

# Thursday, December 3, 2015: Waterbird Program

**Birding Information:** We will be showing two short videos: the first will be a KQED report on Altamont pass about the efforts to take down older, deadly turbines, and put up ones that are less lethal to birds, like Golden Eagles. The second is a short history of Audubon's Christmas Bird Count, told by Chan Robbins who at 94 years old has participated in 412 Christmas Bird Counts.

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More detailed information about the December program is available in our Dec/Jan 2015/16 Quail newsletter. (Photos: "Calibas", Wikimedia Commons; Kerry Wilcox)

