Field trips, October 12th through November 11th, 2019. Scheduler Darrell Mohr, mohrdd@gmail.com, 916-225-3999

**Saturday, October 12, 8am**  
**Bushy Lake/Cal Expo Floodplain**  
**Leader:** Gibbe Parsons, 916-802-8674  
ghparsons@ucdavis.edu  
Meet Gibbe 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. We will look for a variety of resident species and migrants. Wood Ducks are a good possibility on the lake. This will be a 1 to 2 mile hike that will take up to 3 hours. Bring water and sunscreen.

**Sunday, October 13, 8am**  
**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.

**Tuesday, October 15, 7:30 am**  
**Willow Creek Trail, Folsom**  
**Leader:** Susan Thrower, 469-231-5418  
susan.thrower@gmail.com  
Join Susan for a leisurely walk looking for birds on Willow Creek Trail in Folsom. We'll follow the creek on the "hike and bike trail" through a wooded portion with some open field and wetland areas. Meet at the parking lot of Cummings Family Park at Oak Avenue and Creekside. From Hwy 50 take Exit #27 on E. Bidwell, north on Bidwell, then right at Oak Avenue and the park will be on your left at Creekside. This trip will end mid-morning.

**Saturday, October 19, 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 naturalists from the nature center and Sac Audubon birding leaders Larry Hickey and Dan Williams. For directions, see sacnaturecenter.net. A Sac County Park Pass or $5 entry fee is required for all vehicles.

**Saturday, October 19, 8am**  
**Bucks Creek Trail/Serrano Parkway, El Dorado Hills**  
**Leader:** Maureen Geiger, 916-281-6652  
mkgeiger@comcast.net  
Experience has shown that trips along this Creek are good any time of the year. Join Maureen for a fall walk through this rich, riparian habitat looking for resident woodpeckers, nuthatches, towhees, wrens, green herons and common gallinules, as well as possible migrating and wintering warblers and sparrows. In this varied habitat, there is always the possibility of unusual finds. Meet at the corner of the intersection of Silva Valley Parkway and Serrano Parkway. To reach this spot, exit Hwy. 50 at Exit 31 and turn left onto Silva Valley Parkway. Follow the
Parkway about a mile to the stop light at Serrano Parkway, make a U-turn and immediately park along Silva Valley Parkway.

Sunday, October 20
Beginning Birding Field Trip for Adults
William Pond Park
These beginners' field trips are designed to introduce new birders to the fun of birding. Limited to 10 adults per trip with 3 Audubon trip leaders, it's a low-key introduction to finding and identifying common birds in a variety of habitats, with an emphasis on looking and listening. Registration is required. Contact Cathie LaZier at empid77@gmail.com with Beginning Birder in the subject line.

Sunday, October 20, 7:30am
Mather Lake
Leader: Wayne Blunk, 916-206-3767
Wayne.Blunk@gmail.com
Mather Lake is one of Wayne’s favorite birding locations at all seasons of the year, and he always turns up quite a list of bird species. Possibilities include Yellow-headed Blackbird, Common Yellowthroat, American Bittern, Green Heron, and Pied-billed Grebe. 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. This is a wonderful trip for beginning and experienced birders.

Tuesday, October 22, 8am
Nimbus Fish Hatchery/American River
Leader: Craig DeMartini, 916-599-3300
Cloudwalk7@icloud.com
Join Craig for a morning walk identifying gulls and riparian species along the American River downstream of Lake Natoma and Nimbus Dam. Mergansers, goldeneye and cormorants should be plentiful, and raptors, including Osprey, Bald Eagle, and Peregrine Falcon are always a welcome sight. Spotting scopes are useful, as are field guides and the various birding apps for identification. Prepare for variable weather. This trip ends late morning. Meet Craig in the hatchery parking lot. From Hwy 50 go north on Hazel Avenue; turn left on Gold Country Blvd. and the hatchery is on your right.

Saturday, October 26, 6:30am
Bodega Bay
Leaders: Scott Hoppe and Mark Martucci
Mark, 916-833-6722, matuchbirdman@yahoo.com
Scott, 916-835-8471, shoppe01@surewest.net
Join Scott and Mark 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 the Park & 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 & Ride lot. This is a good trip for newer birders and experienced birders alike. This is one of our most popular trips; it's been called "the best Audubon trip we have taken" by more than one participant.

Family Friendly Trip!!!
Saturday, October 26 , 10 am to 11 or Noon
Stone Lakes National Wildlife Refuge
Leader: Maureen Geiger, 916-281-6652
mkgeiger@comcast.net
This easy, morning walk is suitable for families with toddlers and strollers as well as those with disabilities as it offers a smooth, wide, level cement trail. This NWR is just south of Elk Grove, and due to varied habitat, may turn up interesting birds. In addition, there are many interpretative kiosks featuring birds and other creatures plus a native plant garden. The presence of a large marshy area and surrounding farmed and fallow fields may ensure a good variety of bird species including Sandhill Cranes. The trip will consist of several looped trails, all near the parking lot, so can last as long as desired. Driving south from Sacramento on I-5, two miles south of the Elk Grove exit, take Exit 504 at Hood-Franklin Road and drive .8 of a mile to the NWR entrance on the left. There is a large parking lot and restrooms. Loaner binoculars are available.

Sunday, October 27, 8am
River Walk Park, West Sacramento
Leader:  Bill Bianco, 916-889-4849
biancowm@yahoo.com
This is a newer area for Sac Audubon and should turn up a variety of passerine species, sparrows, wrens, thrushes and more. We'll bird the river from the boat landing, then walk south past the I Street and Tower Bridges and up onto the levee. Walk should end by noon. Meet Bill at the Raley's parking lot; from Hwy 50 take Jefferson Blvd. north; go left on W. Capitol Ave. and left on Westacre Rd to the lot.

Thursday, October 31, 8am
William Pond Park
Leader:  Larry Hickey, 415-305-0651
Larryhickey1@gmail.com
Join Larry for this morning walk looking for fall/winter migrants and resident birds. Along the river mergansers, goldeneye, herons and egrets can be found in the backwaters. California Quail, Western Bluebirds and Lark Sparrows may be found in the park area and various raptors may be spotted. Trip will end before noon. From the intersection of Fair Oaks and Arden, follow Arden east, just under 1 mile, and it runs into the park. Meet along the first parking area on your left, just after the kiosk.  A Sac County Park Pass or $5 entry fee is required for all vehicles. This is a great trip for beginners and more experienced birders.

Saturday and Sunday, November 2 & 3
Lodi Crane Festival
Don't miss this festival - their 23rd year and it has it all! An art show, exhibits, activities, programs and field trips. Great for families - check it out online at cranefestival.org and sign up for a field trip.  https://cranefestival.com/index.php

Tuesday, November 5, 8am
Solano Lake/Putah Creek
Leaders: Tim Fitzer and Ann Burris
Tim: 916-870-5207, spskua2@comcast.net
Ann: 916-947-7573, burris.nellieann@gmail.com
The lake is a good area for wintering ducks including possible Barrow's Goldeneye and Hooded Mergansers. Phainopeplas and Brown Creepers are possible, and Pileated Woodpeckers have been found in the area. Meet at the Mace Blvd. Park & 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 & 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 wind cancels the trip, which will end in the late afternoon, so you may want to bring lunch and water. There is a $6 fee per car at Lake Solano Park.

**Thursday, November 7, 8am**  
**Lincoln WWTP and Placer County Roads**  
**Leader:** Sonja Sorbo, 916-390-8463  
ssgasdoc@yahoo.com  
In this morning trip we will start by birding the Lincoln water treatment plant. There are several large ponds which can hold a variety of ducks. From the plant, we will drive some nearby backroads of Placer County, searching flooded fields for wintering waterfowl and shorebirds. We will search a small riparian area for sparrows, woodpeckers and other resident species. Several open dry fields may provide hunting grounds for raptors. Meet at the parking lot of Dry Creek Community Park at 9235 Walerga Road in Roseville. FRS radios will be helpful.

**Saturday, November 9, 8am**  
**Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area**  
**Leader:** Scott Hoppe, 916-835-8471  
shoppe01@surewest.net  
This great area is only 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. Scott may do some short walks on the foot trails to get better vantage points. 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. Scopes are helpful on this trip, as are FRS radios. This is an excellent trip for both beginners and more experienced birders. This trip is usually a half-day, however, if birding is good we may go into the afternoon.

**Sunday, November 10, 8:30am**  
**Cosumnes River Preserve**  
**Leader:** Cathie LaZier, 916-502-2699  
empid77@gmail.com  
Walking the boardwalk loop, we'll check out the wintering waterfowl, including a variety of duck species, Greater White-fronted Geese, and Sandhill Cranes. Dowitchers, Wilson's Snipe and yellowlegs should be present, and there are always some passerines and raptors. Finishing the 1-1/2 mile loop there will be an option to continue on down to the river. You may want to bring water and snacks and dress for changeable weather. Spotting scopes are helpful if you have them. This is a great trip for beginning birders. 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)  
Heavy rain cancels.