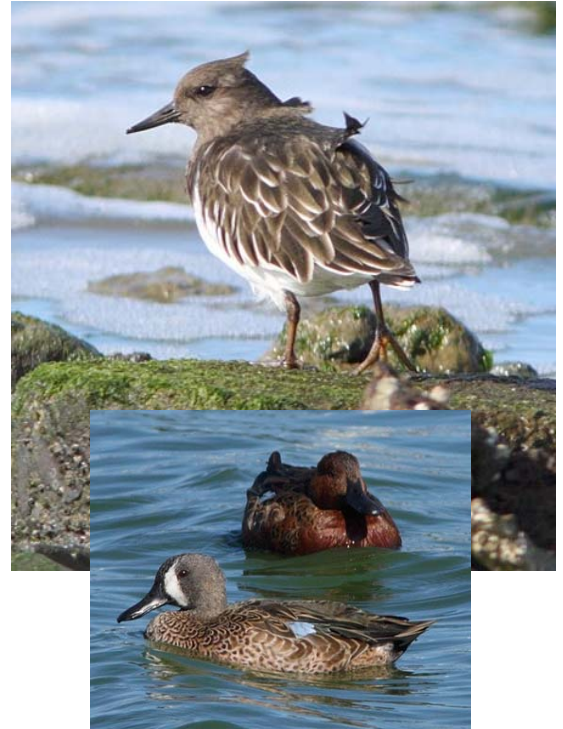


## A Chase Around San Francisco Bay!

Let's go find what's being reported – October 20, 2007

**Quick Overview** – When scheduling trips months in advance, it makes it tricky to fit in the reported vagrants that show up overnight. But for this day all participants knew we would set our destination depending on what was being reported. After recent reports of longspurs at Hayward Regional Shoreline I set the plan. Scouting the night before proved successful as I found a Lapland Longspur in the company of Savannah Sparrows & Horned Larks as they foraged on the hillside west of the flood control channel. But on the morning of the trip we were not able to relocate this bird. We ran into many other birders who also were not able to find longspurs after 8:00 AM. But all was not lost as the challenge to locate these birds allowed us some great views of American Pipits and the many other species that were here. We then headed west over the San Mateo Bridge and birded the bay via Beach Park Blvd. in Foster City. Our route this day was also decided with the tides in mind and we found hundreds of shorebirds feeding on the exposed mudflats. We had great looks at Red Knots, Dunlins and more. We ended our day at Radio Road in Redwood Shores. Shorebirds, terns and returning wintering ducks were sharing the pond in great numbers.



**Black Turnstone, Blue Wing & Cinnamon Teal**  
Pictures taken during our day by trip participant Rob Pavey.

### Memorable Observations!

- Listening to the calls of the Golden Crown Sparrows
- Watching the Western Meadowlarks forage in the grasses of the land fill
- Finding almost invisible turnstones along the rocks
- Surf Scoters, scaup, pintail, teal, shoveler, mallard, widgeon fly-overs
- Hundreds & hundreds of shorebirds
- The cutest dogs you've ever seen at the neighboring dog park

**Total Species Counted for the Day = 71 includes heard only (H)**  
**Birds are listed in the taxonomic order currently recognized by the AOU**

Canada Goose	American White Pelican	Marbled Godwit	American Crow
Cackling Goose Sub-species	Brown Pelican	Western Sandpiper	Common Raven
Mallard	Double-crested Cormorant	Least Sandpiper	Bushtit
Gadwall	Great Blue Heron	Semipalmated Plover	Marsh Wren
American Wigeon	Great Egret	Killdeer	Ruby-crowned Kinglet (H)
Northern Pintail	Snowy Egret	Black-bellied Plover	European Starling
Northern Shoveler	Turkey Vulture	Red Knott	American Pipit
Canvasback	Northern Harrier	Black Turnstone	Horned Lark
Scaup Sp? in distance	Red Shouldered Hawk	Ruddy Turnstone	Yellow-rumped Warbler
Green-winged Teal	Red-tail Hawk	Ring-billed Gull	Common Yellowthroat
Blue Winged Teal	American Coot	California Gull	California Towhee
Cinnamon Teal	Black-necked Stilt	Thayer's Gull	Song Sparrow
Ruddy Duck	American Avocets	Forster's Tern	White-crowned Sparrow
Surf Scoter	Greater Yellowlegs	Elegant Tern	Golden-crowned Sparrow
Pied-billed Grebe	Lesser Yellowlegs	Rock Pigeon	Savannah Sparrow
Western Grebe	Long-billed Curlew	Mourning Dove	Western Meadowlark
Clark's Grebe	Dowitchers	Black Phoebe	House Finch
	Dunlin	Say's Phoebe	House Sparrow