After several days of much needed rain, the heavens parted in almost biblical style for the 2014 Torrey Pines Docent Society Holiday party! The sun was warm, the food was plentiful, and the company couldn’t have been finer. After a brief business meeting, we all enjoyed classic dishes from years past (including Ingo’s Chiles Rellenos!), some new favorites, and literally more desserts than we could eat.

Docents who have been active for ten years (Class of 2004) were awarded golden name tags as Lifetime members. They are Carolyn Butterfield, Blair Francis, Roger Isaacson, Bobbi Krueger, Sheldon Krueger, Lillian Lachichotte, Irene Larrimore, Jim Larrimore, Shana Norell, Sharon Clay Rose and Steve Rose. The outgoing board members were honored: Bill Eckles, Bob Doolittle, Barbara Justice, Marie Johnson, Hank Beck, Lou Adamo, and Irene Larrimore. Outgoing President Bill Eckles then introduced the 2015 Board members (see masthead on pg. 2). The highlight of the business meeting was the announcement of Lillian Lachichotte as the Docent of the Year for 2014, a well-deserved honor that was met with great applause.

The hosts of the holiday party were the Class of 2014, fearlessly led by Arlene Weinerman. Arlene commented that “so many of the new docents stepped up to help, it would be impossible to thank them all by name.” A few of the many helpers included the intrepid decorating team. Clare Key, Clay White, Claudia Kay, Susan Morrison and others helped to make the Lodge look festive and inviting with greenery and a wreath by the fireplace.

(cont. on pg. 3)
Message from the President

I want to thank the Nominating Committee and all the docents who have provided the opportunity for me to serve as President of the Board for 2015. I also want to thank all the 2014 board members for their contributions last year. We will have a joint meeting of the 2014 and 2015 boards on January 7. This meeting will help us make a smooth transition and sustain current programs.

The 2014 board made great progress in a number of areas. One significant change was the revision of the by-laws. These changes will not become effective until 2016. However, wherever possible, we will act in accordance with the concepts of those changes. For example, we plan to review all current committee activities and designate a Board member to maintain a liaison with each committee.

This year, 2015, is the 40th year since the founding of the Torrey Pines Docent Society in 1975. The Docent Society created a formal organization for the group of volunteers that had been providing nature walks and “Lodge sitters” for several years. Their mission statement was: “To protect, preserve and help maintain Torrey Pines State Reserve and to interpret its unique value to the public through a variety of educational programs, including guided nature walks and Lodge duty.”

As dedicated docents, we will continue to remain committed to this mission statement. I look forward to working with all of you to make 2015 another great year.

Frank Burham
President,
Torrey Pines Docent Society

FLASH From Joy Inton: Don’t forget to donate your ZooNooz magazines to the Museum Shop.

DUES ARE DUE
Torrey Pines Docent Society dues are due in January. The are $25 for Active Members and $40 for Supporting Members. Dues may be sent to Gerry Lawrence, TPDS Treasurer, P.O. Box 2414, Del Mar, CA 92014. Or someone will collect them at the January general meeting (see pg 5 for more details).
Tania Popov, Pao Chau, Peter Domaille and Claudia Swanson risked “life and limb” climbing a tall ladder to hang the swag at the front of the Lodge, and to place the greenery all around the shelf on the inside of the Lodge. Arlene, Claudia and Pao had an adventurous day of planning and shopping for tablecloths, ribbons, and candles for the party, and Peter volunteered to do the beverage shopping.

Many other Class of 2014 members contributed their time and creativity to the event set-up and break-down. Jake Mumma and Johnson Jou proved themselves (again) to be Park Aides Extraordinaire, assisting throughout the day with their knowledge of the Lodge, their hard work, and their cheerful attitudes!

Event organizer Arlene summed up the Class of 2014: “We are one fantastic team!” That is a sentiment that truly captures the essence of the Torrey Pines Docent Society – teamwork and friendship. To paraphrase something Bobbi Krueger once said: You can’t love TPSNR and be a Grinch. Here’s to another warm, fun and “Grinch-free” celebration. The Class of 2014 looks forward to working with all of you in 2015!

Children’s Program

As our time as Directors of the Children's Program comes to an end, we want to welcome Janet Ugalde as the new Director for 2015. Over the past two years, we've seen the program expand to include one additional day per month in order to accommodate all the school groups that want to come. From January 2014 through December 2014 there have been 4,675 students who have come to TPSNR for the Children's Program. We want to thank all of the "ready and willing" Children's Program docents who signed up and helped. You have made our job easy and a lot of fun.

Don't forget to join us at the Docent Meeting on January 10th, 2015 to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Children's Program. Barbara Wallach will be giving the "5 Minute Spotlight" on the 25-year history of the Children's Program honoring past directors. There will be cake!

Barbara Justice & Marie Johnson
Co-Directors of the Children's Program

Docent of the Year:
Lillian Lachicotte

Photo by Herb Knüfken

Thank you for honoring me as Docent of the Year. This award coincides with the celebration of my tenth year as a docent. Looking back on my experiences these ten years, I reflect with appreciation on those I have volunteered with. Working with Irene Larrimore as co-chairs of Lodge Hosting as a newbie docent was a pleasure as we worked together to cover shifts. Roger Isaacson made being editor of the Pinecone newsletter easy, since I was assured of his expert assistance and dependability. Volunteering on the Science Fair committee has been especially fulfilling since, while working with Sally Whitlock and Frank Burham as leaders, we docents not only enjoyed our meetings together, but also felt privileged to encourage students to further their studies of nature.

Working with Walt Desmond, Jeannie Smith and, more recently, Barbara Wallach on the Nominating Committee has left me with an appreciation of their knowledge of parliamentary procedure, uncommon common sense and fair-mindedness. And what a delight it is to work with Nancy Woodworth et al. in the Museum Shop.

So many outstanding docents have influenced my activities in the Society that, as I thank you for the Docent of the Year award, I must thank all who have made being a docent a wonderfully joyful and fulfilling experience. Thank you all.
Green Flash: Rusty the Raven
by Kristine Schindler

Did you know that we have had a very special raven in the Reserve since June 2013? His name is Rusty and he recycles. According to Barbara Wallach, he lives in the docent closet and hangs out with Sr. Park Aide Louis Sands on Thursdays and Fridays. Rusty greets the school children as they get off the bus and also talks to them about the importance of recycling, reusing, and reducing. This is sustainability and environmental stewardship being built into our Children's Program. Also, the children almost always see Rusty's relatives during their hike. And, as a new addition, we now have Rusty buttons (image above) to hand out at the TIK to share with the world beyond the school children to the greater group of Reserve visitors. Thank you Rusty and Barbara!

Museum Committee Update
by Lillian Lachicotte

Our beautifully archival-framed Mat Triptych and photos of Miss Scripps and John Torrey/C.C. Parry are now back in the museum. Thank you Nan Danninger for overseeing this project.

Janice Barnard found a recently-deceased loon at the lagoon that we are hoping to have prepared for our museum collection to take the place of a time-worn specimen on display. Great find, Janice.

Whale of a Story
by Diane Greening, former docent and park aide

Ever since I encountered the “bicycle seat” whale bone in the TP Museum’s discovery box, I have tried to identify it. I looked at skeletons online, I scrutinized skeletons mounted in museums. This summer as I walked around the complete humpback skeleton displayed at the Glacier Bay National Park in Alaska, I saw the bone located between the top two ribs. Touching my own chest, I realized it must be the sternum (or breastbone). Googling “whale sternum” immediately revealed pictures of that bicycle seat-shaped bone, invisible when the skeleton is displayed from the side. I also learned that many mounted skeletons are lacking a few bones which might be why I didn’t see it before.

The Glacier Bay specimen is remarkably complete because she was whale #68, nicknamed “Snow”, killed by a cruise ship, and reconstructed at the cruise company’s expense. In fact she travelled by barge from Glacier Bay to Bellingham, WA, then was trucked across the country to a whale skeleton mounting specialist in Maine, before returning to Glacier Bay for display this summer. Even Snow’s vestigial leg bones are displayed.

*****Heard in the Reserve*****

Visitors with a History
by Jeannie Smith

The day after Thanksgiving was a busy one at the Reserve and the Visitor Center was bursting with happy families enjoying the exhibits and the old adobe. People from around the country and around the world admired the taxidermy, watched the videos and learned about our local nature. Two young women were certainly visitors of note: the granddaughter of Hank Nichols and the daughter of Jim Van Schmus who was Chief Ranger for the original San Diego Coast District before he was transferred to Hearst Castle in 1995. Jim and Hank both passed away recently. The two women are archeologists now and had met on a project and knew one another for a while before they realized that they both had a close connection to Torrey Pines. The subject came up because one of them noticed...
that the other’s husband was wearing “ranger pants” and a California State Parks belt that had belonged to Hank. They reminisced about being kids at the Reserve and attending staff parties at the Lodge after hours when the children would leave the adults to the adobe and run around the trails. Frank Burham and I had a good time listening to their memories. You never know who you might meet while doing Lodge hosting!

**The Covey**

by Rhea Bridy

Away from the hard asphalt
into the realm of far away
black sage-scented
and seed-path strewn,
the male herds his covey.
Under the scaled cactus pads,
he heard my steps, stopped and
called the play. Chicago!
They exploded into air, all beauty,
landing by lemonadeberry a short
distance away, crowding together.

All safe and sound.

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**January is Docent Renewal Month**

**Record Your Hours**

For continuing docents, be sure that all your 2014 service hours have been recorded on Volgistics. The state requirement for Active Docents is 72 service hours annually.

Hours for Lifetime and Supporting Docents are appreciated and recorded for the state but not required. If you need help logging your hours, contact our Volgistics Guru, Roger Isaacson, portal@torreypine.org.

**Review Your Membership Status**

- **Active Docents**: (72 or more service hours and $25 dues)
- **Supporting Docents**: Request a change to this status, temporarily or permanently, if you have been an Active Docent for at least two years and are no longer able to meet the service requirement. Contact Carol Smith to make this change or to ask questions about your membership.
- **Lifetime Docents** are awarded this honor after 10 years as active members.

**Pay Your Dues for 2015**

- **Active Docents**: $25
- **Supporting Docents**: $40
- **Lifetime Docents**: No dues requirement

Checks should be made out to “Torrey Pines Docent Society,” indicating it is for 2015 dues. Your dues must be received by January 31, 2015.

You may bring your check (or cash) to the Docent Meeting on January 10, 2015.

See the December *Torreyana* for other payment options.

**Parking Passes for 2015**

2015 stickers for your parking pass are issued by the ranger staff to docents whose membership status, hours and dues for 2015 are up to date. Please allow two weeks after your dues are received. **ID photos will be taken when 2015 parking stickers are picked up.** This will be part of your Volgistics Profile, mainly for use by rangers. There is a list of about 60 docents who have already uploaded their photo, so they are exempt.

**No longer a docent?**

The easiest way to move on is simply to fail to pay dues or record hours. We’d prefer to hear from you though. We’ll miss you.

Carol Smith,
Membership Coordinator
membership@torreypine.org

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**Torrey Pines Book Club**

When: Tuesday, January 20, 2 pm
Where: Molly McConnell’s home (Normal Heights)
What: *Last Child in the Woods: Saving Our Children From Nature-Deficit Disorder* by Richard Louv

Richard Louv was a U-T reporter years ago, and this book was a big hit (4.5 stars with 159 customer reviews in Amazon). “In his landmark work *Last Child in the Woods*, Richard Louv brought together cutting-edge studies that pointed to direct exposure to nature as essential for a child’s healthy physical and emotional development. Now this new edition updates the growing body of evidence linking the lack of nature in children’s lives and the rise in obesity, attention disorders, and depression. Louv’s message has galvanized an international back-to-nature campaign to ‘Leave No Child Inside.’ His book will change the way you think about our future and the future of our children.”

All TPDS docents are welcome. Meetings usually last a couple of hours. RSVP to Molly or Ken King if you plan to attend. (Check Member List for email or phone numbers.)
Infested Torrey Pines to be Cut Down

Not since the early 1990s have so many trees been afflicted by the bark beetle at Torrey Pines State Natural Reserve, including the Extension. As many as 100 Torrey pines have become mortally infested with bark beetles and cutting them down began the week of December 15th and will continue through February 2015. This loss represents about two-percent (2%) of the current population within the park, which stands at approximately 4580 trees. Removing these trees will help reduce the infestation in other nearby Torrey pine stands.

“The infestation of these trees has unfortunately reached a point of no return status, and it is critical we act quickly to avoid infestation to other nearby Torrey pines,” said Clay Phillips, San Diego District Superintendent.

Tree removal will be conducted by CalFire and inmate crews, with monitoring and technical support from the California State Parks staff. Workers will cut down trees and cut lumber into smaller pieces that will be hand carried to green waste roll-off containers. Extreme caution will be taken to prevent expanding the infestation of the beetles.

The bark beetles (California five-spined engraver beetle and red turpentine beetle) are native insects that in low numbers do not harm the Torrey pine, but in dry and warm conditions can multiply rapidly. The sustained drought and higher temperatures of the past few years have reduced some of the Torrey pine’s natural ability to resist bark beetle infestations.

The problem has been exacerbated by Torrey pines and Monterey pines that were grown with irrigation in the neighboring landscaping. Landscape trees that have been raised with irrigation are larger and do not typically develop root systems that can sustain the trees during prolonged droughts. When irrigation is shut off or reduced, these trees can harbor large beetle infestations that can spread to nearby wild trees.

According to Darren Smith, Environmental Scientist for California State Parks, the park system has historically used non-toxic beetle traps to help control the infestation. These can be seen throughout the Reserve. “However, the infestation spread enough this year to merit additional tactics, such as the removal of mortally infested trees, to prevent more infestations.”

While some of the views in the Reserve and Extension will change once the trees are removed, State Parks expects that the existing sub-adults and seedlings or native shrubs will repopulate the affected areas. Infested areas will be monitored to determine if future reforestation or re-vegetation efforts are warranted.

Cutting dead Torrey pines at Red Ridge in the Extension

Torrey Pines State Natural Reserve has endured larger tree mortality in the past. During the late 80’s and early 90’s the combination of a severe windstorm and three-year drought resulted in the mortality of approximately 850 trees (about 12% of the population) due to bark beetle infestations. Many of these trees were in Parry Grove and on the Guy Fleming Trail. A similar program of beetle traps and tree removals helped reduce the tree mortality until several years of average or higher rainfall occurred.

[Ed. Note: the above article was taken from a news release sent out by the California State Department of Parks and Recreation on December 9th, as well as from additional information supplied by Darren Smith.]

What Did We Accomplish in the Reserve in 2014?

by Joan R. Simon

Photos by Roger Isaacson

We did a lot this year in the Reserve. The Docent Society, California State Parks, the Rangers and Park Aides all contributed to making this a very productive year. Here is a compilation of some of the things we all achieved in 2014.

• There was a lot of work done on the trails to make more of the Reserve wheelchair accessible. This includes the Discovery Trail, as well as the West Overlook, with new benches along the route and at the overlook; the Broken Hill Trail, where the South Fork is wheelchair-accessible up to the new overlook; a new ADA trail above Parry Grove, leading to a newly-
established overlook with benches. The steps down to Parry Grove have been completed and the opening of the trail as well as access to the new overlook is awaiting completion of erosion repairs on the trail.

- As part of the Green Team effort, soap dispensers were installed in the west lot restrooms and will be serviced by TIK (Trail Information Kiosk) volunteers. The reusable bottle program continues to be successful, with sales of over 1900 bottles in 2014 at the Visitor Center and the TIK. A second water filling station was installed by Frank Burham in the summer at the south lot restroom wall (the first was installed in the west lot in 2013).

- The San Diego Half-Marathon in April and the Komen Walk in November were monitored by 24 and 25 docents respectively. Paper and food waste (and feathers in the case of the latter) were at an all-time minimum (see article on the Komen Walk on pg 8).

- The Garden Committee installed new ADA-compliant signage for the garden in front of the Lodge and spruced up some of the plantings. The committee is now working on a similar plan for Whitaker Garden.

- Volgistics, a “cloud” based volunteer management system, completed its first year and not only is it now easier for docents to sign up for assignments and record and track their hours, but it is easier for coordinators to fill various posts, such as Lodge hosting and public walks.

- The Whacky Weeders have been very busy this year. Coordinator Lynne Small added Thursday to the regular Monday routine, and participation has been growing. On Mondays, 57 different people have done “Whacky Weeding” for a total of 840 stints; at 1.5 hours per session (although many work longer), that adds up to 1260 hours. On Thursdays, there have been 33 different people for a total of 423 hours. The group made a special push this year to pursue the highly-invasive Carpobrotus edulis (ice plant) into the far corners of the Reserve: down the cliffs along the Broken Hill Trail, far into the Peñasquitos Lagoon, over the side of the new Parry Grove overlook, and numerous spots in between. As many as 90 (over-sized) bags were filled with ice plant during a given morning.

- The historic structure report of the Lodge has been completed, with recommendations for repairs in the coming years. The report was done by IS Architecture, led by Ione Stiegler, and was paid for by the TPA.

- The Docent Society voted to change its by-laws so that starting in January 2016, five at-large positions will replace the board members who currently represent Communications, Programs, Lodge Hosting, Children’s Program and Training. The election for these new positions, as well as for the regular board officers, will take place in November, 2015.

- The TPA, supported by the Ellen Browning Scripps Foundation, purchased a 2005 Toyota Tundra for the docents and it is being actively used by the Whacky Weeder, Recyclers and Seabees, with assistance from the park aides.

- To address the significant problem of beach graffiti on the cliffs, signs were installed in the two areas where the graffiti is most prominent: midpoint on the beach between the south parking lot and flat rock; and the alcove at the top of the beach stairs. The signs state that carving on the cliffs is illegal and the fine is a $500. Marsha Arones spearheaded this effort and worked with the Green Team to design the signs.

- Supervising Ranger Dylan Hardenbrook established a trial policy this summer called Pack it In/Pack it Out. Trash receptacles were removed from most areas of the Reserve. The reason for the new policy is three-fold: to allow maintenance workers to use their time more productively; to eliminate “forbidden” food in trash cans; and to save money, since trash disposal is Torrey Pines’ second highest budget item after salaries. For the public, there are still trash and recycling receptacles at the beach. For the docents, there are wastebaskets in the Lodge, as well as both trash and recycle cans behind the back entry to the rangers’ office.

- This was the first full year that the District Office performed client negotiations for Special Walk events at Torrey Pines, allowing Ann Williamson, the Docent Special Walk Coordinator, to concentrate on recruiting docents to lead the walks. There were a total of 40 groups who signed up for Special Walks, mostly for corporate clients, including one for team physicians from the San Diego Padres and Chicago Cubs. The biggest repeat client in 2014 was the Road Scholars with 6 visits. Visitors are divided into small walking groups of ten or fewer per docent. In all there were 147 small walking groups, with a total of approximately 750 visitors, led by 32 docents.
Komen Walk Another Success Story

by Ann Smith Mercandetti

Photos by Sherry Doolittle and Kristine Schindler

On Friday, November 21st, 2,324 registered Susan B. Komen 3-Day® walkers from across the United States, most wearing at least one shade of pink, came into the Reserve, walked up the hill, and exited at the end of the historic road after numerous exclamations about the beauty around them. One woman was heard commenting, "I'm surprised they even let us walk through here!" There to meet the walkers between the South parking lot entrance and the exit near the golf course were Torrey Pines docents Claudia Kay, Ken King, Joan Simon, Mona Kuczenski, George Beardsley, Nikki Hrountas, Ann Walker, Annette Ring, Clay White, Tonia Popov, Joellen Barnett, Sherry Doolittle, Helen Grundler, Frannie Fischman, Mary Friestedt, Carolyn Colwell, Joe Meyer, Jan Lombardi, Darlene Martineau, Maureen Buckley, Kristine Schindler, Michelle Kurtis Cole, Jeff Harrison, and Park Aides Joy Inton and Johnson Jou. Because we had more people sign up this year, a "photo-op stop" was added at the widened sidewalk area west of the Lodge.

Komen walkers could have their photos taken with Torrey pines and beautiful canyons in the background. At the request of Ranger “Chuy” Salinas, one docent handled traffic control at the south parking lot where all of the Komen-related vehicles entered. The four docents monitoring the Reserve entrance at the bottom of the hill again encountered many walkers with food and feathers. Their eagle eyes kept a LOT of food and litter OUT of the Reserve again this year. As the walkers went up the hill and through the Reserve, they peppered the docents who were stretched along the route with many questions about the birds and other Torrey Pines inhabitants.

At the end of the walk, Jeff Harrison came across a young woman in a wheelchair who was struggling to get herself up the hill backwards after a friend no longer had the strength to push her. She was still well below the Guy Fleming Trail. Jeff immediately offered his assistance and began pushing the woman up the hill. Reaching the top, Jeff took her out onto the new ADA-accessible West Overlook across from the Lodge so the young woman could look out and see the Torrey pines which stretched before her to the ocean. There were rain showers early in the morning and before the walkers arrived, docents were treated to a full rainbow across the sky reaching down to the ocean, a special way to start a special day. Thank you to each docent who participated and made everything "work" for this event. Well done.

“Framing some docents”
Front Center: Organizer Ann Smith Mercandetti
Standing: Maureen Buckley, Helen Grundler, Ken King (partly hidden), Ann Walker, Claudia Kay, Clay White, and Jan Lombardi

Jeff Harrison starting the long push

Backs to camera: Annette Ring and Ken King
Did you know?
Up In the Air
by Tom Polakiewicz

Photo by Roger Isaacson

You see them every time you come to the Reserve . . . airplanes, helicopters and hang gliders flying past or near the cliffs, some so low and close you might wonder if there are any rules that govern where they can go.

It turns out that they are regulated—but with a significant exception. The aircraft flying under visual flight rules (that is, not relying entirely on instruments) have to follow the guidelines of the Federal Aviation Rules. Airplanes flying over water can fly low, but they must maintain a distance of at least 500 feet from any person, vessel, vehicle or structure—so no buzzing the surfers. They have to fly at least 500 feet over uncongested ground—like the Reserve itself. At any time they may fly no faster than 230 miles per hour. Helicopters and hang gliders may fly lower over the ground.

In addition, aircraft flying under visual flight rules may not fly higher than 1,800 feet when passing by Torrey Pines, without permission from Air Traffic Control. That means there isn’t enough room for VFR planes to follow the usual 1,000-foot separation plan for aircraft going in different directions in the same area. So the planes we see off the coast of the Reserve have to use their air-to-air radios and keep a sharp lookout to avoid running into each other. It’s a bit of a free-for-all in the air space.

And the colorful paragliders taking off from the Torrey Pines Gliderport? Their rules prohibit them from flying north of Flat Rock. So we should never see them flying directly over the trails in the Reserve.

The gulls and pelicans that soar past our cliffs may fly wherever the wind and their wings take them. But for the humans, even up in the air there are rules to be followed.

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Torrey Pines Docent Society Bird Survey: December 6, 2014

Number of species: 87

Brant 1
American Wigeon 14
Mallard 18
Northern Shoveler 4
Northern Pintail 37
Lesser Scaup 4
Surf Scoter 15
Bufflehead 28
Red-breasted Merganser 6
Ruddy Duck 6
California Quail 4
Red-throated Loon 2
Pacific Loon 6
Pied-billed Grebe 4
Eared Grebe 1
Western Grebe 18
Brandt’s Cormorant 5
Double-crested Cormorant 6
Brown Pelican 64
Great Blue Heron 1
Great Egret 2
Snowy Egret 5
Osprey 1
White-tailed Kite 3
Northern Harrier 2
Red-shouldered Hawk 1
Red-tailed Hawk 4
Common Gallinule 1
American Coot 18
Semipalmated Plover 3
Spotted Sandpiper 1
Whimbrel 1
Marbled Godwit 4
Sanderling 17
Least Sandpiper 1
Western Sandpiper 8
Heermann’s Gull 18
Ring-billed Gull 59
Western Gull 7
California Gull 6
Royal Tern 2
Eurasian Collared-Dove 6
Mourning Dove 14
White-throated Swift 6
Anna’s Hummingbird 36
Allen’s Hummingbird 2
Belted Kingfisher 1
Nuttall’s Woodpecker 6
Northern Flicker 3
American Kestrel 6
Peregrine Falcon 1
Black Phoebe 9
Say’s Phoebe 13
Cassin’s Kingbird 12
Loggerhead Shrike 1
Hutton’s Vireo 1
Western Scrub-Jay 6
American Crow 14
Common Raven 11
Barn Swallow 3
Bushtit 22
House Wren 8
Marsh Wren 1
Bewick’s Wren 2
Cactus Wren 1
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher 1
California Gnatcatcher 8
Ruby-crowned Kinglet 5
Wrentit 22
Western Bluebird 10
Hermit Thrush 1
California Thrasher 1
Northern Mockingbird 2
European Starling 14
Orange-crowned Warbler 1
Common Yellowthroat 4
Yellow-rumped Warbler 55
Spotted Towhee 1
California Towhee 21
Song Sparrow 9
White-crowned Sparrow 35
Western Tanager 1
Red-winged Blackbird 2
Brewer’s Blackbird 5
House Finch 31
Lesser Goldfinch 3
House Sparrow 1

Observers: Herb Knüfken, Bob Glaser, Frank Wong, Kathy Dickey, Jack Friery, Eva Armi, Blair Francis, Gary Grantham, Ingo Renner, John Bruin, and Anonymous

Herb Knüfken’s amazing photo gallery, including many birds, may be found here: pbase.com/herb1rm