

MINES ROAD / DEL PUERTO CANYON

Saturday, May 1 -- 7:30 am to

Sunday, May 2 – 3:30 pm

With Terry Colborn

Long recognized as one of the premier birding areas in the Bay Area to observe an array of resident species and neo-tropical migrants, the combination of Mines Road and Del Puerto Canyon provides easy access to a number of different habitats. The bird list is quite impressive for this popular destination, and includes Wood Duck, Costa's Hummingbird, Lewis's Woodpecker, Western Wood-Pewee, Ash-throated Flycatcher, Western Kingbird, Yellow-billed Magpie, Rock and Canyon wrens, Nashville, Orange-crowned, Hermit, Yellow and MacGillivray's warblers, Rufous-crowned Sparrow, Black-headed Grosbeak, Bullock's Oriole and Lawrence's Goldfinch, just to name a few. The elusive Greater Roadrunner is reported annually. We'll also visit Del Valle Regional Park (fee) and Frank Raines Park.

This weekend trek will start in Livermore (driving time from Marin approx. 1 ½ hrs) on Saturday morning at 7:30am, and will conclude on Sunday afternoon at 3:30pm. Overnight hotel accommodations will be in Patterson, off of I-5, affording us an opportunity for an optional evening "owl prowl" after dinner. Sign-ups are required, and will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Carpooling is a must as there is very limited space for vehicles to park on Mines Road. The meeting place and motel details will be given on sign-up. For this, send an email to Terry Colborn at: tlcgdc@aol.com, or call him at 530.758.0689.