



Executive Director's Corner



Dear Friends,

Please take a moment and support our end of year fundraising campaign — our goal is \$100,000. We have an anonymous donor who will match the first \$25,000, so please give generously.

Your support underwrites our Birding for Everyone programs:

Our new Birding for Kids and their Parents monthly walks (except July and August)

Birding for Teenagers and Adults monthly walks (except July and August)

Birding for Kids walks during the Spring Heron Watch Program — six Saturdays in April and May

Our Heron Watch program of heron viewing at Stow Lake for six Saturdays in April and May through telescopes staffed by our knowledgeable volunteers

Right there that's 32 birding programs led by our adult volunteers and interns!

In addition, we provide a Youth Internship Program at Stow Lake during Heron Watch. Our interns (7th grade through high school) study the herons, write reports, help lead walks, sketch local birds, make movies — all during 30 hours in the Spring!!!

So far 260 interns have graduated from the program!!!

Our outdoor field trips for grades k–3 continue on a first–come–first–serve basis with underserved schools receiving first consideration.

I hope you will contribute to our 501–c (3) programs either by donating through Flipcause, our secure portal, or by mail. All donations are tax–deductible. We depend on your support to continue our work!!!

In the meantime, I hope to see you and your children or grandchildren on our upcoming field trips!!!

Best regards,

Nancy DeStefanis

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Yellow Warbler

Grace Ruth



Hermit Thrush

Grace Ruth



October Field Trip Report by Jupiter Horiuchi

On October 8, 2022, San Francisco Nature Education met for Birding for Kids and their Families and Birding for Adults tours at the San Francisco Botanical Gardens.

At the start of the morning, we decided to merge the family and adult tours: a total of ten adults and children joined the tour. Expert birder Alan Hopkins led our tour, with the assistance of interns Joy, Maddie, and Katie. USF interns Lauryn, Theo, and I also joined the tour. The weather was foggy and brisk, however, we were still able to see many different bird species!

We started at the main gate and saw the classic **Canada Geese** in the Great Meadow and a **Black Phoebe** and several **Anna's Hummingbirds** in the trees nearby. Further into the walk, we spotted several more species in trees by the Waterfowl Pond, including **Yellow Warblers**, **Townsend's Warblers**, **Pacific Wrens**, **Chestnut-backed Chickadees**, a **Ruby-crowned Kinglet**, and a **Hutton's Vireo**.

Near the Andean Cloud Forest, we were able to spot the **Red-breasted Sapsucker** drilling into a tree! Further down the path, a **Red-shouldered Hawk** swooped right above our heads. We were also able to spot a **Downy Woodpecker** on a tree branch. In the Children's Garden, we were able to see yet another woodpecker: the **Nuttall's Woodpecker**. Finally, on the way back to the main gate we spotted a **California Towhee**, a **Stellar's Jay**, and a **Hermit Thrush**. The expertise of Alan and the other interns gave us the opportunity to see a total of 28 species in just over two hours.



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Back row, from left to right: SFNE intern Maddie, USF intern Jupiter, volunteer Linda Grant, trip leader Alan Hopkins, SFNE intern Katie. Front row: SFNE senior intern Joy and USF intern Lauryn



Grace Ruth

Townsend's Warbler



Grace Ruth

Fox Sparrow



Red-breasted Sapsucker sketch by intern Katie



Left: Townsend's Warbler sketch by intern Maddie

Chain of Lakes field trip — Nov 12th!
Check our calendar for details:
sfnature.org/calendar

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San Francisco Nature Education is in its 22nd year of delivering comprehensive environmental education programs to students from schools in the San Francisco Unified School District and conducting Saturday field trips and programs for adults and children.