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## Society Volunteers' Simply Helping

Sacramento Audubon Society member, webmaster and Education Committee member Wendy Money retired from the Sacramento City Unified School District last year and has been living her dream since. Wendy recalls, "When I went to Cape Town to work on an African Penguin project in 2013, we had an abandoned chick and took it to another rescue on the mainland—SANCCOB. Their work made an impression on me and I resolved to work on seabird conservation and rescue when I retired. So here I am, living the dream." For information on SANCCOB please visit [sanccob.co.za/](http://sanccob.co.za/).



Wendy Money with a baby penguin in 2013

Wendy's volunteerism with conservation projects extends beyond her local work with Audubon. Today she volunteers with International Bird Rescue (IBR) in Cordelia, CA; [www.bird-rescue.org/about/overview.aspx](http://www.bird-rescue.org/about/overview.aspx). IBR's mission is to preserve aquatic birds. Wendy is having positive experiences with other volunteers (some are 10-20 year veterans) and others affiliated with the operation—the board, rescuers, the veterinarian, and wildlife rehabbers who are vested in the mission.

Volunteer training with IBR includes a Volunteer Orientation and then working with a mentor. A volunteer might work in any one of the many areas of need: laundry room, kitchen, food preparation, cleaning cages, "spas", and outdoor aviaries. There is an ICU and egg incubators. Volunteers may also assist the vet and wildlife rehabbers. Some people work in the native garden, some do office work, and some (like Sac Audubon members) work at outreach events.

Recently Wendy and many other bird lovers "saved as many as 88 snowy egret and black-crowned night heron fledglings, nestlings and eggs after the ficus, which served as their rookery, partially collapsed, then was finally completely taken down by arborists and an

## EDUCATION COMMITTEE UPDATE

July 8 was a working meeting for Education Committee members Bill Bianco, Sue Darst, Frank Gray, Cathie Lazier, and Sandra Steurer. The team assembled gifts for the Outreach table. Committee members developed a business size card imprinted with the SAS logo, web address and the message: Be Good to Nature and Her Creatures; Avoid Using Plastic. Members attached these cards to stainless steel straws with cleaners, and mesh produce bags to prepare for Fall 2019, Outreach events.

One of the highlights of the Outreach table is a spin wheel activity for children. Each child gets the opportunity to spin the wheel once. If the wheel happens to land on a special wedge, the child selects a gift after answering an age appropriate question about birds. If needed, older siblings and parents may help.

Drop by the Outreach table at an upcoming event and let your child or grandchild spin the wheel!



SAS President, Bill Bianco with Be Good to Nature card



Bill Bianco and Cathie LaZier at working meeting of the Education Committee



Education Committee Members L to R: Sandra Steurer, Sue Darst and Frank Gray

IBR rescue team, in front of the post office on Jackson and 13th streets in downtown Oakland." You can go to the following link to read more about this rescue which was coordinated by IBR: [www.google.com/amp/s/www.sfchronicle.com/bayarea/amp/Rescue-operation-41-egrets-herons-eggs-saved-14090125.php](http://www.google.com/amp/s/www.sfchronicle.com/bayarea/amp/Rescue-operation-41-egrets-herons-eggs-saved-14090125.php)

## Field Trip Findings

### **Spanos Court Access, ARPKwy (7/13)**

— Leader Dan Kopp reported: “3 birders joined me for a walk at my Purple Martin nursery site on a clear and mostly calm morning. A few highlights were Western Kingbird and Western Bluebird families along with a California Towhee carrying food. We also saw a female Wood Duck and a grown hatch year duckling, a species not often encountered at this location. We had brief glimpses of two vocal female-type Hooded Orioles and we encountered a few heard only Song Sparrows. Of the five swallow species we noted I was most pleased with the Purple Martins; the others were Northern Rough-winged, Tree, Cliff and Barn swallows. We enjoyed watching an adult male martin feed a young bird relatively high in flight, and although the martins did not bathe or fly low over the water we enjoyed seeing them perched on the usual set of overhead wires. It was a pleasant morning along this scenic stretch of the Parkway that uniquely hosts post-fledgling Purple Martin families. We managed a meagerly respectable 41 species of bird, but at this site it is more about quality.”

### **Cabbage Patch, Calaveras County (7/12)**

— Leader Bill Bianco reported: “Nice weather, and three of us saw a good quantity of woodpeckers. Four species, White-headed, Hairy, Red-breasted Sapsucker and Northern Flicker. Total count of species was 23. A few of the sightings were Green-tailed Towhee, Olive-sided Flycatcher, Lazuli Bunting, MacGillivray’s Warbler, Western Wood-Pewee, Nashville Warbler. Good view of Cassin’s Finch and Dark-eyed Junco bathing.”

**Sailor Bar (7/11)** — Leader Darrell Mohr reported: “Early morning and sunshine. 8 people were ready for the morning. Birding at the meeting place started off with many species. The cottonwood tree had a pair of young Bullock’s Orioles. Near the boat ramp we encountered a duck of mixed breed. It appeared to be a mix of Wood Duck and a Mallard. Ash-throated Flycatchers were common. Farther down the river we had good views of Phainopeplas perched in the top of the trees. Also, a Yellow Warbler flew into a tree along the river. We counted a total of 40 Species for the morning. Many flowers were in bloom, including swaths of Madia, Datura bushes full of their trumpet blooms, Clarkia and fennel, and many others.”

**Mather Lake (7/7)** — Leader Wayne Blunk reported: “Overcast skies provided a cool morning for 15 birders and offered up 44 species. Highlights were a large number of Canada Geese, Wild Turkey young, a Pied-billed Grebe family, Western Kingbirds with young, an Ash-Throated Flycatcher and great multiple looks at an Osprey.”

**Loney Meadow (7/6)** — Leader Scott Hoppe reported: “It was a beautiful day in the Sierras for 17 participants as we explored the area. I mentioned to the group that this was my 15th year leading this particular trip, the first year was my first leading a Sacramento Audubon field trip. How time flies. The real highlights were not particular species, but numbers of certain species. We had at least 8 Red-breasted Sapsuckers, with two nest-holes being attended; Warbling Vireos seemed to be singing everywhere; and many MacGillivray’s and Wilson’s Warblers were seen and heard along the way. A couple of people saw Green-tailed Towhees early on, which seemed to elude the rest of us, until one section of the trail where they were abundant. The ever elusive Mountain Quail called in the distance, heard but never seen by one or two in the group. But I have seen them there often in the past. All the more reason to come and enjoy this trip next year!”

**Ancil Hoffman Park (6/30)** — Leader Mark Martucci reported: “18 people saw 45 species of birds on a clear and cool summer morning. Highlights included California Quail with chicks, Black-chinned Hummingbird, Cooper’s Hawk, Ash-throated Flycatcher, Western Kingbird, Green Heron and Bullock’s Oriole.”

**Kennedy Park, Napa (6/29)** — Leaders Daniel and Pam Thompson reported: “Scott Hoppe met the group in West Sacramento and ferried them to Fairfield where we met to then carpool to Napa. We started at Kennedy Park, situated on the Napa river. We walked approximately two miles in cool, sunny weather. In total we had 42 species there, a good selection of common birds. The one stand-out was at the marsh area where we heard two Black Rails calling Kee-Kee-Doo back and forth for about five minutes very near our location. After this we drove over to Huichica Creek, the old salt harvesting location in Carneros. We walked

all the way out to the pumps. And while fairly quiet we did amass 35 species including 15 Least Terns and 2 Common Goldeneye out on the old salt ponds. It was a very pleasant day and pretty good numbers for summer.”

### **Granite Springs Road and Crystal Basin (6/25)**

— Leader Tim Fitzer reported: “13 birders had a beautiful day. Some of the highlights were 2 Common Nighthawks, 2 adult Golden Eagles, MacGillivray’s, Hermit, Audubon and Yellow Warblers, 6 Lewis’s Woodpeckers, a high for this trip, Green-tailed Towhees and Calliope Hummer. We all had a great and fun day.”

### **William Pond Park (6/23)**

— Leader Larry Hickey reported: “We started early and we were rewarded by great looks at young Western Bluebirds. Our summer residents—Bullock’s Oriole, Western Kingbird, Ash-throated Flycatcher and our year long resident wrens were active. Yellow-billed Magpies were a first for Sally from England. Watching hundreds of Cliff Swallows interacting at their nests capped a lovely birding morning at the beginning of summer.”

### **Indian Grinding Rocks State Park (6/22)**

— Leader Cliff Hawley reported: “Our group of 12 participants had a great trip to Indian Grinding Rocks SP. The museum and day use area were supposed to be closed for renovation but Lee Eal of California State Parks opened the parking lot for our group. The bird highlights included fantastic views of Brown Creeper, Red-breasted Nuthatch, and a singing Pacific Wren. We had many birds feeding young including Chestnut-backed Chickadee, Bushtits, and many recently fledged Black-headed Grosbeaks. We had 37 species.”

### **Lynch Canyon, Solano County (6/20)**

— Leader Maureen Geiger reported: “5 of us walked Lynch Canyon this morning with low overcast and a good breeze. All in all 38 species including raptors such as a Golden Eagle, a harrier and 3-4 Red-tails. plus many very evident Western Bluebirds including recently fledged young. Best of all though was the discovery of two Say’s Phoebes at the reservoir dam. These birds are found rarely in Solano County this time of year, so nice to have photos to support our sighting.”

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# Field Trips



*Spotted Sandpiper*  
Stephen D'Amato

## Field Trip Information

For questions regarding the trip or to check the status of the trip in case of unfavorable weather conditions, please call the trip leader first. For trips from July 12 through August 11, contact the scheduler Craig DeMartini, 916-599-3300, cloudwalk7@icloud.com. For trips from August 12 through September 11, contact the scheduler Scott Hoppe, shoppe01@surewest.net, 916-835-8471.

Due to insurance requirements, Sacramento Audubon leaders are not allowed to organize ridesharing/ carpools. Participants are, however, encouraged to voluntarily share rides. Any carpool arrangements are private agreements between the driver and the passengers. Drivers must carry adequate insurance coverage. Please be courteous and share gas expenses with the driver. FRS radios can be helpful on all trips. Starting times are the actual time the trip leaves the meeting place. Try to arrive early, especially if you want driving directions or plan to carpool. Groups must make prior arrangements with the trip leader. In case of INCLEMENT WEATHER contact the trip leader for trip status. **NOTE: Starting times are the actual time the trip leaves the meeting place**

**Tuesday, July 30, 7am**  
**Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area**  
**Leader: Maureen Geiger**  
**916-281-6652**  
**mkgeiger@comcast.net**

Join Maureen for a morning drive around this diverse area just a few minutes from downtown Sacramento. The variety of species and numbers of birds especially with regard to shorebirds will depend on the amount of water available. If the YBWA is too dry, we will scout alternate local Yolo County sites. Spotting scopes and FRS radios are useful. From Sacramento on I-80 west, take the first exit at the west end of the Yolo Causeway, East Chiles/Rd 32A, Exit #78. Turn right at the stop sign, go under the freeway, make a left up onto the levee; then drop down into the Wildlife Area. The trip begins at the first parking lot, Lot A, on your left. This trip will end before noon.

**Saturday, August 3, 5pm**  
**Birds and Bats at the Yolo Basin**  
**Leaders: Dan Williams, 714-943-1266**  
**jaegermaestro@yahoo.com**  
**Mary Schiedt, 530-400-7094**  
**maryolo1@netscape.net**

Join Dan and Yolo Basin bat volunteer Mary Schiedt for a combination bird-and-bat field trip to Yolo Basin. This walk combines the early evening appearance of Barn Owls, Great-horned Owls (and possibly Short-eared Owls and nighthawks) with the later emergence of 250,000 Mexican free-tailed bats for their evening hunt. There is also the possibility of predation by Peregrine Falcons and Swainson's Hawks. FRS radios can be helpful. Bring water, insect repellent, and a light jacket. From Sacramento on I-80 west, take the first exit at the west

end of the Yolo Causeway, East Chiles/Rd 32A, Exit #78. Turn right at the stop sign, go under the freeway, make a left up onto the levee; then drop down into the Wildlife Area. The trip begins at the first parking lot, Lot A, on your left.

**Sunday, August 4, 7:30am**  
**Mather Lake**  
**Leader: Wayne Blunk, 916-206-3767**  
**wayne.blunk@gmail.com**

Join Wayne to explore Mather Lake and the surrounding grasslands, which host a variety of birds and is one of his favorite birding spots. This is a good trip for beginners and enjoyable for all. Bring water and insect repellent. Meet in the parking lot of Mather Regional Park; from Highway 50 go south on Zinfandel, Exit #17, about 2-1/2 miles. After crossing Douglas Blvd, take the first left into the park area. A Sac County Park Pass or \$5 entry fee is required for all vehicles.

**Monday, August 5, 7:30am**  
**Effie Yeaw Nature Center**  
**Leaders: Bob McCleary**  
**916-960-3390**  
**bobmccleary@comcast.net**  
**Linda Melching, 916-934-3969**  
**lmelch1122@aol.com**

Bob is a docent at the Nature Center and knows the trails, and where to find the birds. On this morning walk he'll be looking for both summer and resident birds. Meet him in the Nature Center parking lot in Ancil Hoffman Park. This is a good trip for beginners as well as more experienced birders. For directions, see sacnaturecenter.net. A Sac County Park Pass or \$5 entry fee is required for all vehicles.

**Saturday, August 10, 8am**  
**Sierra Valley and Yuba Pass**  
**Leader: John York, 530-320-4751**  
**johnyork157@yahoo.com**

Meet at The Fork and Horn parking lot in Sierraville, corner of Lincoln St and Main. at 8am, to bird the valley floor and then the pass. Bring snack, lunch and liquids as we have no scheduled eating stops. This trip will take most of the day. The high-lights should be the young mountain birds, woodpeckers and warblers, although the valley can turn up some great birds as well. If you want to caravan from the Denny's at Newcastle, please contact John so he can meet you there. Please RSVP to John so he knows to look for you at either rendezvous point.

**Sunday, August 11, 7:30am**  
**American River Parkway:**  
**Harrington Access**  
**Leaders: Guy Galante, 916-995-0625**  
**guy@create-roc.com**  
**Mike Heacox, 916-972-1809**  
**mikezots@gmail.com**  
**Craig DeMartini, 916-599-3300**  
**cloudwalk7@icloud.com**

This unique field trip will encompass all-around nature observation; flora and fauna, tracking/trailing, weather observation, and using all the senses. Apply sunscreen, bring a hat and water. From Watt Avenue take American River Drive east 2.5 miles to Harrington Way, turn right and continue 1/4 mile to the river. From Fair Oaks Blvd take Arden Way east 1/4 mile, turn right on Kingsford and continue straight for one mile to the river. A Sac County Park Pass or \$5 entry fee is required for all vehicles.

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**Tuesday, August 13, 7am**

**UC Davis Arboretum**

**Leader: Maureen Geiger**

**916-281-6642**

**mkgeiger@comcast.net**

August can be quiet in the valley for birds, but the UC Davis Arboretum is a great, mostly shady place for a walk on a summer morning. Join Maureen on this 2-3 mile loop trail to see what can be found along the mostly shaded waterway. Close-up looks at residents such as Wood Ducks, Double-crested Cormorants and Green Herons are rewarding, and early migrants might also be found. Meet at the south end of the Borders parking lot in downtown Davis.

**Saturday, August 17, 12 Noon-Sunset**

**Common Nighthawks at Sunset,**

**Yuba Gap**

**Leader: Dan Brown**

**naturestoc@aol.com**

Join Dan for an afternoon and evening of birding in the Sierra, ending in an area that at this time of year hosts many Common Nighthawks that can be observed feeding and calling at sunset.

Dan has seen up to 50 nighthawks in the air at one time here, which can present great photo opportunities! This spot is about

an hour away from Sacramento, We will begin about 1:30pm birding a small private lake, looking for common Sierra birds such as Western Tanager, Black-headed Grosbeak, Spotted Sandpiper, White-headed Woodpecker and possible Osprey and Bald Eagle. Also of interest at this lake are numerous species of dragonflies that we don't see in the Valley. We will then bird our way toward the nighthawk site, stopping for a picnic dinner in the field and ending the day after sundown watching the nighthawks. We will be walking for about 2 miles total, mostly on flat terrain so wear appropriate shoes. Bring a folding chair or two and whatever you would like for your picnic dinner. Also bring water, sunscreen, a hat, a light coat for the evening and MOSQUITO REPELLENT. This trip is limited to 12 participants, so please contact Dan to save a spot and for meeting location/time.



*Common Nighthawk*

Linda Pittman

**Sunday, August 18, 7am**

**Putah Creek Reserve**

**Leader: Mark Martucci, 916-833-6722**

**matuchbirdman@yahoo.com**

Mark will be looking for fall migrants that often pass through this remnant riparian area. Warblers, buntings, flycatchers and orioles are often seen during this time of year. This will likely be a two to four hour trip. Meet at the Park and Ride off I-80 in West Sacramento. From Sacramento, take the West Capitol Avenue, Exit #81, turn left at the light, and then left again into the Park and Ride lot.

**Tuesday, August 20, 7am Sharp!**

**Wrights Lake**

**Leaders: Tim Fitzer, 916-870-5207**

**spskua2@comcast.net**

**Ann Burris, 916-947-7573**

**burris.nellieann@gmail.com**

Escape the valley heat and join Tim and Ann in searching for a variety of montane birds at this mountain lake. The high

Sierra offers a wide variety of woodpeckers, finches, towhees, and other passerine birds, and it's a good trip for beginners, as well as more experienced birders. Bring plenty of water and lunch for a full day of birding.

Bring your FRS radios and be prepared for changeable weather. Meet in front of the Bella Bru parking lot in the Raley's shopping center in El Dorado Hills. From Hwy 50 east take Exit #30B; turn

right on El Dorado Hills Blvd and go north under the freeway to the shopping center on your right.

**Saturday, August 24, 6:30am**

**Napa-Sonoma Marshes Wildlife Area**

**Leader: Scott Hoppe, 916-835-8471**

**shoppe01@surewest.net**

This Wildlife Area encompasses a large swath of land north of San Pablo Bay. Shorebirds and other water birds should be in abundance, and there is often a surprise rarity or two. The trip should end early to mid-afternoon, depending on conditions. Bring lunch and liquids, and some layers of clothing as Bay Area weather can be cool even in August. Meet at the Park and Ride off I-80 in West Sacramento. From Sacramento, take the West Capitol Avenue, Exit #81, turn left at the light, and then left again into the Park and Ride lot.

**Sunday, August 25, 7am**

**Sailor Bar**

**Leader: Darrell Mohr, 916-225-3999**

**mohrdd@gmail.com**

Join Darrell for a morning walk checking out the resident birds. Meet him at the boat launch parking area at the very end of the entrance road. This is a good trip for beginners. Sailor Bar is at the south end of Illinois Avenue, off Winding Way just west of Hazel. Meet at the last parking lot on your left, near the boat launch area. A Sac County Park Pass or \$5 entry fee is required for all vehicles.

**Monday, August 26, 7am**

**Ancil Hoffman Park**

**Leader: Mark Sawyer, 916-968-1661**

**MarkSawyer3383@gmail.com**

Mark will be looking for early fall migrants, as well as remaining summering birds and residents. This will be a 2 to 4 hour walk. Meet in the picnic parking lot across from the golf course parking lot. From California Ave in Fair Oaks take the Tarshes Drive entrance and follow it all the way to the last parking lot on your left. A Sac County Park Pass or \$5 entry fee is required for all vehicles.

**Saturday, August 31, 6:30am**

**Alpine County**

**Leader: Jane Taylor, 916-587-3366**

**1jgtaylor@att.net**

Plan on a series of short walks in coniferous forest, sagebrush, lakeshore and riparian habitats. We will look for a number of bird species, both resident and migrant, including passerines, woodpeckers, waterfowl and raptors. A visit to nearby Douglas County may have promise. Please bring your FRS radios and lunch and liquids, planning for a mid-afternoon wrap-up. Meet at the south side of the Bella Bru parking lot in the Raley's shopping center in El Dorado Hills. From Hwy 50 east take Exit #30B; turn right on El Dorado Hills Blvd and go north under the freeway to the shopping center on your right.

**Sunday, September 1, 7am**

**Fall Migration Wild Card**

**Leader: Scott Hoppe, 916-835-8471**

**shoppe01@surewest.net**

Join Scott for this exciting trip seeking fall migrants. But, there is a twist. The locations will be unknown until you arrive at the meeting place, and may include something local or something a little farther afield. Scott will be checking conditions and posts to see where activity has been best. The trip

could include some riparian areas for passerines and some wetlands for water birds. Bring lunch and/or snacks and liquids. Meet at the Park and Ride off I-80 in West Sacramento. From Sacramento, take the West Capitol Avenue, Exit #81, turn left at the light, and then left again into the Park and Ride lot.

**Thursday, September 5, 7am**

**Riverbend Park**

**Leader: Cathie LaZier, 916-502-2699  
empid77@gmail.com**

Meet Cathie in the first parking lot on your right just past the entrance kiosk. We'll walk through the oak woodland and down to the river looking for the resident birds of the parkway, as well as possible migrants. This is a good trip for beginners. From Folsom Blvd, between Bradshaw and Mather Field Road, take Rod Beaudry Drive north into the park. Meet in the first parking lot on your right as you enter the park. A Sac County Park Pass or \$5 entry fee is required for all vehicles.

**Saturday, September 7, 6:30am**

**Point Reyes**

**Leader: Chris Conard, 916-203-1610  
conardc@gmail.com**

Birding Point Reyes can be very productive this time of year, for both regular migrants and more uncommon birds. Chris is an expert birder who can sort out that confusing fall warbler. Be prepared for several miles of walking. Bring lunch and liquids for a full day of birding. Meet at the Park and Ride off I-80 in West Sacramento. From Sacramento, take the West Capitol Avenue, Exit #81, turn left at the light, and then left again into the Park and Ride lot.

**Sunday, September 9, 8am**

**Sacramento Bar**

**Leader: Paul Cordero, 916-454-4061  
pkcordero@gmail.com**

On this morning walk along the American River, you will see, and hear, a nice variety of resident birds and maybe a few early migrants. Paul will focus on finding and identifying birds by ear. This is a great trip for beginning and more experienced birders. From Highway 50, drive north on Sunrise Blvd; turn left on Fair Oaks Blvd and take the first left on Pennsylvania and follow it into the park. A Sac County Park Pass or \$5 entry fee is required for all vehicles.

**Wednesday, September 11, 7:30am**

**Ancil Hoffman Park Fall Migration**

**Leader: Mark Martucci, 916-833-6722  
matuchbirdman@yahoo.com**

Mark will be looking for fall migrants, as well as returning wintering birds, and maybe something unexpected will turn up. This will be a 2 to 4 hour walk. Meet in the picnic parking lot across from the golf course parking lot. From California Ave. in Fair Oaks take the Tarshes Drive entrance and follow it all the way to the last parking lot on your left. A Sac County Park Pass or \$5 entry fee is required for all vehicles.

**FAMILY FRIENDLY**

**Saturday, September 21, 10:30am**

**Effie Yeaw Family Nature Walk**

This family friendly nature walk will be at the Effie Yeaw Nature Center in Carmichael. Acorn Woodpeckers and Wild Turkeys are abundant, but sharp eyes and ears may find Spotted Towhees or Bushtits as well. Reservations are not needed; families can simply show up and enjoy a one-hour walk in the lovely Nature Area with birders Maureen Geiger and Sue Darst from Audubon and naturalists from the Nature Center. For directions, see [sacnaturecenter.net](http://sacnaturecenter.net). A Sac County Park Pass or \$5 entry fee is required for all vehicles.

**TWILIGHT ON THE BUFFERLANDS**

**August 13, 6:30pm-9pm**

Don't miss this unique opportunity to explore some of the Great Central Valley habitats at dusk on the Bufferlands. During the tour, participants may have a chance to see beavers, river otters, muskrats, raccoons, owls and more.

Please wear appropriate clothing for walking on trails and bring water and binoculars. Please contact Roger Jones at 916 875-9174 or email [Twilight on the Bufferlands to confirm your reservation and meeting location](mailto:Twilight on the Bufferlands to confirm your reservation and meeting location). Please note, we can only take reservations the week preceding the event.

**No Pets, Please!** For all Bufferlands events, we respectfully request that you please leave your dogs and other pets at home.

The last Twilight on the Bufferlands tour this season will be held on September 18. ([www.bufferlands.com](http://www.bufferlands.com) for full details). [www.Regionalsan.Com/bufferlands-calendar-events](http://www.Regionalsan.Com/bufferlands-calendar-events)

For more information, please contact roger jones at (916) 875-9174 or preferably via email at [jonesro@sacsewer.com](mailto:jonesro@sacsewer.com).

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**Stevens Trail, Near Colfax (6/15)**

— Leader Ben Graber reported: "The field trip was excellent. We had a small group of people who were brave enough to attempt the Stevens Trail. The weather was pretty good and not too hot. The highlights were some stunning looks at Western Tanagers, 3 species of vireos, Nashville, Orange-crowned, and Black-throated Gray Warblers, a Chestnut-backed Chickadee, Wrentits, Black-headed Grosbeaks, Pacific-slope Flycatchers, some Ospreys at the nest, and a Rock Wren. We also saw several frogs and lizards and a Garter Snake."

*Cathie LaZier*

**SAS NEW MEMBERS**

Welcome these new members:

Sally Gibson

Russ Hanson

Sally Mast

Stephanie Turner

Jane Waln

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS!**

Steve Ball and Susie Nishio, Craig De Martini, Sandra Graham, Yoshino Hatanaka, Amy A Hibbitt, Christine Hurley, Timothy and Angela Jackson, Peggy Jenkins, Linda Melching, and the Morehead Family made donations to the **General Fund**.

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**ATTEND THE NEXT  
SACRAMENTO AUDUBON  
PROGRAM**

**Thursday, September 19, 2019**

**At the Effie Yeaw Nature Center**

The speaker will be **Tim Vendliski**. He will be speaking about efforts to conserve natural resources in suburban parks such as those in Rancho Del Paso.

**CONSERVATION TIP**

Many grocery stores (ie Raley's, Sacramento Natural Food Co-op) sell a variety of products in bulk, such as rice, grains, peanut butter, olive oil, nuts, and so many more. If you bring your own containers you will be eliminating a lot of plastic items from the trash or recycle bins.

**DID YOU KNOW**

The first *Observer* (bi-monthly) publication of the Sacramento Audubon Society was November-December 1951 under the presidency of Genevieve Trousdale.

**FALL 2019, OUTREACH SCHEDULE  
HELP OUT AND HAVE FUN!**

Fall events are coming up and we need volunteers to work at the SAS table. Your help would be appreciated at one of the following festivals:

- **NatureFest**, Sunday, September 22 (outdoors): We will have a kids table and outreach table. We need four people for the am session, and four people for the pm session.
- **Lodi Crane Festival**, Saturday, November 2 and Sunday, November 3 (Indoors).
- **Central Valley Birding Symposium**, Thursday, November 22 through Sunday, November 24 (Indoors). Bill Bianco will do the set up on Friday, the 22nd, and the take down on the 24th. For this event we don't monitor the table, we ask SAS members who are at the event to occasionally check the table.

You do not need to be an accomplished birder to help at the SAS tables, just someone who enjoys birding and talking to people about our field trips, birding and SAS. You would be working with an experienced volunteer.

If you can work a 3 or 4 hour shift on one of the above days, please contact Bill Bianco at [biancowm@yahoo.com](mailto:biancowm@yahoo.com), or 372-3318.