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Winter Bird Count for Kids At Lake Merritt

Bay Area children of all ages will join local naturalists on Saturday January 28th for a Winter Bird Count for Kids at Lake Merritt in Oakland.

Naturalists from Golden Gate Audubon Society will help fledgling birders identify and count numerous species of ducks, herons, egrets and other birds. Some of these birds are local year-round residents, but others are migratory visitors from thousands of miles north of the Bay Area.

The Winter Bird Count for Kids will take place from 9:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Participants will initially meet at the Rotary Nature Center at 600 Bellevue Avenue in Oakland, and then fan out in teams around Lake Merritt to spot and count birds.

This free event – aimed at launching the next generation of citizen-scientists – is inspired by the Audubon traditions of the Christmas Bird Count and Great Backyard Bird Count. The count is co-sponsored by Golden Gate Audubon Society and Rotary Nature Center.

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