Field Trip Report: Alcatraz
June 12, 2012
Trip Leaders: Alcatraz Docents Ed Ryken and Corny Foster

Twenty of us met at Pier 33 in San Francisco on a beautiful day for the boat trip to Alcatraz. Ed Ryken, a volunteer docent and excellent birder, led the day, accompanied by Corny Foster, a volunteer with the organizations working to restore the beautiful historical gardens on the island.

Nesting birds and chicks were everywhere – Western and California Gull, Snowy Egret, Brandt’s Cormorant, Black-crowned Night-Heron, and Pigeon Guillemot. After our morning of birding, we toured the gardens and joined the summer tourists exploring the prison complex.

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