

**Field trips, March 12 through April 11, 2019. Scheduler: Carla Barbaro, cbarbaro@comcast.net, 916-717-8808.**

**Tuesday, March 12, 8am**

**Bucks Creek Trail/Serrano Parkway, El Dorado Hills**

**Leaders: Jane Van Kessel and Sue Darst**

**Jane: 916-524-4157, jvankessel55@gmail.com**

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

Join Sue and Jane for a leisurely walk through this riparian habitat to look for resident and migrating species such as woodpeckers, nuthatches, towhees, wrens, bluebirds, warblers, marsh birds and sparrows. In this varied habitat, there is always the possibility of unusual finds, and river otters are often seen. Meet at the southeast corner of the intersection of Silva Valley Parkway and Serrano Parkway. To reach this spot, exit Hwy. 50 at Exit 31, Silva Valley Parkway, and turn left. Follow the Parkway about a mile to the first stop light, make a U-turn and immediately park along the Parkway.

**Saturday, March 16, 8am**

**Family Friendly Trip**

**Sailor Bar, American River Parkway**

**Leader: Ben Graber, 916-844-8682**

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Join Ben for a morning walk checking out the local birds. Possible birds include Phainopepla and California Quail. This is a good trip for both beginners and experienced birders. 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.

**Sunday, March 17, 8am**

**Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area**

**Leader: Scott Hoppe, 916-835-8471**

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Join Scott at this great birding area between Sacramento and Davis. Depending on the extent of flooded fields on the auto tour route, there may be good numbers of shorebirds and waterfowl as well as raptors. From Sacramento on I-80 west, take the first exit at the west end of the Yolo Causeway, East Chiles/Rd. 32A, Exit #78. Turn right at the stop sign, go under the freeway, make a left up onto the levee; then drop down into the Wildlife Area. The trip begins at the first parking lot, Lot A, on your left. FRS radios can be helpful on this trip.

**Tuesday, March 19, 7:30am**

**Bobelaine Sanctuary**

**Leaders: Maureen Geiger, 916-281-6652**

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**Revised description due to water levels 3/10/19**

Please note the change in location for the March 19<sup>th</sup> Bobelaine field trip due to winter flooding of much of the Preserve. Instead, the walk will be on the trail along the levee south of Bobelaine. You may meet Ken and Maureen at the Arena Boulevard site or drive directly to the walk site. To reach this, from Hwy. 99, take the first right turn after the bridge over the Feather

River onto Sacramento Avenue. Drive to the end of the Avenue and park at the base of the levee. Maureen and Ken will drive to Bobelaine to collect anyone who shows up there, and then to Sacramento Avenue, probably by 8-8:15 to begin the walk.

**Original description:**

Bobelaine is a 430-acre National Audubon Sanctuary on the Feather River, managed by Sacramento Audubon. This riparian forest of cottonwoods, sycamores and willows is home to a wide variety of birds and wildlife. Join Maureen and Ken for about a 2.5 mile walk along the trials looking for resident and migrating birds and enjoy this lush habitat along the Feather River. Meet at the Bel Air shopping center on Arena Blvd. From Sacramento, take I-5 north to Arena Blvd. Exit #524; go west (left) over the freeway. Take the first left, Duckhorn Road, and then turn right into the parking area. We will meet on the north side of the parking lot between Wells Fargo and Golden 1. Or meet at Bobelaine at 8:00. From Sacramento take Hwy.99 north toward Yuba City; about 2 miles north of the Feather River Bridge, turn right on Laurel Avenue. Follow Laurel to the dead end at the Bobelaine parking lot. This trip will end late morning.

**Friday, March 22, 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 migrants and resident breeding birds, wrens, towhees, and other small passerine birds. From H Street, (north side of Sac State University), take Carlson Ave. north till it crosses Sandburg and dead ends into the park.

**Saturday, March 23, 8am**

**Cosumnes River Preserve**

**Mike Heacox, 916-972-1809**

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Waterfowl will be migrating north shortly, so take this opportunity to check out the wide variety of ducks and geese who winter at the preserve. Yellowlegs, Wilson's Snipe and other shorebirds are possible depending on the seasonal pond levels and Marsh Wrens, Black Phoebes and Yellow-rumped Warblers should be active. Mike will walk the Wetlands Walk loop, 1-1/2 to 2 miles. This is a great trip for beginners. From Sacramento, take I-5 south to Twin Cities Road, Exit #498; go left (east) to the stop sign at Franklin Blvd; turn right (south) on Franklin and, driving through the Preserve, watch for the Visitor Center parking lot on your left. Further directions and maps are available at [www.cosumnes.org](http://www.cosumnes.org) Rain cancels trip.

**Sunday, March 24, 7:30am**

**Lake Natoma- East Side**

**Leader: Craig Swolgaard, 530-334-3023**

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Lake Natoma, a reservoir created on the American River, is located in Sacramento County near the town of Folsom. Though not as popular as some locations downstream, it still hosts a good representation of valley and foothill birds. In the twenty-five years Craig has birded along its shores, he's recorded a list of about 140 birds. It is a good area to look for Phainopepla, Rufous-crowned Sparrow, grebe and loon species, nesting Bald Eagle, and many migrating species. Hutton's Vireo can be found in the oak woodland as well as Cooper's Hawk. Hairy Woodpecker has been found during the breeding season. This is a good trip for beginners. We will meet at Young Wo Circle, near the access to the bike trail at the bottom of the hill, at

7:30AM. Young Wo Circle is in Folsom, off Forrest Street, accessed from Folsom Blvd. We will be walking on level footpaths and along the bike trail, covering about a two-mile length of the lake. The trip should conclude before noon, but bringing water and a snack might be a good idea.

**Thursday, March 28, 8am**

**Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area**

**Leader: Craig DeMartini, 916-599-3300**

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This great seasonal floodplain is only 10 minutes from downtown Sacramento. A variety of ducks, geese and shorebirds frequent the flooded fields, and American Bitterns and White-faced Ibis are often seen. Raptors and owls are also a possibility. From Sacramento on I-80 west, take the first exit at the west end of the Yolo Causeway, East Chiles/Rd. 32A, Exit #78. Turn right at the stop sign, go under the freeway, make a left up onto the levee; then drop down into the Wildlife Area. The trip begins at the first parking lot, Lot A, on your left. This trip sometimes runs into early afternoon, so you may wish to bring water and snacks. FRS radios can be helpful.

**Saturday, March 30, 8am**

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

**Sunday, March 31, 7:30am**

**Ancil Hoffman Park**

**Leader: Mark Martucci, 916-833-6722**

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Mark will be looking for spring migrants, as well as returning nesting 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.

**Tuesday, April 2, 8am**

**Mormon Island to Brown's Ravine, Folsom Lake @ Sophia Pkwy**

**Leader: Rich Howard, 916-203-0952**

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On this half day trip Rich will explore Folsom Lake for both woodland and water birds. A known pair of nesting Bald Eagles may be present. Other possibilities are Hairy Woodpecker, Audubon's and Myrtle Yellow-rumped Warblers and Rufous-crowned Sparrows. **Park** on Sophia Parkway down from the Arco Station at 300 Green Valley Road. Meet Rich at the Arco Station.

**Saturday, April 6, 7:30am**

**Point Reyes National Seashore**

**Leader: John York, 916-409-9276, cell 520-320-4751**

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John plans to bird the usual places at Point Reyes, including the Fish Docks, Lighthouse and Abbott's Lagoon if the weather is good. If it's too foggy at the coastal spots, he'll bird the onshore locations. Meet John at 7:30am at the Park & Ride off I-80 in West Sacramento. From Sacramento, take the West Capitol Ave. Exit #81; turn left at the light and then left again into the Park & Ride lot. Bring fluids and dress for changeable weather. John is planning to stop for lunch in Inverness.

**Sunday, April 7****Beginning Birding Field Trip for Adults****William Pond Park**

These beginners' field trips are designed to introduce new birders to the fun of birding. Limited to 10 adults per trip with 3 Audubon trip leaders, it's a low-key introduction to finding and identifying birds. On this spring trip we'll talk about habitat, field marks, and look for some of our returning migrants and nesting birds. Registration is required. Contact Cathie LaZier at [empid@earthlink.net](mailto:empid@earthlink.net), put Beginning Birder in the subject line.

**Sunday, April 7, 7am - noon****Pine Hill Preserve Birding****Leader: Chris Conard****Pre-registration is required through Pine Hill Preserve  
contact Graciela Hinshaw at [ghinshaw@blm.gov](mailto:ghinshaw@blm.gov)****[www.pinehillpreserve.org](http://www.pinehillpreserve.org)**

The preserve was established to protect rare native plants in El Dorado County that occur only on the specialized soils of the Pine Hill area. It stretches from Folsom Lake in the north to Hwy 50 in the south and contains more than 4,000 acres. We plan to visit newly acquired land in Kanaka Valley, with a mix of oak woodland and chaparral. We'll look for California Thrashers, Sage Sparrows, migrating warblers, and, on a clear day, great views of the Sierra and the surrounding geography. Be prepared for three miles of moderate walking.

**Wednesday, April 10, 8am****William Pond Park****Leader: Larry Hickey, 415-305-0651****[Larryhickey1@gmail.com](mailto:Larryhickey1@gmail.com)**

This park has varied habitats and a variety of birds may be found. Larry will be looking for early spring migrants as well as resident wrens, towhees and other small passerines. He'll check out the heron rookery and the pond area. 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.