

Join us at the 23rd Annual Morro Bay Winter Bird Festival

Every Martin Luther King weekend, well over 500 birders visit Morro Bay, California, a Globally Important Bird Area, to see, photograph, and learn more about birds. Our next Festival will be held January 18-21, 2019. Birders of all levels are welcome. Beautiful Morro Bay offers pristine beaches, gorgeous state parks, an excellent natural history museum, panoramic views of the Pacific Ocean, and best of all, thousands of birds. Over 200 species were sighted during the 2018 Festival weekend.

The 2019 Festival features 138 events, including pelagic cruises, boat rides and kayaking on the Morro Bay Estuary, van and car trips throughout San Luis Obispo County, hiking trips, and many informative workshops. The Festival will again include Nature Track events, where birding is not the primary focus. Nature Track events are highlighted in turquoise on the Festival Schedule.

Youth are encouraged to participate in the Festival. Family Day will be at the Museum of Natural History on Saturday, January 19th. See the schedule of events on this brochure. Also, youth are encouraged to register for events on the main Bird Festival website, where the registration fee is waived for all youth 17 and under.

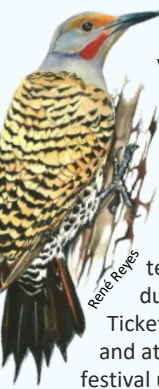
On Thursday, January 17th, 3:00 – 7:00 pm, we offer early check-in at the Inn at Morro Bay located at 60 State Park Rd. You can pick up your preordered registration packet and T-shirt. No registrations or program changes will be possible on Thursday evening.

Visit our website at morrobaybirdfestival.org to find a complete description of all events and more information about the area. Festival headquarters are at the Morro Bay Community Center, 1001 Kennedy Way. You may register on the website beginning **Saturday, November 3, 2018, at 8:00 am Pacific Time.** Festival returnees know that the events fill up fast, so be sure to make your reservations.

Festival Hours

REGISTRATION/CHECK-IN	HOSPITALITY ROOM	BAZAAR*
Thursday 3-7pm (check-in only)		
Friday 6am-6pm	6am-2pm	Noon-4:30pm
Saturday 6am-5pm	6am-2pm	10am-5pm
Sunday 6am-2pm	6am-2pm	10am-4pm
Monday 6:45am-9:30am	6:45-9:30am	Closed
*The Morro Bay Winter Bird Festival Bazaar is open to the public, except during the Festival Opening Reception, Friday 5:00- 6:30pm and the Saturday Art, Wine & Nibbles Reception, Saturday 5:30 - 6:30pm.		

Bird Festival T-shirts & ‘Birds of Morro Bay’ Quilt Fundraiser



In consideration of rising shirt costs and feedback from our registrants, the WBF T-shirt will now be offered as a **separate item for \$15 purchase** during online registration. Volunteers, including trip leaders, will continue to receive a T-shirt as a ‘Thank You’ for their donation of time and expertise. T-shirts will also be for sale in limited quantities at the Festival. The 2019 T-shirt highlights the artwork of René Reyes and his illustration of a Northern Flicker.

‘Birds of Morro Bay’ Quilt Fundraiser

All 19 squares of this beautiful 62 X 75” quilt were hand-made by Festival board members Debi Dismer and Suzy Black using the “paper-piecing” technique (quilting by Donn McKnight). This stunning quilt will be on display during the festival, but only one lucky person will take it home.

Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Tickets can be purchased during on-line registration and at select locations in Morro Bay starting November 3. Tickets will be on sale at the festival until the drawing is held (TBA). *View quilt online – morrobaybirdfestival.org*



James leads a fantastic video journey around the world to see some of the planet's most sought-after and bizarre bird species. From North and South America to Australia and Africa, the diversity of bird life is astounding. See strange breeding behaviors, first-time footage of rare species and humorous insights into the exciting world of wildlife videography.

A life-long wildlife enthusiast and native of South Africa, James Currie is the Brand Ambassador for Wilderness Safaris.

James hosts the popular birding TV show, Nikon’s Birding Adventures, now in its 9th season on Discovery Channel’s Destination America. He hosted the popular action-birding show “Aerial Assassins” on National Geographic WILD, and appeared as himself in the reality birding show, “Twitchers” that aired on the National Geographic Channel in 2014.

SUNDAY KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Alvaro Jaramillo – “Seabirds – The World’s Most Amazing Birds” – Sunday, January 20, 7:00-8:30pm at the South Bay Community Center.



This talk might as well be about aliens! Imagine never touching land for 5 years, as some albatross do. Consider “surfing” the pressure wave thousands of feet above a tropical storm, as frigatebirds can do. How about being able to identify your mate by the way they smell?

Alvaro Jaramillo, owner of Alvaro’s Adventures, was born in Chile but began birding in Toronto, where he lived as a youth. He was trained in ecology and evolution with a particular interest in bird behavior. He is the author of the American Birding Association Field Guide to Birds of California as well as several books about birds of Chile.

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About the Events

FIELD TRIP KEY:

Easy = under 1 mile, usually level ground
Moderate = 1 to 3 miles, mostly level ground
Strenuous = 3 miles or more, difficult terrain, thick sand, many steps, steep

TRIP CANCELLATIONS:

Field trips go, rain or shine! Ocean trips may be canceled at discretion of Coast Guard or ship’s captain. Other trips may be canceled at discretion of leader. Alternatives are in place if trips are canceled.

DEPARTURES & TRAVEL:

Field trips depart from Morro Bay Community Center, 1001 Kennedy Way, Morro Bay, or as designated in brochure, at times listed. Trip lengths are approximate and include travel time from and to the Community Center unless otherwise indicated in the Festival Program. Van Trips: no private vehicles; efforts are made to rotate seating at each stop.

GEAR & FOOD:

Be prepared for rain and chilly weather. Dress in layers. Bring binoculars, scopes, and other essentials. Poison oak, ticks and stinging insects may be encountered on land-based field trips.

OCEAN TRIPS:

Dress warmly and bring rain gear. If prone to motion sickness, take appropriate measures beforehand.

BOX LUNCHES:

Box lunches must be ordered in advance, and you are responsible for picking them up at the Morro Bay Community Center between 6 am and noon.

WATER:

Water is available to fill your own reusable bottles at the Community Center.

FIELD TRIP ETIQUETTE:

To make your excursion pleasant for all, please observe the following:

- Turn off cell phones.
- Speak quietly and avoid loud noises.
- Avoid wearing nylon and other “rustling” fabrics.
- Stay behind leader so leader can spot and identify birds.
- Once you have seen the bird, give others a chance.
- Refrain from using scented lotions or perfumes.
- And please, no dogs.

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Birds of Morro Bay Quilt Raffle (details inside)

Schedule of Events – 2019 Morro Bay Winter Bird Festival

#	Time	Codes	Friday, January 18, 2019
101	06:45am-04:00pm	F/CC/\$70.00	Big Day
102	07:00am-10:00am	F/CC	Bird Banding in Morro Bay
103	07:00am-12:00pm	F/SPM	Hiking Half Day in Morro Bay State Park
104	07:15am-02:00pm	F/CC/\$20.00	Explore North Coast Birding
105	07:30am-12:00pm	F/CC/BY	Harmony Headlands
106	07:30am-03:00pm	F/CC/\$60.00	Oso Flaco Lake-Oceano Area
107	07:45am-12:00pm	F/CC/BY	Birding Montana de Oro for Beginners
108	07:45am-12:00pm	F/CC/BY	Wildlife Viewing Near Piedras Blancas
109	07:45am-02:00pm	F/BU/BW	Las Cruzitas Ranch Santa Ynez
110	07:45am-04:00pm	F/CC	Santa Margarita Lake Big Day
111	08:00am-12:00pm	F/CC	Photographic Hot Spots With Birds
112	08:00am-12:00pm	F/CC/BY	Bay Shore to Salt Marsh Walk
114	08:30am-11:00am	F/SPM/W	Morro Bay Marina Boardwalk
115	08:30am-11:30am	P-F/MU/BY	Birding for Beginners
116	08:30am-12:00pm	F/CC	South Morro Bay Shoreline
117	09:00am-10:45am	F/SST/B/\$30.00	Bay Birding Photo Cruise
118	09:00am-12:00pm	F/CC	Birding Around Morro Bay
119	09:00am-12:00pm	F/SPM/BY/\$45.00	Kayaking
120	10:00am-11:30am	F/CC/BY	View Morro Bay Estuary from Black Hill
121	10:00am-11:45am	F/MBL/BY/\$30.00	Morro Bay Up Close
122	10:00am-12:00pm	P/IMB/BY	Birding and Technology
123	12:30pm-02:00pm	P/IMB/BYW	Condor Recovery Program/Hi Mountain Lookout Project
124	01:00pm-02:30pm	F/CC/BY	Snowy Plovers in the Field
125	01:00pm-03:00pm	F/MBL/\$30.00	Birding The Bay
126	01:00pm-04:00pm	F/CC/BY	Birding by Careful Observation
127	01:00pm-05:00pm	F/CC/BY	Basics of Bird ID in the Field
128	01:30pm-02:30pm	F/CC/BY	Pacific Wildlife Care Tour
129	01:30pm-03:30pm	F/CC/B	Gardening to Attract Birds
130	01:30pm-04:30pm	P/CC	Bird Sounds Workshop
131	02:00pm-03:00pm	P/VH/B	Owling Workshop
132	02:00pm-03:00pm	P/CC/B	Saving Critical Landscapes
133	02:00pm-03:45pm	F/MBL/\$30.00	Birding Up Close
134	02:00pm-04:00pm	F/CC/BY	Birds of Sea & Land at Morro Rock
135	02:30pm-05:00pm	P-F/IMB/BYW	The Peregrine Falcons of Morro Rock
136	03:00pm-04:30pm	P/MU/BYW	Great Blue Herons, Egrets & Other Rookery Wonders
137	03:00pm-04:45pm	F/SST/BY/\$30.00	Bay Birding Cruise
138	03:00pm-05:00pm	P/IMB/W	Gulls of San Luis Obispo County
139	03:30pm-04:30pm	P/VH/BW	Protecting & Restoring Morro Bay with the Estuary Program
140	03:30pm-09:00pm	F/CC/\$50.00	Owling Field Trip
141	05:00pm-06:30pm	S/CC/BW	Festival Opening Reception

#	Time	Codes	Sunday, January 20, 2019
301	06:45am-05:00pm	F/CC/\$80.00	Birding the Carrizo Plain
302	07:00am-11:30am	F/CC	Birds Sounds Field Study
303	07:00am-12:00pm	F/MBL/\$65.00	Little Pelagic Half-Day Ocean Trip
304	07:00am-12:00pm	F/CC/BY	Point Buchon Ecology Field Trip
305	07:30am-11:30am	F/CC	Little Sit
306	07:30am-12:00pm	F/CC/BY	Bird El Chorro Regional Park
307	07:30am-12:00pm	F/CC	Oak Woodland and Wetland Birds
308	07:45am-12:00pm	F/CC/BY	Raptors of Sunshine Ranch
309	07:45am-12:00pm	F/CC	Birding By Ear Field Trip
310	07:45am-12:00pm	F/CC/BY	Laguna Lake
311	07:45am-12:00pm	F/CC/BY	Montana de Oro Campground. Cove & Bluffs
312	07:45am-12:00pm	F/CC/BY	Wildlife Viewing Near Piedras Blancas
313	08:00am-10:00am	F/CC	1000mm and More - Supertelephoto with Phone
314	08:00am-12:00pm	F/CLAZ	Morro Strand Scrub and Shore
315	08:00am-12:00pm	F/CC/BY	Mushroom Walk
316	08:00am-12:00pm	F/CC/B/\$30.00	Birding with James Currie
317	08:00am-01:00pm	F/CC/BY/\$25.00	San Luis Lighthouse at Avila
318	08:15am-12:00pm	F/CC/BY	Photograph Birds Where the Locals Go
319	08:15am-12:45pm	F/CC	Birding by Bicycle Half Day
320	08:15am-02:30pm	F/CC/\$60.00	Highway 1 Corridor Raptor Survey
321	08:30am-12:00pm	F/CC/BY	Birding by Careful Observation
322	08:30am-12:00pm	F/CC/BY	Marina & Campground Birding
323	08:30am-12:00pm	F/CC	South Morro Bay Shoreline
324	08:45am-12:00pm	F/CC/BY	Birding Hot Spots for Beginners
325	09:00am-10:45am	F/SST/B/\$30.00	Bay Birding Photo Cruise
326	09:00am-12:00pm	F/CC/BY	Birds of Sea and Land at Morro Rock
327	09:00am-12:00pm	F/SPM/BY/\$45.00	Kayaking
328	09:00am-12:00pm	P-F/MU/BY	Shorebirds Made Easy
329	09:30am-12:00pm	F/GCCH/BY	Butterflies at Morro Bay Golf Course
330	10:00am-12:00pm	F/CLP/BYW	Easy Birding
331	01:00pm-02:45pm	F/SST/BY/\$30.00	Bay Birding Cruise
332	01:00pm-03:00pm	F/CC/BY	Elfin Forest
333	01:30pm-02:30pm	F/CC/BY	Pacific Wildlife Care Tour
334	02:00pm-03:45pm	F/MBL/BY/\$30.00	Birding Up Close
335	02:00pm-04:00pm	P/IMB/BYW	Feather Workshop
336	02:00pm-04:30pm	P/MU/BW	Bird Skulls and Dissection
337	02:45pm-04:30pm	F/SST/BY/\$30.00	Bay Birding Cruise
338	03:00pm-05:00pm	P/MU/W	The Topography of Bird Sounds
339	03:30pm-09:00pm	F/CC/\$50.00	Owling Field Trip
340	07:00pm-08:30pm	S/SBCC/BYW	The Worlds Most Amazing Birds - Seabirds



Photo by Jerry Kirkhart

FAMILY DAY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS SATURDAY, JANUARY 19, 2019

No pre-registration- First come, first served

F: Field Trip, P: Presentation
M: Museum, E: Embarcadero, VH:Veteran’s Hall

9:30-10:15 & 10:30-11:15	Intro to Birding and Habitat Hike F/M
9:45-11:00	Intermediate / Teen Birding F/M
10:15-noon	Kayaking and Canoeing F/E/ \$10
10:30-1:30	Bird, Learn, Make and Take P/M
11:45-12:30 & 12:45-1:30	Rubbing Noses with Reptiles P/M
11:45-12:30 & 12:45-1:30	Critter Crawl F/M
1:45-2:30	Learn to Track F/M
1:45-2:30	Birds in Your Neighborhood P/M
2:30-3:00	Gift Giveaway P/M

Additional Saturday events open for families
1:30 and 3:00pm Meet the Raptors: P/VH/\$2

#	Time	Codes	Saturday, January 19, 2019
201	06:15am-05:15pm	F/CC/\$80.00	Condor Country
202	07:00am-10:00am	F/CC	Bird Banding in Morro Bay
203	07:00am-11:30am	F/CC	Birds Sounds Field Study
204	07:00am-12:00pm	F/CC/B	Bird the Oceano Lagoon
205	07:00am-02:00pm	F/CC/BY	Point Buchon Ecology Field Trip
206	07:00am-04:00pm	F/CC/\$70.00	Big Day
207	07:00am-04:00pm	F/MBL/\$100.00	Big Pelagic: Birds & Whales
208	07:15am-12:00pm	F/CC/BW	San Luis Creek Mouth and Cal Poly Pier
209	07:15am-02:00pm	F/CC/\$20.00	Explore North Coast Birding
210	07:15am-04:00pm	F/CC	Hiking Big Day
211	07:30am-12:00pm	F/CC/BY	Birding Estero Bluffs
212	07:30am-12:00pm	F/CC/BY	Montana de Oro Campground Cove & Bluffs
213	07:30am-04:30pm	F/CC/B	Bicycle Birding Big Day Birding Field Trip
214	08:00am-10:00am	P-F/CC	1000mm and More - Supertelephoto with Phone
215	08:00am-10:30am	F/CC	Gulls of San Luis Obispo County Field Study
216	08:00am-11:00am	F/SPM/BY/\$45.00	Kayaking
217	08:00am-12:00pm	F/CC	Birding Fiscalini Ranch
218	08:00am-12:00pm	F/CLAZ	Morro Strand Scrub and Shore
219	08:00am-12:00pm	P/IMB/BW	Audio Recording Using a Smart Phone
220	08:00am-12:00pm	F/CC	Bare Naked Birding
221	08:15am-12:00pm	F/CC	Estero Bluffs for Intermediates
222	08:15am-12:00pm	F/CC	Songbirds in the Pines
223	08:30am-11:00am	F/CC/BY	Coastal Cove, Bluff and Tidepool Ecology
224	08:30am-12:00pm	P-F/IMB/BY	A Morning with the Monarchs
225	08:30am-12:00pm	F/CC/BY	Explore Elfin Forest & Sweet Springs
226	09:00am-10:45am	F/SST/B/\$30.00	Bay Birding Photo Cruise
227	09:00am-11:00am	F/SST/B/\$30.00	Beginners' Bay Cruise
228	09:00am-12:00pm	F/SPM/BY/\$45.00	Kayaking
229	10:00am-12:00pm	P-F/CC	Field Sketching
230	10:00am-12:00pm	F/SPM/B	Birding the Boardwalk For Beginners
231	11:00am-12:00pm	P/IMB/BYW	Brant Workshop
232	01:00pm-02:30pm	F/CC/BY	Snowy Plovers in the Field
233	01:00pm-02:45pm	F/SST/BY/\$30.00	Bay Birding Cruise
234	01:00pm-03:00pm	F/SPM/BW	Marina Point Boardwalk
235	01:00pm-03:00pm	F/SPM/BY	Pishing and Bird Calls
236	01:00pm-03:00pm	F/CC/BY	The Otter Truth of Morro Bay
237	01:00pm-04:00pm	P/IMB/W	The Basics of Bird Photography
238	01:30pm-02:30pm	P/VH/BYW	Pacific Wildlife Care - Meet the Raptors
239	01:30pm-05:00pm	F/CC	San Simeon for Intermediates
240	02:00pm-04:30pm	P/IMB/W	Birding By Ear Workshop
241	03:00pm-04:00pm	P/VH/BYW	Pacific Wildlife Care - Meet the Raptors
242	03:00pm-04:45pm	F/SST/BY/\$30.00	Bay Birding Cruise
243	03:30pm-05:00pm	P/CC/BYW	Birds & Mammals of McMurdo Sound, Antarctica & subantarctic New Zealand
244	03:30pm-09:00pm	F/CC/\$50.00	Owling Field Trip
245	05:30pm-06:30pm	S/CC/BW	Saturday Art, Wine & Nibbles
246	07:00pm-08:30pm	S/SBCC/BYW	Birding the Globe with James Currie

#	Time	Codes	Monday, January 21, 2019
401	07:30am-12:00pm	F/CC	Birding & Wine Tasting at Halter Ranch
402	07:45am-12:00pm	F/CC/BY/\$15.00	Birding at Lopez Lake
403	08:00am-11:00am	F/SPM/BY/\$45.00	Kayaking
404	08:00am-12:00pm	F/CC	Birding Fiscalini Ranch
405	08:00am-02:00pm	F/BU/BW	Las Cruzitas Ranch, Santa Ynez
406	08:15am-12:00pm	F/CC/BY	Riparian Habitats of Montana de Oro
407	08:30am-12:00pm	F/CC/BY	Montana de Oro Campground, Cove & Bluffs
408	08:30am-12:00pm	F/OF/BY	Oso Flaco Lake Area
409	09:00am-10:45am	F/SST/BY/\$30.00	Bay Birding Cruise
410	10:00am-11:45am	F/MBL/BY/\$30.00	Morro Bay Up Close
411	10:15am-11:30am	P/IMB/BYW	Monday Mind Walk: Helping Seabirds Thrive along the Central Coast

Schedule is subject to change: go to morrobaybirdfestival.org for updates to schedule

Codes:

Type of Event: F/Field Trip, P/Presentation, S/Special Program;

Meeting Place: BU/Buellton, CC/Community Center, CP/Cloisters Park, CLAZ/Cloisters Azure St, IMB/Inn at Morro Bay, MU/Museum of Natural History, MBL/Morro Bay Landing, OF/Oso Flaco, SBBC/South Bay Community Center, SM/Santa Maria, SPM/State Park Marina, SST/Sub-Seas Tours, VH/Veterans’ Hall, V/Virg’s Landing

Level of Difficulty: B/Beginner, Y/Youth Encouraged, W/Wheelchair Accessible

\$: Fees for vans or boats, or field trips. [Nature events are outlined in turquoise](#)

How to Register

Register on-line Saturday, November 3, 2018, 8:00 am PT through Tuesday, January, 8, 2019, midnight PT at morrobaybirdfestival.org. Credit cards and checks accepted. We do not accept phone or fax registrations.

Registration and Event Fees: (All Festival participants must register)

General Registration

Adult, age 18 or older, Full Festival, \$85

Adult, age 18 or older, One-day, Friday, Saturday or Sunday, \$45; Monday, \$20.

(One-day registration includes events **on that day only**.)

Youth, age 17 or younger, registration is FREE. Fees for vans, boats, and kayaks still apply. Youth, age 12 or younger must be accompanied by a registered adult.

Family Day Only*

No preregistration or registration fee is required, but some fees apply to specific events and can be paid at the event itself. See website for additional details.

*Additional fees are charged for certain events as listed on the schedule, for adults, youth, and children.

Cancellation and Refund Policy:

Cancellations made prior to January 8, 2019, will result in a refund of fees paid, less \$25 administrative fees **for each registrant**. Non-PayPal refunds will be processed by the Registrar after the Festival. ***No refunds will be made for cancellations after January 8, 2019, or for no-shows.***

Morro Bay Winter Bird Festival reserves the right to cancel any event for any reason, and you will receive a full refund for any paid event that we cancel.

Need information about brochures, registration and/or closed events? Three choices: ***Visit*** morrobaybirdfestival.org to download schedule and/or brochure.

Call the Bird Festival hotline 1-805-234-1170.

Email registrar at mbbfregistrar@gmail.com.

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