

FIELD TRIP REPORT MADRONA MARSH NOVEMBER 19, 2022

On Nov 19, 18! Auduboners and visitors had our monthly birdwalk at Madrona Marsh led by Linda LeRoy. As last year, the Marsh staffer Jonathan was our guide and took us to all the best areas, like the sump, and away from the restoration areas. Last year we visited in Feb, so we could see the contrast this year, less water, and a different mix of birds. The weather was great, and the little rain a couple weeks ago did provide a good size vernal pond for the first ducks, including some ring-necked ducks, cinnamon teal, gadwall, and 3 hooded mergansers, always crowd favorites. Birds at the feeders had yielded Baldy the red-winged Blackbird to a few lucky birders, and hoards of American goldfinches. Among the raptors, we had a spirited discussion of the coopers vs sharp-shinned id of 1 bird. Lots of white-crowned sparrows but Steve was fortunate to find some golden-crowns mixed in.

We did lunch by noon and then 7 of us did another short walk through part of the preserve and each of us saw birds we had not seen in the morning. I saw 4 new species myself including the golden- crowned sparrows.

The day was an enjoyable walk through a hidden gem of LA County and it will be fun to come back another month next year. Thanks to all who made it so birdy and fun.