

Field Trip Report - Loma Alta

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I want to apologize for the misprint in the newsletter about the starting time. Some birders showed up for a 9:30 am start and those of us who started at 9:00 were already heading up the hill.



Lark Sparrow

As promised, the species count was low (about 20), but we saw birds not often seen and enjoyed the views across Gallinas Valley to the Bay. There were at least 12 **Lark Sparrows** and a few **Horned Larks**, mostly on the firebreak road.

We had several nice looks at **Lazuli Bunting**, some almost filling the scope. A very cooperative **Grasshopper Sparrow** was observed on the way up Loma Alta and again on the way down, both times eating a grasshopper on a well-exposed rock outcropping.

We had a good view of the **Red-tailed Hawk** nest, but the two nestlings seen the week before stayed down out of the wind. A turkey strolling around Big Rock completed our morning.

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Photos by Bud Hedrick



Lazuli Bunting