

Thursday, February 4, 2016: Ospreys in the Bay Area

Birding Information: Assembly Member Catharine Baker will speak about environment issues affecting our district and state and will take questions from our members. MDAS will be co-sponsoring a "Walk and Talk" with her on 2/27.

Main program: Ospreys in the Bay Area - Tony Brake

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Tony Brake has been monitoring nesting Osprey along San Francisco Bay since 2012. A volunteer with Golden Gate Raptor Observatory, he is the lead author of a paper on Bay Area Ospreys that was published fall 2014 in the journal *Western Birds*.

More detailed information about the February program is available in our February 2016 Quail newsletter. (Photo Credit: Joy Shonfeld)