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PROGRAMS

The meeting location is at Central United Methodist Church, 3700 Pacific Avenue (across from UOP) in Stockton, and begins at 7:30 p.m. Plenty of parking and refreshments. Everyone is welcome.

TUESDAY, September 13

Sean Wirth

"Cranes and Other Fabulous Birds of Japan"

Join local conservation activist and natural historian, Sean Wirth, on a photographic tour of Japan's fabulous birds, from the Red-crowned Cranes, Steller's Sea Eagles, and Blakiston's Fish Owls of northern Hokkaido to the Hooded, White-naped, and Sandhill Cranes of south-western Kyushu.

A California native, Sean is the conservation chair for the Mother Lode Chapter of the Sierra Club, the conservation chair for the Sacramento Group of the Sierra Club, co-chair of Habitat 2020, on the board and the executive committee of the Environmental Council of Sacramento, and a founding member of Save Our Sandhill Cranes.

TUESDAY, October 11

Dana Nuccitelli and Hal Ferber

"Fire and Water - How Global Warming is Changing California's Weather"

THIS PROGRAM BEGINS AT 7:00 P.M.

California has been hit hard by drought and wildfires in recent years. These events have left many Californians wondering, is this extreme weather linked to global warming, and what can we expect for the future? This presentation will discuss and answer questions about the latest scientific research into the links between climate change and California's wildfires and drought, and projections of their future changes in a warming world.

Dana Nuccitelli is an Environmental Scientist, author of the book *Climatology versus Pseudoscience*, and writes about climate change for *The Guardian*. **Hal Ferber** is a retired attorney and a founding member of the Sacramento chapter of Citizens Climate Lobby. He has been writing and speaking to audiences about climate change for the last three years.

FIELD TRIPS

SUNDAY, September 3— *Introductory Birding*

Join leader Pat Paternostro at the north end of Laurel Ave. in Lodi (on the east side of Lodi Lake Park, off of Turner Rd.) at 8:00 a.m. Birders of all skill levels are welcome, but the focus will be on birding fundamentals. Extra binoculars and field guides will be available.

SATURDAY, September 10— *Cosumnes River Preserve*

Join leader Jim Rowoth (487-3489 or rowoth@sbcgobl.net) for the monthly River Walk bird count through the varied habitats of the CRP. Meet Jim at the visitor center on Franklin Rd. Check website www.cosumnes.org for last minute updates. Double check with Jim for start time.

SATURDAY, September 17— *Woodbridge Wilderness Area*

Join leader Mark Elness for our monthly census of this small riparian park on the banks of the Mokelumne River. Meet at the north end of Meadowlark Lane in Woodbridge at 8:00 a.m.

SUNDAY, September 18— *Mokelumne River Fish Hatchery*

Join leaders Liz West and Joanne Katanic for our monthly census of this lovely little riparian area below Camanche Dam. Meet the leaders in the fish hatchery parking lot at 8:00 a.m.

SATURDAY, September 24— *Bodega Bay*

Join leaders Joanne Katanic and Liz West as they venture to this Sonoma County birding hot spot. Located along the coastal migration routes, the Bodega Bay area is known internationally as an important birding area and a trap for fall migrants. Meet at 7:00 a.m. at the McDonalds at Interstate 5 and Highway 12. Bring lunch and wear layers.

WEDNESDAY, September 28— *Ripon Oak Grove and Sewage*

Ponds

Join leader Jim Rowoth for a visit to this 5 acre park on the banks of the Stanislaus River in Ripon. Meet at 7:00 a.m. in the parking lot at Toot Sweet's (northwest corner of March Lane and Quail Lakes Dr. in Stockton) to carpool, or in Ripon at 7:30 a.m. If driving yourself, from Hwy 99, take the Main St. exit in Ripon to S. Stockton Rd. and turn left (south). Before S. Stockton Rd. curves to the west and changes to Doak Blvd., pass the Diamond Pet Food plant on the left, and take the next driveway on your left to the unpaved parking area. Bring drinks and repellent. Call Jim (497-3489 or email at rowoth@sbcglobal.net) with any questions.

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Steve Stocking Dedication at Oak Grove Regional Park

The San Joaquin Audubon Society will be dedicating a plaque in memory of Steve Stocking at Oak Grove Regional Park, 4520 W. Eight Mile Road in Stockton on Friday, September 30, 2016, at 4:00 p.m. Steve was a botanist, environmentalist, author, and educator, and served for many years as Education Chair for the San Joaquin Audubon Society. Along with Verna Johnson and others, Steve was instrumental in the creation of the 180-acre Oak Grove Regional Park, which preserves one of the finest remaining examples of native oak woodland in San Joaquin County. All of Steve's friends, family, students and admirers of his dedicated service to the environment are invited to join in this celebration.

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SUNDAY, October 9— *Birds and Fall Colors of Hope Valley*

Bring your camera and capture the Sierra Aspens as they change their colors from green to GOLD, plus Sierra BIRDS. Meet leader Joanne Katanic at 7:00 am at Hwy.12 and 99 (Victor Rd.) Park 'n Ride in Lodi. Bring a lunch.

WEDNESDAY, October 12— *San Joaquin River National Wildlife Refuge*

Join leader Jim Rowoth for a walk along the Pelican Nature Trail that meanders through seasonal wetlands, restored riparian woodlands, and stands of old-growth valley oak trees. The trailhead includes an educational 7-acre native vegetation exploration area. Meet at Toot Sweets in Stockton at 7:00 a.m.

SATURDAY, October 15— *Woodbridge Wilderness Area*

Join leader Susan Schneider for our monthly census of this small riparian park on the banks of the Mokelumne River. Meet at the north end of Meadowlark Lane in Woodbridge at 8:00 a.m.

SUNDAY, October 16— *Mokelumne River Fish Hatchery*

Join leaders Liz West & Joanne Katanic for our monthly census of this lovely little riparian area below Comanche Dam. Meet the leaders in the fish hatchery parking lot at 8:00 a.m.

SATURDAY, October 29— *Bear Creek Bike Trail*

Join leader Susan Schneider for this easy walk that features riparian and marsh habitat. Many interesting species have been encountered on previous trips including Sora and Peregrine Falcon. Extra binoculars and field guides will be available. Meet at 8:00 a.m. in parking lot of Michael Faklis Park which is off Cosumnes Dr., near Mokelumne Circle, SW of I5/Eight Mile Road interchange.

Central Valley Birding Symposium

The Central Valley Bird Club will be hosting the 20th Annual Central Valley Birding Symposium Nov. 17–20, 2016, at the Stockton Hilton Hotel in Stockton, CA. Please join us for this special 20th anniversary CVBS! Come meet the board and staff members! Reconnect with old friends and meet new ones! Enjoy the scrumptious Hors D'oeuvres buffet & No Host Bar on Thursday night.

The CVBS gets off to a great start with Thursday Night's Keynote speaker, professional bird photographer Bob Steele, presenting a program on "*Birding in the Central Valley Over the Past 20 Years*".

Friday Night's keynote program is presented by Kimball Garrett on "*The Central Valley's Prominent Place in the Past and Present of California Field Ornithology*".

Saturday Night's keynote program is presented by Ed Harper and friends on "*Celebrating 20 Years of the CVBC and the CVBS.*"

Workshops include: "*Specimen Workshop*" with Andy Engilis, "*Convincing Details and Other Birding Fiction*" by Joe Morlan, "*Challenging Shorebirds ID Workshop*" by Jon Dunn, and "*CVBC/CVBS Studies in Review*", a series of 15–20 minute programs by Dan Airola and Ed Pandolfino. Plus, attend informative workshops by Bob Steele (Image Editing), Keith Hansen (Bird Sketching), Sal Salerno (Beginning Birding) and Jim Burcio (Carving).

Field trips, offered Friday, Saturday and Sunday, always turn up exciting birds. Add in the entertaining and educational Bird ID Panel, the wonderful display of art and gifts at the Birder's Market and the camaraderie of hundreds of like-minded folks, and you know you'll have a good time! There's something for everyone interested in birds. Come and join us to bird, learn, and just have fun!

To look over the line-up of speakers, workshops, and fieldtrips, check out our website at: <http://www.cvbsreg.org>
Registration begins September 7, 2016.

BIRD SIGHTINGS

June 1st, 2016 - August 14th, 2016
(All sightings pertain to San Joaquin County)

Submitted by Liz West

Jim Rowoth heard several out of season **Black Rails** at White Slough June 2nd.

During the first week of June a probable **Gray Catbird** visited Dr. Panisi's birdbath on Mettler Rd., several times.

On June 14th through 16th, David Yee saw an **Allen's Hummingbird** at his feeders.

Terry Ronneberg saw an adult male **Common Goldeneye**, June 16th at the Tracy Sewage ponds. David Yee, on his June 19th visit had the adult male plus a young male Goldeneye, which have been present since late April.

Terry Ronneberg saw a **Cassin's Kingbird** feeding a juvenile on Bird Road, July 10th. When he returned July 13th the adult was still present.

While driving on Hwy 4 west of Stockton, July 10th, David Yee saw **1200 to 1400 Swainson's Hawks** in flooded alfalfa fields. They were in three large flocks of varying ages except for juveniles.

David Yee found an adult **Semi-palmated Sandpiper**, July 13th at the Ripon Sewage Ponds.

Sal Salerno reported **Lawrence's Goldfinches** near the entrance of Caswell State Park, August 4th. John Harris located three near the ranger residence August 6th. They continued through at least August 12th.

Dan Williams found an **American Redstart** on the south bank of Littlejohns Creek just west of Austin Road August 6th. It was searched for the next day but not found.

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