

Christmas Bird Count December 16

Join the Alameda Creek Alliance and Ohlone Audubon Society for the 3rd annual Eastern Alameda County Christmas Bird Count on Friday, December 16.

The [Christmas Bird Count](#) is an annual nationwide volunteer-based bird survey effort to promote bird conservation and assess long-term trends in winter bird populations. The Eastern Alameda County bird count covers the upper Alameda Creek watershed. Last year 83 birders tallied [150 bird species](#) during the count; our fledgling count was 94th nationally in terms of number of species seen!

Please contact Rich Cimino (yellowbilledtours@gmail.com) to participate in the count.

The post-count dinner this year will be held at the Callippe Preserve in Pleasanton - dinner cost is \$5 per person, and there will be an open bar.

Click [here](#) for more information on the bird count.

Thank You ACA Members!

Many thanks to those of you who have renewed your Alameda Creek Alliance membership, recently joined, or donated.

If you have not already, please support your local creek group by becoming a member or renewing your membership. On our web site you can [download an ACA membership form](#) and read our [2011 update](#) on Alameda Creek restoration activities. You can also easily donate to the Alameda Creek Alliance via PayPal [here](#).

Your membership enables us to continue as an effective voice for creek restoration and protection of native species and their habitats in the Alameda Creek watershed. Your support is essential to our success, so please send in the membership form below today. The Alameda Creek Alliance is a non-profit organization and donations are tax-deductible.

Watch For Salmon

It's getting to be that time of year when adult Chinook salmon could be spotted in the lower Alameda Creek flood control channel. Please keep an eye out along the lower creek in late November and early December for salmon. If you do see salmon, see our [web page](#) on what to do if you spot fish.

Dumbarton Rail Corridor Project

The Dumbarton Rail Corridor Project is a proposed trans-bay commuter rail service between San Mateo County and Alameda County. The project would improve, retrofit and reconstruct 20.5 miles of existing rail infrastructure, including tracks, a rail bridge and existing stations, and would add new stations and provide marsh enhancements. In the East Bay, a new station is proposed in Newark at Willow Street, and existing stations would be modified in Fremont at Centerville and Union City at the BART Station. The project was initiated in the 1990s and is currently going through environmental review.

For more info contact Cathy LaFata at (650) 622-7824, Dumbarton_Information@caltrain.com
Visit the project website at <http://www.smcta.com/dumbartonrail>

Regional Salmon News

Railroaded Salmon Video Covers BDCP Fiasco

AlterNet – November 14, 2011

<http://blogs.alternet.org/danbacher/2011/11/14/railroaded-salmon-video-covers-bdcp-fiasco/>

Tuolumne Salmon Count Totals 1,224

Modesto Bee – November 5, 2011

<http://www.modbee.com/2011/11/05/1935544/tuolumne-salmon-count-totals-1224.html>

Tensions Mount in Idyllic Siskiyou County In Fight Over Dams, Salmon

Redding Record-Searchlight - November 5, 2011

<http://www.redding.com/news/2011/nov/05/mainbar-klamath-siskiyou-lopey-salazar-scott-shast/>

Yuba County Water Agency Looks At Restoring a Salmon Run

Sacramento Bee - November 4, 2011

<http://www.sacbee.com/2011/11/04/4029670/yuba-county-water-agency-looks.html>

Chinook Salmon Returning To Battle Creek

Corning Observer – November 4, 2011

<http://www.corning-observer.com/news/battle-10812-creek-salmon.html>

Increasing Number of Salmon Returning to Restored Habitat

PG&E Currents – November 2, 2011

<http://www.pgecurrents.com/2011/11/02/tehama-county-increasing-number-of-salmon-returning-to-restored-habitat/>

Supreme Court Denies Growers' Appeal of Delta Smelt Decision

AlterNet – November 1, 2011

<http://blogs.alternet.org/danbacher/2011/11/01/supreme-court-denies-growers-appeal-of-delta-smelt-decision/>

Judge Rules Salmon Entitled to Protection From Pesticides

Environmental News Service – November 1, 2011

<http://www.ens-newswire.com/ens/nov2011/2011-11-01-091.html>

Fall-Run Chinook Salmon Escapement

FishBio – October 31, 2011

<http://fishbio.com/chinook-salmon/fall-run-chinook-salmon-escapement>

Water Suppliers' Delta Accord Under Scrutiny

San Francisco Chronicle – October 31, 2011

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2011/10/31/MNHD1LN6N1.DTL>

A Shadow Falls on Salmon

The Oregonian editorial – October 30, 2011

http://www.oregonlive.com/opinion/index.ssf/2011/10/a_shadow_falls_on_salmon.html

Spectacular Time Lapse Video Of Historic Dam Removal

Huffington Post - October 29, 2011

Five Representatives Question Short Comment Period for Delta Plan

IndyMedia – October 29, 2011

Chinook Salmon Returning to Russian River In Near-Record Numbers

Santa Rosa Press-Democrat – October 26, 2011

<http://www.pressdemocrat.com/article/20111026/ARTICLES/111029649>

State Hires Water Contractor Rep to Help Oversee Bay-Delta Plan

IndyMedia – October 25, 2011

<http://www.indybay.org/newsitems/2011/10/25/18694956.php>

Deadly Salmon Disease Found On West Coast

AlterNet – October 20, 2011

<http://blogs.alternet.org/danbacher/2011/10/20/infectious-salmon-disease-breaks-out-on-west-coa/>

Workers Rush To Restore Roseville Streambed Before Salmon Arrive

Sacramento Bee – October 17, 2011

<http://www.sacbee.com/2011/10/17/3984487/workers-rush-to-restore-roseville.html>

GGSA Welcomes Early Indicators of Salmon Recovery

IndyMedia – October 17, 2011

<http://www.indybay.org/newsitems/2011/10/17/18694017.php>

Delta Fish Rebound Endangers Already Troubled Water Bond

California Progress Report – October 17, 2011

<http://www.californiaprogresreport.com/site/node/9473>

Blocked Exit Keeps Salmon on Course

Stockton Record – October 17, 2011

http://www.recordnet.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20111017/A_NEWS/110170314/1/A_NEWS14

California Salmon May Be On a Comeback

Central Valley Business Times – October 17, 2011

<http://www.centralvalleybusinesstimes.com/stories/001/?ID=19583>

Celebrating Salmon: Eel River Revival Will Be Commemorated By Watershed's Youth

Willits News – October 14, 2011

http://www.willitsnews.com/ci_19114080

Target Commits To 100% Sustainable, Traceable Fish By 2015

Los Angeles Times – October 13, 2011

<http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/greenspace/2011/10/target-sustainable-traceable-fish.html>

Congress Declares War on the Merced River

River Advocate – October 13, 2011

<http://www.friendsoftheriver.org/site/PageServer?pagename=merced>

New Fish Ladder in Marsh Creek Aids Migration

Ebb and Flow – October 13, 2011

<http://www.thewatershedproject.org/post.php?postid=382>

Small Fish With Big Impact Rebounds, Easing Fears Of Extinction

Contra Costa Times - October 13, 2011

http://www.contracostatimes.com/california/ci_19098709

Salmon Population in Feather River Rising

Chico Enterprise-Record – October 12, 2011

http://www.chicoer.com/news/ci_19099153

Delta Fish Populations Rebound, Vindicating DOI Scientists

NRDC blog - October 12, 2011

http://switchboard.nrdc.org/blogs/dobegi/delta_fish_populations_rebound.html

Vineyards, Salmon Aid Bill Signed by Governor

Healdsburg Patch – October 8, 2011

<http://healdsburg.patch.com/articles/vineyards-salmon-aid-bill-signed-by-governor>

Yuba Salmon Get the Attention They Deserve

Yuba Net – October 7, 2011

<http://yubanet.com/regional/Yuba-Salmon-Get-The-Attention-They-Deserve.php>