



LOS GATOS Birdwatcher

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Upon Closer Inspection

Our customer Alan Walther discovered two hummingbird nests while photographing wildlife at Almaden Lake Park in San Jose. A closer look revealed they belonged to two different species. One nest was camouflaged with lichens—typical of an Anna's Hummingbird—while the other, also woven with spider silk, was without decorations, and belonged to a Black-chinned Hummingbird. Also noted, the female Anna's shows a small spot of color on her throat, unlike the Black-chinned female.

Discoveries like this are a good reminder to inspect trees and shrubs carefully before pruning during nesting season. *Photos: Anna's nest, Black-chinned nest –Alan Walther*

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Seeing More Cooper's Hawks?

You're not alone. Many customers have been reporting Cooper's Hawks in their yards lately. Late spring is a busy time for these bird-eating raptors. The adult parents need to find food to feed their growing young and newly fledged birds may also show up as they learn to hunt. Because feeders attract songbirds, they can also attract the predators that depend on them. Cooper's Hawks are a natural part of the backyard bird world—and a sign of a healthy local bird population. *Photo: Cooper's Hawk in Gage Hansen's yard*



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, please call the store to save your spot 408-358-9453. Learn more on page 4 of our [Spring Newsletter...](#)

- **June 6: McClellan Ranch, Cupertino**
- **June 20: Shannon Valley, Los Gatos**



Northern Rough-winged Swallow –Ron Machado

This Month's Birding Workshop

Flight Patterns

Tues, June 23 • 6:00–7:00 PM • FREE

The way a bird flies can be one of the quickest clues to its identity. Join Lisa Myers as we explore how wingbeats, gliding, soaring, flocking, fleeing, and other flight behaviors can help you identify birds in motion. Held outdoors in the store's back parking lot. Reserve your spot: 408-358-9453

Save Dad a Trip

Gift Him Some Seed!

This Father's Day, surprise Dad with a bag of quality bird seed. It's practical, thoughtful, and guaranteed to get plenty of use. He'll appreciate it and his birds will too. ★ Dad approved ★





Morning with the Peregrines

Our Let's Go Birding outing on May 30 took us to downtown San Jose to observe this year's Peregrine Falcon family at City Hall. Just days before our visit, Hartley and Monty's four young males had fledged from their nest on the 18th floor. From nearby rooftops, we watched the young falcons testing their flying skills while their mother demonstrated hunting techniques and delivered prey. It was a rare opportunity to witness these newly fledged birds as they learned the skills they'll need to survive on their own. We'll share more photos and observations in our Summer Newsletter.

[Click here](#) to learn more about the San Jose City Hall falcons.



Hooded and Bullock's Orioles share a quick bath –LC Boros

Just Add Water

People often ask us how to attract more birds to their yards. One of the simplest ways is to provide fresh water because all birds need water for drinking and bathing. And bird baths can attract species you may never see at your seed or suet feeders, especially during the warmer months. If you're looking to make your yard more bird-friendly, adding a reliable water source is often one of the most effective steps you can take. **We're expecting a new shipment of bird baths from Florence & New Italian Art Company any day now.**

Bird ID

This is the time of year we see many young birds just off the nest. They can create an identification challenge. This juvenile Pied-billed Grebe does not look like its parents so you have to figure out what it is by looking at other field marks like body shape, color, bill length, behavior. *Photo: Pied-billed Grebe, Lake Cunningham –Ron Machado*



Got a bird you can't ID? Email us at info@losgatosbirdwatcher.com or stop by the store—we love helping solve bird mysteries!

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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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