



October 6, 2007 - The "Gallinago Go Go's" bird Monterey County in support of the San Francisco Bay Bird Observatory's Annual Fundraiser the, California Fall Challenge! Final count 109

This was the 4<sup>th</sup> year that I lead my team the, "Gallinago Go Go's in search of 100 species in support of the **San Francisco Bay Bird Observatory's** (SFBBO) annual fundraiser the, *California Fall Challenge*. This was one of many guided trips offered by the bird observatory. All were welcome to join the team and/or support team members. The money raised goes to this bay area non-profit. On this day we had 17 eager team members ready to tackle Monterey County! Although we started our morning with record low temperatures, we had outstanding weather all day. Logistics were part of the challenge as we carpooled quickly to several different habitats over several hundred miles in search of as many species as possible, and the team succeeded from sunrise to sunset! Everyone did a fantastic job in keeping the pace while enjoying nature and the birds found there. We were all surprised we missed some very common species during our adventure, but on the other hand, we had fantastic moments with several birds we were thrilled to find. To the right are just a few of our memorable experiences and below in taxonomic order lists the species we found. Locations are listed in the order we were there.

- ✓ A good luck Osprey in Santa Clara County!
- ✓ Virginia Rail flying toward us!
- ✓ Finding our name-sake the Wilson's Snipe
- ✓ Snowy Plovers running about on the beach
- ✓ Brant Goose & Red-Necked Grebe!
- ✓ Pectoral Sandpipers, a life bird for many
- ✓ Golden Eagle ignoring a Red-tail Hawk
- ✓ A Yellow-headed Blackbird amongst the flock
- ✓ Sharing a Peregrine Falcon with "civilians"
- ✓ California Condors soaring in all their glory
- ✓ American Dipper looking for dinner
- ✓ Learning to appreciate a California Towhee
- ✓ Ending our day with Great Horned Owls
- ✓ Meeting friendly police officers all day

Zmudowski State Beach – Z  
Jetty Road and Moss Landing Beach – JR  
Moss Landing Marina – MM  
Moon Glow Dairy – MGD

Dolan Road – DR  
Highway 68 – 68  
Embassy Suites – ES  
Roberts Lake – RL  
All Day – AD

Jakes Peak Cty. Park - JP  
Big Sur & highway 1 - BS  
Andrew Molera - AM  
Dolan Road – DR  
Drive Bv - DB

**Anseriformes**

1. Canada Goose *RL*
2. Brant Goose *MM*
3. Mallard *Z*
4. Northern Shoveler *MGD*
5. Ruddy Duck *RL*
6. Surf Scoter *MM*

**Galliformes**

7. Wild Turkey *BS*
8. California Quail *AM*

**Podicipediformes**

9. Pied-billed Grebe *MM*
10. Western Grebe *JR*
11. Clark's Grebe *JR*
12. Red-Necked Grebe *JR*
13. Eared Grebe *MM*

**Pelecaniformes**

14. American White Pelican *Z*
15. Brown Pelican *JR*
16. Double-crested Cormorant *Z*
17. Pelagic Cormorant *BS*
18. Brandt's Cormorant *MM*

**Ciconiiformes**

19. Great Egret *Z*
20. Snowy Egret *JR*
21. Black Crowned Night Heron *Z*
22. White Faced Ibis *68*
23. Great Blue Heron *Z*

**Falconiformes**

24. Golden Eagle *MGD*
25. Northern Harrier *MGD*
26. White-tail Kite *JR*
27. Red Shouldered Hawk *DB*
28. Red-tail Hawk *AD*
29. Cooper's Hawk *AD*
30. American Kestrel *MD*
31. Peregrine Falcon *ES*
32. Turkey Vulture *BS*
33. California Condor *BS*

**Gruiformes**

34. Virginia Rail *Z*
35. American Coot *Z*

**Charadriiformes**

36. Greater Yellowlegs *MGD*
37. Long-billed Curlew *JR*
38. Short-billed Dowitcher *JR*
39. Marbled Godwit *JR*
40. Spotted Sandpiper *MG*
41. Semipalmated Plover *MGD*
42. Least Sandpiper *JR*
43. Pectoral Sandpiper *MGD*
44. Willet *JR*
45. Wilson's Snipe *Z*
46. Ruddy Turnstone *JR*
47. Black Turnstone *JR*
48. Killdeer *JR*
49. Black-bellied Plover *JR*
50. Snowy Plover *JR*
51. Sanderling *JR*
52. Ring-billed Gull *Z*
53. California Gull *RL*
54. Western Gull *JR*
55. Heermann's Gull *JR*
56. Red-Necked Phalarope *JR*
57. Common Murre *MM*
58. Black Oystercatcher *BS*

**Columbiformes**

59. Band Tailed Pigeon *JP*
60. Mourning Dove *Z*
61. Rock Pigeon *AD*

**Strigiformes**

62. Great Horned Owl *DR*

**Apodiformes**

63. Anna's Hummingbird *MM*
64. Selasphorus Hummingbird *Z*
65. White Throated Swift *BS*
66. Vaux's Swift *BS*

**Coraciiformes**

67. Belted Kingfisher *JR*

**Piciformes**

68. Nuttall's Woodpecker *AM*
69. Acorn Woodpecker *AM*
70. Downy Woodpecker *AM*

**Passeriformes**

71. Black Phoebe *AD*
72. Say's Phoebe *Z*
73. Western Flycatcher *MGD*
74. Loggerhead-Shrike *JR*
75. Hutton's Vireo *JP*
76. Western Scrub-Jay *RL*
77. Steller's Jay *JP*
78. American Crow *AD*
79. Barn Swallow *Z*
80. Violet Green Swallow *Z*

81. Chestnut Back Chickadee *MGD*
82. Red Breasted Nuthatch (H) *JP*
83. Pygmy Nuthatch *JP*

84. Marsh Wren *Z*

85. American Dipper *AM*

86. Ruby-crowned Kinglet *MGD*

87. Wrentit *AM*

88. Northern Mockingbird *Z*

89. European Starling *AD*

90. Cedar Waxwing *AM*

**Passeriformes Conti....**

91. Yellow-rumped Warbler *MGD*
92. Common Yellowthroat *Z*
93. Townsend's Warbler *MGD*

94. Song Sparrow *Z*
95. White-crowned Sparrow *Z*
96. Golden-crowned Sparrow *Z*
97. Fox Sparrow *Z*
98. Lincoln's Sparrow *Z*
99. Savannah Sparrow *Z*
100. Dark-eyed Junco *MGD*
101. California Towhee *AM*

102. Red-winged Blackbird *Z*
103. Tri-colored Blackbird *MGD*
104. Brewer's Blackbird *Z*
105. Brown-headed Cowbird *MGD*
106. Yellow Headed Blackbird *MDG*
107. Western Meadowlark *Z*

108. House Finch *Z*
  109. American Goldfinch *Z*
- Some folks also added House Sparrow

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