

Field trips, May 12th through June 11, 2019. Scheduler: Cathie LaZier, empid@earthlink.net, 916-502-2699.

Sunday, May 12, 7am

Spenceville WLR

Leader: Richard Barbieri, 916-761-1124

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This scenic recreational area of rolling hillsides, streams, reservoirs and ponds offers a variety of wildlife. This trip will include several short hikes over uneven terrain. Possible birds include Yellow-breasted Chat, Lewis's Woodpecker, warblers and more. Bring lunch, plenty of water, and dress for changeable weather. Meet Richard 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.

Thursday, May 16, 8am SHARP!

Remaining Lincoln grasslands and other habitats

Leader: John York, 530-320-4751

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Join John for a day of birding based in Lincoln. We will look for Tri-colored Blackbirds, Western Kingbirds, and the great raptors that inhabit the area. You can join John and others at Sterling Cafe at 7:00am for breakfast, located next to Raley's on Lincoln Blvd and Sterling Parkway. We will be leaving the parking lot at 8am sharp for our excursion, which will end about mid-afternoon depending on the birding. Some easy walking involved. Bring lunch and drinks.

Saturday, May 18, 8:30am

Family Friendly Trip!!!

Beals Point, Folsom Lake

Leaders: Sandra Steurer and Sue Darst

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Sue: 530-902-3427, sue.darst51@gmail.com

This is a great spot for family members of all ages and early May is a good time to find a nice variety of birds. Join Sandra and Sue on a 1 to 2 mile walk in the oak woodlands with views of the lake. Recently, in addition to expected species, specialty birds such as Phainopepla, Rock Wrens, and Rufous-crowned Sparrow have been found. The trip will end before noon. Meet in the parking lot of the Beals Point unit of the Folsom Lake State Recreation Area (turn left as you enter the parking lot, to park near the first row). The entrance to Beals Point is on Oak Hill Drive off Auburn-Folsom Rd, about 2 miles south of Douglas Blvd and about 3 miles north of Greenback Lane. The entrance fee is \$12 per car, or you may use a state (not county) park pass.

Saturday, May 18, 6am

Mosquito Ridge Rd., Placer County

Leader: Scott Hoppe, 916-835-8471

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Join Scott for this early season trip into the lower to mid-elevation Sierra. While seemingly a bit early for this area, Scott has found it very productive in this time period. Previous trips have found 6 species of woodpecker including Pileated and White-headed, Olive-sided and Hammond's Flycatcher, Pacific and Canyon Wrens and several warbler species. Plan for an all day trip. Bring lunch and liquids. We will be walking 1-2 miles over moderate terrain. Meet Scott

at 6am at the Horseshoe Bar Road Park & Ride in Loomis, Exit 110 off I-80. FRS radios are helpful on this trip, so bring them if you have them.

Saturday, May 18, 10:30am
Effie Yeaw Family Nature Walk

Join Audubon birding leaders Craig DeMartini and Dan Williams and Nature Center docents for a family friendly nature walk at the Effie Yeaw Nature Center in Carmichael. Acorn Woodpeckers, Wild Turkeys, and other resident birds such as towhees and Bushtits will be active. Reservations are not needed, families can simply show up and enjoy a one-hour walk in the lovely Nature Area with naturalists/birders who know the area and enjoy sharing their knowledge. For directions, see sacnaturecenter.net.

Sunday, May 19, 7:30am
Del Paso Regional Park
Leader: Maureen Geiger, 916-281-6652
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This large, little known park is tucked into the confluence of I-80, Bus. 80, and the Auburn Boulevard exit. Its lush riparian habitat along Arcade Creek is definitely worth exploring, so join Maureen for a morning walk and see which species are present this time of year. Besides the plentiful resident Acorn Woodpeckers, Yellow-billed Magpies, turkeys and peacocks, there should be plenty of spring migrants to be found in this overlooked urban oasis. This will be an easy, 2-mile walk ending mid-morning. Parking is on Norris Avenue south of Auburn Boulevard. From the intersection of Watt Avenue and Auburn Boulevard, go east on Auburn and park on Norris Avenue.

Thursday, May 23, 8am
Willow Creek Trail, Folsom
Leader: Susan Thrower, 469-231-5418
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Join Susan for a leisurely walk along Willow Creek Trail in Folsom; a shaded riparian portion of the trail with some wetland areas. Meet at 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. This trip will end mid-morning.

Saturday, May 25, 7 am
Sacramento Bar
Leader: Darrell Mohr, 916-225-3999
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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. From Highway 50, drive north on Sunrise Blvd.; turn left on Fair Oaks Blvd. and take the first left on Pennsylvania. A Sac County Park Pass or \$5 entry fee is required for all vehicles.

Sunday, May 26, 6am
Sierra Valley
Leader: Scott Hoppe, 916-835-8471
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The month of May can be a peak time for viewing breeding birds in Sierra Valley. This gem of the Sierras is unique in that it has characteristics of the Eastern Sierra and the Great Basin, yet

is part of the western drainage. The Feather River flows out of the northwestern corner of Sierra Valley, through the Sierras and into the central valley, where it joins the Sacramento River. We will stop on the way at Kyburz Flat to look for nesting Mountain Bluebirds and other montane species, and Sandhill Cranes are possible here as well. Birding will be done mostly by car, with numerous stops along the way. Bring lunch and water, and dress for changeable weather. Meet Scott at 6am at the Horseshoe Bar Road Park & Ride in Loomis, Exit 110 off I-80. FRS radios are helpful on this trip, so bring them if you have them.

Friday, May 31, 8am

Glenn Hall Park, Paradise Beach

Leader: Mark Sawyer, 916-968-1661

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Join Mark for a morning bird walk along the levee and willow covered sand bars of the American River. Mark will be looking for returning breeding birds and migrating warblers and vireos. From H Street, (north side of Sac State University), take Carlson Ave north till it crosses Sandburg and dead ends into the park.

Saturday, June 1, 6:30am

Northern California River Walks

Leader: Jane Taylor, 916-587-3366

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Depending on conditions, we will try a riparian walk to look for late-spring birds and other critters. If it is not too hot, we can visit one or two sites along the Sacramento River but move up-slope if it is too hot down in the valley. Please be prepared for park or parking fees and bring liquids and snacks or lunch to get you through to early afternoon. Plan to meet at the Park & Ride near Brookfield's Restaurant 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. FRS radios may be helpful while en route.

Sunday, June 2, 7am

Crystal Basin

Leaders: Phyllis Wilburn, 530-642-9942, abirder@aol.com

Maureen Geiger, 916-281-6652, mkgeiger@comcast.net

This trip will visit a variety of sites along Icehouse Road and side roads, looking for Lazuli Bunting, Green-tailed Towhee, Mountain Bluebird, warblers and vireos, and other birds of the area, including Calliope Hummingbird. Beautiful wildflowers may also be in bloom. Bring lunch, liquids, and footwear suitable for hiking. Walking distance will not be more than 1/2 mile. Both beginners and experienced birders are welcome. Meet Ann at the Bella Bru 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. You can also meet Phyllis at 8 am in the Crystal Basin area. Take Hwy 50 to the Riverton Rd. (Crystal Basin) turnoff. Turn left and drive a short distance to the large pullout on the left side of the road.

Thursday, June 6, 8am

Bannister Park to Sacramento Bar

Leader: Stan Hunter, 530-902-8462

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On this morning walk through the woods to 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. Meet Stan in the

parking lot at the end of Bannister Road, south off Fair Oaks Blvd., west of Sunrise Blvd.

Family Friendly Trip

Saturday, June 8, 10:30am

Hagan Park, Rancho Cordova

Leader: Sheila Green, 916-813-1470

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Join Sheila at the duck pond at Hagan Park in Rancho Cordova for a bird walk geared towards children, families and beginners. Bring water and snacks and dress in layers for variable weather. We will see birds in urban, park and riparian (river) habitats. Hagan Park, 2197 Chase Drive, Rancho Cordova, is near Hwy 50 and the Mather exit. Meet at the duck pond near the free parking area on the right just before the park entry kiosk.

Sunday, June 9, 7:30am

Mather Field

Leader: Wayne Blunk, 916-206-3767

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Mather Lake is one of Wayne's favorite birding locations. Join him to look for a nice variety of resident birds. Targeted birds will be Yellow-headed Blackbirds, Black-headed Grosbeaks, White-tailed Kites, Wild Turkey and Green Heron. Meet Wayne in the parking lot of Mather Regional Park; from Douglas Road turn south on Zinfandel Dr. the turn left into the park for this morning trip. This is a wonderful trip for beginning birders. Parking is \$5.00; your Sac County Park Pass is good here.