



LOS GATOS Birdwatcher

March 2026

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Western Grebes rushing –Sreedhara Alavattam

The Grebe Courtship Dance

Where to View This Annual Ritual

Some of us have been visiting nearby reservoirs to watch Western and Clark's Grebes "rushing". Grebe legs are located so far back on their bodies

that they cannot walk well on land; however, this placement makes them excellent swimmers and divers—and allows them to run along the surface of water. With the breeding season approaching, rushing is a way for grebes to form pairs. Ideal locations to observe this behavior include Coyote and Calero Reservoirs. [Self-guided suggestions...](#)

Local Peregrines Want You



Hartley & Monty visible with the high def cameras atop San Jose City Hall.

Volunteers are needed in San Jose. Since 2007, falcon fans have been able to observe and enjoy the lives of nesting Peregrine Falcons atop San Jose City Hall through the live lens of the Falcon Cams. This project is maintained by the City of San Jose in partnership with the Predatory Bird Research Group at UC Santa Cruz. In 2024, they installed new cameras so the City Hall peregrines can be viewed 24/7. But the City of San Jose needs help monitoring what the falcons are doing! For details see the [SJ City Hall falcon cam page here...](#) or contact [PBRG at UC Santa Cruz here...](#)

A promotional poster for the Santa Clara Valley Bird Alliance Birdathon 2026. The left side features a collage of various birds, including a white egret, a blue heron, a brown and white striped bird, and several other species. The right side contains text: "SANTA CLARA VALLEY BIRD ALLIANCE BIRDATHON 2026", "Kickoff Pizza Social: March 25", "Competition Window: March 30 — May 3", "Prizes & Awards Dinner: May 30", and "Join an existing team (or start a new one) to raise funds for our Education Program".

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Get Ready for the Spring Birdathon

Join Team Los Gatos Birdwatcher

Sat, Apr. 11 • 8:30 AM–12:30 PM

It's time for the Spring Birdathon—the Santa Clara Valley Bird Alliance's important annual fundraiser. Teams head out to bird between **March 30 & May 3** with all funds raised supporting SCVBA's education programs. For decades, the Los Gatos Birdwatcher has proudly participated and is excited to lead a team again this year at Vasona County Park on April 11. All are welcome to join! If you can't join our team, consider signing up with another group or create your own. Participants are encouraged to donate or raise a minimum of \$50. And if you are unable to join us in the field, we'll have a donation box set up inside the store. [Click here for more details.](#)

To sign up for our store's team directly, [click here...](#)

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Meet the PeckPerk Bird Feeder

Designed by Local Birders

Designed right here in Palo Alto, the PeckPerk bird feeder brings a new level of connection to your backyard birds. With its built-in camera, you can watch the birds visiting your feeder right from your phone. We were especially happy to learn that PeckPerk was locally designed by people who understand our local birds and who wanted to partner with us, a local birding store. The PeckPerk people walked through our front door to ask for input on how to make their product be its best.

They're eager to help us help you. Stop by the store to see the video demo and experience PeckPerk in action. For more info, visit the [PeckPerk website here...](#)

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Let's go Birding

Saturday Birdwalks

Open to all birding levels. Most walks start at 8:30 AM at the scheduled location unless otherwise specified. Pre-registration is required so please call the store to save your spot 408-358-9453. Learn more on page 4 of our newsletter [here...](#)

- **Mar 14** Los Capitancios Ponds, San Jose
- **Mar 28** Martial Cottle Park, San Jose



Spring Gifting

Heading to a picnic or hosting a luncheon? We've gathered fresh and new host gifts to celebrate the season from nature-inspired sweatshirts and herbally scented potpourri sachets to cheerful springtime kitchen towels. You're sure to find something delightful. Visit the store to see more.

Time to Put Away The Chain Saws

Let's give our birds safe spaces to raise their young. Birds are now beginning to build nests and incubate eggs, making this a critical time to protect their habitat. If you work with a gardener, now is the time to pause heavy pruning and tree trimming. Many birds nest in shrubs and trees right in our neighborhoods, and even

routine yard work can disturb active nests. If trimming can't be avoided, please take a moment to carefully check for nesting activity before you begin. A quick look can make all the difference.

Looking to support nesting birds in your yard? We carry a variety of safe natural nesting materials—on sale now at 15% off.

What is an Egg?

Spring nesting season is here. Have you ever wondered what's really happening inside a bird's egg? In our newest blog post, we explore the science behind eggs—from how chicks develop to behaviors like brood patches, hatching order, and even sibling rivalry in the nest. It's a deeper look at where every bird begins. Read the full story on our [blog here...](#)



Bird ID

[Email Us Your Mystery Bird](#)

Out along the San Francisco Bay, one of our customers spotted a bird she had never seen before. While many of us are familiar with its cousin, the Black Phoebe, this flycatcher—the Say's Phoebe—prefers more open, grassy fields away from heavy human activity. With its warm peach and brown tones, you'll often spot it perched at the tip of a branch, waiting to snatch an unsuspecting bug right out of the air. Do you have a bird you can't identify? Send your photos to info@losgatosbirdwatcher.com or stop by and share your sightings with us.



Say's Phoebe –B. TenEyck

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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*

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