

**Field Trips, Aug. 12 through Sept 11, 2019. Scheduler Scott Hoppe,
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Tuesday, August 13, 7:00am

UC Davis Arboretum

Leader: Maureen Geiger, 916-281-6642

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August can be quiet in the valley for birds, but the UC Davis Arboretum is a great, mostly shady place for a walk on a summer morning. Join Maureen on this 2-3 mile loop trail to see what can be found along the mostly shaded waterway. Close-up looks at residents such as Wood Ducks, Double-crested Cormorants and Green Herons are rewarding, and early migrants might also be found. From I-80, take Richards Boulevard/Downtown Davis exit. After the underpass, turn left at the light onto First Street, then left at the next light into the shopping center parking lot. Park at the far right back corner.

Saturday, August 17, 12 noon till sunset

Common Nighthawks at sunset, Yuba Gap

Leader: Dan Brown, 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 sundown 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 your 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 18, 7am

Putah Creek Reserve

Leader: Mark Martucci, 916-833-6722

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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 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.

Tuesday, August 20, 7am Sharp!

Wrights Lake

Leaders: Tim Fitzer & Ann Burris

Tim: 916-870-5207, spskua2@comcast.net

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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 in front 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.

Saturday, August 24, 6:30am
Napa-Sonoma Marshes Wildlife Area
Leader: Scott Hoppe, 916-835-8471
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This Wildlife Area encompasses a large swath of land north of San Pablo Bay. Shorebirds and other water birds should be in abundance, and there is often a surprise rarity or two. 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 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.

Sunday, August 25, 7am
Sailor Bar
Leader: Darrell Mohr, 916-225-3999
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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, near the boat launch area. A Sac County Park Pass or \$5 entry fee is required for all vehicles.

Monday, August 26, 7am
Ancil Hoffman Park
Leader: Mark Sawyer, 916-968-1661
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Mark will be looking for early fall migrants, as well as remaining summering birds and residents. This will be a 2 to 4 hour walk. Meet 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, August 31, 6:30am
Alpine County
Leader: Jane Taylor, 916-587-3366
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Plan on a series of short walks in coniferous forest, sagebrush, lakeshore and riparian habitats. We will look for a number of bird species, both resident and migrant, including passerines, woodpeckers, waterfowl and raptors. A visit to nearby Douglas County may have promise. Please bring your FRS radios 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 right.

Sunday, September 1, 7am
Fall Migration Wild Card
Leader: Scott Hoppe, 916-835-8471
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Join Scott for this exciting trip seeking fall migrants. But, there is a twist. The locations will be unknown until you arrive at the meeting place, and may include something local or something a little farther afield. Scott will be checking conditions and posts to see where activity has been best. The trip could include some riparian areas for passerines and some wetlands for water birds. Bring lunch and/or snacks and liquids. 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.

Thursday, September 5, 7am

Riverbend Park

Leader: Cathie LaZier, 916-502-2699

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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. Meet in the first parking lot on your right as you enter the park. A Sac County Park Pass or \$5 entry fee is required for all vehicles.

Saturday, September 7, 6:30am

Point Reyes

Leader: Chris Conard, 916-203-1610

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Birding Point Reyes can be very productive this time of year, for both regular migrants and more uncommon birds. Chris is an expert birder who can sort out that confusing fall warbler. 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.

Sunday, September 8, 8am

Sacramento Bar

Leader: Paul Cordero, 916-454-4061

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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 and follow it into the park. A Sac County Park Pass or \$5 entry fee is required for all vehicles.

Wednesday, September 11, 7:30am

Ancil Hoffman Park Fall Migration

Leader: Mark Martucci, 916-833-6722

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Mark will be looking for fall migrants, as well as returning wintering birds, and maybe something unexpected may turn up. This will be a 2 to 4 hour walk. Meet 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.