

SANTA CRUZ BIRD CLUB

GENERAL INFORMATION

- **Agency:** Santa Cruz Bird Club
- **Sponsor:** Alex Rinkert, Project Director
- **Email:** arinkert12@comcast.net
- **Internship Dates:** April 1-June 15, 2019
- **Interns/Hrs:** 3 interns, 60 hrs
- **Website:** <https://www.sfbbo.org/breeding-bird-atlas-project.html>

INTERNSHIP DESCRIPTION

The Santa Cruz Bird Club is a 501(c)(7) non-profit with a mission to unite those who have a common interest in wild birds, that they may better study and conserve them. The club has more than 500 members and offers free field trips and lectures year-round. In 2017 the club sponsored a five year project, the Santa Cruz County Breeding Bird Atlas II. The project aims to document the distribution, abundance, phenology, and life history of all breeding birds in Santa Cruz County as well as foster more community engagement in birding. The results of the project will be synthesized in a publication also containing results of the first breeding bird atlas in Santa Cruz County (1987-1993), providing comprehensive insight into current breeding bird populations, how they have changed, and what changes lay ahead.

The club is hiring interns to carry out field work in the third year of the project. Interns will receive training on the life histories of birds and gain experience with collecting behavioral data. Field work may involve regular observation at seabird and water-bird colonies, checking nest boxes, observing specific species or inventorying specific locations within Santa Cruz County for breeding birds. Field work assigned to interns is intended to collect data that will help answer questions of importance for local and regional conservation and management of breeding birds.

Interns will work under the supervision of the Project Director during the spring or summer quarter of UC Santa Cruz. Internship work will require up to 6 hours per week, often in the morning and on Fridays through Mondays but there is some flexibility depending on the tasks assigned. Most field work will be located in Santa Cruz or on the immediate coast between Capitola and Davenport. A stipend of \$175 will be provided for completion of 60 hours of work.

Prospective applicants should email a resume or CV and contact information for two references to Alex Rinkert(arinkert12@comcast.net). Applications will be reviewed until the positions are filled.

PREREQUISITES

- Familiarity with breeding birds occurring in central coastal California.
- Ability to work independently with little supervision.
- Ability to navigate and orient using maps.
- Strong organizational skills and attention to detail.
- Willingness to work on weekends and mornings on a regular basis.

