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Gated Communities Enjoying Wild Birds

More gated communities are beginning to embrace bird feeding as part of a healthy, connected neighborhood. While concerns about attracting unwelcome wildlife are understandable, thoughtfully designed feeding stations can minimize unwanted visitors while providing countless benefits for both the birds and people. Recently, Lisa visited Rinconada Hills in Los Gatos, where residents have documented more than 100 bird species on

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welcoming birds—and their neighbors are loving it. *Photo: A feeder designed to keep unwanted visitors out of the seed.*

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An Irish Welcome for Ground-Nesting Birds

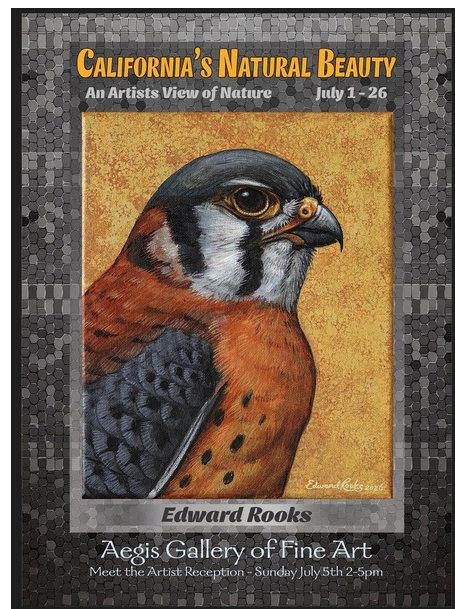
Last month, while visiting the Emerald Isle, staff member Lisa V. spotted Northern Lapwings with chicks in a field near the ancient fort of Dun Aonghasa. She also noticed posted signs reminding visitors to help protect nesting birds. Ireland's birds may be different from California birds, but the conservation message is the same. Protecting habitat and minimizing disturbance during nesting season helps birds thrive wherever they live. *Photos: Sign near an active nesting sight; Northern Lapwing in flight –M. Parker*



Local Birds Art Exhibit Opening

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Edward Rooks is both a customer and an accomplished wildlife artist. This month, he is exhibiting a new collection of paintings featuring our local birds in the special exhibits room at Aegis Gallery. Meet Edward at the opening reception on Sunday, July 5, from 2 PM–5 PM at Aegis Gallery of Fine Art 14531 Big Basin Way, Saratoga.



Connecting with Peregrines

Many of us have enjoyed following the Peregrine

Falcons that nest atop San Jose City Hall each spring. But there's another side to these remarkable birds. In our latest blog, local falconer Kenny Elvin shares how he partners with birds of prey for wildlife management and conservation. Pictured here with his Anatum Peregrine during an abatement job, Kenny offers a behind-the-scenes look at the ancient art of falconry and why it still matters today. [Read the full story on our blog here.](#)



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 Summer [Newsletter...](#)



Western Bluebird fledglings taking a bath –Tony Woo

Birding Workshop

How to Tell Juveniles from Adults

Tues, July 14 • 6:00–7:00 PM • FREE

It's that time of year when babies are leaving the nest. In this workshop we'll talk about the telltale clues from plumage to behavior that reveal whether you're looking at a juvenile or an adult bird. Held outdoors in the store's back parking lot. Please bring your own chair and reserve your spot by calling: 408-358-9453

Find Your Perfect Summer Hat

Heading out to watch birds, tend the garden, or enjoy a day outdoors? We've stocked a variety of hats to help keep you cool and comfortable all summer long. With embroidered caps, packable styles, and sun-smart favorites, there's a hat for every adventure.



Paint Your Pet

Thurs, Aug. 20 • 6–8 PM • \$85

Join us for a fun evening of painting with professional pet portrait artist Marianne Carmona of Tangy Design Studio. Marianne will teach you how to transform your favorite pet photo (or even your favorite bird!) into a pre-

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be proud to display. No artistic experience is needed. [Read more here...](#) to see what's included, how to submit your photo, and how to reserve your spot. Space is limited.



Bird ID

This is the time of year we see fledgling birds just out of the nest. They can be a challenge to ID as they do not look quite like their parents. But customer Susanna Vartanian knew these were sibling **White-tailed Kites** when she took this photo as they have enjoyed watching the active nest all spring. With their rufous upper breast and shaded crown, you can easily decipher the youngsters from the adults. *Photo: White-tailed Kites –Susanna Vartanian*

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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