

**Migrant Treasure Hunt Advanced Class
Golden Gate Audubon Society**

Selected Readings and Resources

California's Ecosystems and Plant Communities

- Bakker, E. and Slack, G. 1985. *An Island Called California*, University of California Press, C.A. 400 pp. (Descriptions of various habitats found in California with easy to read essays.)
- Beidleman, L.H. and Kozloff, E.K. 2003. *Plants of the San Francisco Bay Region*, University of California Press, C.A. 505 pp. (Descriptions of major plant communities found in the Bay Area, photographs of common plants and keys for plant identification).
- Schoenherr, A. A. 1992. *A Natural History of California*, University of California Press. 772 pp. (Book provides a comprehensive look at California's ecosystems, geology and other aspects of its natural history.)
- Calflora.org - Website with accurate plant information including distribution and photographs.)

Ornithology

- Welty, J.C. and L.F. Baptista. 1988. *The Life of Birds*. 4th edition. W.B. Saunders Co., College Park, N.Y. (An introductory college text, considered by some ornithologists to contain the best and broadest coverage of bird biology.)
- Gill, F.B. 1995. *Ornithology*. W.H. Freeman and Company, N.Y. 766 pp. (Another great introductory ornithology book covering bird ecology and behaviour.)

California Birds and Distribution

- Small, B. 1994. *California Birds: Their Status and Distribution*. Ibis Publishing Co., C.A. 342 pp. (Great book with details regarding the distribution of birds in California, including vagrants).
- California Bird List of Western Field Ornithologists' California Bird Records Committee. (Detailed and updated information regarding the distribution of birds in California, including rare birds.)
<http://californiabirds.org>
- California County Geographic Birding Guide (City College of San Francisco's Joe Morlan Ornithology website with birding resources by county in the Bay Area.)
<http://fog.ccsf.cc.ca.us/~jmorlan/county.htm>
- Rich Stallcup Focus Articles (A wonderful collection of popular articles on local birds and birding by the late and beloved Rich Stallcup.)
<http://www.pointblue.org/our-science-and-services/conservation-science/conservation-training/focus/>

Bird Migration

- Able, K. P. (1999). *Gathering of Angels - Migrating Birds and their Ecology*, Cornell University Press. (Wonderful book on bird migration.)
- Miyoko, Chu. 2007. *Songbird Journeys*. Walker Publishing Company, Inc., N.Y. 312 pp. (Another wonderful book, easy to read on migration with a focus on the East Coast.)
- Rappole, J.A.2013. *The Avian Migrant: The Biology of Bird Migration*, Columbia University Press, N.Y. 435 pp. (A must have book on migration for ornithologists and birders alike.)
- Howell, S. and Russell, W. 2014. *Rare Birds*, Princeton University Press, U.K. 428 pp. (Great new book on rare birds in North America by our local ornithologist Steve Howell.)
- Bildstein, Keith L. Bildstein. 2006. *Migrating Raptors of the World*, Cornell University Press, N.Y. 320 pp. (Wonderful book discussing the ecology of raptors of the world.)

Bay Area Rare Bird Information

<http://digest.sialia.com/>

A selection of daily rare bird postings in the U.S. including a section for Northern California.

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/northbaybirds>

Yahoo group. Information on birds found in Sonoma, Marin, Napa, Lake and Solano Counties.

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/EBB_Sightings/

Yahoo group listing rare bird sightings in the East Bay.

Bay Area Rare Bird Information (Cont.)

<http://pets.groups.yahoo.com/group/sjbirds/>

Yahoo group listing rare bird sightings in San Joaquin County.

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SFBirds/>

Yahoo group listing rare bird sightings in San Francisco County.

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/peninsula-birding/>

Yahoo group listing rare bird sightings in San Mateo County.

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/south-bay-birds/>

Yahoo group listing rare bird sightings in Santa Clara County.

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/central_valley_birds/

Yahoo group listing rare bird sightings in the Central Valley.