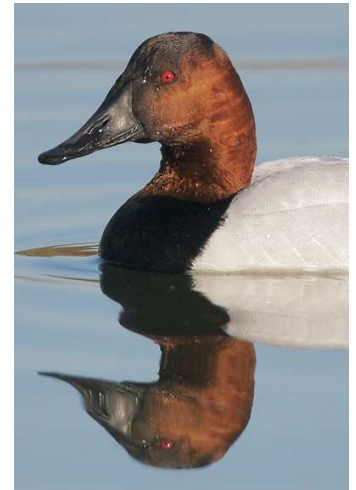




**Quick Overview** – Those of us living in California are so spoiled. For the past several weeks we had temperatures into the high 70's while folks in the east were buried in snow. This half day trip was no exception, with clear blue skies and blooms on the trees we headed out to find as many different species of ducks as we could. We started in Campbell's OKA Ponds. These ponds sitting in the middle of modern suburbia become an oasis for many different species of birds. As soon as we arrived at our first pond we found a sleeping group of Ring Necked Ducks. They were not alone as one female Common Merganser was fishing beneath them in the company of some Buffleheads. Of course we also enjoy all the other species of birds we encounter on a day like this and we stopped for Green Herons, Oak Titmice, and an aggressive male Nuttall's Woodpecker. He was vocalizing to another that we could only hear in the distance. Since the end of the trip was at noon we left the fresh water ponds of OKA and headed north to the salt waters of the San Francisco Bay Lands. Different duck species prefer different habitats and we knew we'd see new birds in this environment. It was here we found Northern Shovelers, Canvasbacks, Green Winged Teal and Common Goldeneyes. With the tide out we also spent a little time talking about the various shorebirds feeding in the mud. Our last duck of the day was a resident Surf Scoter over at Shoreline Lake. The rare Barrow's Goldeneye reported here yesterday did not come out of hiding for us, but we ended our day with 62 species in total with 13 of them being ducks! Thank you to all that joined in the adventure.



## Memorable Observations!

- We saw the RING on a Ring Necked Duck!
- A baker's dozen - Wilson's Snipe sitting in the morning sun at Oka
- Fantastic views of a foraging Spotted Sandpiper at Oka
- Super views of an adult Cooper's hawk
- Low tide at the Baylands provided many different shorebird species

*Male Canvasback / Female Bufflehead / Male Ring Necked Duck / Female Common Merganser –  
All images provided by Bay Area Photographer Tom Grey*

### Total Species Counted for the Day = 62 includes heard only (H)

Mallard	Green Heron	Anna's Hummingbird
Gadwall	Black Crowned Night Heron	Belted Kingfisher
Green Winged Teal	Turkey Vulture	Nuttall's Woodpecker
Northern Pintail	White Tailed Kite	Black Phoebe
Northern Shoveler	Northern Harrier	Western Scrub-Jay
Bufflehead	Red-tail Hawk	American Crow
Ring-necked Duck	Cooper's Hawk	Common Raven
Greater Scaup	American Coot	Oak Titmouse
Lesser Scaup	Common Moorhen	Bushtit
Canvasback	Black Necked Stilt	Bewick's Wren
Common Merganser	American Avocets	Marsh Wren (H)
Common Goldeneye	Long-billed Curlew	Ruby-crowned Kinglet (H)
Ruddy Duck	Long Billed Dowitcher	Northern Mockingbird
Canada Goose	Spotted Sandpiper	Cedar Waxwings
Western Grebe	Least Sandpiper	Yellow Rumped Warbler
Pied-billed Grebe	Wilson's Snipe	California Towhee
Eared Grebe	Killdeer	White-crowned Sparrow
Double-crested Cormorant	California Gull	Golden-crowned Sparrow
Great Blue Heron	Ring Billed Gull	Red-winged Blackbird
Great Egret	Rock Pigeon	House Finch
Snowy Egret	Mourning Dove	