

OTHER BIRDING TRIPS OF INTEREST

These are not Sacramento Audubon field trips, but are great opportunities for birders and are all Family Friendly.

Birding for Families at Effie Yeaw Nature Center

February 15th, Saturday, 10:30am

Bring the family out for a birding and nature walk led by a Naturalist and our special guest guides, Mary Forrestal and Craig DeMartini from the Sacramento Audubon Society. Birdwatchers of all levels welcomed. Make sure to bring your binoculars or borrow a pair from us.

Cost: \$5 General. \$3 Ages 4-11. 3+Under FREE Members receive \$1 off each admission.

These family-friendly weekend programs fill quickly, so please CALL TO REGISTER and save your spot **916-489-4918**. Programs start promptly at stated time and run 30-60 minutes depending on content and are offered only once per day.

Effie Yeaw Nature Center is in Ancil Hoffman Park - directions at www.sacnaturecenter.net. There is a \$5 per car parking fee -or use your ARNHA membership card or County Parks pass.

Sandhill Cranes and Other Wintering Birds

January 25th & 26th, Saturday and Sunday, 4:20pm, last of this season

Free trips in the delta to view the Sandhill Cranes coming in to roost for the evening are run by Save Our Sandhill Cranes, Inc. Of course they also look at the wintering waterfowl and other birds in that habitat. They begin at either Woodbridge Road or Staten Island and meet in the late afternoon on the last weekend of each month. Current information is at <http://soscranes.org/visit-the-cranes/free-tours/>. The Coordinator is Mike Savino, yogombah@yahoo.com.

DUCKS IN SCOPES AT THE COSUMNES RIVER PRESERVE

Every Saturday in January and February, anytime between 10am and 2pm.

It's late winter and before you know it the wintering waterfowl and cranes will be heading back up north. Don't miss this change to see them in the seasonal wetlands at the Cosumnes Preserve. CRP docents have a row of spotting scopes set up, including lower ones for children, giving you excellent views of the many colorful ducks, other waterfowl, shorebirds and more.

Microscopes and hand lens provide close-up looks at "Duck Soup", dishes of water dipped from the pond full of water fleas, rat-tailed maggots, scuds 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.