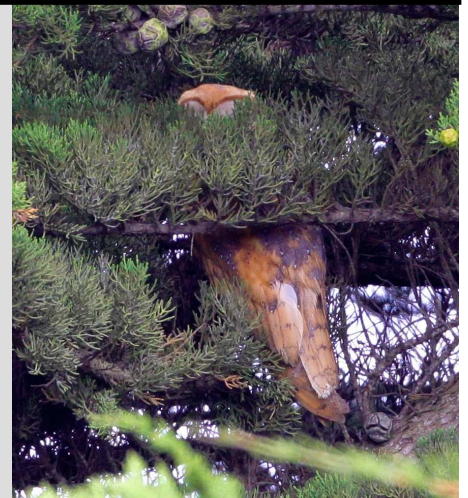




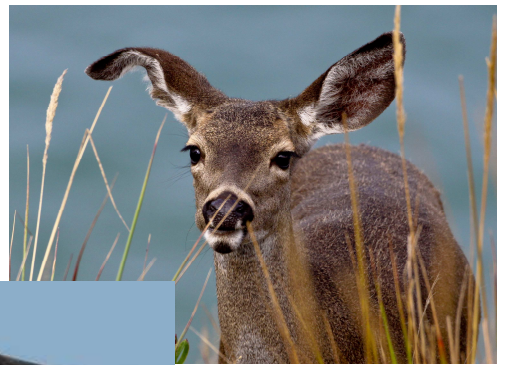
Team "Gallinago Go Go" was created for the San Francisco Bay Bird Observatory's (SFBO) annual fundraiser, the California Fall Challenge (CFC). As the team leader it is my mission to raise as much money as we can for this event while providing a memorable experience for all no matter what your birding level. This would be the 7th year for the team. All monies paid to be on the team go directly to SFBO. Traditionally teams are to select one county in which to bird and this year we birded Marin County as we focused on the birds of Point Reyes. We knew we were a tad early for the fall migration, but it was an ideal Saturday for the kick-off of the CFC. The Go Go's have it a little easier than most as we meet at a respectable hour. Admittedly, it may cost us a few species, but it gets a few more folks on the team! We had to cross the Golden Gate Bridge to reach Marin County and it was then that we started birding at 9:30 AM. En route to Point Reyes we stopped in the redwoods and added Brown Creepers and Band Tailed Pigeon to our list. At the Bear Valley Visitor's Center we took a trail that was just too quiet for a birdathon so we moved on in the direction of the lighthouse, stopping several times along Sir Francis Drake Highway. Our morning was overcast which made bird ID and photography more of a challenge as field marks just didn't pop under such conditions. Olema Marsh provided swallows and heard only Virginia Rails, but the stop along Schooner Bay during a low tide allowed for great shorebird viewing – watch out for the Poison Oak. From here we worked our way to the Oyster Farm and had a magnificent Peregrine Falcon flyover! Moving environmentally conscience birders throughout this type of wonderland is like herding cats! As the trip leader you have to keep the group moving regardless of flowers, trees, deer, fungi, banana slugs and weasels! By mid day the sky was clear, but, when we arrived at the lighthouse we found it totally socked in, so a quick U-turn had us moving back toward blue skies. The day roosting owls found at Chimney Rock were a favorite and are pictured here. Scanning the ocean added three different loon species and a Harlequin Duck to our list. With sunset fast approaching we headed north to Mt. Vision Road and found Bushtits, flickers, juncos and a Lincoln Sparrow. We ended our day with 90 species and many fantastic moments in nature. Thank you to all that spent the day birding for SFBO and to those supporting our efforts. *Team members, pictured on page 2 include - Connie Cloak, Larry & Eileen Kay, Marilyn Hemmeter, Patty McGann, Kathy Stults, Julie Bryson, Shirley Wodtke, Harold Fukuma, Lori Cuesta, John Stults, Team Leader Lisa Myers, Gerry Ellis & Pati Rouzer. Not pictured are Dale Wannan, Lauri Wardlaw & photographer Spike Marlowe. Owl Images taken during our trip - Barn Owl by Larry Kay & Great Horned Owl by Patty McGann*



Our final list includes 90 species which were seen or heard. Additional images taken during our day are on page 2

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| 1. Mallard | 23. American Kestrel | 46. Great Horned Owl | 69. Marsh Wren |
| 2. Harlequin | 24. Peregrine Falcon | 47. Barn Owl | 70. Ruby-crowned Kinglet |
| 3. Surf Scoter | 25. California Quail | 48. Red Breasted Sapsucker | 71. Western Bluebird |
| 4. Eared Grebe | 26. Virginia Rail (H) | 49. Northern Flicker | 72. American Robin |
| 5. Western Grebe | 27. American Avocets | 50. Acorn Woodpecker | 73. Wrentit |
| 6. Pacific Loon | 28. Greater Yellowlegs | 51. Hairy Woodpecker | 74. Northern Mockingbird |
| 7. Red Throated Loon | 29. Marbled Godwit | 52. Olive Sided Flycatcher | 75. European Starling |
| 8. Common Loon | 30. Western Sandpiper | 53. Black Phoebe | 76. Common Yellowthroat |
| 9. American White Pelican | 31. Least Sandpiper | 54. Say's Phoebe | 77. Townsend's Warbler |
| 10. Brown Pelican | 32. Ruddy Turnstone | 55. Warbling Vireo | 78. Spotted Towhee (H) |
| 11. Double-crested Cormorant | 33. Black Turnstone | 56. Western Scrub-Jay | 79. California Towhee |
| 12. Brandt's Cormorant | 34. Whimbrel | 57. Steller's Jay | 80. Song Sparrow |
| 13. Great Blue Heron | 35. Willet | 58. American Crow | 81. White-crowned Sparrow |
| 14. Great Egret | 36. Black Oystercatcher | 59. Common Raven | 82. Lincoln's Sparrow |
| 15. Snowy Egret | 37. Ring-billed Gull | 60. Tree Swallow | 83. Savannah Sparrow |
| 16. Turkey Vulture | 38. California Gull | 61. Violet Green Swallow | 84. Dark-eyed Junco |
| 17. Osprey | 39. Heermann's Gull | 62. Barn Swallow | 85. Red-winged Blackbird |
| 18. Northern Harrier | 40. Western Gull | 63. Chestnut Backed Chickadee | 86. Tri-colored Blackbird |
| 19. White-tail Kite | 41. Rock Pigeon | 64. Bushtit | 87. Brewer's Blackbird |
| 20. Red Shouldered Hawk | 42. Band Tailed Pigeon | 65. Red Breasted Nuthatch | 88. Western Meadowlark |
| 21. Red-tail Hawk | 43. Mourning Dove | 66. White Breasted Nuthatch | 89. House Finch |
| 22. Cooper's Hawk | 44. Eurasian Collared Dove | 67. Brown Creeper (H) | 90. American Goldfinch |
| | 45. Anna's Hummingbird | 68. Bewick's Wren | |

The Gallinago Go Go's 2010 bird Marin County for SFBBO!



All images were taken during our day. Starting from the top – Can you find the Least Sandpipers amongst the oysters? – Larry Kay / Harlequin Duck – Patty McGann / Common Loon – Patty McGann / deer with bent ear – Larry Kay / Black Turnstone – Larry Kay / Peregrine Falcon flyover – Patty McGann / Eurasian Collared Doves – Larry Kay / Team shot missing Dale Wannan, Lauri Wardlaw and photographer Spike Marlowe / Red-Breasted Nuthatch in the shadows – Patty McGann