



Dear Friends,

We reached our goal of raising \$10,000 to match the Grant from an anonymous donor! Thanks so much for your generous support.

Our spring Heron Watch program and internships for five students were a huge success.

Our outstanding adult volunteers used spotting scopes and explained the heron behavior to over 1,000 adults and children.

Besides learning about the Great Blue Herons at Stow Lake, the five interns were busy sketching the heron life cycle and the birds they spotted on their weekly birding walks and special field trips. Their work culminated in the first ever Heron Watch Intern Magazine which you can see online.

In addition, Joy Chang, Senior Intern directed a short film "The Great Blues of the Golden Gate". The film is wonderful and I urge you to view it [on YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kmMGBld509o).

Our monthly field trips at the SF Botanical Garden resume on Saturday, October 9th. Please see page 3 for more details.

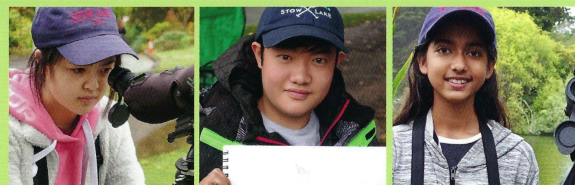
We look forward to seeing you again on the trails.

Best regards,

Nancy H. DeStefanis
Executive Director, San Francisco Nature Education



The Great Blues of the Golden Gate-film by Intern Joy Chang
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kmMGBld509o>)



Life Cycle of the Great Blue Heron

San Francisco Nature Education 2021 Heron Watch Interns



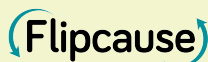
2021 Intern Magazine (www.sfnature.org)

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Hérons Fledge in June

The spring program was momentous- the first ever conducted during a pandemic. Our adult volunteers masked up, cleaned the spotting scopes after every use and made every visitor feel special.

Ten chicks fledged from four nests. By June 30th, all had departed Stow Lake. We had started with six active nests – however as the season progressed, nests were abandoned, sticks were stolen from the empty red tail hawk nest and two nests fell into the lake with chicks aboard as their underlying branches snapped off in heavy winds.

Our five interns were industrious- they produced sketches of the Life Cycle of the Great Blue Heron and other birds for a new magazine, which we published in July. Pls. see their work online. Joy Chang, Senior Intern, directed a short film.

We would like to acknowledge the hard work of our volunteers, many of whom contributed two and three Saturdays during the season: Claire Chow, Isabelle Chow, Anne Galjour, Kiyoko & Gillian Imazumi, Parker Kaye, Pat Koblenz, Win Mixter, Diane O'Donahue, Janel Schulenberg, Steve Wolsford, Jennie Yoon.

Special thanks to our Heron and Intern photographers Ian Reid, Grace Ruth, Helene Sobol.

And finally, thanks to our five exceptional interns- class of 2021: Jose and David Aguayo, Joy Chang, Jackson Fukutome, Anasuya Pawate.



Chick leaps out for a first flight



Wobbly chick returns to nest



Parent leaves with large fish after chicks show no interest

And here's one for the books!

Birders spot black bear in heron nest!!!!

<https://ftw.usatoday.com/2021/06/birders-discover-black-bear-heron-nest-four-stories-up-tree?fbclid=IwAR3KIRdvXBpqBF-NXIYx9rlS2yznBG1ni-i1ry1Jb4wzQhQaPRRKRCuVTM>

Photos by Grace Ruth

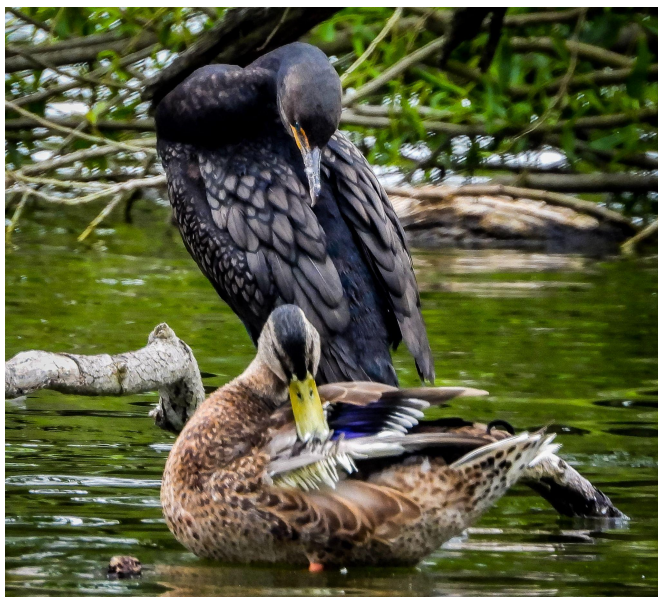
Field Trips Start in October on 2nd Saturday!

All trips 10am – noon, meet at main entrance kiosk. Bring proof of SF residence to enter free: **Sat. Oct. 9, Sat. Nov. 13 and Sat. Dec. 11.** We look forward to seeing you!!!!

Summer at Stow Lake by Helene Sobol



Tree swallow



Double-crested Cormorant and female mallard preening



Red Tailed hawk



Golden crowned sparrow

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Great Horned Owlets of Sutro Heights by Sandi Wong



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