recovery will not be possible, even as new native marsh habitat grows and expands.

Which brings me to Arrowhead Marsh. Consisting of more than 50 acres of restored salt marsh, Arrowhead Marsh is part of the 1,220-acre Martin Luther King Jr. Shoreline, Narrow channels connect shallow San Leandro Bay with the broad waters of San Francisco Bay further west. Protected from high waves, but subject to strong tides, Arrowhead's mudflats and salt marsh provide rich bird habitat. It is probably the single best spot to see **Ridgeway's Rails** in the bay area. When king tides occur, hundreds of birders visit the site to get close up views of the rails. It is an excellent spot for bird watching in general. Most of Arrowhead Marsh is scheduled for ***Spartina*** eradication this year, as are other areas of Martin Luther King Shoreline. Arrowhead Marsh has been



divided into two areas, East and

Arrowhead Marsh, one of the best spots for Ridgeway's Rail and soon to be part of the Spartina eradication program

West. The West area is scheduled for treatment this year as are fourteen other areas in the Alameda-San Leandro Bay Complex, including Elsie Roemer Sanctuary, another prime birding site. Arrowhead Marsh East is not scheduled for treatment this year.

Dealing with invasive species is one of the most difficult types of environmental restoration. Your Ohlone Board supports the long term restoration of native habitat in the bay. We will continue to monitor the ***Spartina*** eradication program at Arrowhead Marsh with the expectation that the agencies will retain sufficient habitat for rails displaced from areas subject to treatment and that Arrowhead Marsh remains a refugia for this endangered species.



Ohlone Audubon wishes to extend our sympathies to the families of Alvin Dockter and Mary Krentz, who have recently passed away.



Black Skimmer, Redwood Shores, 4/21/19 (P. Gordon)

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