



## SEQUOIA AUDUBON FIELD TRIPS – MARCH 2017

<http://www.sequoia-audubon.org>

### **Alum Rock Park - Birds, Butterflies & Wildflowers**

**Wednesday, March 1, 9:00am - 12:00pm**

Alum Rock Park is located in a canyon in the Diablo Range foothills on the east side of San Jose. The target species of this trip is the Sonoran Blue Butterfly, one of the rarest butterflies in the Bay Area and one of the most beautiful species in the United States. We will look at any other birds, butterflies or spring wildflowers that we can find along the way. This is a relatively slow-paced trip along a gentle grade. We will meet in the furthest eastern parking area at the end of Alum Rock Falls Road. Parking fee is \$6 and the parking pass dispensing machine accepts credit cards. **Heavy rain cancels.** Light rain or overcast may affect our chances to see butterflies.

**Directions:** <https://www.sanjoseca.gov/Facilities/Facility/Details/176>

**Leader:** Donna Pomeroy **Contact:** [dpom@comcast.net](mailto:dpom@comcast.net)

### **Bean Hollow Lakes**

**Saturday, March 4, 8:00am - 2:00pm**

SPECIAL TRIP to Bean Hollow Lakes (Cloverdale Ranch). This field trip will explore an area under restricted access held by POST along Cloverdale Road. We will hike 2.5 miles to the Bean Hollow Lakes. (Local birders might remember this as the site of a Brown Thrasher in 2009). This is a field trip meant for discovery, part of an ongoing initiative by Sequoia Audubon to increase our knowledge of under-birded parts of the county. We don't know what we'll find, but birds like Purple Finch, Osprey, wintering raptors, and unusual waterfowl are possible. Space is limited to the first twelve people to contact the leader, Jennifer Rycenga, at **this** email address: [smcbgeditor@earthlink.net](mailto:smcbgeditor@earthlink.net). **Meeting place will be announced to registered participants only. bring food and liquid appropriate to that timing.**

### **Edgewood County Park**

**Sunday, March 12, 8:00am - 12:00pm**

Explore this gem of a park while hiking 3-6 miles through oak woodlands, some hills and natural meadows. Look for California Thrasher, Wrentit, Oak Titmouse and Western Bluebird year round. **Directions:** Take 280 to Edgewood Rd. in Woodside. Go east down Edgewood to the park entrance on the right. Meet at the Nature Center. **Leader:** Susie Hons **Contact:** [susieturtlewings@mac.com](mailto:susieturtlewings@mac.com)

### **Lake Merced**

**Sunday, March 19, 8:00am - 12:00pm**

Located in the southwest corner of San Francisco, Lake Merced is the largest freshwater wetland between Pt. Reyes in Marin County and Pescadero Marsh in southern San Mateo County. The 509-acre lake is regarded by many birders as offering some of the best birding in the city of San Francisco. Much of the lake is surrounded by marsh and heavy willow growth, providing cover both for water birds and small passerines. The lake is a hot spot for migrating birds and hosts significant flocks of waterfowl in winter. Join leader **Dominik Mosur** as we take an easy walk to explore the lake and Harding park golf course. Meet at 8 AM at the Harding Park golf course entrance on Harding Road.

**Burleigh Murray State Park - R.S.V.P.**

**Saturday, March 25, 9:00am - 1:00pm**

It's a tradition! Come celebrate Spring with a bird walk! Burleigh Murray State Park is a former ranch. The park's only active trail consists of the old ranch road. The habitats include mature eucalyptus groves, grassy valleys, and an extensive riparian corridor along the ranch road. It is a pleasingly birdy hike of just over a mile from the parking lot to the barn, with nearly constant activity and bird sounds. The road gains elevation quite slowly, and would be an appropriate trail for people with mild mobility issues. There are 2 bathrooms along the route. We should anticipate spring migrants including Allen's Hummingbird and Wilson's Warbler. Birds to expect include California Quail, Red-tailed and Red-shouldered Hawk, Band-tailed Pigeon, Downy and Hairy Woodpeckers, Northern Flicker, Black Phoebe, Hutton's Vireo, Bewick's and Pacific Wrens, Wrentit, Dark-eyed Junco, and finches. **Please confirm if you intend to attend this field trip as predictions of Heavy Rain will cancel. Directions:** Burleigh Murray State Park is located on Higgins-Purisima Road in Half Moon Bay. Higgins-Purisima Road begins just off of SR1, going east where Main Street ends. Visible as a landmark, from SR1, is a local Fire Station at the corner of Main St. and Higgins Canyon Rd. The park is about 1.5 miles east on the left side of Higgins-Purisima Road. **Leaders:** Malia DeFelice and Chris Hayward **Contact:** 650-346-2009 (call if you are running late or lost) email: malia.defelice.sas@gmail.com to R.S.V.P.