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## General Meeting

**Thursday, January 17, 2019**

**Effie Yeaw Nature Center**

**Assembly Room, 7pm**

There is no general meeting in December but we look forward to January's meeting. The speaker will be Stephen Shunk and the title will be *How Woodpeckers Can Save the World (or at least your local woodland!)*

Sacramento Audubon meetings are held the third Thursday of the month at the Effie Yeaw Nature Center Assembly Room in Carmichael. The public is welcome. Visit our website [www.sacramentoaudubon.org](http://www.sacramentoaudubon.org) and click on Society Info/Meetings, for further information, including a map and directions. To keep up with current happenings follow us on Facebook at [facebook.com/Sacramento Audubon](https://facebook.com/SacramentoAudubon).

*Anthony Asay  
Education Chair*

## CHOOSE TO RECEIVE THE OBSERVER BY EMAILED PDF

In the November Observer we told you that we would be asking whether you would prefer the Observer by email when your membership is up for renewal. Because this year the cost of printing and mailing the Observer has exceeded the income from membership dues, we thought, why wait? Rather than wait to let us know when your membership comes up for renewal, if you are interested in switching from a paper Observer to an emailed pdf version right away, please contact Jane at [sacaudubonmembership@gmail.com](mailto:sacaudubonmembership@gmail.com) and let her know. Please make sure you are emailing her from the address with which you want to receive your Observer pdf. The pdfs are usually between 1 and 2 MB each.

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## CALLING YOUNG BIRDERS AND THEIR FAMILIES!

Mark your calendars for January 5 and 6, the first weekend of 2019! Please join the Effie Yeaw Nature Center (EYNC) and Sacramento Audubon Society in the Seventh Annual Kids' Christmas Bird Count.

These family Bird Counts provide an exciting opportunity for kids, young adults and their families to be outside looking at birds and enjoying nature. Participants will be joining citizen scientists all over the world and will gain practice finding, identifying and counting all the birds they see. Day 1 for the younger birders aged 6 to 11 will be Saturday, January 5, from 9-12:30 and will be followed by a companionable lunch with other birder families at the Effie Yeaw Nature Center. Questions, for ages 6 to 11, can be sent to Maureen Geiger at [mkgeiger@comcast.net](mailto:mkgeiger@comcast.net) or by calling/texting 916-281-6652

A second site for older birders, 12 years and up, and their families will occur on Sunday, January 6, with faster paced birding for more experienced young people at William Pond Park. It will be followed by a Compilation Gathering at a nearby restaurant. Questions can be sent to Wendy Money at [wendydoug@msn.com](mailto:wendydoug@msn.com) or by calling/texting 916-205-3914.

**Space is limited for both days, and children must be pre-registered to attend. Registration is first come, first served and opens on December 1, 2018. To register go to [effieyeaw.eventbrite.com](http://effieyeaw.eventbrite.com).**

## CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT DATES, 2018-2019 SAS CBC DATES

### Wednesday, December 19, Woodfords Christmas Count

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### Saturday, December 22, Sacramento Christmas Count

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### Sunday, December 30, Folsom Christmas Count

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### Saturday-Sunday, January 5-6, 2019, 7th Annual Sacramento Kids' Christmas Count

**Registration is required.**

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For locations and dates of additional Christmas Bird Counts, visit [natureali.org/cbcs.htm](http://natureali.org/cbcs.htm)

# Field Trip Findings

**River Walk Park (11/11)** — Leader Bill Bianco reported: “Five of us had an enjoyable day. Started the morning with minimum smoke and some blue sky. We tallied 37 species from the boat ramp and going north along the Sacramento River. Sighted 16 Pelicans at the pond; also saw Hermit Thrush, Nuttall’s Woodpecker, Fox Sparrow, Cedar Waxwings, Spotted and California Towhees; and Kingfisher along the river. Going through the neighborhood garden we saw Say’s Phoebe, Kestrel, Lesser Goldfinch, House Finch, White and Golden-crowned Sparrows to name a few. Ended the walk with the smoke drifting back into the area.”

**Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area (11/10)** — Leader Scott Hoppe reported: “Despite 2 key areas still not being flooded, it turned out to be a great trip, with a good group of 15 participants. Highlights included both Virginia Rails and Soras coming out into the open at the viewing platform, great scope views of a Peregrine Falcon perched in a plowed field, 2 Cooper’s Hawks and of course thousands of ducks, most being Northern Shovelers, but we were able to locate 3 Canvasbacks and a couple of Bufflehead. We had spent a good amount of time scanning through the flocks of ducks and other birds, and before we knew it, it was noon and most of the group had to go. But 5 of us stayed to finish the tour route, adding a few more species, including a small flyover flock of first-of-season Tundra Swans, and our last bird of the day was a Lesser Yellowlegs. We tallied 65 species over all.”

**Sacramento Wildlife Refuge (11/6)** — Leader Andi Salmi reported: “Our group of 10 enjoyed a warm day viewing and listening to 1000’s of geese and ducks at the Sacramento Wildlife Refuge. Greater White-fronted, Snow, Ross’s, Canada and Cackling Geese were seen, as well as Northern Pintail, Gadwall, Northern Shoveler, Ring-necked Duck, American Wigeon, and both Cinnamon and Green-winged Teal. A Bald Eagle soaring overhead, Peregrine Falcon and Great-horned Owl perching in trees and a cooperative Loggerhead Shrike were a few of the other birds enjoyed by our group. Some areas were not yet filled with water, one pond was undergoing renovation, but all are expected to be filled soon. A small group of us stopped at the cemetery

in Maxwell to see the male Vermillion Flycatcher. It was an enjoyable full day of birding.”

**Lynch Canyon (11/4)** — Leaders Maureen Geiger and Ken Poerner reported: “Unable to get into Lynch because of a red flag fire warning, so 11 of us instead caravanned to the King Ranch, private property owned by the Solano Land Trust. With rolling hills and high ridges, it is similar to Lynch and often a very good place for raptors. A beautiful Ferruginous Hawk circled directly overhead affording many photos, a Burrowing Owl and a handful of Rock Wrens were found, and quite a few harriers, Red-tails and at least half a dozen Kestrels hunted the very dry hills. For a change of pace, we then visited the Benicia pier. The tide was very high so fewer species than usual, but we enjoyed the cool breeze after the warm hills.”

**Sutter’s Landing Park (11/3)** — Leader Jane Taylor reported: “5 of us set out on a beautiful fall morning along the levee eastward from the skate park. Right away we were greeted by a pair of coyotes from the old landfill, enjoying the first rays of the sun. We tallied around 40 species of common riparian birds for the morning with highlights including Wood Ducks, Common Merganser, Northern Harrier, Belted Kingfisher and clouds of Cedar Waxwings apparently feasting on insects high above the American River. Several birds were heard but not seen, like Nuttall’s and Downy Woodpeckers, Bewick’s and House Wrens, and Spotted Towhee. One mammal swam downriver, likely a River Otter but possibly Beaver, and we heard a female Mallard emit a strange whistle. Outnumbered by males, she may have called for reinforcements; not long after she whistled a few times, another female joined the group.”

**Lincoln WWTP and Placer County Roads (11/1)** — Leader Sonja Sorbo reported: “Six birders joined me on this lovely autumn day for an excursion to the Lincoln Water Treatment Plant where we totaled over 60 bird species for the morning! We began by scoping the east and west ponds; although ducks were not present in huge numbers, there were several species represented including Canvasback, Northern Shoveler, Ring-necked Duck, Hooded Merganser, American Wigeon, Mallard, and Ruddy Duck. Shorebirds noted along the pond edges included

Black-necked Stilts, Least Sandpipers, and a Spotted Sandpiper. Three Northern Harriers skimmed over nearby fields while multiple Red-tailed Hawks perched on utility poles. Two further fun birds noted were a Loggerhead Shrike and a Rock Wren. The next phase of the trip involved a drive around the perimeter on the west side of the property which features oak woodland, a small creek, and a bit of marsh habitat. We were rewarded with views of raptors (Red-shouldered Hawk and a Cooper’s Hawk), and multiple sparrow species (Savannah, Lincoln’s, White-crowned, Golden-crowned, Song). Perhaps the highlight of the day was a great view of four White-tailed Kites roosting at the top of a large snag.”

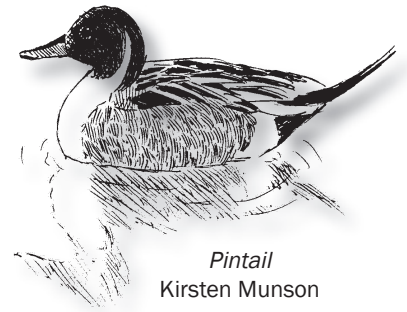
**William Pond Park (10/31)** — Leader Mike Heacox reported: “We started out expecting eagles and merlins. Instead, our big sighting of the day was a bit smaller. Quite a bit, in fact: a Brown Creeper. Overall, it was a good day, with 48 species of birds sighted. Despite the lack of eagles and merlins, we did pretty well on raptors: an Osprey, Cooper’s Hawk, Red-shouldered and Red-tailed Hawks, along with a Kestrel nabbing large insects from a field overgrown with yellow star thistles. We did pretty well in the woodpecker department, with Northern Flickers, Downy, Nuttall’s and Acorn Woodpeckers putting in an appearance. It was a challenging day, where many birds flitted from bush to tree, affording only a brief glimpse. Rapid identification is a must!”

**Riverbend Park (10/28)** — Leader Cathie LaZier reported: “Three people joined me for this morning walk. Most interesting among the usual birds were interactions between both a pair of Cooper’s Hawks and a pair of American Kestrels, and a very cooperative Red-shouldered Hawk who allowed photographs.”

**Sandhill Cranes and Other Wintering Birds (10/27 and 10/28)** — Leader Mike Savino reported: “Beginning at the Visitor’s Center with a 20 minute informational talk about cranes, we then drove to Woodbridge Rd, south side parking lot. Saturday we had 12 guests, and Sunday about 25. Both days there were no cranes when we first arrived but by sunset hundreds flew in for the night. Many were close enough for excellent views even without binos or scopes.

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# Field Trips



Pintail  
Kirsten Munson

## 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. If he or she cannot be reached for trips through December 11, contact the scheduler Tim Fitzer, 916-870-5207, [spskua2@comcast.net](mailto:spskua2@comcast.net). For trips from December 12 through January 8, contact the scheduler Andi Salmi, Field Activities Chair, 916-508-7192, [andisalmi@yahoo.com](mailto:andisalmi@yahoo.com).

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. 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.**

### Saturday, December 1, 9am (in Petaluma)

#### Bodega Bay

**Leader: Ron Storey, 707-479-0171**  
[ronstorey@ronstorey.com](mailto:ronstorey@ronstorey.com)

Join Ron for a full day of birding around Bodega Bay, taking in a variety of habitats. Plan to see waterfowl, shorebirds, gulls and raptors. Bring lunch, water and warm clothes. Meet at Shollenberger Park in Petaluma at 9am and carpool from there. For directions to Shollenberger Park go here: [http://colintalcroft.com/Sonoma\\_County\\_Bird\\_Watching\\_Spots/Shollenberger\\_Park,\\_Petaluma.html](http://colintalcroft.com/Sonoma_County_Bird_Watching_Spots/Shollenberger_Park,_Petaluma.html). This is a full day trip; bring lunch and liquids and layered clothing. FRS radios can be helpful.

### Sunday, December 2, 8am

#### Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge

**Leader: John York, 916-409-9276**  
[Johnyork157@yahoo.com](mailto:Johnyork157@yahoo.com)

John will be looking for the enormous flocks of ducks, geese and swans that winter in the valley or stop to feed on their way south. This is also a good place for raptors, and Bald Eagles are a possibility. There is a 3.7 mile driving route and a great viewing platform as well. This trip will last into early afternoon. Bring lunch, snacks and hydration as the refuge has no restaurants and birds poop in the water. FRS radios are helpful on this trip. Meet at the Bel Air shopping center on Arena Blvd. From Sacramento, take I-5 north to Arena Blvd, go west (left) over the freeway. Take the first left, Duckhorn Rd, and then turn right into the parking area. Meet on the north side of the parking lot between Wells Fargo and Golden 1. Please note there is a \$6 day use fee for each vehicle at the refuge, or buy a Duck Stamp and support all our national

refuges. This is a good trip for newer birders and experienced birders alike.

### Thursday, December 6, 8am Robinson Road, Rd 113 and Birds Landing

**Leader: Bill Bianco, 916-372-3318**  
[biancowm@yahoo.com](mailto:biancowm@yahoo.com)

This is a great area for wintering Ferruginous and Rough-legged Hawks, Prairie Falcons, Merlins, curlews, possible Mountain Plovers, shrikes and other interesting birds. Bring liquids, lunch, warm clothes, spotting



Merlin  
Stephen D'Amato

scopes, and FRS radios if possible. Meet at the Mace Blvd Park and Ride. From Sacramento take I-80 west towards Davis to Mace Blvd, Exit #75; turn right (north) and then right again at the signal light to the Park and Ride lot a short distance beyond Ikeda's Market. Meet on the south side of the parking lot in the row nearest the big round water tank. Heavy rain or high winds cancel the trip, which will end in the late afternoon.

### Saturday, December 8, 7am

#### Gray Lodge WA and Colusa NWR

**Leaders: Lily Douglas and Tim Ludwick**  
**Lily: 916-524-9340**  
[ldouglas14@gmail.com](mailto:ldouglas14@gmail.com)

Join Lily and Tim for a tour of this prime wintering area for ducks and geese. After Gray Lodge, we'll take the route back around the west side of the Sutter Buttes,

looking for Sandhill Cranes, raptors, and grassland birds, then stop at the Colusa NWR viewing platform. Bring lunch, liquids, and warm clothing. FRS radios and scopes are helpful if you have them. Meet in the Bel Air shopping center on Arena Blvd. From Sacramento, take I-5 north to Arena Blvd, go west (left) over the freeway. Take the first left, Duckhorn Rd, and then turn right into the parking area. Meet on the north side of the parking lot between Wells Fargo and Golden 1. There is a \$4.32 per person charge at Gray Lodge, and it's wise to bring the exact amount for the Iron Ranger.

### Sunday, December 9

#### Gull ID trip on the American River

**Leader: Ed Harper**

Join Ed for an informative walk along the American River and a chance to sharpen your identification skills. Ed is a great birder who will be looking for any interesting or unusual birds, with emphasis on tricky identification of the many gulls that winter on the river. Herring, "Thayer's" (which is now considered a race of Iceland Gull), Glaucous-winged, California, Ring-billed and Mew Gulls are all possibilities. Spotting scopes will be very useful, and be sure to bring your field guides and bird apps for this intensive study. Trip will end before noon and is limited to 15 people to ensure quality learning opportunity. To register for the trip contact Cathie LaZier, [empid@earthlink.net](mailto:empid@earthlink.net) (put Gull Trip in the subject line), or phone 916-502-2699 to find meeting time and place.

### Tuesday, December 11, 8am

#### Mid-Yolo County Hotspots

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**Leader: Dan Murphy, 916-541-4213**  
**dmmurpete@gmail.com**

Join Dan for a trip to several mid-Yolo hotspots, beginning with the Davis WTP and ending with the Plainfield Elementary School quadrangle. Target birds include Burrowing Owl, wintering waterfowl, Red-tailed and Ferruginous Hawks, and perhaps a Prairie Falcon. We should finish by noon. Bring a snack and liquids. Meet at the Mace Blvd Park and Ride. From Sacramento take I-80 west towards Davis to Mace Blvd, Exit #75; turn right (north) and then right again at the signal light to the Park and Ride lot a short distance beyond Ikeda's Market. Meet on the south side of the parking lot in the row nearest the big round water tank. FRS radios are helpful on this trip.

**Saturday, December 15, 8am**

**Mather Lake**

**Leader: Wayne Blunk, 916-488-8151**  
**Wayne.Blunk@gmail.com**

Mather Lake is one of our most popular birding locations, with quite a list of bird species. A nice variety of resident and migrant birds are possible, including White-tailed Kites, American Bittern, Green Heron, Pied-billed Grebe and Common Yellowthroat. Meet in the parking lot of Mather Regional Park; from Highway 50, go south on Zinfandel about 2-1/2 miles. After crossing Douglas Blvd. take the first left into the park area. There is a \$5 per car entrance fee; your Sac County Parkway pass is valid here. This is a wonderful trip for beginning and more advanced birders.

**Saturday, December 15**

**Auburn CBC**

**Sunday, December 16**

**Stockton CBC**

**Sunday, December 16**

**Putah Creek CBC**

**Wednesday, December 19**

**Woodfords CBC**

**Saturday, December 22**

**Sacramento CBC**

**Saturday, December 22 and Sunday,**

**December 23, 3:15pm till sunset**

**Sandhill Cranes and Other Wintering**

**Birds, Cosumnes River and Delta area**

**A trip by Save Our Sandhill Cranes, Inc.**

**Coordinator:**

**Mike Savino, 916-446-1392**

View Sandhill Cranes and the wide variety of waterfowl, shorebirds and raptors which feed in the flooded fields and marshy areas of the delta. Dress for changeable weather and bring binoculars, snacks and water if you wish.

Meet on the deck of the Visitor Center at 3:15pm. From Sacramento, take I-5 south to Twin Cities Road, Exit #498; go left (east) to the stop sign at Franklin Blvd; turn right (south) on Franklin and, driving through the Preserve, watch for the Visitor Center parking lot on your left. Further directions and maps are available at [www.cosumnes.org](http://www.cosumnes.org). NOTE: A new photography option is available; a digiscope allowing those with smart phone cameras to attach them and use the scopes to take pictures. Join us and try it.



**Thursday, December 27**

**(Corrected Date)**

**Lincoln CBC**

**Saturday, December 29, 8am**

**Bushy Lake**

**Leader: Darrell Mohr, 916-225-3999**  
**mohrdd@gmail.com**

Meet Darrell in the cul-de-sac at the south end of Ethan Way, just south of where Hurley Way goes into Gate 12 of Cal Expo. Darrell will be looking for a variety of resident and wintering species. With most leaves fallen from the trees, there will be better views of the lake, and Wood Ducks are a good possibility. This will be a 1 to 2 mile hike that will take 2 to 3 hours. You may want to bring water. This is a good trip for beginners and more experienced birders.

**Sunday, December 30**

**Folsom CBC**

**Tuesday, January 1, 9am**

**Family Friendly Trip**

**New Year's Day**

**at the Cosumnes River Preserve**

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

**spskua2@comcast.net**

Start the New Year off right; go birding! Bring the family! Wintering Sandhill Cranes, Greater White-fronted Geese and a wide variety of duck species frequent the preserve. Yellowlegs and Wilson's Snipe will be in the shallower water, and other shorebirds are possible. Tim will walk along the wetland ponds, stopping at the "Ducks In

Scopes" activity and then going out to the boardwalk viewing area. Meet at the CRP Visitor Center parking lot. Bring water and snacks and dress for changeable weather.

This is an enjoyable trip for everyone, and beginners and families are welcome. From Sacramento, take I-5 south to Twin Cities Road, Exit #498; go left (east) to the stop sign at Franklin Blvd; turn right (south) on Franklin and, driving through the Preserve, watch for the Visitor Center parking lot on your left. Further directions and maps are available at [www.cosumnes.org](http://www.cosumnes.org)

**Saturday, January 5, 7am**

**Gray Lodge SWR and Colusa NWR**

**Leaders: Daniel and Pam Thompson**

**916-359-3777**

**keiran247@hotmail.com**

Join Pam and Daniel for a tour of this prime wintering area for ducks and geese. After Gray Lodge, they'll take the route back around the west side of the Sutter Buttes, looking for Sandhill Cranes, raptors and grassland birds, and then stop at the Colusa NWR viewing platform. Bring lunch, liquids, and warm clothing. FRS radios and scopes are helpful if you have them. Meet in the Bel Air shopping center on Arena Blvd. From Sacramento, take I-5 north to Arena Blvd, go west (left) over the freeway. Take the first left, Duckhorn Rd, and then turn right into the parking area. We will meet on the north side of the parking lot between Wells Fargo and Golden 1. There is a \$4.32 per person charge at Gray Lodge, and it's wise to bring the exact amount for the Iron Ranger.

**Sunday, January 6, 8am**

**Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area**

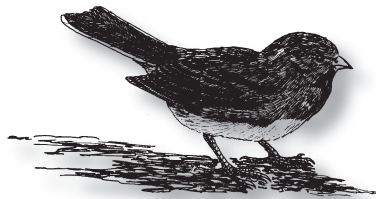
**Leader: Scott Hoppe, 916-835-8471**

**shoppe01@surewest.net**

Join Scott in this great area 10 minutes from downtown Sacramento. Depending on the extent of flooded fields on the auto tour route, there may be good numbers of shorebirds and waterfowl as well as raptors. From Sacramento, take I-80 west, take the first exit (#78) at the west end of the Yolo Causeway. 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, at the beginning of the auto tour. FRS radios and scopes are helpful on this trip, which is a good trip for both beginners and more experienced birders. The trip could last into the afternoon, so bring lunch or a snack. If the bypass is closed due to flooding, the trip is canceled.

**Tuesday, January 8, 8am**  
**Bucks Creek Trail/Serrano Parkway,**  
**El Dorado Hills**  
**Leader: Maureen Geiger**  
**916-281-6652**  
**mkgeiger@comcast.net**

Join Maureen for a leisurely walk through this riparian habitat and look for resident and wintering species such as woodpeckers, nuthatches, towhees, wrens, bluebirds, warblers, marsh birds and sparrows. In this varied habitat, there is always the possibility of unusual finds. Meet at the southeast corner of the intersection of Silva Valley Parkway and Serrano Parkway. To reach this spot, from Hwy 50 take Exit #31, Silva Valley Parkway, and turn left. Follow the Parkway about a mile to the first stop light, Serrano Parkway, make a U-turn and immediately park along the Parkway.



*Oregon Junco*  
 Stephen D'Amato

**FIELD TRIPS FOR  
 BEGINNING BIRDERS 2019**

**Location:** William Pond Park, American River Parkway  
**Dates:** Sundays, January 27 and February 10, 2019  
 \*Trips limited to 10 adult participants, and require a minimum of 3 participants: Registration required.

These outings are geared toward people who aren't yet entirely comfortable joining field trips as well as those who have birded a bit but would like to be better birders. It is not necessary to be an Audubon member to participate. The field trips will focus on finding and identifying common birds in a variety of habitats, with an emphasis on looking and listening. This walk, covering about a mile and a half, will last about 3 hours and will be led by two or more friendly and experienced Sacramento Audubon trip leaders. You can sign up for just one session, or for more than one.

Register via email to Cathie at [empid@earthlink.net](mailto:empid@earthlink.net), (put "Beginning Birder" in the subject line), and give your name, phone number and email address, or phone Cathie at 502-2699, and leave your name and phone number. Following registration you will receive additional information regarding the field trip.

**THE CENTRAL VALLEY  
 BIRD CLUB'S  
 YOUTH BIRDING CAMP AND  
 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.**

The David Yee Scholarship Fund will provide annual scholarships to birding camps for young birders. Camps include those close to home in the Sierras, Seattle and Arizona. Both the selection criteria and award process will include elements directly related to birding. For all camps, the scholarship will pay for the cost of the registration for the youth participant while transportation will be the responsibility of the participant. Please contact Cliff Hawley at his email, [yellowhammerca@gmail.com](mailto:yellowhammerca@gmail.com), for further information.

**DUCKS (AND MORE) IN SCOPES**

Winter wetlands at the Cosumnes Preserve host a wide variety of waterfowl, shorebirds, and other surprises. Here's a great opportunity to work on your wetland bird identification; it's a great trip for families, youth groups and newer birders.

"Ducks In Scopes" is set up at the Cosumnes River Preserve, where from 10am to 2pm CRP docents have a row of scopes set up, including lower ones for children, giving you good views of the many colorful ducks (up to 10 different species!). Other possibilities are stilts, dowitchers, yellowlegs, snipe and other "peeps". Greater White-fronted and Snow Geese and various hawks may also be seen.

Microscopes and hand lens provide close-up looks at "Duck Soup", dishes of water dipped from the pond full of sand fleas, dragonfly nymphs, and other squiggly things that provide the protein the birds are feeding on.

The Preserve is a quick drive from Sacramento—south on I-5 to Twin Cities Road; left (east) on Twin Cities for 1 mile; then right (south) on Franklin Blvd. The viewing area is in the first parking lot on your right as you drive into the preserve. Steady rain or flooding cancels event. Check [www.cosumnes.org](http://www.cosumnes.org) for updated schedule.

Come any time between 10am and 2pm on the following dates:  
 Saturdays: 12/15, 12/29, 1/12, 1/19, 1/26, 2/2, 2/9, 2/16 and 2/23  
 Sundays: 11/25, 12/2, 12/9 and 1/6  
 And Tuesday, January 1, New Year's Day!

**SAVE FEBRUARY FOR THE GBBC**  
 You'd Be Nuts to Miss the GBBC!



*Blue Jay* by Nancy Tully, PA, 2018 GBBC

Greetings from the Great Backyard Bird Count team at Audubon, the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, and Bird Studies Canada! We want to remind you to mark your calendars for the 22nd GBBC, coming up February 15 through 18, 2019.

**Project Feeder Watch**

In the meantime you can join Project FeederWatch at [FeederWatch.org](http://FeederWatch.org). The Project FeederWatch citizen-science project is underway in the US and Canada with plenty of time left to report your feeder birds—the program continues through early April. This long-running project reveals so much about our favorite backyard birds. The FeederWatch BirdSpotter photo contest, sponsored by Wild Birds Unlimited, is also taking place and is offering some great prizes. Take some photos and sign up if you're a backyard aficionado.

**New! Explore Species Tool**

One of the coolest new tools for anyone who participates in the GBBC or uses eBird is the Explore Species feature. You'll find it at [ebird.org/explore](http://ebird.org/explore). The eBird team just recently rolled this out and its database includes ALL the species in the world (that we know about, anyway). Explore Species offers up lots of maps, media, and images and is mobile-friendly, too. Perfect for a trip somewhere. It's a great complement to the existing Explore Locations tool. Try it!

**New! Become an eBird Whiz**

The new eBird Essentials course is perfect for new and returning GBBC participants. As you probably know, the GBBC collects its data via the eBird online reporting system. Even if you already use eBird on a regular basis, this course will help you get the most out of the program. Best of all, it doesn't cost a thing! Discover how eBird can make finding, photographing, and sharing birds more enjoyable, and how your observations help scientists understand and protect them, too. Learn more at [academy.allaboutbirds.org/product/ebird-essentials/](http://academy.allaboutbirds.org/product/ebird-essentials/).

## SAS OUTREACH HELP OUT AND HAVE FUN!

Bill Bianco, our hard working Outreach chair, has asked for volunteers for the Galt Winter Bird Festival on Saturday, February 2, 2019. You do not have to be an accomplished birder, just someone who enjoys birding and talking to people about our field trips and SAS. You would be working with an experienced volunteer. If you can work a 3 or 4 hour shift, please contact Bill at [biancowm@yahoo.com](mailto:biancowm@yahoo.com); or at 916-372-3318.

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## EFFIE YEAW NATURE CENTER WINTER CAMPS

Winter nature camps are offered during Winter Break (Dec/Jan). Register soon—these are popular camps! Go to [sacnature-center.net/education/nature-camps/winter/](http://sacnature-center.net/education/nature-camps/winter/) for full information and registration forms. Registration is now open for this year's December–January break.

Some camps are from 10am to 1pm and include a hike, science topics and a craft (or other activity). This year there are also several all day camps available. They are from 8:30am to 4:30pm. Kids should be encouraged to dress appropriately for the weather (usually layers and maybe an umbrella for winter) and to wear clothes that can get a bit dirty. They will be outside, after all!

Camps cover many topics and include age ranges: 5, 6-7 and 8-11. Other camps will also be offered during Spring Break. The Nature Center can't wait to have your child join them!

## Birding and Nature Events

### 23RD ANNUAL MORRO BAY WINTER BIRD FESTIVAL

Morro Bay's 23rd Annual Winter Bird Festival will be held **January 18–21, 2019**. Every Martin Luther King weekend over 500 California bird festival lovers visit Morro Bay, a Globally Important Bird Area, to see, photograph, and learn more about birds. Morro Bay is located halfway between Los Angeles and San Francisco on the Pacific Flyway. The area offers pristine beaches, beautiful state parks, an excellent natural history museum, panoramic views of the Pacific Ocean and, best of all, thousands of birds. Over 200 species are usually sighted during the Festival weekend. Saturday's keynote speaker is James Currie speaking and presenting video on *Birding The Globe*. The Sunday keynote speaker will be Alvaro Jamarillo presenting *The World's Most Amazing Birds—Seabirds, And Why California Is Such A Hotspot For Them*. Online registration will close Tuesday, January 8th at midnight. After that you can only register at the site (in the Community Center). Some events fill up fast so hurry to the Festival site at [morrobaybirdfestival.org](http://morrobaybirdfestival.org) or call 805-234-1170.

### SNOW GOOSE FESTIVAL OF THE PACIFIC FLYWAY

The 20th Annual Snow Goose Festival will be held in **Chico on January 23-27, 2019**. Choose from over 70 field trips and workshops that are sure to appeal to a wide variety of interests and ability levels. In addition to numerous bird-watching field trips for waterfowl, cranes, raptors and songbirds, you might choose to take a guided tour of a nature preserve, visit a local vineyard, or hike the scenic Sutter Buttes in search of lofty views and resident wildlife. The workshops offer something for everyone! Learn about nature photography, bird carving, how to record nature sounds, how to identify those backyard birds, and much more. Free nature activities are offered for youth as well as armchair adventures for all.

The Keynote Speaker will be Naturalist and Birding Guide, David Wimpfheimer. He's been a resident of Point Reyes since the early '80s, David will outline some of the factors that result in the dramatic diversity of the migratory and breeding birds in his lively presentation, *Point Reyes and the Farallon Islands: A Mecca for Birds and Birders*. He will examine trends and changes and share stories of special birds that have been seen over the decades.

Further information can be found at [snowgoosefestival.org](http://snowgoosefestival.org) and if you have any questions, you can reach them at [info@snowgoosefestival.org](mailto:info@snowgoosefestival.org), or by calling the Festival Office at 530-592-9092. Registration will open soon, but since many of the trips fill up fast, it is best to get on their mailing or email list, available on their website, or stay in touch on their facebook page at [facebook.com/SnowGooseFestival](https://facebook.com/SnowGooseFestival).

### 12TH ANNUAL WINTER BIRD FESTIVAL

The **City of Galt**, in collaboration with the Cosumnes River Preserve and Galt Joint Union Elementary and High School Districts, is pleased to bring you the 12th Annual Winter Bird Festival, **Saturday, February 2, 2019**. The festival guests will enjoy the beauty and tranquility of the Cosumnes River Preserve and the incredible opportunity to catch sightings of waterfowl, shorebirds and wildlife in their winter habitat. Festival headquarters will provide a starting point for exclusive preserve tours, educational presentations, wildlife shows, art displays, wine walk, hometown history and hands-on activities. This is a winter celebration you'll always remember!

Registration for the annual festival will open in December so check online or call so you don't miss any of your favorite tours. Space for tours is limited, so sign up as soon as possible at the Galt city website below. Visit [ci.galt.ca.us/about-galt/special-events/11th-annual-winter-bird-festival](http://ci.galt.ca.us/about-galt/special-events/11th-annual-winter-bird-festival) for registration and more information or call 209-366-7180, if you have any questions.



## BUFFERLANDS EVENTS

### Saturday, December 8, 9am–12noon, Wetlands and Waterfowl

Come visit our Fishhead Lake mitigation wetlands as we look for waterfowl and other wetland birds and mammals. Hundreds of thousands of migrating ducks and geese fly into the Sacramento region each fall. Our small wetland is an important place for waterfowl to rest and forage. We typically see northern pintail, American wigeon, green-winged teal, mallards, northern shovelers, gadwall, and a host of other water birds.

The meeting location is weather-dependent, so please contact Roger Jones at 916-875-9174 or [jonesro@sacsewer.com](mailto:jonesro@sacsewer.com) to confirm your reservation and meeting location. Please note, we can only take reservations the week preceding the event. Online information can be found at [regional-san.com/bufferlands-calendar-events](http://regional-san.com/bufferlands-calendar-events).

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



Waterfowl at the Bufferlands  
Roger Jones, Photographer

## OLYMPIC BIRDFEST 2019 IN SEQUIM, WASHINGTON

Grab your binoculars and join the 16th annual Olympic BirdFest 2019, celebration at the Dungeness River Audubon Center, April 12-14, 2019.

The important dates are:

April 12-14, for guided birding trips, boat tours, live auction and raffle, the gala banquet, and more. Our featured speaker will be John Marzluff, wildlife science professor and author.

Enjoy a three-day pre-festival birding cruise of the San Juan Islands, April 9-11.

Stay on for our Neah Bay post-trip on April 14-16: two days birding the coast.

Program information and registration at [www.olympicbirdfest.org](http://www.olympicbirdfest.org).

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Saturday was spectacular with a beautiful sunset behind Mt. Diablo. Sunday was almost as good. Just as it got dark thousands of geese flew over. There were also some shorebirds, ducks, gulls and geese in the pond and a raptor or two flew by. Sunday there was a Red-shouldered Hawk very close by on the fence. We have added a new service; a digiscope allowing those with smart phone cameras to attach them and use the scopes to take pictures.”

**Bodega Bay (10/27)** — Scott Hoppe, co-leader with Mark Martucci reported: “We were challenged on this trip by persistent fog throughout the morning, and then some wind in the afternoon. But we had a great group of 16 enthusiastic participants that kept a positive attitude throughout the day. Highlights included a lone female Hooded Merganser (fairly common in the Central Valley in winter, but rare at Bodega Bay), many shorebirds roosting on the pilings at Porto Bodega (including 5 Whimbrel), a Peregrine Falcon that flew low right over our heads, two to three Red-necked Grebes and a Clay-colored Sparrow (unfortunately not seen by all) at Owl Canyon. It was really gratifying to have a couple of new people on the trip that were very nice and thankful to us. Trip leaders know that it can sometimes be a challenge, but responses like this can make it all feel worthwhile.”

**Falcon Crest (10/25)** — Leader Craig DeMartini reported: “47 species, 300+ birds, 4 hours, 2.5 miles, 7 participants. Standouts included photos of a Hairy Woodpecker, an Acorn Woodpecker ‘granary’ in a healthy, large Ponderosa pine

containing 10,000+ drill-holes in its thick bark, but the seasonal Bald Eagle nest was unoccupied.”

**Ancil Hoffman Park, Family Trip (10/21)** — Leader Wendy Money reported: “Four birders enjoyed a cool, clear, windless morning walk along the trails and cobbles. We practiced specific forest birding skills and, despite the heavy multipurpose usage along the trails that morning, we were more delighted than the mobbing jays to find two Barn Owls in the pines. Tromping out a fishing trail, we saw Ruby-crowned Kinglets in a squabble displaying brilliant red crowns. The large flocks of Cedar Waxwings were gobbling up the ripening wild grape, and a cryptic Hermit Thrush briefly popped up out of the brambles. Total species for the Family Friendly trip was 36.”

**William Pond, Beginners’ Trip (10/21)** — Cathie LaZier, co-leader with Larry Hickey and Darrell Mohr reported: “Newer birder Lynette joined us as we totaled 40 bird species. The highlight was a dark phase Merlin plucking and consuming a Mourning Dove, in full scope view. Other great views were Lark Sparrow, Nuttall’s Woodpecker, Black Phoebe and Cedar Waxwings.”

**Mather Lake (10/20)** — Leader Wayne Blunk reported: “Beautiful morning, plus 9 birders, plus 48 species of birds equaled a very good time. Of note were lingering Tree Swallows, a large number of Common Gallinules, Pied-billed Grebes, and Black Phoebes. Three families of Mute Swans totaled 27. After spotting a female Great-tailed Grackle in an Oak tree eating a small fish, the group enjoyed observing that one and several

more fishing and capturing fish in the shallows of the spillway. At the end of the walk, the group watched two Green Herons work the same spot for frogs and fish.”

**Sailor Bar (10/18)** — Leader Mark Martucci reported: “Twelve people saw 59 species of birds on a warm mid October morning. Highlights included 8 Phainopepla, Lark Sparrow, Lincoln’s Sparrow, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Red-breasted Sapsucker, Green Heron, Black-crowned Night-Heron and Spotted Sandpiper.”

**Koobs Nature Area, Family Friendly Trip (10/14)** — Leader Cliff Hawley reported: “The Koobs Nature Area is a 4 acre parcel of land willed to the local school district that is used as an outdoor classroom by the neighboring school. It has monthly open days during much of the year thanks to the local Kiwanis Club. It is mainly oak woodland of valley, blue, and interior live oak. There is also an area of willows and cottonwoods along a small stream that connects the two small ponds on site. We located 34 species on our walk including the Hutton’s Vireo first located the previous day. The best bird of the day was a Red-breasted Sapsucker which was a new species for the eBird hotspot. Other good observations were a small flock of Purple Finches including a few beautiful wine-colored males and a young Cooper’s Hawk mantling over a freshly captured Northern Flicker. The eBird list has some great pictures at [ebird.org/view/checklist/S49188296](http://ebird.org/view/checklist/S49188296).”

Cathie LaZier



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## THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS!

Martin D Bailey, Shirley Craine, Melissa Gates, Judi and Stephen Green, and Robert and Muriel Parker made donations to the **General Fund**.

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Thank you for your continued support of Sacramento Audubon and its work in the community. Donations to the Bobelaine Sanctuary are encouraged to help defray the cost of continuing restoration and management.



## SWAN TOURS WITH THE CA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE (YUBA COUNTY)

Witness the sheer splendor of migratory birds of the Pacific Flyway on most Saturdays this November through January. Focal species include tundra swans, snow geese, ross's geese, white fronted geese, ibis and ducks, and an occasional bald eagle in the rice fields north of Marysville. Free guided tours, in caravan style, are through advance registration, and are led by a DFW naturalist at 9:30-11:30am and 1-3pm.

Registration and contact information is online at [www.wildlife.ca.gov/regions/2/swan-tours](http://www.wildlife.ca.gov/regions/2/swan-tours).

## Join Us For Family Friendly Field Trips!

### New Year's Day at the Cosumnes River Preserve Saturday, January 1, 2019, 9am

Start the New Year off right; go birding! Bring the family! Join SAS leader, Tim Fitzer, on this walk and look for wintering Sandhill Cranes, varieties of ducks and geese and take a stroll by the very informative 'Ducks and Scopes'. This activity is set up with scopes for the small and tall and SAS leaders will help you identify all the ducks. Then Tim will lead everyone out to the boardwalk viewing area.

### Effie Yeaw and SAS Family Nature Walks 2019 Saturday, January 19, 10:30am Effie Yeaw Nature Walk

Bring the family out for a birding and nature walk led by a Naturalist and our special guest guides, Larry Hickey and Gesna Clarke, from the Sacramento Audubon Society. Birdwatchers of all levels are welcome. No registration is necessary but you might want to arrive a little early.

These walks occur monthly at Effie Yeaw, all led by a Naturalist and 2 Sacramento Audubon leaders. The schedule through May of next year is as follows:

**December:** No walk because of Christmas Counts

**February 16:** With SAS leaders Dan Williams and Craig DiMartini

**March:** No walk because of Bird and Breakfast

**April 20:** With SAS leaders Cathie La Zier and Sue Darst

**May 18:** With SAS leaders Dan Williams and Larry Hickey

**NOTE:** Meeting location and other information for all trips is available in our Field Trips column, beginning on page 3, or at [sacramentoaudubon.org](http://sacramentoaudubon.org) under Field Trips.

## Mission Statement Sacramento Audubon Society

The mission of the Sacramento Audubon Society is to:

- Promote the protection and scientific study of wild birds;
- Promote the enjoyment and appreciation of wild birds through community outreach;
- Provide, encourage and support environmental educational opportunities; and
- Provide proactive leadership in the conservation of open space in the Sacramento region.

## Seasonal Observations

### October 1 to October 31 Rare and Unusual Bird Reports [www.cvbirds.org/ListServ.htm](http://www.cvbirds.org/ListServ.htm)

After a very active September, things were bound to slow a bit, but not without quite a few interesting finds in this very dry October. An **American Golden-Plover** was seen and photographed at the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area (YBWA) on 10/20 and continued through 10/27. Five **Pectoral Sandpipers** were found at the Lost Slough Wetlands, across from the visitor center at Cosumnes River Preserve (CRP) on 10/1. Single **Pacific Loons** were photographed at Beals Pt, Folsom Lake, on 10/21, and on the American River at Sutter's Landing on 10/24, which was especially exceptional for the flats of the Valley away from large foothill reservoirs.

Migrating **Common Poorwills** included sin-

gles found at the William B Pond access to the American River Parkway (ARP) on 10/7-8, Michigan Bar Rd on 10/8 and 10/14, and a roadkill in Rocklin found on 10/17. A **Band-tailed Pigeon** was a nice surprise for the Valley floor at Yolo Grasslands County Park on 10/4. A **Least Flycatcher** was found and photographed at Wild Wings County Park northwest of Woodland on 10/21-22. Most impressive was a hatch-year female **Vermilion Flycatcher** found at the Davis WTP on 10/20-21, apparently a first for Yolo County. The male **Vermilion Flycatcher**, reported 10/22, returned for its fourth straight year to the Maxwell Cemetery in Colusa County.

An **American Dipper** was first reported for the season on 10/26 at the traditional location below the Hwy 128 bridge in Putah Creek Canyon. A **Townsend's**



## SAS NEW MEMBERS

Welcome these new members:

Kimberly Brown  
Shirley Craine  
Richard (Del) Deletetsky  
Kristin Dockter  
Mary Forrestal  
Charlotte Newcomb  
Robert Peschko  
Linda Spady  
Judith Stanley  
Ellen Wehr

### Sacramento Audubon Chapter Board Meetings

Board Meetings of the Sacramento Audubon Society are held the last Tuesday of the month. There is no meeting in December so the next meeting will be on January 29, 2019, at 7pm. Board meetings are held at the Lemon Grass Cafe Meeting Room, 601 Munroe St, Sacramento, 95825.

Minutes of Board Meetings can be found online at [sacramentoaudubon.org/societyinfo/archives.html](http://sacramentoaudubon.org/societyinfo/archives.html). Scroll down to Board Minutes.

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Your membership supports the SAS mission of conservation, environmental education and protection of the region's natural ecosystems and diverse wildlife populations. Please include your email address if you would like to be added to our Action Alert List for letter/email writing on conservation issues.

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### *Observations* continued

**Solitaire** seen on 10/18 in Carmichael near the intersection of Winding Way and Garfield Ave was a nice find for a species found only once every few years in the county. A **Swainson's Thrush** found by an experienced observer on 10/4 at the Yolo Grasslands County Park was quite late for a species much less common in fall migration than in spring. Up to three **Lapland Longspurs** reported at the YBWA from 10/14-15 were a nice surprise. A **Clay-colored Sparrow** found and photographed at the Folsom Pt access to Folsom Lake on 10/13 and 10/20 accounts for one of just a few records of this species for Sacramento County. On 10/20, a late **Grasshopper Sparrow** was found at "Vesper Sparrow Corner," west of Winters along Hwy 128, along with three **Vesper Sparrows**. A **Magnolia Warbler** was found dead along Mace Blvd where it crosses

Putah Creek on 10/3; it now resides at the UC Davis Museum of Wildlife and Fish Biology. An **American Redstart** was found along Rd 98A, west of Hwy 45 and north of Knight's Landing from 10/27-29. **Palm Warbler** reports included one near the Harrington access (ARP) on 10/10 and one to two at Folsom Pt on 10/20-21 added to the handful of records for Sacramento County.

We feature photos of some of the highlight birds on the Sacramento Audubon Web site ([sacramentoaudubon.org/activities/recent sightings.html](http://sacramentoaudubon.org/activities/recent sightings.html)).

The Sacramento Area is roughly defined as lying between Hwy 20 to the north, Hwy 12 to the south, and the 1000' contour to the east and west, plus all of Sacramento and Yolo Counties. Many reports first appeared on the Central Valley Bird Club

listserve ([cvbirds.org](http://cvbirds.org)) and in eBird ([ebird.org](http://ebird.org)). It is impossible to list everyone, but I want to thank the following for their reports:

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*Chris Conard*

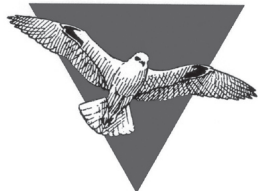
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There is no meeting in December.  
Join a CBC and enjoy your holidays.

#### Programs for 2019

**January: Stephen Shunk**, *How Woodpeckers Can Save the World (or at least your local woodland!)*

**February: Chris Conard**, *eBird*

**March: Jeffery Rich**, *Bald Eagles in the Wild-A Visual Essay of America's National Bird*

**April: John Sterling**, *Morroco*

**May: Lindsay Wood**, *Nesting Grebes in the High Lakes of Plumas County*