LOS GATOS Birdwatcher

August Birdwatching

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





Turn Your Favorite Companion Into a Work of Art

All supplies are included and your custom canvas is prepared before you arrive!

Thurs, Aug. 20 • 6–8 PM • $85

Have you always wanted to paint your dog, cat, or maybe your favorite wild bird but weren't sure you had the talent? This fun, beginner-friendly workshop makes it easy. Join us at our store for a fun evening of painting with professional pet portrait artist Marianne Carmona of Tangy Design Studio. A few of our store staff members will be there too. No artistic experience is needed. Read more here... to see what's included, how to submit your photo, and how to reserve your spot.

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Both chickadees and Bewick's Wrens raised several clutches in this box mounted on Lisa Myers' house.

Why Do Backyards Go Quiet in August?

If your backyard seems a little quieter this time of year, you're not imagining it. August is a calm month in the bird world, and there are several reasons. The breeding season has come to an end. Male birds no longer need to defend territories or attract mates, so the desire to sing is gone. Most of the babies have fledged so no more noisy begging. Plus, many birds are starting to molt, and growing new feathers requires a lot of energy. Some birds become flightless while their new feathers grow in. During this time they remain quiet and stay out of sight.



Belize Tour Updates

Jessica has just returned from Belize with our July's Let's Go Birding tour group. They had a fantastic adventure, birding throughout areas of Belize and Guatemala with Roni Martinez of the Belize Bird Conservancy and Authentic Travel Belize. Lisa will soon travel to Belize with the second tour. *Photo: The first of the store's two tour groups to Belize.*

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...

• Aug 15: Belgatos Park, Los Gatos

• Aug 29: Stevens Creek County Park, Cupertino

Monthly Birding Workshops Return in September

Fall Migration: Who's Coming...and Who's Going?
Tues., Sept. 22 • 6:00–7:00 PM • FREE

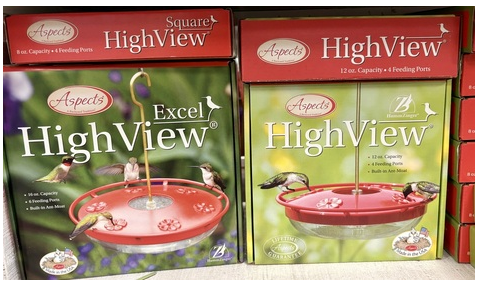
Each fall, thousands of birds pass through the Bay Area as they journey to their winter homes, while others are just arriving to spend the season with us. Which familiar backyard birds are leaving? Which exciting winter visitors should you be watching for? Join us for this free workshop and learn what 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.

Birdbaths Have Arrived



It's heating up and birds need a cool break. Birds use bird baths to drink, cool down, and keep their feathers clean and healthy. Providing fresh, clean water is one of the best ways to make your yard more inviting to birds. Just delivered to the store: Florence & New Italian Art Company birdbaths. Come in soon for the best selection!







Choosing the Right Bird Feeder

With so many bird feeders available, choosing the right one can feel overwhelming. After helping Bay Area bird lovers for over 30 years, we've learned that the best feeder depends on the birds you'd like to attract—and buying a quality feeder makes a big difference. Next time you stop by, we're happy to show you some of our favorites and help you find the right feeder for the birds in your yard. *Feeders in photos: Aspects Finch Feeders, Aspects HighView Nectar Feeders, Squirrel Buster Feeders*

Community Spotlight

Ethos: For Low-Waste Living

Caring for birds goes hand in hand with caring for the environment, so we wanted to introduce you to another Los Gatos retailer that shares similar goals. Located in downtown Los Gatos, Ethos is a planet-friendly shop offering reusable alternatives to everyday products. You can bring your own containers and refill everything from shampoo and personal care products to household cleaning supplies, reducing single-use plastics and paper waste.

At the Los Gatos Birdwatcher, we're proud to offer compostable bags for most of our seed, and we appreciate other businesses that care for the environment. We hope you stop by Ethos and tell them we sent you.



Bird ID

"What is this white bird?" one of our customers asked. She was out near the North Shoreline Trail. The answer is a hybrid duck. Hybrid ducks can inherit an interesting mix of colors and markings from two different parent species, making them some of the most puzzling birds you'll encounter. Looking at the color of this bird's bill, plus the green on the head, we believe it's likely a cross between a Mallard and a domestic duck. *Photo: Hybrid Duck –J. Relyea.*

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*

Los Gatos Birdwatcher in the King's Court Shopping Center

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