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Dear Friends and Family,

I would like to thank-you for your generous pledge that you made for the Spring Birdathon fundraiser sponsored by the Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society (SCVAS). Your donation will help continue and enhance SCVAS conservation and education programs.

If you promised a pledge but haven't made it yet – it's not too late! You promised a pledge of \$_____ (if it was a per species amount, here is the calculation: \$_____ per species and we saw _____ species). Donations can be made by sending me a check payable to SCVAS or by credit card online at <http://www.scvas.org/birdathon> (be sure to add my name in the comments section so that I will receive credit for your pledge). Please send your donation by **May 15th** so that I can enter to win a prize.

SCVAS educational programs reach thousands of youngsters in Santa Clara County each year. Trained volunteers conduct hands-on, in-class activities and presentations to schoolchildren, teaching them about birds, wildlife, and the environment. Some of these presentations include live bird visits in classrooms! Volunteers also lead school field trips, taking hundreds of children into nature each year to identify birds and learn about ecosystems. Your donations can help SCVAS provide free school busses to make these field trips possible for students from low-income communities. This could be a child's first experience to enjoy nature and learn about our birds!

Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit local grassroots chapter of the National Audubon Society, so of course all of the money you donated is **tax-deductible**. Nearly 4,000 members, many volunteers and a small staff support SCVAS making it one of the most successful and largest of the more than 500 chapters of the National Audubon Society. For more information about them or to join this great organization, visit their website at <http://www.scvas.org> or contact them at Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society, 22221 McClellan Road, Cupertino, CA 95014, (408) 252-3747.

Sincerely,

Your SCVAS Birdathon Team Member