

Field Trips, Sept. 12 through Oct. 11, 2019, Scheduler: Maureen Geiger,  
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**Saturday, September 14, 8am**

**William Pond Park**

**Leader: Gibbe Parsons, 916-802-8674**

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This park has a great variety of habitat for birds; grassland, oak woodland, riparian and open water pond with many species possible. Residents such as California Quail, Western Bluebirds, wrens, towhees, herons, egrets and other water birds are all possible plus arriving winter residents and migrants. Trip will end before noon. This is an excellent trip for beginners. From the intersection of Fair Oaks and Arden, follow Arden east, just under 1 mile, and it runs into the park. Going past the entrance kiosk take the first left turn into the large parking area with the restroom and drinking fountain at the end. A Sac County Park Pass or \$5 entry fee is required for all vehicles.

**Sunday, September 15, 7am - noon**

**SRWTP Bufferlands**

**Leader: Chris Conard, 916-203-1610**

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The Bufferlands are 2,500 acres surrounding the wastewater treatment plant between Sacramento and Elk Grove and not typically open to the public. Habitats include riparian forest, seasonal wetlands, grasslands, wildlife-friendly agricultural lands, and many habitat restoration sites. This is a good time of year to look for migrating songbirds. Be prepared for 3 miles of easy walking. New directions: Take I-5 ten miles south from Sacramento and exit at Laguna Blvd. Drive east to Franklin Blvd and turn left. Go past the stoplight at Bighorn Blvd and turn left at the next block (Sims Rd--no stoplight) with poplar trees and a brick planter. Drive 0.6 mile and turn right on Laguna Station Rd. Drive 0.5 mile and make the first possible left at Glacier Way (if you reach the guard station, you've gone too far). Drive 0.25 mile to the end of Glacier Way and veer left to the Bufferlands office entrance. A large gate will be open and the front glass doors will be unlocked.

**Tuesday, September 17, 8am**

**Reichmuth Park**

**Leader: Dan Airola, 916-494-1283**

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Visit this urban gem in search of fall migrants and resident birds. In addition to the typical turf, this park has an emergent wetland, riparian and oak habitat, which attracts abundant warblers, vireos, and other migrants. Bring your clippers, pruners, and gloves for an optional short session afterwards to clear invasive English Ivy that is doing its best to strangle the native oaks. Meet at the parking lot on Gloria Dr. south of 43rd Ave. Trip will finish by 10:00 or so.

**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 naturalists from the nature center and birders Maureen Geiger and Sue Darst from Audubon. For directions, see [sacnaturecenter.net](http://sacnaturecenter.net). A Sac County Park Pass or \$5 entry fee is required for all vehicles.

**Saturday, September 21, 8am**  
**Putah Creek Riparian Reserve**  
**Bill Bianco, 916-889-4849**  
**biancowm@yahoo.com**

This UC Davis Reserve along the banks of the Putah Creek can be a wonderful place to find migrants this time of year as well as wintering passerines and resident species. Join Bill for a leisurely morning walk on this easy trail west of UC Davis. This trip is good for beginners and those already familiar with the excellent birding on the creek and will end before lunch. From I-80 near Davis, take Hwy. 113 north and exit on Hutchison Drive, exit 27. Turn left. At the first round-about, stay right, passing new student housing, and at the second round-about go west onto Hutchison Drive. At about 1 mile, turn left onto Hopkins Road. About 1 mile south, Hopkins deadends. Turn left onto Levee Road and immediately park on your left. You will see one of the entrances to the Reserve.

**Sunday, September 22, 7:30am**  
**Bobcat Ranch, near Winters, Yolo County**  
**Leader: Stan Hunter, 530-902-8462**  
**Stanton.hunter@gmail.com**

This wonderful 7,000-acre property owned by Audubon California is currently open to the public solely for docent-led trips. Join Stan for a rare opportunity to visit this special area. Resident and migrating bird species should be present along with fabulous views of the valley. This outing will involve moderate hiking on fairly level ground and should last until between noon and 1 pm. Bring liquids and snacks. Participants are limited to 20. Please contact Stan via email if you wish to be included. Upon registration, Stan will send specific information about how the morning will proceed.

**Monday, September 23, 6:30am**  
**Point Reyes**  
**Leader: Mark Sawyer, 916-968-1661**  
**MarkSawyer3383@yahoo.com**

Birding Point Reyes can be very productive this time of year, for both regular migrants and more uncommon birds. Join Mark in sorting out those confusing fall warblers. Be prepared for several miles of walking. Bring lunch and liquids for a full day of birding. 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.

**Family Friendly Trip!!**  
**Saturday, September 28, 10:00am**  
**Cosumnes River Preserve**  
**Leader: Maureen Geiger, 916-281-6652**  
**mkgeiger@comcast.net**

Join Maureen for an easy walk of about a mile and a half viewing the wintering waterfowl such as ducks, egrets, herons and shorebirds in the flooded wetland ponds. Fall sparrows and resident wrens and towhees may be found in the oak woodland area. The paved trail makes this an excellent walk for families; beginning birders are also welcome. Walk will finish by noon. Bring water and snacks and dress for changeable weather. Meet at the first parking lot on your right before you arrive at the left turn to the Visitors Center. Directions available at [www.cosumnes.org](http://www.cosumnes.org). Loaner binoculars are available.

**Sunday, September 29, 8am**  
**Teal Bend**

**Leader: Richard Barbieri, 916-761-1124**  
**offleash56@yahoo.com**

Join Richard to explore the rich habitat at Teal Bend Golf Course. He will explore a variety of habitats, including wooded and riparian areas, and hopes to see a variety of fall migrants and resident birds. Meet at the Raley's Shopping Center on Arena Blvd at 8:00 a.m. 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.

**Thursday, October 3, 7:30am**  
**Lincoln Wastewater Treatment Plant, etc.**  
**Jane Taylor, 916-587-3366**  
**1jgtaylor@att.net**

Join Jane for a morning outing to the Lincoln Wastewater Treatment Plan for possible ducks and to seek out a couple of other watery/marshy/grassy sites in the area. This trip should end before noon, so bring snacks and liquids as appropriate. Heavy rain or high winds cancel. Meet at the Park & Ride by Brookfield's Restaurant, 1817 Taylor Road, in Roseville. From Sacramento on I-80, take the Eureka Road offramp, Exit #105A, and continue straight through the signal light at Eureka Road and you'll be on Taylor Road. Turn left just past the Shell Station, and park on the right in the Park & Ride. Heavy rain or high winds cancel.

**Saturday, October 5, 7am**  
**Point Reyes for Fall Vagrants**  
**Leader: Dan Williams, 714-943-1266**  
**jaegermaestro@yahoo.com**

Join Dan for a full day of birding at Point Reyes. Bring lunch and plenty of water and be prepared for a full day of chasing rare birds, wherever they might be! Fall at the Point is always exciting, and Dan will let the most recent rare bird reports dictate the day's itinerary. Every fall is different and of course there are no guarantees in birding, but this trip in the past has turned up such goodies as Broad-winged Hawk, Buff-breasted Sandpiper, White-winged Dove, Least Flycatcher, Yellow-green Vireo, and just about every warbler imaginable! Meet at the Park & Ride off I-80 in West Sacramento. From Sacramento, take the West Capitol Ave. Exit #81; turn left at the light and then left again into the Park & Ride lot.

**Sunday, October 6, 7:30am**  
**William Pond Park**  
**Leader: Mike Heacox, 916-972-1809.**  
**mikezots@gmail.com**

This park has a great variety of habitat for birds; grassland, oak woodland, riparian, and open water pond with many species possible. Residents such as California Quail, Western Bluebirds, wrens, towhees, herons, egrets and other water birds are all possible plus arriving winter residents and migrants. Trip will end before noon. This is an excellent trip for beginners. 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.

**Thursday, October 10, 8am**  
**Falcon Crest, El Dorado Hills**  
**Leader: Craig DeMartini, 916-599-3300**  
**cloudwalk7@icloud.com**

We will be scouting the oak woodlands of a peninsula on the south side of Folsom Lake. We'll keep our eyes open for eagles and osprey as well as the smaller passerines, woodpeckers, and water birds on the lake. We'll scan the mouth of Sweetwater Creek where a pair of Rock Wrens can usually be found. From Hwy 50 east towards Placerville, take Exit #30B; turn right on El Dorado Hills Blvd and go north under the freeway; continue on El Dorado Hills Blvd. north for approximately 4.5 miles. Cross Green Valley Road where El Dorado Hills Blvd. becomes Salmon Falls Road. Continue on Salmon Falls for 3 miles to a large dirt parking lot on the left with a large wooden sign that reads "Falcon Crest". Use caution when turning across oncoming traffic. This trip may last into early afternoon; you may want to bring snacks and water. There are no bathrooms.