



**Quick Overview** – This day was all about Birding the many reservoirs located in the southern part of California’s Santa Clara County. The last few days had brought a very unusual snow fall to the surrounding mountain tops and this morning’s temperatures were down right cold. Even with rain in the forecast, if you dress correctly & have water proof optics you can still experience a fantastic day in the field and our group of birders was ready for the challenge. Our first stop was at Calero Reservoir. The winds here created frigid conditions but the birds did not mind as we watched first of season Violet Green Swallows feeding by the hundreds over the water. We also had Least Sandpipers and a Spotted Sandpiper at the water’s edge with a Say’s Phoebe feeding near. From here we continued south to Chesboro Reservoir. This is a forgotten little spot that is home to Wood Ducks. We found the ducks in addition to two snoozing American White Pelicans and we continued to find Violet Green Swallows over the water. By now the rain was really coming down so we headed east to Coyote Reservoir. We first stopped at the Mendoza entrance to Coyote Lake where we found roughly 20 – 25 Yellow Billed Magpies plus a pair of Hooded Mergansers. Once in the park it was here we had our second Osprey and found a pair of Bald Eagles! The group wished the eagles were closer and before long one flew directly over our heads as pictured above. It was here we also had great views of a pair of Hermit Thrushes in addition to Mountain Bluebirds. As we drove the road along the lake we had to be careful to avoid Wild Turkeys, Northern Flickers and California Quail. Our last stop was Anderson Reservoir which was home to our third Osprey plus a few families of Acorn Woodpeckers. After jumping in puddles and playing in the mud, it was time to head back. *Let’s Go Birding* and the *Los Gatos Birdwatcher* thank everyone that joined in this day as it was quite a memorable adventure in nature!



*A Bald Eagle flying directly overhead while at Coyote Lake Reservoir. Picture taken by trip participant Nate Sanders.  
The dam end of Coyote Lake.  
Image take by trip leader Lisa Myers*

**Total Species Counted for the Day = 72 includes heard only (H)**

List includes birds observed at Calero, Chesboro, Coyote & Anderson Reservoirs

Canada Goose	Great Blue Heron	Mourning Dove	Western Bluebird
Mallard	Great Egret	Band Tailed Pigeon	Hermit Thrush
Gadwall	Snowy Egret	Eurasian Collared Dove	American Robin
American Wigeon	Turkey Vulture	Anna’s Hummingbird	Wrentit (H)
Bufflehead	Osprey	Northern Flicker	Northern Mockingbird
Ring Necked Duck	Bald Eagle	Acorn Woodpecker	European Starling
Common Merganser	Northern Harrier	Black Phoebe	Cedar Waxwing
Hooded Merganser	White-tail Kite	Say’s Phoebe	Yellow Rumped Warbler
Common Goldeneye	Red Shouldered Hawk	Loggerhead-Shrike	Spotted Towhee
Wood Duck	Red-tail Hawk	Western Scrub-Jay	California Towhee
Ruddy Duck	Cooper’s Hawk	Yellow Billed Magpie	Golden-crowned Sparrow
California Quail	American Kestrel	American Crow	White-crowned Sparrow
Wild Turkey	American Coot	Common Raven	Savannah Sparrow
Pied-billed Grebe	Spotted Sandpiper	Violet Green Swallows	Dark Eyed Junco
Eared Grebe	Least Sandpiper	Oak Titmouse	Red-winged Blackbird
Western Grebe	Killdeer	Chestnut Backed Chickadee	Tri-Colored Blackbird
American White Pelican	Ring Billed Gull	White Breasted Nuthatch	Brewer’s Blackbird
Double-crested Cormorant	California Gull	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	House Finch
	Rock Dove		