



# The *OBSE*RVER

Sacramento Audubon Society

## General Meeting

**Thursday, October 21**  
**Shepard Garden and Art Center**  
**7:30pm General Meeting**  
**It's All About Birds!**

Ed Harper is returning this year with a new program entitled "It's All About Birds!" Ed will be sharing his passions for birding and photography in a program that promises to not only be interesting and informative, but also to be photographically pleasing.

True to its title, the program will be a potpourri of bird slides illustrating some of his favorite bird families (shorebirds, warblers, and sparrows), as well as some ID tips, informative natural history, and relevant bird distribution facts. Although there will be some tantalizing looks at birds beyond our borders, you won't want to miss the many delightful depictions of our local birds.

Ed has birded every continent and has thousands of images to choose from to create an evening for you that you won't want to miss.

Be sure to stay for a social time after the meeting and the opportunity to visit with Ed.

Sally Riggs, Program Chair

Sacramento Audubon meetings are held the third Thursday of the month at the Shepard Garden and Art Center, 3330 McKinley Blvd., in McKinley Park. The public is welcome. Visit our website [www.sacramentoaudubon.org](http://www.sacramentoaudubon.org) for further information.

## Early Fall at Bobelaine

As of this writing we have survived the fire season in good shape. Thanks to all those who visit the sanctuary and follow the rules regarding no smoking or fires of any kind in the sanctuary or parking/picnic areas. The fall birds are arriving and are adding their chatter to the natural sounds found within the sanctuary. Due to the continued hot weather, come early and enjoy nature. Bring a friend, create interest in nature and perhaps change a life.

Bill Clark, Co-Manager

## Get out the Vote. Make Your Voice Heard!

"I can't waste time on politics!"

If this sounds like you, think again! All the time you spend writing letters, attending meetings, even testifying before boards and committees is of little value if you've let the wrong people be elected to office.

NOW is really the critical time! Find out where the candidates stand on the issues that are important to you, then vote for the ones who'll be on your side! Work for them, donate to them, help in any way you can.

As someone said of war and generals, politics is too important to be entrusted to politicians!



Daniel Kilby

### Mission Statement Sacramento Audubon Society

As a Chapter of the National Audubon Society, we will focus on conservation and environmental education to ensure that the Sacramento region's natural ecosystems and diverse bird populations are preserved, restored, and made available for study and enjoyment.

## Entertainment Books

Sacramento Audubon is again benefitting from the sale of Entertainment Books. The books offer money saving coupons for many area restaurants and reduced price coupons for area activities. They will be available for \$40 at all the General Meetings. They can also be found at Wild Bird stores in Folsom and at Quail Pointe and at Wild Birds Unlimited in Loehman's Plaza. For further information or store directions please call Tim Fitzer at 961-5871 or 870-5207 (cell). He can also arrange to have you pick one up if you're in the downtown area. All proceeds go to Sacramento Audubon Society.

# Field Trip Findings

**Goethe Park (9/12)**—Leader Cathie LaZier reported: End of summer birding at Goethe was fairly quiet, but we had quick looks at Western Tanagers and Yellow Warblers, and great looks at a very cooperative male Wilson's Warbler. Two Downy Woodpeckers, possibly mom and a big kid, put on a frenetic display in the oaks. Vinegar Weed was in full bloom and with a hand lens we checked out what "Outdoor World of the Sacramento Region" described as "fantastic" blossoms.

**Cosumnes River Preserve (9/11)**—Leader John Schick reported: We had many good looks at migrants, including Warbling Vireo, Cassin's Vireo, Western Wood-Pewee, and Wilson's, Yellow, Black-throated Gray and Orange-crowned Warblers. We had our first cranes of the fall/summer season-five in the air and more will likely be around soon.

**Evening Beaver Walk (9/10)**—Besides four beavers and a muskrat, leader Jack Hiehle's parkway walk produced Yellow Warbler, Wood Duck, Great Horned Owl, California Quail, Downy Woodpecker, Bewick's Wren, White-tailed Kite, and Belted Kingfisher.

**Yolo Basin Wildlife Area (9/5)**—Despite hot weather, 29 birders joined this evening trip and were rewarded with looks at many Yellow-headed Blackbirds, White-faced Ibises coming in to roost, and a female Ruddy Duck with 5 chicks. Also, Least Sandpipers, Long-billed Dowitchers and Caspian Terns. Leader Maureen Geiger said that on the way out, the group saw three owls, one a Barn Owl for sure and others probably also Barn.

**Point Reyes (9/4)**—Thirty people, including a couple visiting from New Jersey, joined leader Chris Conard and found a nice mix of migrant songbirds at Five Brooks and excellent waterbirds at Abbott's Lagoon. Water birds

included two Black Skimmers, Caspian and Elegant Terns, and good numbers of shorebirds. "A Hudsonian Godwit, very rare in California, and a Baird's Sandpiper were seen by members of the group who hiked to the far end of the lagoon," Chris said. "An adult Snowy Plover on the beach with three to four chicks was seen by others. And a weasel, probably Longtail, was seen near the Lagoon parking lot".

**Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District Bufferlands (8/29)**—The best bird was a very cooperative Lincoln's Sparrow, leader Chris Conard's first-ever Bufferlands August record for the species. They usually arrive between Sept. 10 and 15. Otherwise, there were many migrating songbirds: Willow Flycatcher, "Western" Flycatcher, Western Kingbird, Orange-crowned Warbler, Townsend's Warbler, MacGillivray's Warbler, Wilson's Warbler, Western Tanager, Black-headed Grosbeak and Lazuli Bunting. A Black-crowned Night-Heron was a first for over a month and several flocks of Ibises far to the west were flying south.

**Bodega Bay (8/28)** On an unusually warm day on the coast, leader Andi Salmi's group enjoyed great views of a flock of Red Knots, a Hermit Warbler, Surfbirds and a Virginia Rail.

**Lake Tahoe (8/21)**—"Joe Ceriani said his favorite bird was a Nashville Warbler, while mine was a twirling Red-necked Phalarope at Tahoe Keys," leader Nancy Bittner reported. At the Taylor Creek Stream Profile, a Red-breasted Sapsucker perched for 9-10 minutes.

Black-billed Magpies were present in numbers as the group listed 37 species on a beautiful sunny day.

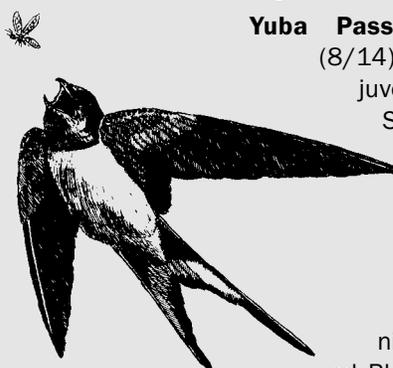
**Tall Forest, Cosumnes Preserve (8/21)** The August Tall Forest bird survey was fairly unremarkable, but worth noting were the fly-over of an adult Peregrine Falcon (different from the Peregrine seen earlier in the week) and two Nashville Warblers. Leader John Trochet said these warblers are much more common at Cosumnes in the spring and are more regular at other sites in the lower Sacramento Valley in the fall.

**Evening Beaver Walk (8/17)**—According to the Sacramento Area Checklist, you're lucky to see a Lesser Nighthawk on 1 to 9 percent of trips. But leader Jack Hiehle's group saw the bird on the parkway near Rio Americano High School. They also saw Caspian Tern, Great Horned Owl, Pied-billed Grebe and Belted Kingfisher, along with 4 Beavers.

**Yuba Pass and Sierra Valley (8/14)**—Highlights included juvenile Virginia Rail and Sora, Sandhill Cranes, Band-tailed Pigeons, Williamson's and Red-breasted Sapsuckers, Sage Thrashers, several species of warblers and sparrows, and a nice flock of Yellow-headed Blackbirds. "An interesting array of eclipse and half-grown ducks strained our identification skills," leader Chris Conard said.

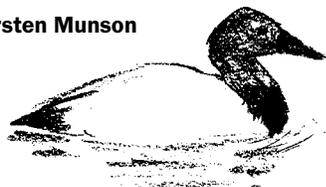
**Correction:** After her 8/1 Yolo Basin Wildlife Area trip, leader Maureen Geiger reported that her group had seen quite a few Semipalmated Plovers. In the September Observer I managed miraculously to transform them into Semipalmated Sandpipers. Sorry, Maureen.

**Pete Hayes**



**Stephen D'Amato**

**Kirsten Munson**



## Membership Information

Please do not send checks for membership renewal to the Sacramento Audubon Society P.O. Box. Doing so makes more work for the membership chair and whoever picks up the mail and delays your check reaching me. The mail at our home goes inside to a secure place and does not sit in an outside mailbox. Please return the renewal notice that is sent to you along with your check. It makes my job much easier. Thank you for your help in this.

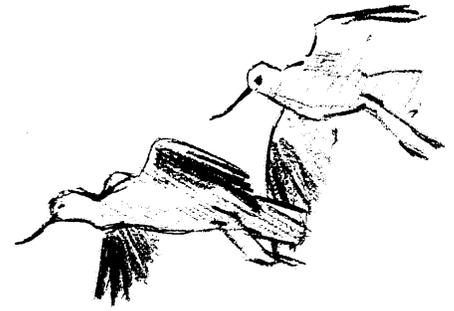
*Jan Clark, Membership Chair*

# Field Trips

## Field Trip Information

For questions regarding the trip or checking the status of the trip in case of unfavorable weather conditions, please call the trip leader first. If he/she cannot be reached, call the scheduler Cathie LaZier, 457-6882, or e-mail [empid@sbcglobal.net](mailto:empid@sbcglobal.net) for trips through October 10. For trips from October 14 through November call the scheduler Joe Ceriani, 922-0768.

Plan to pool cars and share gas expenses with the driver. Walkie-talkies can be helpful on non-local trips. Groups must make prior arrangements with the trip leader.



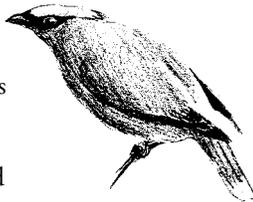
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### **Sunday, October 3, 8am Goethe Park Morning Walk Leader: Cathie LaZier 457-6882 [empid@sbcglobal.net](mailto:empid@sbcglobal.net)**

On this morning walk we'll be looking for early winter returnees, such as sparrows, Ruby-crowned Kinglets, Hermit Thrushes and Yellow-Rumped Warblers. Trip will end before noon. This is a good trip for beginners. Meet Cathie at the first parking lot on the right past the kiosk. There is a \$4 per car entrance fee. If you wish, you can meet Cathie at the corner of Rod Beaudry Drive and Folsom Blvd. at 7:50am to carpool into the park.

### **Saturday, October 9, 8:30am-1:30pm Bufferlands Habitat Restoration Workshop**

Are you interested in Habitat Restoration? If you are a student, volunteer, consultant, professional restorationist, or would just like to learn more about this critical aspect of conservation, we invite you to participate in the Bufferlands Habitat Restoration Workshop. In 1990, the Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District (SRCSD) began numerous ongoing habitat restoration projects on its 2,650-acre Bufferlands. Over the years, the natural resource staff has applied and developed many techniques that have led to successful projects. This workshop will draw from over ten



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years of onsite restoration experience. You will see the restoration sites up-close as we discuss how the projects were implemented, what worked, and how we addressed challenges. We will walk through a portion of the Upper Beach Lake project and discuss

several sites and management strategies. We will focus on field techniques for riparian forest restoration, grassland restoration, and seasonal wetland management. There will be many opportunities to ask questions. Space is limited, so sign-up in advance. For more information, call 875-9309 ext. 1, or e-mail: [conardc@saccounty.net](mailto:conardc@saccounty.net).

### **Sunday, October 10, 6:30am Coastal Trip Leader: Tim Fitzer 961-5871 [spskua@aol.com](mailto:spskua@aol.com)**

Where the birds are! That's where Tim will take you on this full day of coastal birding. It may be Bodega Bay, or Point Reyes, or ???, so call Tim shortly before the trip for an alternate meeting place. Bring lunch, liquids, and layered clothing for those coastal breezes, and meet Tim for an EARLY start at 6:30am at the Park & Ride in West Sacramento. From Sacramento take the West Capitol Ave. exit off I-80; turn left at the stop light, then left into the Park & Ride. Bring a scope if you have one. Gulls, loons, scoters, turnstones, peeps, and larger shorebirds should all be present and Tim will be looking for any unusual migrants.

### **Thursday, October 14, 8am-Noon Bannister Park Leader: Jack Hiehle 967-0777**

Explore another beautiful area along the American River. As always, you can learn much about the local history as well as nature, when you take a walk with Jack. Meet in the parking lot at the south end of Bannister Road, next to Waldorf School entrance.

### **Saturday, October 16, 7am East Slope Of Sierra For Birds, Fish And Fall Color Leaders: Bill Hart (530) 694-2474 Joe Ceriani 922-0768**

Meet Joe at the north end of the Raley's parking lot on El Dorado Hills Blvd. off Highway 50. We will drive up to Lake Tahoe and meet Bill at the U. S. Forest Service Visitor Center parking lot off Highway 89, west of Camp Richardson. We will be looking for the spawning Kokanee salmon. Bill will then suggest where we can go to see more birds and fall color.

### **Sunday, October 17, 9am Calaveras Big Trees State Park Leader: Cathie LaZier 457-6882 [empid@sbcglobal.net](mailto:empid@sbcglobal.net)**

Meet Cathie in the large parking lot on the left, past the entrance kiosk of Calaveras Big Trees, at 9am. This park is about a two hour drive from Sacramento; call or e-mail Cathie by Friday Oct 15th, if you need directions. Cathie will take a leisurely walk on the one mile loop trail through the North Grove of Giant Sequoias, enjoying dogwoods, hazelnut and big leaf maple in fall color. Expected birds include White-headed Woodpecker, Brown Creeper, Golden-crowned Kinglets; she also hopes to see Pileated Woodpecker and Townsend's Solitaire. Afterwards we'll picnic in the area, make a short stop at the visitor center, and possibly do a short afternoon hike before heading home. Dress for changeable weather; bring your lunch and drinks.

### **Saturday, October 23, 8am Coloma Area Leaders: Judy Denney 492-2239 [Judenny@yahoo.com](mailto:Judenny@yahoo.com) Valerie Phillips 722-1802**

Join Judy to explore a new area, the Straza property, near the South Fork of the American River. This is BLM land, rumored to have good birding, and who knows what surprises it may hold! Judy is hoping for raptors and migrating songbirds. Bring a lunch and water, and meet Judy at

the far north end of the Raley's-Bella Bru parking lot on the northeast corner of El Dorado Hills Blvd. and Highway 50.

**Sunday, Oct 24, 7am**  
**Golden Gate Park, San Francisco**  
**Leader: Marilyn Hemmeter 989-4547**  
**birdergirl@earthlink.net**

Marilyn knows this area well, and will be searching the ponds and woods for Pygmy Nuthatches, Allen's Hummingbirds, and other resident species. We may go to Stowe Lake and we'll also be going to the Cliff House area to check out seabirds and perhaps find a Wandering Tattler. Bring layered



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clothing and water. You can bring lunch, or there are places for lunch in the Cliff House area. Meet Marilyn at the Park & Ride in West Sacramento (take West Capitol Avenue off I-80; turn left at the light and then immediately left into the Park & Ride). Rain cancels the trip.

**Saturday, October 30, 8am**  
**Discovery Park,**  
**American River Parkway**  
**Leader: Maureen Geiger 444-0804**  
**mkgeiger@comcast.net**

Maureen always finds some interesting birds at this popular park where the American River joins the Sacramento River. Meet Maureen at 8am in front of the Blockbuster Video store in the Bel Air Shopping Center, located at the southeast corner of West El Camino and Truxel.

**Sunday, October 31, 8am**  
**Bobelaine Sanctuary**  
**Leader: Carla Barbaro 486-1198**  
**cbarbaro@comcast.net**

Hope you adjusted your clocks and watches to match the end of daylight savings time which started just a few hours ago on this

Halloween morning. Enjoy a not-so-ghoulish walk in a great riparian habitat. Take Highway 99 north toward Yuba City; about two miles north of the Feather River Bridge turn right on Laurel Avenue and follow it to a dead end in the Bobelaine parking lot.

**Monday, November 1, 8am-noon**  
**William Pond, American River Parkway**  
**Leader: Jack Hiehle 967-0777**

Jack is very knowledgeable about the wildlife and plants of the American River Parkway, so expect to see many different species and learn a great deal on this morning walk. Meet Jack at the east end of Arden Way. Trip will end at noon.

**Saturday, November 6, 7am**  
**Bodega Bay**  
**Leader: Dan Brown 362-2458**  
**naturestoc@aol.com**

Join Dan for a full day of birding, exploring the many habitats around Bodega Bay. This is often one of the best coastal birding areas, with many gulls, shorebirds and waterfowl to see, in addition to possible over-wintering vagrant songbirds. Meet Dan at the Park & Ride off Highway 80 in West Sacramento. From Sacramento take the West Capital Avenue exit, turn left at the stop light and then left again into the Park & Ride lot. We will leave at 7:00 a.m. SHARP. Bring a lunch, water and warm clothes.

**Sunday, November 7, 8am**  
**Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge**  
**Leader: Andi Salmi 691-7216**  
**andisalmi@yahoo.com**

We hope to view early flocks of ducks and geese that will winter in the valley or are feeding on their way further south. There is a 3.7 mile driving route, and a great viewing platform as well. This trip will last into early afternoon, so bring lunch, drinks

and warm clothes. Take I-5 north toward Woodland; exit at Road 102 and turn right into the Jack-in-the-Box parking lot, to meet Andi.

**Saturday, November 13, 7:30am**  
**Cal-Expo Floodplain-Bushy Lake**  
**Leader: Joe Ceriani 922-0768**

By this time in the mid-fall season most of the wintering birds should be present in this grassland and riparian habitat. Many sparrows, ducks and hawks along with the resident birds will make this a pleasant morning walk. Be prepared to walk about 4 miles. The trip will end before lunch. Meet Joe in the cul-de-sac at the south end of Ethan Way, near Hurley Way.

**Sunday, November 14, 8am**  
**Latrobe And Scott Roads**  
**Leader: Bruce Swinehart 487-2525**

Since this is a premier area for winter raptors, this trip has become one that many birders eagerly look forward to. Join Bruce as he searches for Ferruginous and Rough-legged Hawks, Golden and Bald Eagles, Lewis' Woodpeckers and more. Take Highway 50 east from Sacramento to the Latrobe Road exit in El Dorado Hills; stay right and look for the McDonald's on your left. Meet in the parking lot. Bring your lunch and drinks.

## Sacramento Audubon Chapter Board Meetings

Board Meetings of the Sacramento Audubon Society are held the last Tuesday of the month. The next meeting will be October 26 at 7pm at the SMUD Building, 6301 S Street, Sacramento.

### BIRDS IN MOTION

For those of you who attended the wonderful September program put on by Larry Abrams you'll be glad to know that computer discs in CD/DVD format are available. The disc contains many of the "birds in motion" videos seen during the program. Just send a stamped self addressed envelope to Larry and he'll send you a complimentary disc. Contact him at earthwhile@comcast.net or phone 925-932-9245 for his mailing address. Thanks again for the wonderful program Larry.

## A CALL FOR BURROWING OWL AND SWAINSON'S HAWK NEST LOCATIONS

Anyone with information please send specific details on all current and historic burrow and nesting sites of Burrowing Owls and Swainson's Hawks. The focus is on Sacramento County, but locations in the greater Sacramento area would also be appreciated. I'm seeking to create a database of Special Status Species to assist with open space planning.

Send to: Chris Conard (e-mail preferred)  
chris.conard@saccounty.net  
2405 Rio Bravo Circle, Sacramento 95826  
(916) 362-5942

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR DIRECT DONATIONS

We would like to thank Sharon Stohrer for her donation to the chapter. Donations help keep us financially strong and provide the means to carry out our conservation work.



Kirsten Munson

*Observations* continued from page 6 and an immature **Golden Eagle** was reported from Stone Lakes on 8/22. A family group of **Dark-eyed Juncos** with four juveniles at CRP provide more evidence that this species is gaining a tenuous foothold as a local breeder. On 8/24 at CRP, a **Dusky Flycatcher** was reported along with good numbers of other migrants including a **Yellow-breasted Chat**. Local mammal reports include a **bobcat** at "the Point" along the River Walk at CRP and the first record of a **red fox**, an introduced species, at CRP on 8/8.

Thanks to the following for their reports:

Steve Abbott, Roger Adamson, Jennifer Albright, Mary Chambers, Daryl Coldren, Todd Easterla, Leo Edson, Andrew Engillis, Maureen Geiger, Brian Gilmore, Steve Glover, Richard Hall, Steve Hampton, Ed Harper, Jeri Hornberger, Joan Humphrey, Dave Johnson, Jon King, John Luther, Ron Melcer, Kurt Mize, Scott Morrical, Frances Oliver, Ed Pandolfino, Michael Perrone, Ryan Phillips, Terry Ronneberg, John Sterling, Craig Swolgaard, Irene Torres, and John Trochet.

**Chris Conard**

## Coming Events

### LODI CRANE FESTIVAL-WETLANDS TOUR

#### SRWTP Constructed Wetlands Tour November, 6 & 7, 7:30 am - 11:30 am

The Sacramento Constructed Wetlands Demonstration Project is a five-year project of the Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District that was conducted from January 1994 to December 1998. The project was designed to describe how treatment wetlands remove trace metals. Besides proving very efficient at increasing water quality, the small wetland also created habitat for a variety of birds and mammals. A total of 98 bird species, including nine California Species of Concern and 18 confirmed nesting species, were observed at the constructed wetlands and the immediately surrounding environs. When compared to a nearby natural wetland, the emergent marsh habitat at the treatment wetland contained higher densities for six of fifteen wetland dependent bird species.

Tour participants can expect to see sora and Virginia rails, common moorhens, waterfowl, and other wetland birds. If lucky, they may even see a least bittern.

For more information contact Roger Jones at (916) 875-9174 or email [jonesro@saccounty.net](mailto:jonesro@saccounty.net). You can enroll in the field trip by contacting the Lodi Crane Festival at (916) 358-2353.

### CENTRAL VALLEY BIRDING SYMPOSIUM

The 8th annual Central Valley Birding Symposium will be held this year in Stockton at the Radisson Hotel, November 18-21. The Symposium offers many educational workshops and lectures and the keynote speaker is our own Ed Harper. Their website has all the information including workshop and seminar dates and times plus pertinent birding tour information. There will be birding tours to the Bufferlands the 19th through the 21st as well as tours to many great locations in the Central Valley. For more info, visit <http://www.cvbs.org>.

### EVENTS MENTIONED IN THE OCTOBER OBSERVER

#### DON'T FORGET THESE!

Audubon California will be hosting an **Audubon Assembly** at the Radisson Hotel in Stockton on Wednesday, November 17th and Thursday the 18th. The Assembly is a statewide meeting open to all members. The conference theme this year is "Building Constituencies for Bird Conservation" and will feature a fantastic array of workshops and programs. There will also be a special trip to the Woodbridge Crane Reserve near Lodi to watch for the crane fly-in at dusk. Swans, ducks, geese, hawks, herons owls and other wildlife are often seen on these tours. For full details about the Assembly contact Jill Shirley at 530-795-0550, or [jshirley@audubon.org](mailto:jshirley@audubon.org). Or visit the website at [www.audubon-ca.org](http://www.audubon-ca.org).

The Sacramento Garden & Arts Center will hold their first **Arts & Crafts Fair** at the Center on November 20-21. This is being done as a new fund raiser and helps keep our rental costs in check. Application forms for artists booths can be obtained at the Garden & Arts Center or by calling the Center at (916) 264-8800. Come by and support the Center and local artists.

The **Morro Bay Winter Bird Festival** is scheduled for January 14-17, 2005. For more information about the Festival, check out the website at [www.morro-bay.net/birds](http://www.morro-bay.net/birds), where you can request that your name be added to the mailing list for the 2005 brochure, due out in October. Registration deadline is December 31, 2004 and early signups are encouraged as the most popular events fill up quickly.

# Seasonal Observations

August 1 to August 31  
Rare and Unusual Bird Reports  
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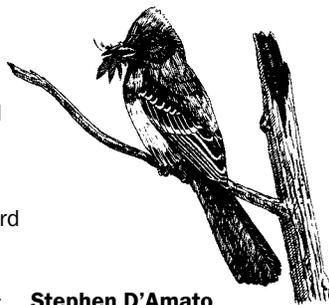
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While August could not compare with the great reports from June and July, there were several excellent reports along with good numbers of expected migrant songbirds and shorebirds. Unfortunately, concern over West Nile Virus has resulted in pressure on wetlands managers to wait until cooler weather before flooding seasonal wetlands. While not a loss in wetlands acreage, there is a temporal loss of wetlands available to waterbirds and shorebirds. Consequently, the few Sandhill Cranes seen over Cosumnes River Preserve (CRP) at the end of the month did not have much inducement to land.

The best report, and ultimately the most frustrating, was of a **Swainson's Warbler** near the Accidental Forest at CRP on 8/1. This species has never been acceptably documented in the state, and the brief views this bird allowed at the initial sighting were all that could be obtained despite much subsequent searching. Near the same location, two to three **Grasshopper Sparrows** were found from 8/1 to 8/5, with one on 8/24.

Other excellent songbird reports include a **Least Flycatcher** seen and heard along Putah Creek on private property in Yolo County on 8/31. A calling **Great Crested Flycatcher** was reported along Willow Slough near the visitor center at CRP on 8/14. The date is earlier than any accepted record for this species in the state. It is possible that it is the same bird that was reported on the unprecedented date of 7/5 just a mile to the west. An adult male **Northern Parula** was reported on 8/21 in Solano County along Mace Rd at the south fork of Putah Creek.



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a high of four on 8/19. A **Sanderling** was present from 8/20 to 8/23 at the Davis Wetlands, while another **Sanderling** was reported at the Woodland Wastewater

The bulk of the shorebird reports came from the Davis Wetlands. Juvenile **Semipalmated Sandpipers** were regularly reported from 8/4 to 8/25, and one to two **Marbled Godwits** were present throughout the month. **Baird's Sandpipers** were also regular at the wetlands in ones and twos, with

Treatment Plant on 8/5. A **Solitary Sandpiper** was reported at the Davis Wetlands on 8/16 and at the adjacent Davis Sewage Ponds on 8/25.

The limited shorebird habitat available at CRP produced reports of **Marbled Godwits** (one on 8/5, two on 8/8), a **Semipalmated Sandpiper** on 8/7, a **Pectoral Sandpiper** on 8/13, a **Baird's Sandpiper** on 8/14, and a **Snowy Plover** on 8/22. One to two **Baird's Sandpipers** were present at the Sacramento Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant on 8/19, and a **Snowy Plover** was on the surrounding Bufferlands on 8/11. Good shorebird numbers, including one **Baird's Sandpiper**, were reported along Riosa Rd to the west of Sheridan in Placer County on 8/31. An apparent first Amador County record of **Baird's Sandpiper** was reported at the lone Sewage Ponds on 8/19. On 8/22, the sewage ponds south of Dixon along Pedrick Rd produced reports of a **Sabine's Gull**, a **Solitary Sandpiper**, and a **Snowy Plover**.

Other interesting reports include the **Brown Pelican** found at Stone Lakes National Wildlife Refuge on 7/19 and continuing through press time, an adult **Western Gull** at the Davis Wetlands beginning on 8/21, and single adult **Peregrine Falcons** at the Davis Wetlands and CRP. A **Prairie Falcon** reported from the Sacramento County Bufferlands on 8/12 was an unexpected summer record. An immature **Bald Eagle** was reported through the spring and summer at Lake Berryessa  
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