

## Thursday, February 5, 2015: - Bob Lewis - Birds of Columbia

**Birding Information:** Compilers Jimm Edgar and Maury Stern will present our annual update of the Central Contra Costa County and the East County [Christmas Bird Counts](#).



Bearded Helmetcrest © Bob Lewis

**Main Program:** Photographer and birding instructor Bob Lewis ([checkout his website](#)) will present knockout images of birds seen during two trips to Colombia. One focus of these trips was hummingbirds, with the Bearded Helmetcrest being a primary target. Colombia has 147 species of hummingbirds, affording many opportunities to photograph these delightful creatures. Colombia has more species of birds than any other country, with over 1,850. In addition to hummers, Bob will show images of ovenbirds, tanagers, flycatchers, and other brightly colored denizens of the Colombian mountains.

Bob Lewis is a board member of Golden Gate Audubon Society, birding instructor, and chair of the Adult Education Committee, as well as president of the Farallon Islands Foundation. He is one of the Bay Area's leading birding instructors, teaching classes on Bay Area Birds, Bird Migration, and Birds of the Sierra. He is a GGAS field trip leader and has taken part in several county breeding bird surveys, including Contra Costa County's. He is an expert bird and wildlife photographer. Bob received a B.S. in chemistry from Carnegie Institute of Technology and a PhD from Princeton University.

More detailed information about the February program will be available in our [February 2015 Quail newsletter](#) the 3rd week in January.