

# The Observer

## Sacramento Audubon Society



### **April General Meeting** Thursday, April 21, 2022 at 7pm via Zoom

The April meeting will be held online via Zoom. You must register for the meeting, but there is no cost to register and you do not need a Zoom account. Registration is required due to space limitations set by Zoom. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email with information on how to join the meeting. You will also receive email reminders about this event.

For more information visit [www.sacramentoaudubon.org/monthly-speaker](http://www.sacramentoaudubon.org/monthly-speaker).

### **Desert Exploration, Desert Birding**

Presented by Chris Conard

There's something about the desert. It's open to exploration, but must be taken on its own terms. Vegetation is restricted and the fundamentals of the local geology are exposed. Water in the desert, or at least where it is near enough to the surface to allow for denser plant growth, is where much of the wildlife is found. Off and on for more than 30 years, Chris has been exploring southeastern California, Arizona, and other desert environments—especially mountains and canyons. Sometimes birds are the focus, visiting rarity hotspots, and often it's an effort to learn about the geography of the remarkably varied and numerous mountain ranges scattered throughout the west. This talk will focus on trips to the Inyo, Kingston, and Clark mountains, as well as a few highlights from elsewhere in the Southwest. Chris wrote the Clark Mountain chapter for *A Birder's Guide to Southern California*, focusing on the closest thing California has to one of Arizona's sky islands.

**Chris Conard** is a natural resource specialist at the Sacramento County Bufferlands and a longtime volunteer with Sacramento Audubon and the Central Valley Bird Club.



Clark Mountain, Photo by Chris Conard

### **California and National Audubon Society Update**

The Boards of Directors of the California and National Audubon Societies were able to coordinate a joint meeting in Southern California at the end of February. It was the first in-person meetings for both those bodies in two years: two intense days of discussion, presentation and conversation over warm binoculars.

I was recently voted on to the California Board as the Central Valley/Sierra council representative, one of five council reps in California. I act as a liaison between the 12 Audubon chapters in the council, bringing local concerns up to the state level, and letting the local chapters know about state initiatives and priorities.

The first day was a meeting of just the California Board. I recommend that every member of the Sacramento chapter take a look at the California Audubon (<https://ca.audubon.org>) website to get an idea of some of the incredible projects going on—a great one that is going to have a big impact on the Central Valley is Conservation Ranching, where we've already got 80,000 acres certified in the Golden State. We're also looking to get some grants for Bobelaine to open up a historic spawning channel, and many other things that

will help not only birds but the whole ecosystem.

Day Two was a joint meeting of the boards to talk solely about one issue: "The birds are telling us the climate is changing!" Instead of coming away with a sense of impending disaster, however, I finished the day feeling incredibly inspired. Every presenter was so passionate, so inspired, so ready to make things happen. It's obvious that the national organization is committed: they hired away the Executive Director of the California Audubon Society, Sarah Rose, for a newly-created position, Vice President of Climate Change. This, of course, leaves a vacancy at the top of the California organization, but machinery is already clicking away to find a replacement.

I am incredibly honored to be serving on the California Board with such amazing people. And don't even get me started on the knowledgeable, friendly and hyper-competent staff. I'm very much looking forward to the next three years of my term, and hope that I can do as good a job as Fresno's Robert Snow, my predecessor. If you have anything you'd like to know about CA Audubon's priorities, projects or anything else, please drop me a line at [ericaudubonca@gmail.com](mailto:ericaudubonca@gmail.com). —Eric Johnson

## Field Trips: Field Trips April 16 — May 16, 2022

Sacramento Audubon is gradually returning to volunteer-led field trips. As the pandemic continues, we have added precautions for everyone's safety. We are only offering a few field trips each month and registration is required for all participants. More field trips will be offered as we gain experience with this new way of doing things. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

### COVID - 19 Protocols

- All participants must register in advance to attend. Please only sign up if you are committed to attending, as field trips have a limited number of participants.
- All participants, including field trip leaders, must be vaccinated.
- Field trip participants should maintain adequate social distance.
- There will be no sharing of binoculars, scopes or other optics on any field trips.
- Additional restrictions may be required, such as proof of vaccine or facemasks. It varies with each field trip. Please read the description of the field trip carefully. Do not register for a field trip, if you are unwilling to comply with the stated COVID precautions.
- Field trip leaders are authorized by the Sacramento Audubon Board to cancel field trips if unregistered participants attempt to join or stated precautions are not met.

### American River Parkway

**Tuesday, April 19, Time: 8AM**

Expected length: About 2 hours

Leader: Darrell Mohr

Maximum number of participants: 12

Registration opens: noon April 4

This park has varied habitats and a variety of birds may be found. Darrell will be looking for early spring migrants as well as resident wrens, towhees and other small passerines. A Sacramento County Parks Pass or a \$6 day use fee is required. Rain cancels.

**Covid Protocols:** Participants will be required to adhere to COVID-19 protocols as outlined.

### Easy Walk or Roll Beginning Birding Trip Close to Sacramento

**Thursday, April 21, Time: 10AM**

Expected length: 3-4 hours

Leader: Paul Miller

Maximum number of participants: 8

Registration opens: noon April 4

This trip is specifically designed for beginning birders in a location with paved trails, handicapped parking and fully accessible restrooms. Whether you walk, use a wheelchair, or a walker, this trip is for you. The location offers both grassy park areas along with a pond that is home to Pied-billed Grebe, Canada Goose, Mallards, Wood Ducks, Double-crested Cormorants, Green Herons and, during the winter, American Coots. The pond features a fully accessible viewing platform allowing easy viewing of the water birds. In addition, Great Blue Heron and Great Egret nesting rookeries may be visible at this time of year.

This is a beginning birding trip. No previous birding experience is required. The trip leader will start off the trip discussing basic birding skills, and bird ID resources. Binoculars will be available to use, and the park has picnic benches for lunch. Bring water, lunch, and a smart phone if you have one. A Sacramento County Parks Pass or a \$6 day use fee is required. Park day passes can be purchased at the entry kiosk. Rain, heavy fog, or high winds cancels trip.

**Covid Protocols:** Participants will be required to adhere to COVID-19 protocols as outlined. Proof of vaccination will be required to complete registration.

### American River Parkway

**Saturday, April 23, Time: 7:15AM**

Expected length: Maximum 4 hours

Leaders: Jane Van Kessel, Nancy Kapellas

Maximum number of participants: 8

Registration opens: noon April 4

On this morning walk along the American River, you will see and hear a nice variety of resident birds and spring migrants. Possibilities include Phainopepla and Blue-gray Gnatcatcher. This is a great trip for beginning and more experienced birders. A Sacramento County Parks Pass or a \$6 day use fee is required. Rain cancels.

**Covid Protocols:** Participants will be required to adhere to COVID-19 protocols as outlined.

### To Register for a Field Trip:

- Visit [www.sacramentoaudubon.org/field-trips](http://www.sacramentoaudubon.org/field-trips)
- Select a field trip by clicking on the picture or title of the trip. This will open a new webpage. At the top of the new page, it will indicate if registration for the field trip is open, closed, or coming up.
- If registration is open, scroll to the bottom of the page and fill in your name and email address and click the "Register Now" button.
- You will be sent an email by our Registration Coordinator within 48 hours. The first participants to register will be sent an email with meeting location and directions. Remaining registrants will be added to a waiting list.
- Please let us know as soon as possible if you will not be able to attend, we have a waiting list for most field trips.

If you have questions or need help, email our Registration Coordinator at [sacramentoaudubonfieldtrips@gmail.com](mailto:sacramentoaudubonfieldtrips@gmail.com).

### American River Parkway

**Tuesday, April 26, Time: 8AM**

Expected length: 2-3 hours

Leader: Darrell Mohr

Maximum number of participants: 12

Registration opens: noon April 11

Join Darrell for a morning walk checking out the resident birds and looking for early nesters and spring migrants. This is a good trip for beginners and experienced birders too. A Sacramento County Parks Pass or a \$6 day use fee is required. Rain cancels.

**Covid Protocols:** Participants will be required to adhere to COVID-19 protocols as outlined.

### El Dorado Hills Creekside Walk

**Saturday, April 30, Time: 8AM**

Expected length: 2 ½-3 hours

Leader: Richard Barbieri

Maximum number of participants: 8

Registration opens: noon April 11

At this favorite spring hotspot, you should find wildflowers in bloom and hear the song of the Yellow-breasted Chat. Other possibilities are Lazuli Buntings, Wrentits, California Thrashers, migrating hummingbirds, and colorful warblers. Rain Cancels.

**Covid Protocols:** Participants will be required to adhere to COVID-19 protocols as outlined.



Wood Duck, Photo by Daniel Brown

### American River Parkway

**Thursday, May 5, Time: 8AM**

Expected length: 2-2 ½ hours

Leader: Darrell Mohr

Maximum number of participants: 12

Registration opens: noon April 18

Darrell will be looking for a variety of resident species. Wood Ducks and White-tailed Kites are a good possibility. This will be a 1 to 2 mile hike that will take 2 to 2 1/2 hours. Bring water and sunscreen. This is a great trip for beginners. A Sacramento County Parks Pass or a \$6 day use fee is required. Rain cancels.

**Covid Protocols:** Participants will be required to adhere to COVID-19 protocols as outlined.

### Low Foothills, Northern Solano County

**Saturday, May 7, Time: 8:30AM**

Expected length: about 5 hours

Leader: Bill Bianco

Maximum number of participants: 8

Registration opens: noon April 18

Join Bill for an easy walk through low foothills looking for a variety of woodpeckers, warblers, late wintering species and other songbirds. Walk 1 - 1.5 miles on fairly flat terrain. May want to bring a lunch and water. Heavy rain and strong wind cancels. A \$6 Park Fee is required.

**Covid Protocols:** Participants will be required to adhere to COVID-19 protocols as outlined.

## Field Trips: continued

### Walk in a Park North of Sacramento

Sunday, May 8, Time: 7:30AM

Expected length: The trip should end before lunch.

Leader: Jane Taylor

Maximum number of participants: 8

Registration opens: noon April 18

This a well-developed park north of Sacramento with a dog park, frisbee golf, and play fields, but it is large and offers many trails through oaks and grassland adjacent to Antelope Creek. We should find woodpeckers, flycatchers, raptors, bluebirds and other birds associated with this habitat. Plan to bring liquids and, if desired, a snack.

**Covid Protocols:** Participants will be required to adhere to COVID-19 protocols as outlined.

### A Day of Coastal Birding

Saturday, May 14, Time: 8AM

Expected length: All day

Leader: John York

Maximum number of participants: 12

Registration opens: noon April 25

Join John for a full day of birding in a variety of coastal habitats. Plan to see waterfowl, shorebirds, and gulls. This will be a leisurely paced trip with many stops to view ducks and seabirds and very little hiking. Bring snacks and water. We will stop to buy lunch, or you can bring your own. Rain cancels.

**Covid Protocols:** Participants will be required to adhere to COVID-19 protocols as outlined.

### American River Parkway

Sunday, May 15, Time: 8AM

Expected length: 2-3 hours

Leader: Ben Graber

Maximum number of participants: 8

Registration opens: noon April 25

Join Ben for a walk through oak woodlands along the American River looking for our resident birds and spring migrants. This is a good trip for beginning birders. A Sacramento County Parks Pass or a \$6 day use fee is required. Rain cancels.

**Covid Protocols:** Participants will be required to adhere to COVID-19 protocols as outlined.



Willow Flycatcher, Photo by Daniel Brown

## Sacramento Audubon Society Slate Of Officers and Directors for 2022-2023

Voting on the slate will open on May 22nd and close on June 17th, 2022. You can cast your vote in one of two ways: either using an online voting link or by sending in a mail-in ballot. Both will be found in the May issue of The Observer. The link to vote online will also be emailed to members. As per the SAS bylaws, one must be a dues-paying SAS member in order to vote.

President	Paul Miller
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Recording Secretary	Mary Forrestal
Corresponding Secretary	Nancy Gronert
Directors	Anthony Asay, Susan Goodrich, Jane Van Kessel

## Seasonal Sightings February 1 to February 28

The avian calendar progressed on schedule even though the weather was unexpectedly warm and dry—yet another month without rain. By month's end, **Sandhill Cranes** were leaving, and early arrivals were here in the form of five regular species of swallows. The first **Rufous Hummingbird** of the season was reported locally on 2/19. Most notable records for the period were continuing from earlier in the season, including the female **Long-tailed Duck** found on 11/26 near the Nimbus Hatchery, usually below the Hazel Ave bridge, and continuing well into March. A **Common Poorwill** was flushed along Meiss Rd on 2/16, providing a nice surprise for the season, or really, any season.

The only **Mountain Plovers** reported in the region continued in ag fields along Hwy 45 in Yolo County, just south of the Colusa County line, at least through the first week of the month. A few interesting gull reports near the Yolo County Central Landfill included an adult **Lesser Black-backed Gull** beginning on 2/24, and a second-cycle bird beginning on 2/27. A first-cycle **Glaucous Gull** was first reported on 2/18, and an adult **Glaucous Gull** was reported on 2/25. One to two **Pacific Loons** were seen on Folsom Lake from Folsom Point through at least 2/21. The **Neotropic Cormorant** found on 12/31 along Brannan Island Rd at the junction of the San Joaquin River and Seven Mile Slough continued through at least 2/5; it likely persisted longer, but fewer people were making the long trip after more than a month of residence by this cooperative first county record. **Long-eared Owls** are very rare locally, but at least ten were found at a traditional roost site in late February at a portion of Cosumnes River Preserve with limited access.

The **Eastern Phoebe** at the southern tip of Tyler Island continued from 12/12 into March. A **Lawrence's Goldfinch** spent a week mid-month visiting a Sacramento yard just south of Sutter's Landing, and Meiss Rd. produced two **Vesper Sparrows** in the same area the species was found the previous winter. A young male **Summer Tanager** first found feeding on bees at hives at Fairytale Town, William Land Park, on 2/16 continued into March. It was mostly cooperative, providing a winter highlight for dozens of birders. This is a rare bird locally, but most records have been of migrants in late summer, and this accounts for one of very few wintering records.

To view photos of some of the highlights, visit [www.sacramentoaudubon.org/bird-sightings](http://www.sacramentoaudubon.org/bird-sightings), and then click on the highlighted eBird checklists. The Sacramento Area is roughly defined as lying between Hwy 20 to the north, Hwy 12 to the south, and the 1000-foot contour to the east and west, plus all of Sacramento and Yolo Counties. Many reports first appeared on the Central Valley Bird Club listserv ([groups.io/g/centralvalleybirds](http://groups.io/g/centralvalleybirds)) and in eBird ([ebird.org](http://ebird.org)). It is impossible to list everyone, but I want to thank the following for their reports: Max Brodie, Dan Brown, Aidan Brubaker, Krystal Coles, Lyann Comrack, Lily Douglas, Konshau Duman, Andy Engilis, Gil Ewing, Linda Gal, Susan Goodrich, Cliff Hawley, Liam Huber, Emmett Iverson, Jeri Langham, Andrew Lee, Jasen Liu, Mark Martucci, Ethan Monk, Nora Papian, Michael Perrone, Jim Rowoth, Steve Scott, Cameron Tescher, John Trochet, and Lynette Williams. Thanks to everyone for their reports—without them, this column would not be possible.  
—Chris Conard

## Field Trip Reports

### Cosumnes River Preserve (2/26)

Leader Rodd Kelsey reported:

Well, one silver lining to a continuing dry winter is that it makes for wonderful weather for birding. This trip to Cosumnes was a perfect cool crisp and clear morning. Our target destination was a long walk along Wood Duck Slough in the heart of the Preserve. On the way in, we stopped to check out who might be lingering and foraging in the small, harvested organic rice fields, with good views of **Long-billed Dowitchers, Dunlin, Killdeer, Tree Swallows** prospecting for nesting cavities, a **Belted Kingfisher** scanning the canal. We also caught a glimpse of a distant **Bald Eagle** and hovering **White-tailed Kite** in the nearby grassland. Once we arrived at Wood Duck Slough, we were now in what's called the "Tall Forest" – a primary reason the Preserve exists today. That's because it is one of the very few remnant patches of dense, old Valley Oak forest in the Central Valley and it is what inspired The Nature Conservancy and Preserve Partners to do the first land protection deal that led to the creation of what is now a 50,000 acre Preserve along the Cosumnes and Mokelumne Rivers.

Cooperative **Turkey Vultures** and a **Say's Phoebe** sitting nearby sent us on our way as we embarked on our four mile walk along the slough. We got to soak in this majestic forest, with tangled wild grape vines dangling from the highest tree tops and poison oak climbing up the trunks. Some of the oaks were just beginning to leaf out, with the little buds casting a vibrant, lime green hue over the canopy. A great backdrop to see and hear the hundreds of **Yellow-rumped Warblers** (including a few **Myrtle warblers**), along with **Downy Woodpecker, Northern Flicker, Bushtits, Oak Titmouse, and Ruby-crowned Kinglets**. A treat along the way was great views of a cooperative **Hutton's Vireo** nearby some kinglets, allowing the group to hone in on the subtle differences between these two riparian and oak woodland dwellers. In the weedy tangles of blackberry and small willows we had a good cast of overwintering and resident characters, including **Spotted Towhee, White-crowned Sparrows, Golden-crowned Sparrows, Song Sparrow, and Lincoln's Sparrow**. In the distance we could also hear the "bouncing ball" song of a **Wrentit**...the unique bird for North America whose closest relatives are in Africa, Spain, India and China.

Along the margins of the slough and forest, some more harvested rice fields filled out our waterbird list with some of the remaining **Sandhill Cranes** preparing for their journey north, along with big groups of **Green-winged Teal**, among which was one **Eurasian Green-winged Teal**, distinguished

by the prominent, horizontal white bar along its flank (nice spot Susan Goodrich!).

After enjoying the slough, we returned and filled out our list along Desmond Slough and at the Wetland Walk near the Preserve Visitor Center, adding lots more teal and cranes, **Gadwall, Northern Shovelers, American Wigeon, Greater Yellowlegs, White-fronted and Snow Geese**, along with that **Wilson's Snipe** we had missed earlier! In the deep water, we also grabbed the persistent diving **Ring-necked Duck** and **Bufflehead**.

It was a great day of winter birding, with 73 species total with a cheerful group who were great company. The Cosumnes River Preserve really is a jewel and I, for one, am grateful to have it available for wonderful birding and solace and all year around.



March 3 Field Trip

### Cosumnes River Preserve, Mobility Challenged Trip (3/3)

Leader Paul Miller reported:

Cosumnes River Preserve is a wonderful venue for those with mobility challenges. Within a few hundred feet of the main parking lot there is a wooden easily accessible viewing platform, where we started our trip. The flooded fields attract a wide range of dabbling ducks, and we observed **Northern Shovelers, Green-winged Teal, American Wigeon, Northern Pintail, and American Coots**. We also observed several **American Avocets** resting on one leg, with their heads tucked. As we traveled north along the paved walkway the skies were filled with flocks of **Greater White-fronted Geese**. Shorebirds were present including **Black-necked Stilts, Killdeer, Least Sandpipers, Long-billed Dowitchers, Greater Yellow-legs and Dunlin**. We stopped at the farthest viewing platform for lunch and observed **Ring-necked Ducks** and **Gadwall**. The ever present **Northern Harriers** were making their rounds, along with distant **Red-tailed Hawks** and **Turkey Vultures**. Rounding out the 40 species day was the stealthy **Wilson's Snipe**, chatty **Marsh Wren** and **Common Yellowthroat**, along with the usual culprits: **Golden-crowned and White-crowned Sparrows, Red-winged Blackbirds, Yellow-rumped Warblers, and Tree Swallows**.



Rock Wren, Photo By Daniel Brown

### Table Mountain Ecological Preserve (3/10)

Leader Sonja Sorbo reported:

The Table Mountain Ecological Preserve is a huge basalt mesa which was formed by ancient lava flows. It features several waterfalls, and an amazing wildflower display in the springtime. Lucky for us birders, there are also nice bird species to be observed. Eight of us took a pleasant 4 mile hike in the Preserve and were rewarded with beautiful vistas and over three dozen bird species. Early in the hike, we saw a perky little **Rock Wren** singing from atop a metal stake. Other stakes proved to be popular resting spots for a **Say's Phoebe** and **Western Bluebirds**. As we hiked past some low rock formations, we noted several **Horned Larks** and **Lark Sparrows**. The most productive area of the day was a small wooded canyon which held numerous species including **Oak Titmouse, Spotted Towhee, Hermit Thrush, Dark-eyed Juncos, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, California Quail, Acorn Woodpecker, Nuttall's Woodpecker, and Bewick's Wren**. The skies above the canyon were crowded with gliding **Turkey Vultures** and a mixture of **Violet-green and Tree Swallows**. While observing the swallows, we noted a **Bald Eagle** passing overhead, possibly on his way to Lake Oroville. Some spectacularly entertaining behavior occurred when a **Ferruginous Hawk** was relentlessly mobbed by two **Common Ravens**. Luckily some aerial acrobatics allowed the hawk to shake off the marauding corvids.

## SAS NEW MEMBERS

*Please welcome these new members:*

Gerald Chalmers  
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Many thanks to all of 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 management.

## Mission Statement Sacramento Audubon Society

The mission of the Sacramento Audubon Society is to:

- Promote the protection and scientific study of wild birds.
- Foster the enjoyment and appreciation of wild birds through community outreach.
- Encourage, support, and provide environmental educational opportunities.
- Advocate for the conservation of open space in the Sacramento region.

## Sacramento Audubon Chapter Board Meetings

Please contact President, Bill Bianco, at [president@sacramentoaudubon.org](mailto:president@sacramentoaudubon.org); or 916-372-3318 to find out how the Board Meeting is being held. Board Meetings of the Sacramento Audubon Society are held the last Tuesday of the month, except for June, July, and December when no meetings are held.

**The next meeting is April 26, 2022.**

Minutes of Board Meetings can be found at [sacramentoaudubon.org/board-minutes](http://sacramentoaudubon.org/board-minutes).

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### Sacramento Audubon Society Membership Application

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*White-tailed Kite* Daniel Brown

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## *Upcoming Events:* Mark your calendars

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