

Help us count birds in the Alameda Creek watershed December 18

We usually contact you about fish, but this one is for the birds. Whether you are a beginning, intermediate, or expert birder, we need you to volunteer on Friday, December 18 to help us count birds and track winter bird species in the Alameda Creek watershed.

The Ohlone Audubon Society and the Alameda Creek Alliance are hosting a new Christmas Bird Count circle in Eastern Alameda County next month that covers much of the upper Alameda Creek watershed. The [Christmas Bird Count](#) is an annual nationwide volunteer-based bird survey effort coordinated by the Audubon Society to promote bird conservation and assess long-term trends in winter bird populations.

The Alameda Creek Watershed Christmas Bird Count will be held during a 24 hour period on Friday, December 18, 2009.

The 15 mile radius count circle is in the vicinity of the towns of Sunol, Pleasanton and Livermore, and includes five East Bay Regional Parks, significant SFPUC watershed lands, and exciting East Bay birding hotspots such as lower Mines Road, Sunol Wilderness, Calaveras Reservoir, and Springtown Preserve. We especially needs some birders to help survey Sunol Regional Park. Beginning birders will be teamed up with more experienced count leaders. We expect to find interesting birds such as yellow-billed magpies, golden and bald eagles, burrowing owls, peregrine and prairie falcons, and maybe even Lewis' woodpeckers and rufous-crowned sparrows within this count circle.

See our [web page on the CBC](#) for more information

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