

Field Trips, June 12 through July 11, 2019. Scheduler: Dan Brown, naturestoc@aol.com, 916-704-0951

**Wednesday, June 12, 7am
Estates Drive American River access
Leader: Craig DeMartini, 916-599-3300
cloudwalk7@icloud.com**

We hope to get an early start on the day, as it could get hot. This area is a great example of established riparian habitat. The American River meanders, creating islands and ponds where we will look for Wood Ducks, herons, egrets, and kingfishers. Further inland there are several very old Valley Oaks along a trail that has been referred to as the Avenue of Giants, where we will look for towhees, wrens and nuthatches. From Watt Ave. take American River Drive east to Estates Dr. Turn south on Estates and follow until it dead-ends at the levee.

**Saturday, June 15, 7am
Stevens Trail, near Colfax
Leader, Ben Graber, 916-844-8682
bgraber984@gmail.com**

Join Ben for this trip to one of his favorite birding spots. He has seen Lazuli Buntings, Cassin's Vireos, Black-headed Grosbeaks and Canyon Wrens along the trail. This is a strenuous 8 mile round trip hike down to the American River, 4 miles down and 4 miles up, which is a 1400 foot elevation gain. Be sure to wear good walking or hiking shoes and bring liquids and snacks. This will be a half day trip. 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.

**Thursday, June 20, 7:30 a.m.
Lynch Canyon, Solano County
Leaders: Maureen Geiger, 916-281-6652 and
Ken Poerner, 707-580-6277
mkgeiger@comcast.net
kenpoe@sbcglobal.net**

This beautiful, 1,039-acre park just off I-80 in Solano County consists of rolling hills with stands of native oak, buckeye and bay trees, small riparian corridors, panoramic vistas and, of course, wildflowers in June. Maureen and Ken will look for summer swallows, bluebirds and other song birds as well as resident harriers, hawks, woodpeckers, quail and ducks and shorebirds at the reservoir. Golden Eagles are regular visitors and are believed to nest in the upper reaches of the Canyon. This trip involves walking several miles on an easy trail and will end late morning. Please note: this area can be much colder, wetter, foggier and windier than Sacramento, so dressing in layers is recommended. Meet at the Mace Blvd. Park & Ride at 7:30am. 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. To meet at Lynch Canyon by 8:30, from Sacramento take I-80 West. After Fairfield exits, take the Red Top Road exit #39A. Go south (left) under the underpass. In less than 0.1 mile, turn right on McGary Road (frontage road that parallels I-80). Follow McGary Road for 1.8 miles. Turn right on Lynch Road, go under the I-80 underpass, and proceed through the gate at the end of the cul-de-sac to the gravel parking lot. There is a \$5 parking fee.

Saturday, June 22, 7:30am
Indian Grinding Rocks State Park
Leader: Cliff Hawley, 916-300-2495
yellowhammerCA@gmail.com

Join Cliff for a day of birding at this State Park. The birdlife varies depending on the season, but many species are seen year round, including Turkey Vultures, Scrub and Steller's Jays, California Quail, Acorn and Hairy Woodpeckers, Northern Flickers, Hermit Thrushes, Wild Turkeys (non-native), and California Thrashers. In summer, the bright colors of the Western Tanager, Northern Oriole, Calliope and Anna's Hummingbirds can be seen in the woods around the meadow. A bird list is available at the museum. Meet at the Starbucks parking area in the College Greens Shopping Center in the 8300 block of Folsom Blvd (near Florin-Perkins, between Watt and Howe) at 7:30am. Trip goes till 2 or 3pm so bring water and lunch. Some light to moderate walking.

Sunday, June 23, 7:30am
William Pond Park
Leader: Larry Hickey, 415-305-0651
Larryhickey1@gmail.com

Meet Larry along the first parking area just past the entrance kiosk for this morning walk looking for summer and year round resident birds. Along the river mergansers, 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 an excellent trip for beginners.

Tuesday, June 25th, 7am
Granite Springs Road and Crystal Basin
Leaders: Tim Fitzer, 916-870-5207 spkua2@comcast.net
Ann Burris, 916-947-7573 burris.nellieann@gmail.com

Join Tim and Ann for a full day of fun and birding. We will start by driving Granite Springs Road, then head into Crystal Basin for the remainder of the trip. We hope to find flycatchers, MacGillivray's Warblers, woodpeckers, Mountain Bluebirds and Calliope Hummingbird. If we are lucky, we will find Mountain Quail with young. The trip will last into the afternoon so bring liquids, lunch, snacks and warm clothes in case of chilly weather. Please bring FRS Radios if you have them. 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 right. We will leave promptly at 7am.

Saturday, June 29, 6:15am
Kennedy Park, Napa
Leaders: Daniel and Pam Thompson, 916-799-1093
keiran247@hotmail.com
Coordinator: Scott Hoppe, 916-835-8471
shoppe01@surewest.net

Join Daniel and Pam for a mild one mile walk around Kennedy Park in Napa. The park is situated on the Napa River and provides a number of different habitats for bird viewing. With the river, the pond, riparian, and swamp habitats we're likely to see a good selection of birds. In the past we've even heard Black Rail out in the swamps, but it's not a guarantee. The walk will last until about noon. So bring walking shoes/boots, snacks/lunch and lots to drink. There are two places you can meet. Scott Hoppe will be gathering the group at the West Sacramento

Park & Ride at 6:15am. From Sacramento, take the West Capitol Avenue, Exit #81, turn left at the light, and then left again into the Park & Ride lot. If you would prefer to meet the group in Fairfield, please contact Dan or Pam for the meeting place and time.

Sunday, June 30, 7:30am

Ancil Hoffman Park

Leader: Mark Martucci, 916-833-6722

matuchbirdman@yahoo.com

Mark will be looking for nesting and fledgling birds, and maybe something unexpected will turn up. This will be a 2 to 4 hour walk. Meet Mark in the picnic parking lot across from the golf course parking lot. From California Ave in Fair Oaks, take the Tarshes Drive entrance and follow it all the way to the last parking lot on your left. A SAC County Park Pass or \$5 entry fee is required for all vehicles.

Saturday, July 6, 6am

Loney Meadow

Leader: Scott Hoppe, 916-835-8471

shoppe01@surewest.net

Come join Scott at this beautiful mountain meadow north of Grouse Ridge near Bowman Lake at about 6000' elevation. The area can have some excellent birding. Scott has seen 8 species of woodpecker there (including Pileated, Black-backed and Williamson's Sapsucker); also Townsend's Solitaire, Calliope Hummingbird, Willow Flycatcher, 7 species of warbler and previous trips have produced Bald Eagles. We will be hiking about 2-3 miles over mostly level terrain, however, there is one short, fairly steep incline, and a creek crossing on stepping stones. Meet Scott at 6am at the Horseshoe Bar Road Park and Ride in Loomis, Exit 110 off I-80. The meadow is about an hour and half 's drive from there. Bring water and lunch or a snack.

Sunday, July 7, 7:30am

Mather Lake

Leader: Wayne Blunk, 916-206-3767.

Wayne.Blunk@gmail.com

Mather Lake is one of Wayne's favorite birding locations, and he usually turns up quite a list of bird species. Join him to look for a nice variety of resident and migrant birds. Possibilities include White-tailed Kites, California Quail, American Bittern, Green Heron and Common Yellowthroat. 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 \$8 (holiday charge) entry fee is required for all vehicles.

Thursday, July 11, 7am

Sailor Bar, American River Parkway

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, just before the boat launch parking area. A Sac County Park Pass or \$5 entry fee is required for all vehicles.

