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September Birdwatching

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Migration Is Underway

On the Lookout for Rare Birds

Fall migration happens over several months as billions of birds around the globe leave their northern breeding grounds and head south to winter in more temperate areas. During their journey, some birds get off course due to weather, the search for food, or their internal compass is off. Birders everywhere are on the look-out during migration for these unexpected visitors, known as "vagrant" birds—birds found outside their usual range.

The male Summer Tanager above is a rare visitor to Santa Clara County. He was a yellow-ish color when he arrived at Lick Mill Park in Santa Clara a few weeks ago. Since then, he has been molting into his adult red plumage. No one knows how long he'll stay before continuing his migration

south. *Photos: Santa Clara's Juvenile male Summer Tanager –Ed Reed and the birders looking for the tanager –Julie Rose*



Lisa's August Belize tour group



Jessica's July Belize tour group

Belize Birding Wrap Up

Both of our Let's Go Birding tours have returned from Belize and Guatemala. Traveling with local guide Roni Martinez (of the Belize Bird Conservancy and Authentic Travel Belize) our July group with Jessica and August group with Lisa experienced spectacular birding, tropical habitats, and unforgettable wildlife encounters. On a side note, Lisa tested positive for Covid after she returned from her tour. That's one reason you have not seen her around the store. We'll share more stories, favorite birds, and photos in our Fall newsletter coming in October 2026.

Peregrine Presentation



Fri. Sept 11 • 7–8:00 PM • Free • The Terraces

Join educators and Fledgewatch volunteers **Jan Gliozzo** and **Sherry Stack** for an evening about the remarkable recovery and lives of Peregrine Falcons. Hear how peregrines rebounded after the pesticide DDT nearly wiped them out, and meet the famous falcon families that return to San Jose City Hall each year to raise their young. No registration required. Park at King's Court Center and walk to The Terraces behind the Los Gatos Birdwatcher. *Photo: San Jose's Peregrines atop City Hall via webcam* Want more peregrines? See our blog about falconry here...

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Let's Go Birding

Saturday Bird Walks

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...

• Sept 5: Location to be determined

• Sept 26: Santa Teresa County Park (5:30-7PM)

Monthly Birding Workshops

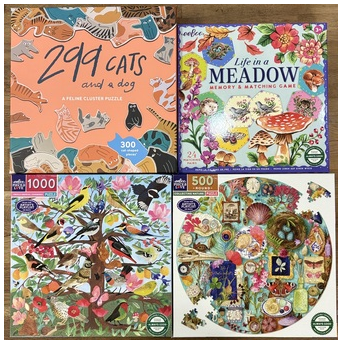
Fall Migration: Who's Coming...and Who's Going?

Tues., Sept. 22 • 6:00–7:00 PM • FREE

Join us for this free workshop and learn what to look for in the weeks ahead. Held

outdoors in the store's back parking lot. Please bring your own chair and reserve your spot by calling 408-358-9453.



Calendars, Puzzles & More

The new 2027 nature photography and illustration calendars have arrived. We also just unpacked a nice new collection of greeting cards, boxed notecards, puzzles, nature games—fun to play under a tree, gift a friend, or plan another year surrounded by beautiful birds and wildlife. Many of our calendars sell out before the holidays, so stop by early for the best selection. *Photos: 2027 Calendars, Earth, Sky, & Water Notecards, and Puzzles*

SAVE THE BAY

Celebrating 65 Years

The Bay Area is a special place that has attracted people for generations. As California's population grew, however, the Bay and its vital habitats were increasingly in jeopardy. In 1961, three women decided the Bay was worth fighting for. Sixty-five years later, their vision and determination continue to shape the Bay we know today.

Save The Bay's mission remains constant, to protect and restore the Bay for people and wildlife. In an era of climate change, growing populations, and environmental challenges, they understand it will take all of us to change the tides. Save The Bay is gathering its supporters on Sept. 19 to celebrate their 65th anniversary and the Los Gatos Birdwatcher will be there helping folks experience the birds. Learn more about Save The Bay and their goals here...

Seasonal Reminder

Keep Feeding Your Hummingbirds

While Allen's and Rufous hummingbirds migrate during late summer (and may be visiting your feeders), our resident Anna's Hummingbirds call the Bay Area home all year long. That's why it's important to keep feeders clean and filled with fresh nectar of one part white sugar to four parts water. Hummingbird feeders do not keep hummers from migrating, they actually help them along their journey.







Paint Your Pet

What a Night!

Paint, pets, and plenty of personality...Our recent Paint Your Pet evening brought together a fun group of animal lovers who turned photos of their pets into one-of-a-kind works of art. A big thank you to Marianne Carmona of Tangy Design Studio for guiding us through the creative process and to all who joined us for a fun evening. We loved seeing each pet come to life on canvas! *Photos: A few of our artists and their pet portraits from the evening.*



Bird ID

A customer came in with a few mystery photos of birds observed in Half Moon Bay near the Ritz Carlton. Photographing this juvenile Great Blue Heron caused a little confusion because it was away from water. Great Blue Heron's eat a variety of foods from fish and frogs, to rodents and snakes they hunt for when walking through fields. *Photo: Juvenile Great Blue Heron –A. Boles King*

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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