



# LOS GATOS Birdwatcher

November 2025

STORE HOURS

Mon–Sat 10AM–5PM • Tues 10AM–7PM • Closed Sundays

Closing 3:30PM Nov 26 • Closed Thanksgiving

## Live Bats In The Store

Sat, Nov. 15

There are more than 1,000 species of bats worldwide. That means one in every four mammals is a bat! We know bats are invaluable



and are thrilled to welcome **NorCalBats** to the store. This nonprofit is dedicated to bat rescue, rehabilitation, and public education. Stop by Sat, Nov. 15, between 10:30 AM and 1:30 PM to meet the bats, ask questions, and learn why these amazing mammals are vital for insect control and healthy ecosystems. Donations to support NorCalBats' rescue work are appreciated. *Photo: Pallid Bat by Corky Quirk.* [Read about this species here...](#)

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## Good News for California Birds

In October, California officially passed the California Migratory Bird Protection Act (AB 454), a landmark law that makes protections for migratory birds permanent in our state. This new legislation repeals the earlier, temporary act that was set to expire and ensures state-level authority to protect our diverse bird species indefinitely. That means stronger safeguards for the birds we love. Learn more [here...](#)



White-crowned Sparrows are back in our yards foraging beneath feeders for seed -T Woo

## Avian Flu Update

The Avian Flu has been around for a century, but it rarely impacts the songbirds visiting our feeders. According to the International Crane Foundation, "Wild birds, especially waterfowl (ducks, geese, swans), are carriers of the virus, and can carry the virus asymptotically, shedding it through feces, which can contaminate water and spread the infection." Fortunately, this type of bird environment does not exist in our backyards, and no songbird issues have been reported. The best thing we can do is keep our feeding stations and bird baths clean and your songbirds (sparrows, finches, robins, goldfinch) should be fine. We'll continue to share updates.

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## Rainy Day Bird Tips

Keep your suet dry. To prevent moldy seed, don't add dry seed over wet seed. Use baffles to help keep feeders dry. And remember to offer bird baths even in the winter so birds can drink and bathe. To learn more see our blog [here...](#) *Photos: Weather Baffle, Suet, Bird Bath*

# Let's go Birding



Our store's tour division, Let's Go Birding, gets you outside into different habitats to learn about various species found throughout the Bay Area. Join us sometime.

## Saturday Birdwalks

These walks are free and open to all birding levels but pre-registration is required. Call the store to register at 408-358-9453.

- **Sat. Nov 15** Vasona County Lake, Los Gatos
- **Sat. Nov. 22** Sunnyvale Baylands Park



*Let's Go Birding Sept. Condor Tour*

## Let the Shopping Begin

We wait until after Halloween to deck the store with holiday cheer. From now on, we'll be adding new displays filled with nature-inspired treasures. Whether it's a Thanksgiving hostess gift or a stocking stuffer for a fellow bird lover, you'll find it here.



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## Holiday Cards

Extra Special Artist's Offering

For years we've carried a card line from California wildlife artist Marie Sansone. Marie recently retired and wanted the Los Gatos Birdwatcher to carry her final offering. Her award-winning illustrations have been featured in galleries across the Southwest. Mix and match—**purchase 6 or more to receive 50% off your entire stack.** While supplies last.



## Honoring Veterans

**Nov 9-29 • 20% Discount**

We're honoring veterans with 20% off their entire purchase. Just let us know you served.



## The Cranes are Back!

Lodi Sandhill Crane Festival

**November 7–9 • Lodi, CA**

Thousands of Sandhill Cranes winter in California's Central Valley. The festival includes field trips, education and shopping. Lisa will be

there helping the International Crane Foundation and to scout hot spots for her upcoming Dec. weekend. *Sandhill Crane Festival* website [here...](#)



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## December Nesting

Did you know hummingbirds start building their nests as early as December? Our nesting material helps them do just that. Hang it outside where it stays dry and easy to spot.



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## Join Project Feederwatch



Starting Nov 1, turn your love of backyard birds into real science. You can sign up for Project FeederWatch from the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and count the birds that visit your feeders (or just your yard) throughout the winter. Your bird counts help track long-term trends in bird populations across North America. Sign up at [feederwatch.org](http://feederwatch.org)

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## Bird ID

### When AI Gets It Wrong

A customer spotted a distant bird and her online search identified it as an Island Scrub Jay—a species only found on Santa Cruz Island. So she brought the question to us,

and we corrected the ID. It's a California Scrub Jay.  
Read more about AI and Birds in our [Fall Newsletter](#). To  
share your own bird photos, email  
[info@losgatosbirdwatcher.com](mailto:info@losgatosbirdwatcher.com) or stop by the store.



California Scrub Jay -S. Johnson

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**Curbside pickup available. Call ahead 408-358-9453**



## Our Mission

We educate, share adventures, and have fun through the love and experience of birds  
and nature —*Lisa Myers, Bird Tour Leader, Store Owner, Educator*

Los Gatos Birdwatcher in the King's Court Shopping Center

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