

ECHO PARK LAKE BIRD COUNT

VISTA HERMOSA PARK COUNT



Sunday, Dec. 30, 2012, 8:00 am

– Meet at the Boathouse – Rain or Shine

Echo Park Lake Count: Sun., Dec. 30, 2012, 8:00 a.m. Meet at the Boathouse (Echo Park Ave. near Laguna Ave.) Time: about 2 hours. Terrain: level, easy walking.

Echo Park Lake – Over the years we have counted more than 70 different species of birds that call the lake their home for all or part of the year.

This is the 113th annual Christmas Bird Count. The Echo Park Lake and Vista Hermosa teams are among those fielded by the Los Angeles Audubon Society. Because of construction at the lake, we will be walking the perimeter of the park only. Nevertheless, it's important to record the species that are at the lake.

The change in topography has been a blessing and a curse. In last year's count, six never-seen-before species showed up, but many park regulars didn't.

Driving directions:

Please note: Watch the signs! There is plenty of parking around the lake, but take care to avoid the no-parking zones.

To Echo Park Lake: From the N/B 101 Freeway, exit Echo Park Ave. and continue north about ½ mile to the Boathouse.

From the S/B 101, exit Glendale Blvd./Union Ave., go left on Temple St., left again on Glendale Blvd., right on Bellevue Ave., then left on Echo Park Ave to the Boathouse.

Vista Hermosa Bird Count, Sun., Dec. 30, 2012: 11:00 a.m. (time approximate).

Meet at the parking lot, 100 Toluca St., just north of First St. Time: about 1-1 ½ hours. Terrain: mostly level, some slight elevation.

Vista Hermosa Park 5th year count. Let's see what's changed from last year.

Binoculars strongly recommended, bird guide too. Take along a snack or water for between-walks. Beginners and children welcome!

Driving directions:

Vista Hermosa Park, 100 Toluca St., is bounded by First St. (south side), Toluca St., (parking lot, west side) and Colton St. (north side) Enter from the parking lot or Colton St. This is a small park so walking to the parking lot won't take long.

From N/B 101 Freeway, exit Echo Park Ave. and turn left onto Bellevue, then left again onto Glendale Blvd. Continue to Colton St. and turn left, then turn right onto Toluca St. and continue to parking lot.

From S/B 101 Freeway, exit at Glendale Blvd./Union Ave., turn left onto Temple St., turn right onto Glendale Blvd. and continue to Colton St. Turn left to Toluca St., then turn right and continue to parking lot.

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