

Checklist for First Day of Fall 2023 at Lake Cunningham

Loons and other water bird species

Vultures, Hawks, Falcons, Pigeons, Songbirds, Owls,
Hummingbirds, Woodpeckers, and Pheasants

American Coot	Acorn Woodpecker
American White Pelican	American Crow
Black-crowned Night Heron	Anna's Hummingbird
Canada Goose	Bewick's Wren (pronounced "buick"?)
Double-crested Cormorant	Black Phoebe
Great Blue Heron	Bushtit
Great Egret	California Towhee
Green Heron	California Scrub-Jay
Gull species (California Gulls, mostly)	House Finch
Killdeer	Nuttall's Woodpecker
Mallard	Rock Pigeon
Muscovy Duck (introduced species)	Song Sparrow
Northern Shoveler	Turkey Vulture
Peking Duck (introduced species)	Western Bluebird
Pied-billed Grebe	
Snowy Egret	

Welcome back, Birders! Migrants are arriving tired and hungry! Juvenile residents are dispersing! Sometimes "teenaged" birds do not even resemble their parents making identification interesting! Occasionally, a Vagrant shows up to delight the senses and challenge your bird identification skills! To keep up with your bird lists, eBird can be downloaded from ebird.org. There is a tutorial on the website and most birders will be more than happy to answer your questions.

Fall is an exciting time to birdwatch. Come join us on a SCVAS field trip at scvas.org/fieldtrips!

Lake Cunningham Plant List

Sorted by Form, then Common Name

September 24, 2023, Arvind Kumar

Seen today?	Item	Form	Common Name	Scientific Name	Origin	Location	Height
	1	Tree	Aleppo pine	<i>Pinus halepensis</i>	Mediterranean	Throughout	60'
	2		California buckeye	<i>Aesculus californica</i>	California	Native garden	15'-40'
	3		Coast live oak	<i>Quercus agrifolia</i>	California	Native garden	80'
	4		Fremont cottonwood	<i>Populus fremontii</i>	California	Lakeside	100'
	5		London plane	<i>Platanus x acerifolia</i>	American-Asian hybrid	Marina	100'
	6		Peruvian pepper	<i>Schinus molle</i>	Peru	Peninsula	50'
	7		Tasmanian blue gum	<i>Eucalyptus globulus</i>	Australia	Marina	150'
	8		Valley oak	<i>Quercus lobata</i>	California	Native garden	150'
	9		Western sycamore	<i>Platanus racemosa</i>	California	Native garden	110'
	10	Large Shrub	Bladderpod	<i>Peritoma arborea</i>	California	Native garden	5'
	11		Blue elderberry	<i>Sambucus nigra caerulea</i>	California	Native garden	20'
	12		California sagebrush	<i>Artemisia californica</i>	California	Native garden	5'
	13		Chamise	<i>Adenostoma fasciculatum</i>	California	Native garden	10'
	14		Chaparral mallow	<i>Malacothamnus fasciculatus</i>	California	Native garden	8'
	15		Coast silktassel	<i>Garrya elliptica</i>	California	Native garden	10'
	16		Coffeeberry	<i>Frangula californica</i>	California	Native garden	10'
	17		Coyote bush	<i>Baccharis pilularis</i>	California	Native garden	8'
	18		Golden currant	<i>Ribes aureum gracillimum</i>	California	Native garden	8'
	19		Holly-leaved cherry/Islay	<i>Prunus ilicifolia</i>	California	Native garden	20'
	20		Pink-flowering currant	<i>Ribes sanguineum glutinosum</i>	California	Native garden	8'
	21		Purple sage	<i>Salvia leucophylla</i>	California	Native garden	5'
	22		Salt bush	<i>Atriplex lentiformis</i>	California	Throughout	6'
	23		Toyon	<i>Heteromeles arbutifolia</i>	California	Native garden	6'-15'
	24	Small Shrub	Bee's Bliss sage	<i>Salvia x 'Bee's Bliss'</i>	California	Native garden	2'
	25		Black sage	<i>Salvia mellifera</i>	California	Native garden	4'
	26		California buckwheat	<i>Eriogonum fasciculatum</i>	California	Native garden	3'
	27		St Catherine's Lace	<i>Eriogonum giganteum</i>	California	Native garden	5'
	28		Cleveland sage	<i>Salvia clevelandii</i>	California	Native garden	3'
	29		Yankee Point ceanothus	<i>Ceanothus thyrsiflorus griseus</i>	California	Native garden	3'
	29a	Perennial	Alkali heath	<i>Frankenia salina</i>	California	Throughout	6"
	30		Alkali mallow	<i>Malvella leprosa</i>	California	Throughout	6"
	31		Curly dock	<i>Rumex crispus</i>	Eurasia	Throughout	2'
	32		Douglas iris	<i>Iris douglasiana</i>	California	Native garden	1'
	33		Great valley gumplant	<i>Grindelia camporum</i>	California	Native garden	1.5'
	34		Hummingbird sage	<i>Salvia spathacea</i>	California	Native garden	2'
	35		Narrowleaf cattail	<i>Typha angustifolia</i>	Europe	Lakeshore	6'
	36		Narrow-leaved milkweed	<i>Asclepias fascicularis</i>	California	Native garden	4'
	37		Whitetop/Hoary cress	<i>Lepidium draba</i>	Eurasia	Throughout	18"
	38		Perennial pepperweed	<i>Lepidium latifolium</i>	Eurasia	Throughout	2'
	39		Russian knapweed	<i>Rhaponticum repens</i>	Eurasia	Throughout	1.5'
	40		Sacred datura	<i>Datura wrightii</i>	California	Native garden	18"
	41		Salt heliotrope	<i>Heliotropium curassavicum</i>	California	Throughout	6"
	42		Salt marsh goldenrod	<i>Euthamia occidentalis</i>	California	Native garden	4'
	42a		Turkey tangle frogfruit	<i>Phyla nodiflora</i>	California	Native garden	1"
	43		Wood mint	<i>Stachys bullata</i>	California	Native garden	1'
	44		Yarrow	<i>Achillea millefolium</i>	California	Native garden	1'
	45		Zauschneria	<i>Epilobium canum</i>	California	Native garden	2'
	46	Vine	Chaparral clematis	<i>Clematis lasiantha</i>	California	Native garden	15'
	47	Bulb	Soap lily	<i>Chlorogalum pomeridianum</i>	California	Native garden	4'
	48	Grass	Deergrass	<i>Muhlenbergia rigens</i>	California	Native garden	5'
	49		Purple needlegrass	<i>Stipa pulchra</i>	California	Native garden	1.5'
	50	Rush	Common rush	<i>Juncus effusus</i>	California	Native garden	4'

Purple/bold denotes plants locally native to the Bay Area