A large flock of gulls is swimming in the water. The gulls are of various species, including Herring Gulls and California Gulls, and are scattered throughout the frame. The water is a light blue color, and the background is a bright, sunny sky.

Gull Identification in Southern California

By: Alexander deBarros

What's the plan for tonight?

- Learn how to identify the 12 types of Gulls common in Southern California
 - Western Gull
 - California Gull
 - Heermann's Gull
 - Ring-billed Gull
 - Glaucous-winged Gull
 - American Herring Gull
 - Bonaparte's Gull
 - Iceland Gull
 - Short-billed Gull
 - Lesser Black-backed Gull
 - Olympic Gull (Western x Glaucous-winged Hybrid)
 - Cook Inlet (American Herring x Glaucous-winged Hybrid)
- Talk about tomorrow's field trip

Just FYI

- Please place questions in the chat
- This presentation will be recorded



First, a bit about me

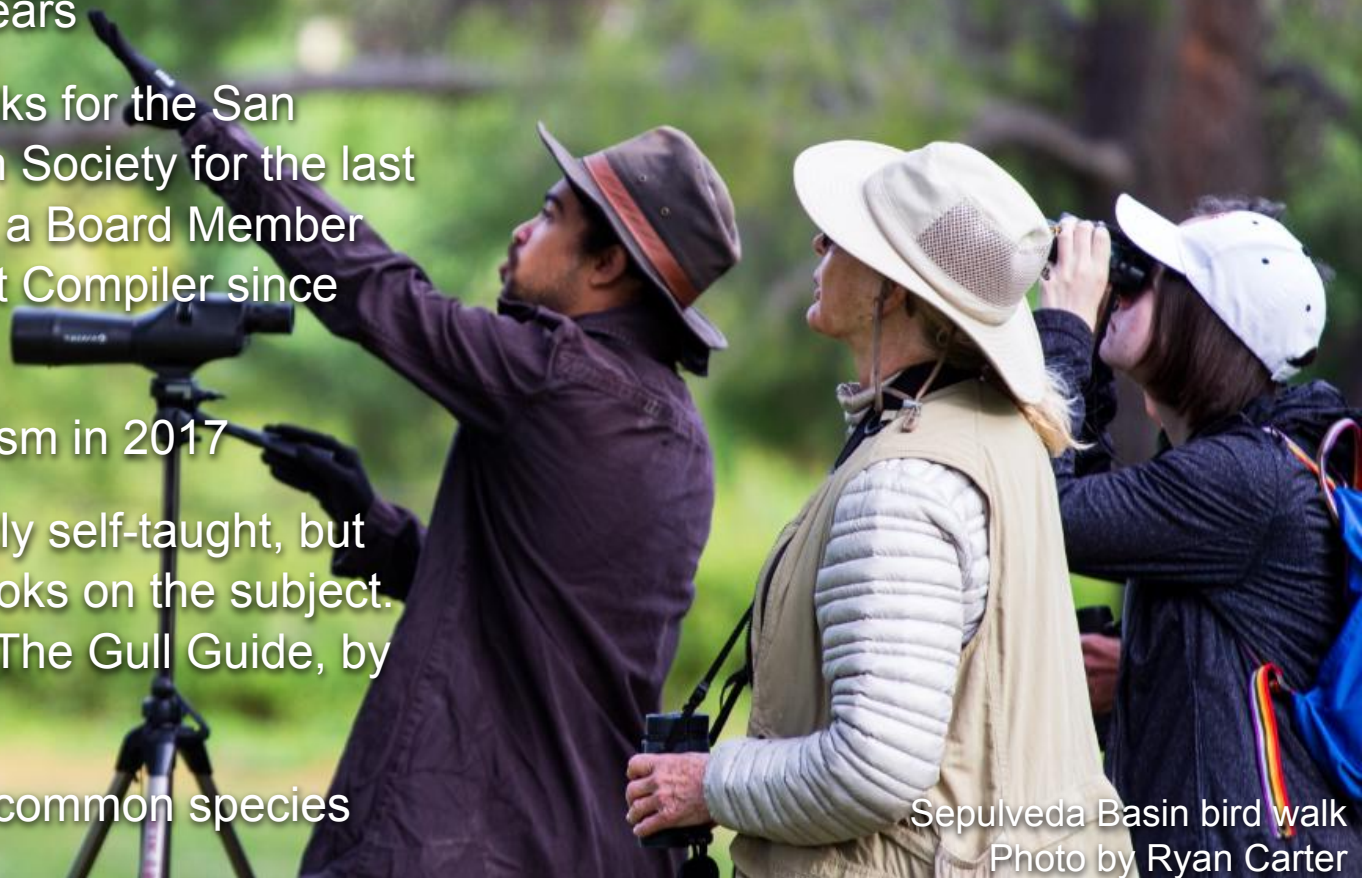
I've been birding for 15 years

I've been leading bird walks for the San Fernando Valley Audubon Society for the last 10. I have also served as a Board Member and Christmas Bird Count Compiler since 2019.

I was diagnosed with autism in 2017

My Gull ID skills are mostly self-taught, but there are a lot of good books on the subject. A new really good one is *The Gull Guide*, by Amar Ayyash

A good tip: assume it's a common species



Sepulveda Basin bird walk

Photo by Ryan Carter

Our local Gulls



Bonaparte's Gull



California Gull



Ring-billed Gull



Short-billed Gull



American Herring Gull



Iceland Gull



"Olympic" Gull



"Cook Inlet" Gull



Western Gull



Glaucous-winged Gull



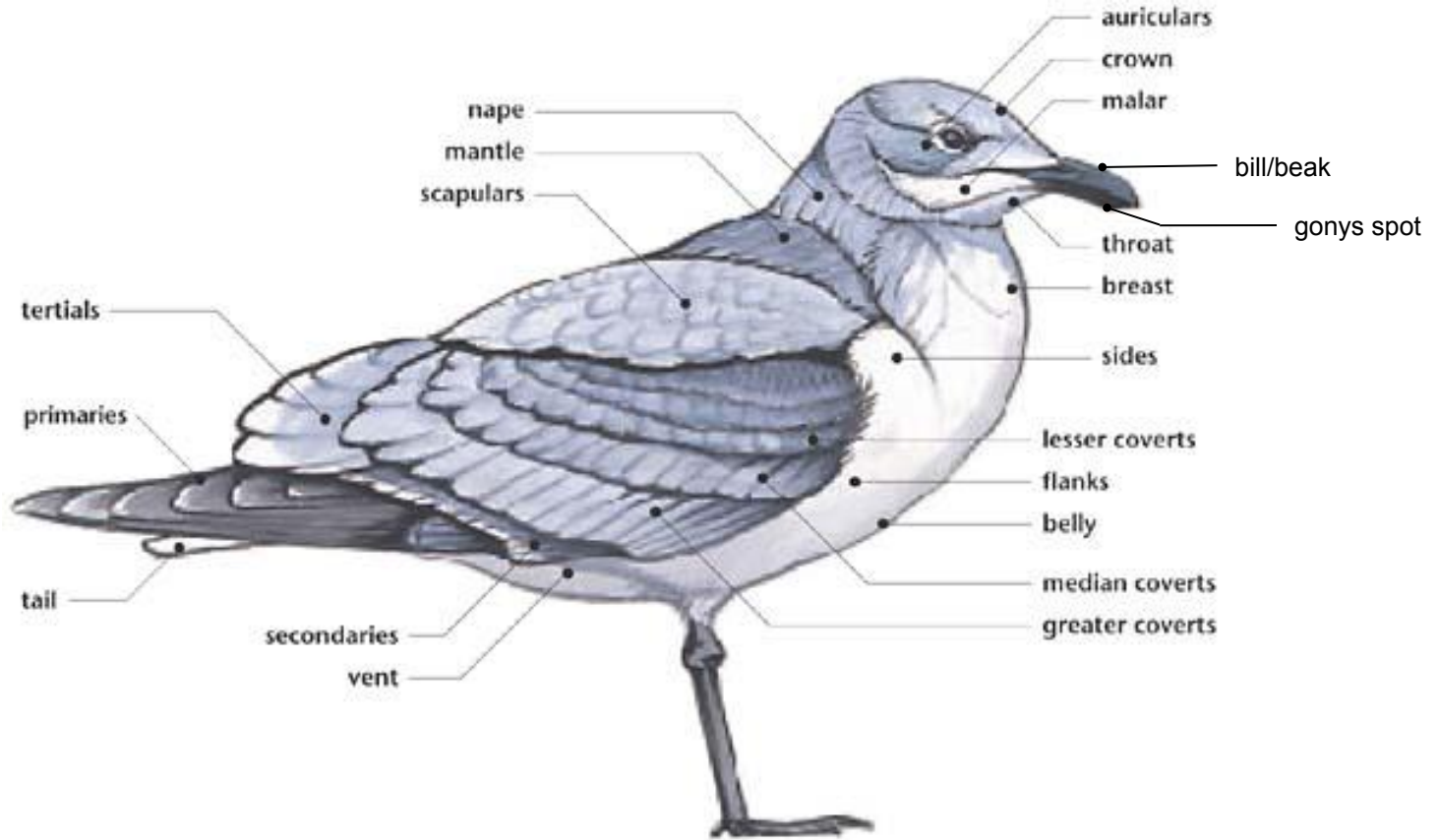
Heermann's Gull



Lesser Black-backed Gull

Anatomy

1. Size
2. Back
3. Primaries
4. Beak
5. Feet
6. Eye



A note with aging comparisons

Hatch year



Adult – 1 year



Adult Gulls



California Gull



Ring-billed Gull



Short-billed Gull



American Herring Gull



Iceland Gull



"Olympic" Gull



"Cook Inlet" Gull



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Lesser Black-backed Gull

Subadult Gulls

Third year
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second year



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Second year
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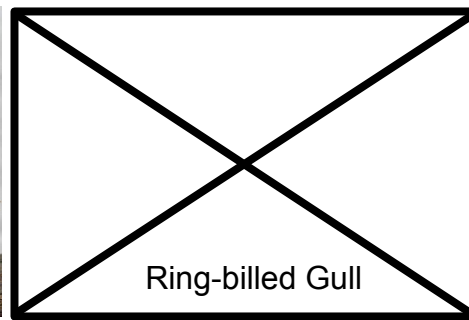


Young Gulls

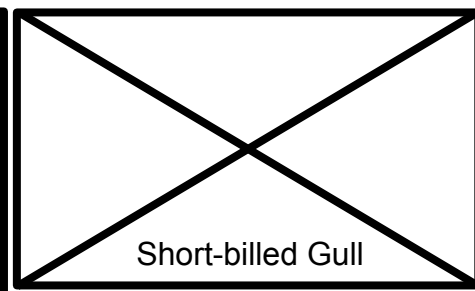
Hatching year



California Gull



Ring-billed Gull



Short-billed Gull



American Herring Gull



Iceland Gull



"Olympic" Gull



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Western Gull



Glaucous-winged Gull



Heermann's Gull



Lesser Black-backed Gull

Adult Gulls in Flight



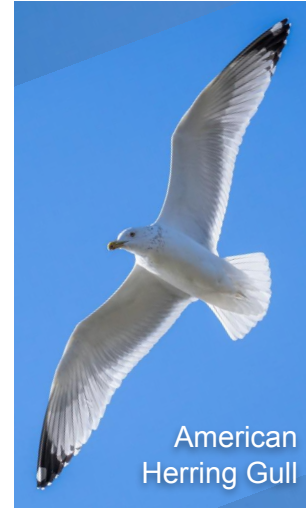
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Ring-billed Gull



California Gull



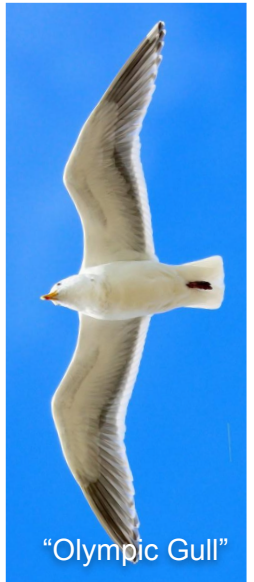
American Herring Gull



"Cook Inlet Gull"



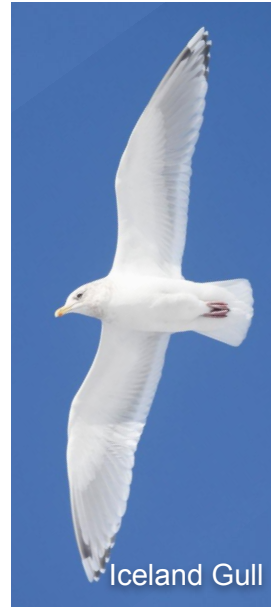
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"Olympic Gull"



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Lesser Black-backed Gull



Heermann's Gull

Hatch Year Gulls in Flight



Short-billed Gull



Ring-billed Gull



California Gull



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"Cook Inlet Gull"



Western Gull



"Olympic Gull"



Glaucous-winged Gull



Iceland Gull



Lesser Black-backed Gull



Heermann's Gull

Western Gull

Larus occidentalis wymani

- L 25 in
- WS 58 in (4 ft 10 in)
- Resident
- Eye olive brown
- Orbital ring yellow

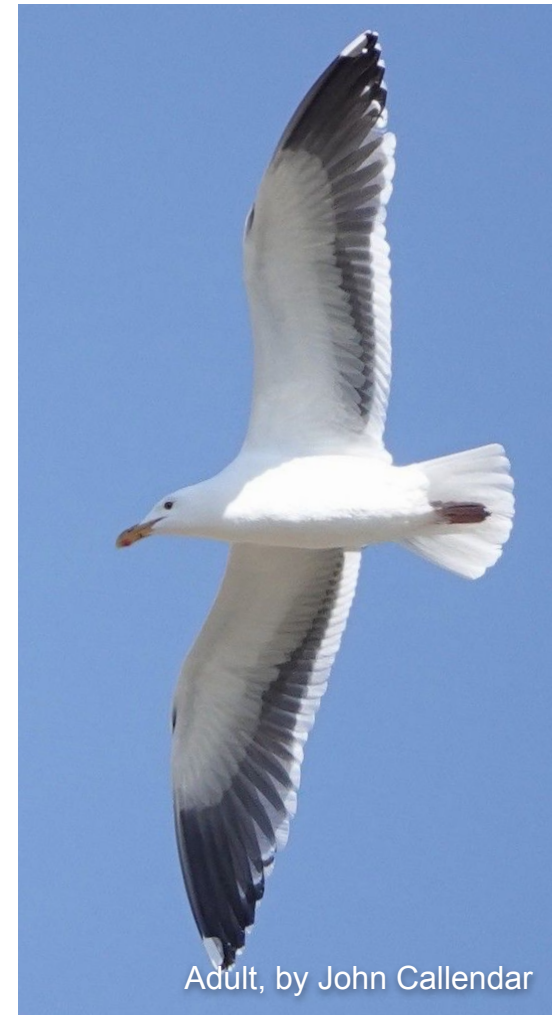


Western Gull

Larus occidentalis wymani



Hatch Year, by Sasha Cahill



Adult, by John Callendar

California Gull

Larus californicus
californicus/albertaensis

- Oct-Apr, some resident on coast
- L 21 in
- WS 54 in (4 ft 6 in)
- Eye dark brown
- Orbital ring red



California Gull

Larus californicus

californicus/albertaensis



Hatch Year, by Alison Davies



Adult, by Bernardo Alps

Heermann's Gull *Larus heermanni*

- L 19 in
- WS 51 in (4 ft 3 in)
- Jun-Feb (some resident)
- Eye brown to black
- Orbital ring red



Ring-billed Gull

Larus delawarensis

- L 17 ½ in
- WS 48 in (4 ft)
- Oct-Apr
- Eye yellow
- Orbital ring red



Hatch Year, by Manuel Segura Herrero



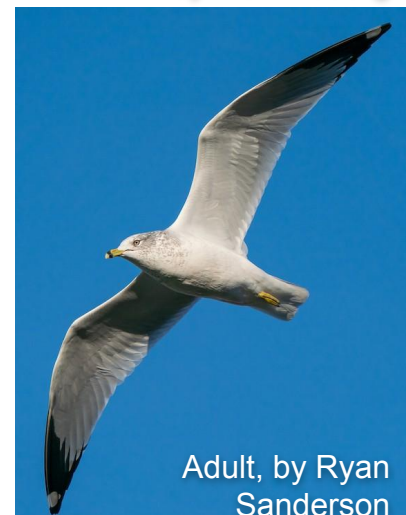
Hatch Year,
by Matt Hoberg



Second Year, by Alexandre Guerreiro



Adult, by Mason Maron



Adult, by Ryan Sanderson

Glaucous-winged Gull

Larus glaucescens

- L 26 in
- WS 58 in (4 ft 10 in)
- Nov-Apr
- Eye dark brown
- Orbital ring pink



Glaucous-winged Gull

Larus glaucescens



Hatch Year, by Alex Lamoreaux



Adult, by Brent Angelo

American Herring Gull

Larus smithsonianus

- L 25 in
- WS 58 in (4 ft 10 in)
- Oct-Apr
- Eye yellow
- Orbital ring yellow



American Herring Gull

Larus smithsonianus



Hatch Year, by Ryan Sanderson



Adult, by Matt Saunders

Bonaparte's Gull

Chroicocephalus philadelphia

- L 13 ½ in
- WS 33 in (2 ft 9 in)
- Oct-May
- Eye black



Iceland Gull

Larus glaucoides thayeri

- L 23 in
- WS 55 in (4 ft 7 in)
- Nov-Mar
- Eye brown or yellow
- Orbital ring pink or brown



Iceland Gull

*Larus glaucoides
thayeri*



Hatch Year, by Jamie Spence



Adult, by Alex Lamoreaux

Short-billed Gull

Larus brachyrhynchus

- L 16 ¼ in
- WS 43 in (3 ft 7 in)
- Nov-Mar
- Eye dark blue
- Orbital ring red



Hatch Year, by Teresa Palos



Hatch Year, by Levi Plummer



Second Year, by Sasha Cahill



Adult, by Ian Davies



Adult, by Liam Hutcheson

Lesser Black-backed Gull

Larus fuscus graellsii



Hatch Year, by Naresh Satyan



Hatch Year, by Andrew Birch



Second Year, by Max McCarthy



Hatch Year,
by Niall Keogh

- L 21 in
- WS 54 in (4 ft 6 in)
- Nov-Mar
- Eye yellow
- Orbital ring dark red



Third Year, by Judy Hwa



Adult, by Michael Stubblefield



Adult, by
Manuel Fernandez-Bermejo

“Olympic” Gull Glaucous-winged x Western Hybrid *L. glaucescens* x *L. occidentalis*

- L 26 in
- WS 58 in (4 ft 10 in)
- Oct-Mar
- Eye black
- Orbital ring pink



“Olympic” Gull

Larus glaucescens x *Larus occidentalis*



Hatch Year, by Bill Potter



Adult, by Charlotte Byers

“Cook Inlet” Gull

American Herring x
Glaucous-winged hybrid

L. smithsonianus x
L. glaucescens

- L 26 in
- WS 58 in
(4 ft 10 in)
- Nov-Mar
- Eye black
- Orbital
ring pink



Other vagrants (Hatch Year and Adult only)



Black-legged Kittiwake



Laughing Gull



Glaucous Gull



Slaty-backed Gull



"Seward" Gull



Glaucous x Glaucous-winged



Vega Gull



Franklin's Gull



Iceland Gull *kumlieni*



"Nelson's" Gull



Herring x Glaucous



Western Gull *occidentalis*



Adult Gulls



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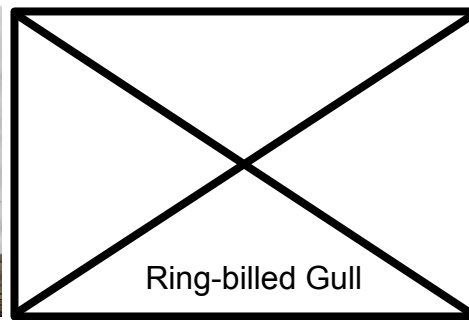


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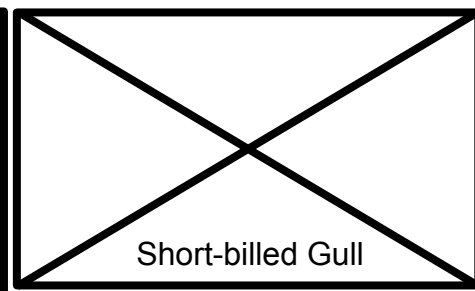
Hatching year



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Lesser Black-backed Gull

A large flock of ducks is swimming in a body of water. The ducks are scattered across the frame, with some in the foreground and many more in the background. The water is a light blue-grey color, and the ducks have various shades of brown, grey, and white. The overall scene is busy and natural.

Any Questions?

Let's Go Find Some Birds!



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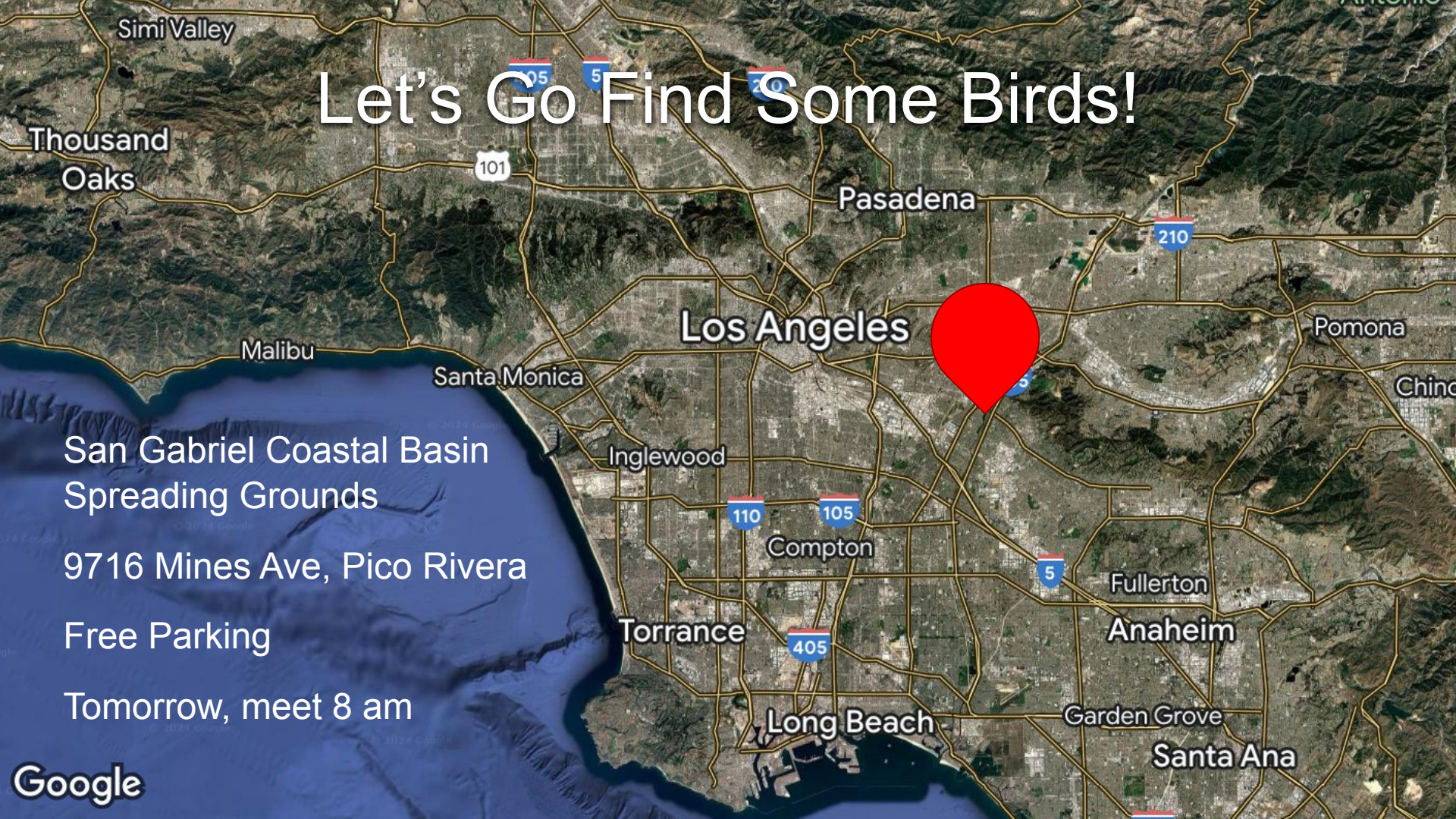
San Gabriel Coastal Basin
Spreading Grounds

9716 Mines Ave, Pico Rivera

Free Parking

Tomorrow, meet 8 am

Google



Let's Go Find Some Birds!



MacArthur Park

2230 W 6th St

Metered parking, bring quarters

Meet at the intersection of 7th
st and Park View St tomorrow
at 8 am

Google

Let's Go Find Some Birds!



Dockweiler State Beach

12000 Vista Del Mar

\$9 parking

Tomorrow, meet at 8 am in the first parking lot right of the entrance

Google

See you out there



Western Gull, by Alexander deBarros