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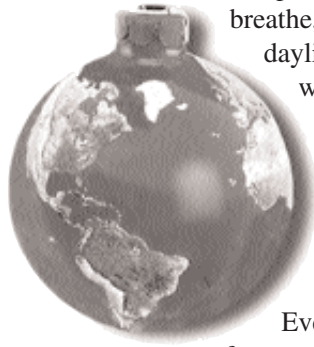
First, visit my blog at www.rwsbirds.blogspot.com. I've tried to keep up with sightings and posting pictures, and there are more to come. If you don't have a bird guide, this is a good place to go to see some photos of what is out here in the Shores. Please visit, comment, and submit your own photos. Waterfowl (ducks, geese, and swans) belong to the family Anatidae. This family can be broken down into seven subfamilies: dabbling ducks (50+ species worldwide/12 native breeds in North America), bay ducks (15/5), sea ducks/mergansers (19/15), stiftails (2/2), swans (7/2), geese (7/6), and whistling-ducks (2 species in North America). Typical dabbling ducks we see here are Northern Pintails, Mallards, and Teals. Sea ducks/mergansers include the Hooded Merganser, Goldeneyes, Buffleheads, and Scoters. The Stiffetails subfamily only has two members, one of which is present here on the Shores, the Ruddy Duck. You can make a good guess of what type of duck it is by its feeding habits. Dabblers primarily feed on the surface by straining water through their bill, while sea ducks and bay ducks have excellent diving skills. The name for stiffetails comes from their distinctive vertically pointing tail feathers. Nice weather on the weekends and Thanksgiving day keep bringing in bird photographers from all over the Bay area. How lucky we are to have this winter spectacle right outside our door, so get out there and enjoy it! It seems that certain birds like to hang out in certain places. Here are my

November observations:

A green heron, first one I've seen in the Shores, has been hanging around the shores of the lagoon around Ventana del Mar. I first saw him in early November, and you can see a photo on my blog. Also, in the large eastern lagoon at the east end of Davit Lane, there are numerous Scaups. I also saw male and female Hooded Mergansers hanging around the pond next to the dog park and in the lagoon that abuts Gossamer Avenue. The main Redwood Shores lagoon that you can see from Davit Lane had mostly Pied-billed Grebes, Buffleheads, Common Goldeneye, and plenty of Brown Pelicans, Double-crested Cormorants, and Greater-white Fronted Geese. The Trumpeter Swans are also back. I also saw a very active Bonaparte's Gull (named after Napoleon's nephew, Charles Lucien Bonaparte, who was a leading ornithologist in the 1800s). The pond behind Nob Hill has a good amount of Northern Pintails and Northern Shovelers. The SBSA pond has consistently had Cinnamon Teals, Green-winged Teals, Northern Shovelers, American Wigeons, and Ruddy Ducks. The Black Skimmers seem to have left by Thanksgiving. Other relatively close by opportunities: Greater Sandhill Cranes will be in the Central Valley for another couple months. Check with www.cosumnes.org.



WHAT TO GIVE YOUR PLANET FOR THE HOLIDAYS



Your planet is always there for you: air to breathe, check; ground to walk on, check; daylight, check... the list goes on. So what to give in return? You don't need to spend a lot of money, the trees would prefer you skip the wrapping paper, and Mother Earth still has some of her original diamonds.

Ever just run to Nob Hill for a few forgotten items? Okay, how about a walk to Nob Hill? That armful of items fits nicely in a small backpack. You save on gas, reduce your chances of a ticket on Redwood Shores Parkway, and get some fresh air and leg stretching. Your planet gets fresh air, too. Imagine if every Shores resident drove even one less trip per week to Starbucks, Baskin-Robbins, Amici's, Nob Hill, and its neighbors. You might even be able to get out of town faster the times when you are driving.

Another gift of bipedal shopping: you may find yourself buying less, and healthier, too. Pretend you're backpacking: would you rather carry paper boxes containing processed food, or fresh fruits and vegetables where almost every ounce is edible? Having your own backpack means you can say 'neither' to the 'paper or plastic?' question. And while you're at it, tuck a few of those plastic produce bags from a previous trip into your backpack. Or really go crazy: use a Sharpie pen to label some freezer bags with descriptions and SKUs of your favorite produce and bulk item purchases. The checkers will love you. In case you think of grocery bags as a freebie, bear in mind that retailers embed the costs of bags into the prices you pay for merchandise. And that's not the only cost: according to the Algalita Marine Research Foundation, there is six times more plastic than plankton floating around in the middle of the Pacific, including two floating plastic garbage patches in the Pacific each the size of Texas. Even sadder, the plastic fragments collect pollutants, which become part of the food chain when they are mistaken for planktonic food.

I confess I'm a magpie for pretty packaging. The trimmings and trappings bring out the kid in me every time. When I learned that an additional five million tons of waste is generated during the holidays in the U.S. alone, I knew this bird had to change its tune. Four million tons of this amount is wrapping paper and shopping bags. I think my cloth grocery bags will enjoy seeing the decorations at the mall. If you, and your friends, don't have enough cloth bags for shopping this year, consider buying some pretty ones and using them for gift wrap. Talk about a gift that keeps on giving. The interconnectedness of our lives can be a gift, too. I wrote this article to spread awareness along with good cheer. As a child, I rarely thought about paper waste, carbon dioxide, or running out of fish in the sea. Slowly, one conversation at a time, our planet's health started to permeate my thinking. Thirty some years ago, California didn't see trees flowering in January. Fish was a luxury item for special occasions. Small cars were thought to be the wave of the future. One thing hasn't changed though: people still live on planet Earth. And since there are more of us every year, that's more people to care. So spread some cheer and spread the word.

*Wishing you and your planet a beautiful holiday season,
Jennifer Tripp*

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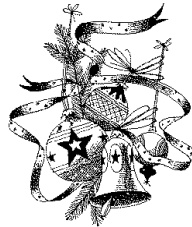
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The local non-profit CityTrees is pleased to announce that it has received a substantial grant from the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF) through the Green Trees for the Golden State Grant program. This \$22,233 grant will fund the planting of over 200 new street trees during six planting events scheduled for 2007. The grant also provides funds for a special Pruning Training seminar, as well as continuation of CityTrees' existing volunteer program offering pruning of trees CityTrees has planted, after a two-year period of growth. All of the planting events, the training programs, and tree pruning work will be coordinated in partnership with the City of Redwood City. With this grant, CityTrees volunteers will plant a total of 210 trees during monthly events in March, April, May, June, September, and October 2007. New volunteers are always welcome and can get involved by going to www.citytrees.org or calling (650) 556-9380, extension 4. New trees will be placed in public planting strips along selected streets in Redwood City. A pruning and maintenance seminar will be hosted by CityTrees, with the City's Public Works Services Department providing the trainers and field instruction. Graduates of the training seminar participate in pruning trees previously planted by CityTrees. Several pruning events will then be held to prune 150 trees planted by CityTrees in the past two-to-four years. CityTrees is a volunteer tree-planting organization which has planted over 1,600 new trees in Redwood City, drawing on over 1,300 volunteers who have invested nearly 4,000 volunteer hours since 2001. The group is dedicated to improving the quality of life in Redwood City through a coordinated program of tree planting and maintenance, education, and advocacy. With the tireless efforts of these local arboreal enthusiasts, CityTrees is preserving and extending the urban forest, and has helped Redwood City to meet the four standards to become a Tree City USA - a tree board or department; a tree care ordinance; a comprehensive community forestry program; and an Arbor Day observance.

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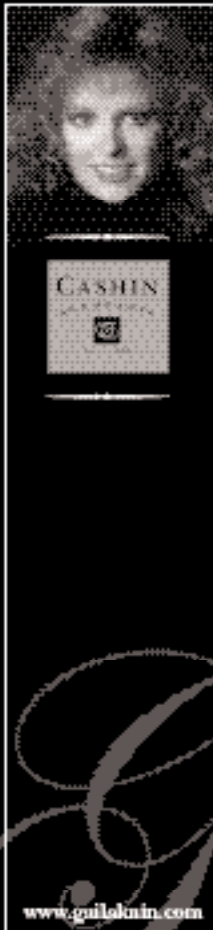
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COSTCO WAREHOUSE & GAS STATION PROJECT

THE COMMUNITY INVITED TO WORKSHOP ON COSTCO EXPANSION/GAS STATION PROPOSAL; DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT NOW AVAILABLE

Interested community members are invited to a special Community Information Workshop to learn about and discuss the proposed Costco Warehouse Store and Gas Station project. The Workshop is scheduled for Thursday, November 30th, 2006 from 6:30 to 9 pm at the Fair Oaks Community Center, Multi-Purpose Room, located at 2600 Middlefield Road. View Redwood City's informational page on the Costco proposal by going to:
http://www.redwoodcity.org/cds/planning/costco_info.html

Redwood City is hosting this Community Information Workshop to provide an opportunity for the public to learn and talk about the proposed Costco expansion and gas station project. A professional facilitator will lead this Workshop, during which Costco representatives will make a project presentation and City staff will be available to answer questions about the overall process and schedule. This is a great opportunity for all interested community members to share comments, suggestions, and concerns about the proposal. To make it more convenient for community members to attend, the City will be

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In 2005, Costco submitted an application to Redwood City to demolish their existing building and replace it with a new, larger Costco retail warehouse building in the back corner of their existing property. Their proposal includes a new Costco gas station with 16 vehicle fueling positions.

Since receiving the initial application the City has been preparing studies of the proposed project, and has completed a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) to assess the potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed project. Copies of the DEIR are available for viewing as of November 8, 2006 at City Hall and the Downtown and branch Libraries, and on the City's webpage at www.redwoodcity.org, in the "Hot Topics" menu, by selecting "Costco Proposal."

Community members are encouraged to comment on the DEIR during the public comment period, from November 8th through December 23rd, 2006. Written comments or questions should be sent to Jill Ekas, Project Planner, at 1017 Middlefield Road, Redwood City, CA 94063, or jekas@redwoodcity.org. More information about this or other Planning Services projects is available by calling 780-7234.

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