

# San Joaquin Audubon Big Year 2023 - Kickoff Meeting

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## Basic overview for this (friendly) competition

When – 12am, January 1<sup>st</sup> 2023, to 11:59pm, December 31<sup>st</sup> 2023.

Where – Any and all locations within San Joaquin County

Cost - \$20.00 entrance fee (to cover fun stuff)

Which birds count – Any species encountered in accordance with ABA recording rules

<https://www.aba.org/aba-recording-rules-and-interpretations/>

Most important rule - Have fun!

Categories – We will have 4 levels for participants. Advanced, intermediate, non-county resident and teams. Participants may choose which category they choose to join.



1. A team can be 2+ participants
2. All team members can also participate in the individual categories, but a participant can only be on one team.
3. Team participants don't have to always be together to see birds for the competition.
4. But in order for birds to count for the team effort, 95% of the birds have to eventually be observed by all team participants for them to count.
5. In the 5% of birds not seen by all participants, they have to be seen by at least 2 team members for them to count.



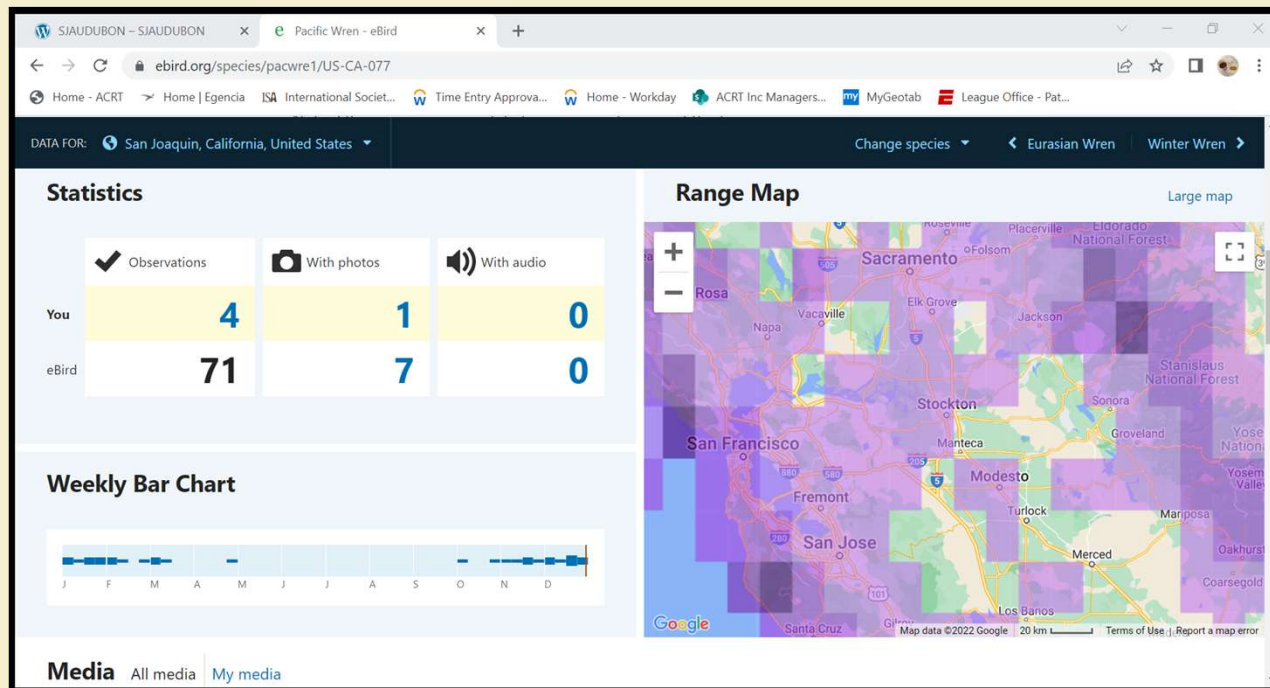
Reporting – We encourage participants to enter species into eBird, however, recording is on the honor system and can be done by any means an individual may choose.



Sharing information – This is entirely up to the individual. However, if you find a rare bird and are willing to share that information with others, do so via eBird, Sjbirds or any other means that will get the word out.



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## Pacific Wren

San Joaquin, California Life Observations

**4 Observations** 4 individuals

First seen **11 Mar 2018** Last seen **26 Dec 2021** High Count **26 Dec 2021 (1)**

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	DATE	COUNT	LOCATION
4.	26 Dec 2021	# 1	Lodi Lake Nature Area   US-CA
3.	04 Dec 2021	# 1	Lodi Lake Nature Area   US-CA
2.	28 Feb 2020	# 1	White Slough Wildlife Area (Ponds 9-13)   US-CA
1.	11 Mar 2018	# 1	Lodi Lake Nature Area   US-CA

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Big Year Participants – So far

Ralph Baker

Jimmy Gain

Elizabeth and Gabriel Olin

Pat and Dave Croft

Pat Paternostro

John Robinson

John Harris

Liz West

Henry Koertzen

Kasey Foley

Rich Peterson

Donna Marciano

Ernie Meier

Tod Pohlman

Yoli Park

Nan Ballot



# A few of Our Wonderful Locations within the county

- Lodi Lake Nature Area
- Mokelumne River Fish Hatchery/Day Use Area
- Woodbridge Wilderness Area
- South County
- Staten Island
- Flood/Wavery Roads
- Lots of city and county parks



- Lodi Lake Nature Area/Laurel Ave Oaks

Boasting well over 200 species, and yearly rarities, Lodi Lake Nature Area is a must hit spot for boosting your list



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- Woodbridge Wilderness Area – 9/15/18



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## • Flood/Waverly Roads

Hawks, eagles and falcons are best found here, including RLHA and GOEA. Also, the best bet to find several sparrow species including Sagebrush, Brewer's, Vesper and Grasshopper. And of course, the elusive Longspurs.



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A few other birds of note....



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When were these last seen in the county?



American Dipper  
1/16/10



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Evening Grosbeak  
1/1/16

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Long-eared Owl – 1/30/21



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Palm Warbler  
4/9/17

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Townsend's Solitaire  
4/19/20

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Canyon Wren  
5/31/18

Have a great time birding the county in 2023.

Thanks for participating!

