

# The Observer

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## General Meeting

**Thursday, September 21, 2017**  
**Effie Yeaw Nature Center**  
**Assembly Room, 7pm**

Swainson's Hawk Migration, Location and Habitat Preservation

Dan Airola and Jude Lamare

Dan Airola will be speaking on a study, partially funded by SAS, of migration and wintering locations of Swainson's Hawks that nest in the greater Sacramento region.

The study members put satellite transmitters on hawks to track their movements during spring and fall migration and to locate and describe wintering areas. They found an unprecedented diversity of wintering areas from western Mexico to central South America, which appears to distinguish the Central Valley population from those residing elsewhere in western North America.



Swainson's Hawk  
David Rosen

Jude Lamare, PhD and President of Friends of the Swainson's Hawk, will give a brief update on the status of habitat preservation locally along with other current issues. She'll include a power point presentation with nest site maps and photos of nests with young.

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://www.facebook.com/SacramentoAudubon).

*Sally Walters Schmoltdt, President and Program Chair*

## SAS OUTREACH, VOLUNTEER, HELP OUT, HAVE FUN!

Sacramento Valley Conservancy invited SAS to participate in GlampOut—a camping fundraiser to support outdoor education. The event was held at Camp Pollack, June 24-25. Our Outreach chair, Bill Bianco did his usual great job in making sure we had an SAS table full of information set up. Included in this photo are Bill Bianco (center), SAS Outreach Coordinator; Gesna Clarke (right), SAS Education Committee Chair; and Bruce Forman (left), part of the staff from the Department of Fish and Wildlife.



You do not need to be an accomplished birder to help at the SAS tables, just someone who enjoys birding and talking to people about our field trips, birding and SAS. You would be working with an experienced volunteer. Your help would be appreciated at one of the following festivals: NatureFest at EYNC, Sunday, October 8

Lodi Crane Festival, Saturday and Sunday, November 4 and 5

Swan Festival, Yuba City, Saturday and Sunday, November 11 and 12

If you can work a 3 or 4 hour shift on one of the above day's, please contact Bill Bianco at [biancowm@yahoo.com](mailto:biancowm@yahoo.com), or 372-3318.

## Monterey Bay Pelagic and Coastal Field Trips

**SAVE THESE DATES! SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2017**  
**and SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2017**

**Pelagic Trip, Saturday, September 30, 2017**

**Coastal Field Trip Sunday, October 1, 2017**

Join Sacramento Audubon for the annual Monterey Bay pelagic trip on Saturday, September 30. Monterey Bay is perhaps one of the most accessible and productive areas to learn about and enjoy pelagic birds and marine mammals. Normally protected from heavy sea swells, yet geographically situated to capture an amazing diversity of ocean-going birds, Monterey Bay and the surrounding area is an exceptional place for birding. On Saturday's boat trip we'll look for shearwaters, albatrosses and other pelagic birds as well as marine mammals. For those staying overnight in Monterey, on Sunday, October 1, we will visit coastal habitats on the Monterey peninsula that may yield many migratory and vagrant surprises. The boat trip will depart Fisherman's Wharf promptly at 7:30am and return about 3:30pm. The boat trip is limited to 25 participants to ensure every one has plenty of room, so send your reservation form and check early to reserve your spot. Note: reservations are not con-

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# Field Trip Findings

**Yuba Pass/Sierra Valley (7/11)**—Leader Dan Tankersley reported: “On a lovely summer’s day, eight of us enjoyed the birds and fresh air of Sierra and Plumas counties. The group was actively birding Yuba Pass when the leader arrived. They had already seen as many as 20 Evening Grosbeaks, a half dozen Cassin’s Finch and a White-headed Woodpecker. During the course of the morning, the notable birds we picked up included MacGillivray’s, Wilson’s and Orange-crowned Warblers, Dusky and Hammond’s Flycatchers, a heard Pileated Woodpecker and a fly-by Williamson’s Sapsucker that, unfortunately, not everyone got to see. In the valley we saw Swainson’s Hawk on nest (thanks to Gary Fregien), Sandhill Crane and lots of White-faced Ibis among other waterbirds. In all, we had 75 species for the day with the highlight being spending much time viewing three recently fledged Hammond’s Flycatchers being fed by dotting parents.”

**Loney Meadow (7/9)** — Leader Scott Hoppe reported: “This was a great escape from the valley heat for 12 participants, and those in the group that had never been to Loney before were impressed by the beauty of the meadows, the wildflowers and, of course, the birds. Highlights included a family of Golden-crowned Kinglets at near eye level, likely the most Macgillivray’s Warblers I have ever seen here and brief but exciting views of Pileated Woodpecker (from the calls, we determined that there were at least 3.) We tallied about 37 species. It was a good group and everyone had a great time, topped off by birthday cake (provided by Wendy Money) for a couple of us turning 39.”

**Sailor Bar (7/8)** — Leader Darrell Mohr reported: “Seven people decided to enjoy the early morning and avoid the heat. Summertime and birds were scarce. We did find 33 species, which for the time of year and the heat, was very good. Some of the highlights were an Osprey, fledgling Oriole, Spotted Sandpiper, Lesser Goldfinches, Ash-throated Flycatchers, as well as a pair of White-tailed Kites. By the time we returned the outside temperature was going into the 90’s, so we called it a day. Not bad for a hot day.”

**Mather Lake (7/2)** — Leader Wayne Blunk reported: “With mild weather and a light breeze 13 birders gathered and identified 44 species with a juvenile

Peregrine Falcon as a highlight. The rest of the species were as expected with a Kite chasing a Swainson’s Hawk. Spotting a baby Muskrat and multiple species with offspring rounded out the wonderful outing.”

**Point Reyes (7/1)** — Leader Dan Williams reported: “12 of us enjoyed a cool, breezy Canada Day on the Point. We started at White House Pool where at least 2 Northern Parulas were buzzing like crazy from the willows near Sir Francis Drake Boulevard. There have been an above average amount of these Eastern warblers in Marin County this summer, and while it was tough to get a good look at them as they sang away from the dense thicket, it was a cool experience nonetheless. We also briefly heard a Macgillivray’s Warbler singing at this location. We then moved on to the Earthquake Trail at Bear Valley where we were treated to many singing Swainson’s Thrushes, Wilson’s Warblers, Warbling Vireos, And Pacific-slope Flycatchers. Pygmy Nuthatches squeaked at us from high in the redwoods, and lo and behold as were driving out to head to the Outer Point we heard yet another Parula. We parked and craned our necks for a while to try to see this guy who was singing high atop a Spanish moss bestrewn bay laurel, but after about 15 minutes we were only afforded fleeting glimpses. We ate lunch at Chimney Rock Trailhead which was gorgeous as always, though the wind made birding pretty tough. We endured it long enough to see dozens of Pacific Loons, Common Murres, and all 3 cormorants as well as the ever-present Elephant Seals, but shortly thereafter we retreated to Drakes Monument. We picked up a couple of birds there, but the highlight from that location was a herd of resting Tule Elk just east of the entrance road. Heading inland, a couple of us caught a glimpse of an adult Bald Eagle flying over Inverness, and at the corner of Novato Boulevard and Point Reyes–Petaluma near the Cheese Factory there was an Osprey tearing apart a fish on a telephone pole.”



Common Loon  
Linda Pittman

**Ice House Road (6/30)** — Leader Mark Sawyer reported: “The trip went great with 8 participants and 49 species. We also went to Wrights Lake. The highlights were: MacGillivray’s Warbler, Olive Sided Flycatcher, Lazuli Bunting, Thick Billed Fox Sparrow, Cassins, Warbling and Hutton’s Vireos, White-headed Woodpecker, Williamson’s Sapsucker, Pine Grosbeak, Cassin’s Finch, and Mountain Quail—heard only.”

**Estates Drive (6/27)** — Leader Craig DeMartini reported: “Cool morning temperatures were a pleasant relief after the previous 100+ degree week. Seven inquisitive and alert participants attended our walk along the American River near Estates Drive where we encountered 36 avian species. We got decent looks at perched juvenile Northern Rough-wing swallows showing their buffy wing bars, and a close up view of a fishing Great Blue Heron perched above a small, secluded pond. We stopped to smell the Mugwort, and we discussed how to tell the difference between the Tree of Heaven and the California Black Walnut.”

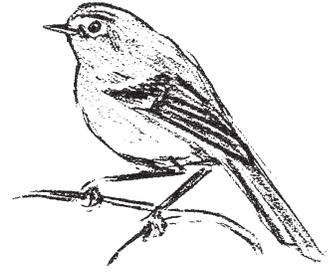
**River Bend Park (6/25)** — Leader Dan Brown reported: “In a break from the recent valley heat wave, 9 of us had a very pleasant and birdy outing to River Bend County Park. Highlights of the 36 species seen were a family of 5 Cooper’s Hawks, Ash-throated Flycatcher, Pacific-slope Flycatcher, 2 Hutton’s Vireos and a 2-1/2 foot Pacific Rattlesnake.”

**Indian Grinding Rocks SP (6/24)** — Leader Cliff Hawley reported: “Three birders joined me for a wonderful morning at Grinding Rocks State Park near Volcano. Since the birds were all busy feeding young the number of birds singing had decreased but a good time was had by all with the butterflies putting on a good show along with the birds. The best birds were Pacific Wren, Chestnut-backed Chickadee, and many Black-headed Grosbeaks.”

**Bushy Lake (6/22)** — Leader Darrell Mohr reported that he showed up, but no one else did. In spite of the extreme heat there seemed to be quite a few birds.

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# Field Trips



Hutton's Vireo  
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 August 11 contact the scheduler Dan Tankersly, dantank1016@gmail.com, 662-1951. For trips from August 12 contact the scheduler Scott Hoppe, shoppe01@surewest.net, 835-8471.

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. Starting times are the actual time the trip leaves the meeting place. 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: We are now listing depart times for our field trips. It is up to you to arrive at the meeting place in plenty of time to arrange for your ON TIME departure. Thank you!**

**Saturday, August 5,  
DEPART: Noon, trip lasts until sunset  
Common Nighthawks at sunset,  
Yuba Gap  
Leader: Dan Brown, 704-0951  
naturestoc@aol.com**

Join Dan for an afternoon and evening of birding in the Sierra, ending in an area that at this time of year hosts many Common Nighthawks that can be observed feeding and calling at sunset. Dan has seen up to 50 nighthawks in the air at one time here, which can present great photo opportunities! This spot is about an hour away from Sacramento. We will begin about 1:30pm birding a small private lake, looking for common Sierra birds such as Western Tanager, Black-headed Grosbeak, Spotted Sandpiper, White-headed Woodpecker and possible Osprey and Bald Eagle. Also of interest at this lake are numerous species of dragonflies that we don't see in the Valley. We will then bird our way toward the nighthawk site, stopping for a picnic dinner in the field and ending the day after sunset watching the nighthawks. We will be walking for about 2 miles total, mostly on flat terrain so wear appropriate shoes. Bring a folding chair or two and whatever you would like for our picnic dinner. Also bring water, sunscreen, a hat, a light coat for the evening and MOSQUITO REPELLENT. This trip is limited to 12 participants, so please contact Dan to save a spot and for meeting location/time.

**Sunday, August 6, DEPART: 7am  
Shorebirds of the Sacramento Valley  
Leader: Scott Hoppe, 835-8471  
shoppe01@surewest.net**

August is a great time to view shorebirds in the Sacramento Valley on migration from their Arctic breeding grounds. Since ideal conditions change depending on water levels, we will visit areas with the best shorebird habitat. This may be in Yolo, Placer, or Sacramento County—or all three. This is a good chance to brush up on the common species and possibly find something unexpected. If you have a spotting scope, bring it, along with water and a snack. Meet at the Park and 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 and Ride lot.

**Wednesday, August 9,  
DEPART: 7:30am, Mather Lake  
Leader: Wayne Blunk, 876-0457  
Wayne.Blunk@gmail.com**

Mather Lake and the surrounding grasslands host a variety of birds and it's one of Wayne's favorite birding spots. Join him to explore the area on this morning trip. This is a good trip for beginners and enjoyable for all. Bring water and insect repellent. 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. A Sac County Park Pass or \$5 entry fee is required for all vehicles.

**Saturday, August 12, DEPART: 7am  
Beginning Shorebirds  
Leader: Scott Hoppe, 835-8471  
shoppe01@surewest.net**

This trip is designed for beginning and intermediate birders who wish to learn

more about identifying shorebirds. We will cover the basics of types of shorebirds, as well as the finer details of separating those confusing little "peeps". This will likely be a two to four hour trip, however, habitat and conditions may require us to go a little farther afield. So, bring liquids and snacks. Limited to 15 people; contact Scott to register and get meeting place. .

**Sunday, August 13, DEPART: 6am  
Napa-Sonoma Marshes Wildlife Area  
Leaders: Scott Hoppe, 835-8471,  
shoppe01@surewest.net  
Dan Tankersley, 662-1951,  
dantank1016@gmail.com**

This Wildlife Area encompasses a large swath of land north of San Pablo Bay. Shorebirds should be in abundance, and we will keep our eyes open for rare, early fall migrants. The trip should end early to mid-afternoon, depending on conditions. Bring lunch and liquids, and some layers of clothing as Bay Area weather can be cool even in August. Meet Scott at the Park and 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 and Ride lot.

**Thursday, August 17, DEPART: 7am  
Sailor Bar, American River Parkway  
Leader: Darrell Mohr, 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

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west of Hazel. A Sac County Park Pass or \$5 entry fee is required for all vehicles.

**Saturday, August 19, DEPART: 7:30am  
Bodega Bay**

**Leader: Andi Salmi, 508-7192  
andisalmi@yahoo.com**

Join Andi for a day of birding, exploring the many habitats around Bodega Bay. This is a fun coastal birding area, with many gulls, waterfowl, songbirds and raptors to see, in addition to possible shorebirds returning from their breeding grounds. Meet Andi at the Park and 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 and Ride lot. Bring food, water and warm clothes.

**Sunday, August 20, DEPART: 7am  
Putah Creek Reserve**

**Leader: Mark Martucci, 833-6722  
matuchbirdman@yahoo.com**

Mark will be looking for fall migrants that often pass through this remnant riparian area. Warblers, buntings, flycatchers and orioles are often seen during this time of year. This will likely be a two to four hour trip. Meet Mark at the Park and 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 and Ride lot.

**Tuesday, August 22, DEPART: 7am  
Wright's Lake**

**Leaders: Tim Fitzer, 870-5207  
spskua2@comcast.net  
Ann Burris, 947-7573,  
burris.nellieann@gmail.com**

Escape the valley heat and join Tim and Ann in searching for a variety of montane birds at this mountain lake. The high Sierra offers a wide variety of woodpeckers, finches, towhees, and other passerine birds, and it's a good trip for beginners, as well as more experienced birders. Bring plenty of water and lunch for a full day of birding. Bring your FRS radios and be prepared for changeable weather. Meet Ann and Tim at the Bella Bru Cafe at the south end of the Raley's parking in El Dorado Hills. From Hwy 50 east take Exit #30B; turn right on El Dorado Hills Blvd and go north under the freeway to the shopping center on your right.

**Saturday, August 26, DEPART: 6:30am  
Alpine County**

**Leader: Jane Taylor, 587-3366  
jg.taylor@att.net**

Plan on a series of short walks in a variety of habitats like coniferous forest, sagebrush, lake shore and riparian, which may have benefited from good winter precipitation. We will look for a number of bird species, both resident and migrant, including passerines, woodpeckers, water fowl and raptors. Depending on conditions, this trip may include a visit to nearby Douglas County and Mud Lake, which can be great for waterfowl and shorebirds. Please bring FRS radios if you have them and lunch and liquids, planning for a mid-afternoon wrap-up. Meet at the south side of the Bella Bru parking lot in the Raley's shopping center in El Dorado Hills. From Hwy 50 east take Exit #30B; turn right on El Dorado Hills Blvd and go north under the freeway to the shopping center on your immediate right.

**Saturday, August 26**

**Family Friendly Trip  
Colusa Wildlife Refuge**

**Leaders: Wendy Money, 205-3194,  
wendydougmsn@msn.com  
Sandra Steurer, 580-8398,  
sasteurer@yahoo.com**

This trip scheduled at press time, so contact Wendy for meeting time and place. You'll want to bring lunch and liquids. This is also a great trip for beginners, and anyone who enjoys birding!

**Sunday, August 27, DEPART: 7am  
Riverbend Park**

**Leader: Cathie LaZier, 502-2699  
empid@earthlink.net**

Meet Cathie in the first parking lot on your right just past the entrance kiosk. We'll walk through the oak woodland and down to the river looking for the resident birds of the parkway, as well as possible migrants. This is a good trip for beginners. From Folsom Blvd., between Bradshaw and Mather Field Road, take Rod Beaudry Drive north into the park. A Sac County Park Pass or \$5 entry fee is required for all vehicles.

**Thursday, August 31, DEPART: 6pm  
Yolo Basin Wildlife Area**

**Leaders: Maureen Geiger, 281-6652,  
mkgeiger@comcast.net  
Cathie LaZier, 502-2699,  
empid@earthlink.net**

Early evening is a great time to be at the Wildlife Area. Join Maureen and Cathie

for a drive through this diverse area. We will drive to the end and back looking for large numbers of ibis coming in to roost for the night, summer birds still present, and depending on the amount of water, possible marsh and shorebirds. On the way back to the main parking area, barn and great horned owls are possible, and seeing the wonderful spectacle of bats flying out from under the west end of the I-80 bridge is a good possibility. This trip will end at sundown when the entry gates are closed.

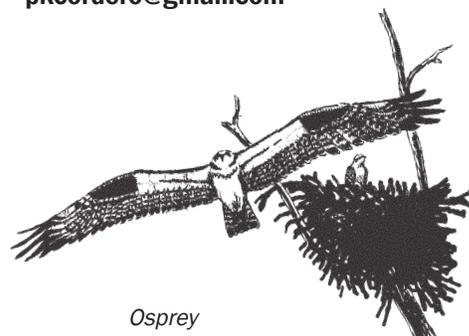
**Saturday, September 2, DEPART: 7am  
North Bay Hotspots**

**Leader: Scott Hoppe, 835-8471  
shoppe01@surewest.net**

The vast area to the north of San Francisco Bay, known as the "North Bay", has many great birding locations, especially during fall migration. Join Scott as he explores some of these hotspots. Possible stops include American Canyon Wetlands, the wetlands along Highway 37, Schollenberger Park and maybe a coastal location, time permitting. This will be a full day of birding, so bring lunch and liquids. Meet Scott at the Park and 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 and Ride lot.

**Sunday, September 3, DEPART: 8am  
Sacramento Bar  
American River Parkway**

**Leader: Paul Cordero  
pkcordero@gmail.com**



*Osprey*  
Stephen D'Amato

On this morning walk along the American River, you will see, and hear, a nice variety of resident birds and maybe a few early migrants. Paul will focus on finding and identifying birds by ear. This is a great trip for beginning and more experienced birders. From Highway 50, drive north on Sunrise Blvd.; turn left on Fair Oaks Blvd and take the first left on Pennsylvania. As it is the Labor Day Weekend, a Sac County Park Pass or \$8 (holiday) entry fee is required for all vehicles.

**Tuesday, September 5,**  
**DEPART: 8:30am**  
**Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area**  
**Leader: Dan Tankersley, 662-1951**  
**(morning of trip only)**  
**dantank1016@gmail.com**

Join Dan for a morning of birding in this wonderful area close to Sacramento. We will look for raptors, shorebirds and other fall migrants. 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. Bring your morning liquids and snacks. Also, if you have them, bring your spotting scope and FRS radio. This trip, which will end before noon, is a good one for beginners.

**Saturday, September 9, DEPART: 8am**  
**Teal Bend**  
**Leader: Richard Barbieri, 761-1124**  
**offleash56@yahoo.com**

Join Richard on a trip into Sutter County after first exploring the rich habitat at Teal Bend Golf Course. We'll then work our way north through the open grass lands and fields in search of shorebirds and hawks. Meet at the Raley's Shopping Center on Arena Blvd at 8am. 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.

**Sunday, September 10, DEPART: 7am**  
**Trip lasts until Noon**  
**SRWTP Bufferlands**  
**Leader: Chris Conard, 203-1610**  
**conardc@gmail.com**

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 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 turn left at Glacier Way before reaching the guard station (If using GPS, enter Glacier Way, Elk Grove, CA 95758). Drive 0.25 mile to the Bufferlands office entrance at the end of Glacier Way. A large gate will be open and the front glass doors will be unlocked.



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**SAS CAPS ON SALE NOW**

**BIRD IN THE BUSH APPROVED!**

SAS ball caps, with our logo, are now on sale for \$20 each. Bill Bianco will have them for sale at the monthly meetings and at upcoming festivals. If anyone is interested in purchasing one they can also contact Bill and he can work out the purchase. Ann Burris also has a few she is selling on her field trips.

Contact Bill Bianco at biancowm@yahoo.com, or 372-3318.

**VOLUNTEER NEEDED  
WITH EXCEL EXPERIENCE**

SAS is still looking for a volunteer with extensive Microsoft Access experience to work with several of us to evaluate a custom membership Access database developed by another chapter to decide if it will meet our chapter's membership needs. If it does, we'll also need help importing our current Excel data and getting started. We have been evaluating several commercial membership databases and this alternative would be much less expensive. If you are interested, contact Diana Hickson at 709-3563 or dianahickson@comcast.net.

**BUFFERLANDS EVENTS OPEN  
TO THE PUBLIC**

**TWILIGHT ON THE BUFFERLANDS**  
**Wednesday, August 16, 6:30pm-9pm**

Don't miss this unique opportunity to explore some of the Great Central Valley habitats at dusk on the Bufferlands. During the tour, participants may have a chance to see beavers, river otters, muskrats, raccoons, owls and more.

Please wear appropriate clothing for walking on trails and bring water and binoculars. Please contact Roger Jones (jonesro@sacsewer.com) to confirm your reservation and meeting location.

The next Twilight Tour is September 20th.

**OPEN TRAIL DAY**

The next Open Trail Day is Saturday, October 14, from 7am to 5pm

You can come and enjoy the Upper Beach Lake wildlife area at your own pace. For more information visit [regionalsan.com/bufferlands-calendar-events](http://regionalsan.com/bufferlands-calendar-events).

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**Ancil Hoffman Park (6/18)** — Leader Mark Martucci reported: "A small group of five people saw fifty species of birds on a very hot morning along the Parkway. Highlights included a Cooper's Hawk on nest, Swainson's Hawk, White-tailed Kite, Green Heron, Northern Rough-winged Swallow and the biggest surprise was a singing Yellow-breasted Chat."

**Yuba Gap Family Trip (6/17)** — Leaders Sandra Steurer and Wendy Money reported: "12 participants joined the two leaders for a cool birding experience on a day when the valley was sizzling. We had birds vocalizing throughout the late afternoon/evening. Our count was 31 bird species. At the pond (where we never know what will turn up), we were treated to a family of young Buffleheads, a fledgling Kestrel, four species of warbler, families of camera-ready Tree Swallows, Rufous-crowned Sparrow, and many singing Fox Sparrows. At our dinner spot, we observed frolicking Western Tanagers, Olive-Sided Flycatcher, families of White-Headed Woodpeckers, and entertaining Mountain Chickadees. To add to our delight, two Ospreys were spotted over the pond. The entire time, Mountain Quail were calling from the chaparral, even during the fly-out of the low-flying Common Nighthawks, whose flight patterns were mesmerizing. Our wonderful reptile sighting was a Rubber Boa on the trail at dusk."

*Cathie LaZier*

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firmed until payment is received. You do not need to be a Sacramento Audubon Society member to participate.

Your space will be confirmed by email after the reservation form and your check is received. Please use the reservation form provided below. Contact Linda Pittman, pittmanl@frontiernet.net, (email preferred) or phone 715-1876 for further information.

### Monterey Bay Pelagic Trip Reservation Form

Saturday, September 30, 2017 Registration deadline: September 14, 2017

Trip price: \$100 per person

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address (with zip) \_\_\_\_\_

Email (for confirmation) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of people \_\_\_\_\_ Total Payment \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*include the name for each person in the reservation

Return this form and your check made out to **Sacramento Audubon** to:  
Linda Pittman, 9849 Alta Mesa Rd, Wilton, CA 95693

