



**Quick Overview** – Spring birding Lone Tree Road provides incredible moments in nature & this trip was no exception. This dead end country road takes you 10 miles east into beautiful Oak covered rolling hills. The elevation climbs and the only people you see are herding their cattle. There are also no facilities out this way, but with the new portable birders “toilette” in tow that was not a problem! (It makes leader a trip so much easier) Our first stop gave us great looks at a pair of Cassin’s Kingbirds. We also had Western Kingbirds throughout our day so all learned the differences between these two species. Also found at the start of the road were many Eurasian Collared Doves. Their incessant calling would be hard to have in one’s backyard. I’ll take a Mockingbird any day. We soon ran into our first of three active Red Tail Hawk nests. One nest was so close to the road that we quickly moved on so we would not disturb the family. We soon found Grasshopper Sparrows. Heard long before we could see them, they were actively working the grasses along the fence line. Lawrence’s Goldfinch were also found throughout our day. 2012 has proven to be a very good year for this species as they are popping up in many different locations around the Bay Area. A hi-lite of our day was a field full of Lazuli Buntings. We got to see young males in addition to adults of both sexes. They were singing and moving about throughout a field of yellow and purple blooms; a birding moment never to be forgotten. We also found a pair of Ash Throated Flycatchers nest building. Ash Throated Flycatchers are known to line their nests with fur, and we watched this pair pulling fur from some out of view carcass. Shortly before the road ends we spent an incredibly active hour birding all sides of the road and surrounding habitat. Blue-Gray Gnatcatchers, California Thrasher, Warbling Vireo, Bullock’s Orioles, Black Throated Gray Warbler, Western Wood Pewee.....it was hard to keep up. All this activity while an unconcerned nesting pair of Red Tails watched from above. As we ended our day and headed back down Lone Tree Road we spotted a Great Roadrunner watching from a rock. It soon walked out of view but not before we got to add him to our day.

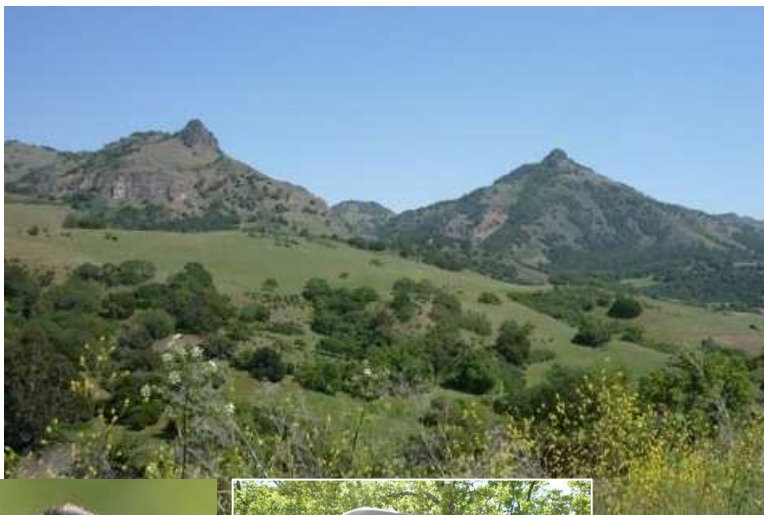


All pictures taken during our day –  
Ash Throated Flycatcher nest building,  
Grasshopper Sparrow &  
Lawrence’s Goldfinch all taken by  
trip participant Brooke Miller.  
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**Total Species Counted for the Day = 72 includes heard only (H)**

Mallard	White Throated Swift	Cliff Swallow	Wilson’s Warbler
Ring-necked Pheasant (H)	Nuttall’s Woodpecker	Violet Green Swallow	Spotted Towhee (H)
Wild Turkey	Northern Flicker	Northern Rough Wing Swallow	California Towhee
California Quail	Acorn Woodpecker	Oak Titmouse	Lark Sparrow
Great Blue Heron	Black Phoebe	Chestnut Backed Chickadee	Golden Crowned Sparrow
Turkey Vulture	Western Kingbird	Bushtit	Savannah Sparrow
Osprey	Cassin’s Kingbird	White Breasted Nuthatch	Grasshopper Sparrow
Golden Eagle	Pacific Slope Flycatcher	Bewick’s Wren	Dark-Eyed Junco
Northern Harrier	Western Wood Peewee	House Wren	Lazuli Bunting
Red-tail Hawk	Ash Throated Flycatcher	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	Black Headed Grosbeak
Cooper’s Hawk	Warbling Vireo	American Robin	Red-winged Blackbird
American Kestrel	Western Scrub-Jay	Western Bluebird	Brewer’s Blackbird
Prairie Falcon	Steller’s Jay	Wrentit (H)	Bullock’s Oriole
Killdeer	American Crow	Northern Mockingbird	Brown Headed Cowbird
Rock Pigeon	Common Raven	California Thrasher (H)	Western Meadowlark
Mourning Dove	Yellow-billed Magpie	European Starling	House Finch
Eurasian Collared Dove	Tree Swallow	Black Throated Gray Warbler	Lawrence’s Goldfinch
Greater Roadrunner	Barn Swallow	Orange Crowned Warbler (H)	Lesser Goldfinch
Anna’s Hummingbird		Townsend’s Warbler	

Spring birding Lone Tree Road – May 5, 2012 Leader Lisa Myers



All pictures taken during our day – Starting top left  
One of 3 Red Tail Hawk nests observed this day – Brooke Miller,  
Lazuli Bunting & Cassin's Kingbird – Brooke Miller  
Group birding the end of Lone Treed Road – Lisa Myers  
One of many beautiful views from Lone Tree Road – Joe Diandrea,  
One of many Western Kingbirds seen on this day - Brooke Miller  
California Quail Male – Brooke Miller  
The new birder's "toilette" – Joe Diandrea