

## Resources

Web addresses change frequently. If the address does not work, enter the organization's name into your favorite search engine (Google, etc.).

### **Audubon Chapters and Bird Clubs**

Sacramento Audubon Society: [sacramentoaudubon.org](http://sacramentoaudubon.org)

Field trips, programs, conservation, Christmas Bird Counts, an interactive map to birding sites, membership and more.

Napa-Solano Audubon Society: [napasolanoaudubon.com](http://napasolanoaudubon.com)

San Joaquin Audubon Society: [sanjoaquinaudubon.org](http://sanjoaquinaudubon.org)

Sierra Foothill Audubon Society: [sierrafoothillsaudubon.com](http://sierrafoothillsaudubon.com)

Yolo Audubon Society: [yoloaudubon.org](http://yoloaudubon.org)

Audubon California: [ca.audubon.org](http://ca.audubon.org)

Central Valley Bird Club: [cvbirds.org](http://cvbirds.org)

### **Birding Guides, Listservs and Rare Bird Alerts**

Central Valley Birds: [groups.yahoo.com/group/central\\_valley\\_birds](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/central_valley_birds)

Daily reports of rare and uncommon species.

Sacramento Birds: [groups.yahoo.com/group/sacramento\\_birds](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/sacramento_birds)

Local reports, help with identification, etc.

Sialia.com: A listing of all public birding lists in California.

Birding in Placer County: [placebirding.com](http://placebirding.com)

Birding in Yolo County: <http://www.tertia.us/yolobirds/yolo.html>

Northern California Bird Box: (415) 681-7422 Daily reports of rare birds.

### **Additional Web sites**

All About Birds: [birds.cornell.edu/AllAboutBirds](http://birds.cornell.edu/AllAboutBirds) Online field guide, recordings, biological and conservation information.

American River Natural History Association: [araha.org](http://araha.org)

American River Parkway: [www.sacparks.net/our-parks/american-river-parkway](http://www.sacparks.net/our-parks/american-river-parkway)

American River Parkway Foundation: [arpf.org](http://arpf.org)

Birds of North America: [bna.birds.cornell.edu/bna](http://bna.birds.cornell.edu/bna) Comprehensive

reference of North American Birds. Subscription required.

Current list of birds recorded in California: [wfo-cbrc.org/cbrc](http://wfo-cbrc.org/cbrc)

Christmas Bird Counts in California: [natureali.org/cbcs.htm](http://natureali.org/cbcs.htm)

Cosumnes River Preserve: [cosumnes.org](http://cosumnes.org)

eBird: [ebird.org](http://ebird.org) Enter your sightings for permanent archiving, and

add to the knowledge of bird populations.

Joe Morlan's California Birding Pages: [fog.ccsf.cc.ca.us/~jmorlan](http://fog.ccsf.cc.ca.us/~jmorlan)

Chock-full of California birding information.

Middle Mountain Foundation (Sutter Buttes): [middlemountain.org](http://middlemountain.org)

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Yolo Basin Foundation: [yolobasin.org](http://yolobasin.org)

### **Injured or Orphaned Wildlife**

Sacramento Wildlife Care Association: [wildlifecareassociation.org](http://wildlifecareassociation.org) or (916) 965-9453.

### **Local Conservation Organizations**

Burrowing Owl Preservation Society: [burrowingowlpreservation.org](http://burrowingowlpreservation.org)  
California Native Plant Society, Sacramento Valley Chapter: [sacvalleycnps.org](http://sacvalleycnps.org)

Environmental Council of Sacramento: [ecosacramento.net](http://ecosacramento.net)

A council of 18 community organizations.

Friends of the Swainson's Hawk: [swainsonshawk.org](http://swainsonshawk.org)

Mother Lode Chapter, Sierra Club: [motherlode.sierraclub.org](http://motherlode.sierraclub.org)

Sacramento Valley Conservancy: [sacramentovalleyconservancy.org](http://sacramentovalleyconservancy.org)

Save our Sandhill Cranes: [soscranes.org](http://soscranes.org)

Save the American River Association: [saratriverwatch.org](http://saratriverwatch.org)

**Checklists:** Which birds to expect, their relative abundance, and the time of year you should expect to see them.

*Checklist of the Birds of the Sacramento Area*, Sacramento Audubon Society, 1998 (in revision). Available from the Sacramento Audubon Society at monthly meetings ([sacramentoaudubon.org](http://sacramentoaudubon.org)).

*Checklist of the Birds of Yolo County, California*, Yolo Audubon Society, 2004.

*Birds of the Cosumnes River Preserve*, 3<sup>rd</sup> revision, 2001. Available at the Cosumnes River Preserve visitor center.

### **Books**

**Regional Guides:** *Birding In and Around San Joaquin County*, San Joaquin Audubon Society, 2002 ([sanjoaquinaudubon.org](http://sanjoaquinaudubon.org)).

**Field Guides:** The two most popular and useful field guides are *Field Guide to the Birds of North America* (National Geographic Society, 5<sup>th</sup> ed., 2006) and *The Sibley Guide to Birds* (Sibley, 2000). Sibley also has a guide that covers only Western North America (2003). Currently, there are no regional or state guides that can take the place of these volumes.

**General Birding:** *Sibley's Birding Basics* (2002) and *The Sibley Guide to Bird Life and Behavior* (2001) are quite helpful, as are *Lives of North American Birds* (Kaufman, 1996) and *Pete Dunne's Essential Field*

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*Guide Companion* (2006). Several volumes treat single families or bird groups. Among the most helpful are *Raptors of Western North America* (Wheeler, 2003), *The Shorebird Guide* (O'Brien, Crossley, and Karlson, 2006), *Gulls of the Americas* (Howell and Dunn, 2007), *Hummingbirds of North America* (Howell, 2002), *Warblers* (Dunn and Garrett, 1997), and *Sparrows of the United States and Canada* (Beadle and Rising, 2002).

The three-CD *Bird Songs of California* (Keller, 2003) by Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology is highly recommended, with extended tracks of song variations and call notes.

**Natural History:** The University of California Press (ucpress.edu) has a number of guides that are very helpful to birders trying to branch out into other aspects of natural history. They include *California Mammals* (Jameson and Peeters, 2004), *Dragonflies and Damselflies of California* (Manolis, 2003), *Field Guide to Butterflies of the San Francisco Bay and Sacramento Valley Regions* (Shapiro and Manolis, 2007), and *Inland Fishes of California* (Moyle, 2002). *Western Reptiles and Amphibians*, (Stebbins, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed., 2003), a Peterson Field Guide, is also very good.

*The Outdoor World of the Sacramento Region* (The American River Natural History Association, Revised, Expanded Edition, 2004) is a wonderful guide for the local naturalist, with information on many facets of local natural history.

In the interest of space, additional publications and Web sites are listed within the appropriate chapters of this book.

## Annual Events

**Galt Winter Bird Festival:** A new event in January highlighting birds and habitat in the Galt area. Tours focus on Sandhill Cranes, waterfowl, and the Cosumnes River Preserve, plus exhibitors and speakers (ci:galt.ca.us/site).

**Duck Days:** A wetlands festival held in February. Hosted by the Yolo Basin Foundation, activities include tours, workshops, and activities for children. (530) 757-3780 or yolobasin.org. Check their Web site for additional events.

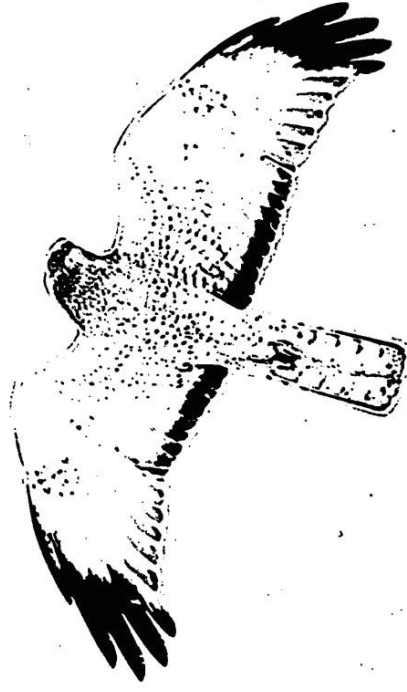
**The Annual Bird and Breakfast** is held in March at the Effie Yeaw Nature Center as a fundraiser for the American River Natural History Association. Morning walks guided by Audubon leaders give great views of nesting species. The following breakfast provides an opportunity for groups to compare sightings. Reservations required: (916) 489-4918.

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**Walk on the Wildside** is a free event held in May, with tours of the Stone Lakes National Wildlife Refuge and the Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District Bufferlands, plus exhibitors, wildlife and habitat talks, and music (fws.gov/stonelakes/wow.htm).

**The Lodi Crane Festival** was established to increase public awareness of the magnificent Sandhill Cranes, as well as waterfowl and shorebirds that winter in the Lodi area. The festival is held the first weekend in November. Activities include more than 50 field trips and guided tours, music, art exhibits, and talks by bird enthusiasts and avian experts. Tours are offered on land and water for novices and experts, families and photographers. (209) 367-7840 or lodichamber.com.

**The Central Valley Birding Symposium** is held on the weekend before Thanksgiving. There are activities to interest beginners and serious, scientifically-grounded birders: lectures, workshops, and field trips to some of the Valley's best locations. Hosted by the Central Valley Bird Club. Membership in the club is included with registration, and benefits include the club's excellent quarterly bulletin (cvbs.org).



**Christmas Bird Counts:** Birders of all skill levels are invited to participate in what is perhaps the longest-running wildlife survey program in the world—dating back to 1900. Teams cover a 15-mile count circle, recording every bird. The Sacramento Audubon Society sponsors three counts: Sacramento, which dates back to 1949, Folsom, and Woodfords. Counts are run between December 14 and January 5. For maps of these counts and information on other counts in the Sacramento region: sacramentoaudubon.org. Statewide: natureali.org/cbcs.htm.