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## PROGRAMS

There will be no general membership meetings during our regular summer hiatus (May through August). The next general membership meeting will be Tuesday, September 13.

### Annual Chapter Picnic

**Saturday, May 21, 2022**  
**8:00 a.m.**

We are pleased to announce that this year, the San Joaquin Audubon Society will hold its Annual Chapter Picnic at the newly acquired Waldo Holt Preserve. All are welcome!

The Preserve is located on the northern border of San Joaquin County. It is on the west side of Lower Sacramento Rd., just south of Dry Creek and the city of Galt.

It consists of approximately 80 acres, a large portion of which is riparian habitat lying to the south side of Dry Creek. There is also a seasonal creek and pond on the property.

We will start off birding at 8:00 a.m. and then hold a short Annual Business Meeting followed by our picnic lunch.

In the interest of public health, this will not be a potluck picnic, as it has been in years past. We request that each of you bring your own food. If you decide to bring something to share anyway, please make sure it is individually wrapped.

We will provide tables and a few shade structures, but please bring your own chairs so you will have somewhere to sit while eating and listening to the Board meeting.

The picnic area is accessible to all, but most of the preserve has a rough dirt path making it tougher to access for some. Contact Donna if you have questions 209 403-4270.

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## FIELD TRIPS

### TUESDAY, May 3— Medford Island Boat Trip

Join leaders David Fries and Peter Otteson for a birding trip to Medford Island. We will meet at the dock at the West End of Eight Mile Road at 8:00 a.m. for boat transport to the island.

### SATURDAY, May 7— Introductory Birding Field Trip

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, May 14— Cosumnes River Preserve

Join leader Jim Rowoth for the monthly River Walk bird count through the various habitats of the CRP. Meet Jim at the Visitor Center parking lot on Franklin Blvd. at 6:30 a.m. Bring snack, drink, and bug spray.

### SATURDAY, May 14— Woodbridge Wilderness

Join leaders Kathy and Virginia Bonham 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.

### FRIDAY, May 20— Louis Park, including Pixie Woods

Join Donna Marciano at Louis Park for a morning of birding. We will meet at the boat launch parking lot at 8:00 a.m., and bird throughout the park, including Pixie Woods. Some of the bird species we should see include: Yellow-billed Magpie, Wood Duck, Acorn & Nuttall's woodpeckers, Swallow spp., perhaps an Osprey on the water channel, and White-tailed Kites, which have nested here in the past. This trip is open to birders of all skill levels, from beginner to advanced. This will be an easy walk under the shade of trees, and most of the walk is wheelchair accessible. This trip will last 3 hours or so. Bring a snack, water, and a hat.

### SATURDAY, May 21— Annual Chapter Picnic

Join San Joaquin Audubon for our annual chapter picnic, to be held this year for the first time at the newly acquired Waldo Holt Preserve. The picnic will be preceded by a bird walk around the preserve, and followed by a short business meeting. See announcement this page.

### SUNDAY, May 22— 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 Joanne in the fish hatchery parking lot at 8:00 a.m.

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# SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY ANNUAL SUMMER BUTTERFLY COUNT

SUNDAY, JUNE 12, 2022, 8:00 a.m.

## Our Annual Summer Butterfly Count & Audubon Field Trip

This field trip is cosponsored by San Joaquin Audubon, San Joaquin County, University of California Cooperative Extension and the North American Butterfly Association. San Joaquin Audubon joined in 1986, so this will be our 36th year of participation.

This trip is a delightful day of finding and counting butterflies. No experience is needed and we will give you a field guide for your participation. The count area includes Oak Grove Regional Park, Woodbridge Regional Park, Lodi Lake Wilderness Area and White Slough. (So we see many birds and other wildlife in the process of counting butterflies.)

You will need to bring lunch, water, a hat and sunscreen. Bring net, binoculars and field guides if you have them. We will meet up and carpool at Oak Grove Nature Center at 8:00 a.m. We should be back at Oak Grove between 3:00 and 4:00 p.m., depending on the weather.

Email [-kschick2@gmail.com](mailto:-kschick2@gmail.com) or telephone (209-612-5130) by Friday, June 10th, if you would like to join us.

– Kathy Schick

## San Joaquin Audubon Society Board Members Participate in Regional Outreach Activities

On Saturday, April 2, 2022, San Joaquin Audubon members joined the San Joaquin Office of Education (SJCOE) and Region 6 Environmental Networks for the first annual Community for Environmental Literacy Summit (CELS) at Durham Ferry Educational Center. The Summit was a day filled with workshops, activities, and networking opportunities to promote Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) activities for children!

On Saturday, April 23, 2022, San Joaquin & Sacramento Audubon Societies partnered with the Girl Scouts “Heart of Central California” Council in the annual Outdoor Adventure Campout on the shores of Lake Camanche. This event was about getting girls and their families into the outdoors to foster a lifelong passion for the environment. San Joaquin & Sacramento Audubon joined together to provide birdwatching trail programs, use of a spotting scope to view an osprey nest, which everyone was fascinated with, and other educational opportunities to girls across the 18 counties of the council. San Joaquin provided our newly created tri-fold laminated brochure of local valley birds to each of the girls.



Girl Scouts participate in Audubon activities at Lake Camanche

On Sunday, April 24, 2022, at Victory Park in Stockton, the San Joaquin Audubon Society participated in Earth Day events. Our chapter provided activities such as viewing of birds through a spotting scope, coloring books of birds and educational activities associated with birds for the young ones, and t-shirts for sale. San Joaquin provided our newly created tri-fold laminated brochure of local birds to the children.

## FIELD TRIPS

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### **SATURDAY, June 4— Introductory Birding Field Trip**

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, June 11— Cosumnes River Preserve**

Join leader Pat Paternostro for the monthly River Walk bird count. This month, we'll start at the Visitor Center parking lot at 6:30 a.m. Snack, water, and bug spray are all recommended. We should finish by noon.

### **SATURDAY, June 18— Woodbridge Wilderness**

Join leaders Kathy and Virginia Bonham 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.

### **SATURDAY, June 25— 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 Liz and Joanne in the fish hatchery parking lot at 8:00 a.m.

### **SUNDAY, June 26— Indian Grinding Rock State Park**

Meet Donna Marciano in the parking lot (14881 Pine Grove-Volcano Rd, Pine Grove) at 8:00 a.m. for a day of birding at this wonderful small State Park. The birdlife varies depending on the season, but many species are seen year-round, including Turkey Vultures, Scrub and Steller's Jays, California Quail, Acorn and Hairy Woodpeckers, Northern Flickers, Hermit Thrushes, and Wild Turkeys (non-native). In early summer, there will be the bright colors of the Western Tanager, Bullock's Oriole, Black-headed and Evening Grosbeaks, Western Bluebirds, and Anna's Hummingbirds can be seen in the woods around the meadow. A bird list is available at the museum. Trip goes till 2:00 p.m. or so. Bring water, hat, and lunch for a picnic after the trip, tables are available. Some light to moderate walking. This trip is open to all, beginners and experienced birders alike. Part of the bird walk is wheelchair accessible, the other half is on dirt path. There is a parking fee which also covers entrance into the museum, which is definitively worth a trip inside.

### **A Couple of nice birds from the April Monthly Bird Census at the Mokelumne River Day Use Area**

Birders were treated to a couple of nice birds at our most recent bird count along the Mokelumne River below Camanche Dam. Lewis's Woodpeckers have been seen here regularly this winter and spring. They may even be breeding. The White-throated Sparrow was first heard singing by sharp-eared Jim Rowoth, and came out into the open to playback of its song, to the delight of the group. Both photos by Kasey Foley.



**Lewis's Woodpecker**



**White-throated Sparrow**

## BIRD SIGHTINGS

*February 24, 2022 - April 21, 2022*  
*(All sightings pertain to San Joaquin County)*

Submitted by Liz West

Jim Rowoth photographed an **American X Eurasian Wigeon** hybrid on Empire Tract February 28<sup>th</sup>.

On March 26<sup>th</sup>, Rosemarie Richardson picked out a **Pacific Golden Plover** among five hundred or so Black-bellied Plovers at the Lodi Sewage Ponds.

Philip Fiorio photographed a male **Calliope Hummingbird**, April 11<sup>th</sup> at Jacob Meyers Recreation Area. On April 18<sup>th</sup>, Pat and Dave Croft reported a **Calliope Hummingbird** at the Heritage Oak Winery Feeder.

While doing a Tri-colored Blackbird survey at Hwy 12 pond near Hwy 88, Kasey Foley and Rich Peterson found a **Solitary Sandpiper**.

The **Lewis' Woodpecker** irruption continues in the county. Good numbers are still being seen at Mokelumne Day Use Area and several were at Carnegie State Vehicle recreation area near Corral Hollow Rd.

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## Membership

### National Membership

By joining the National Audubon Society you are also a member of the San Joaquin Chapter. This includes subscriptions to the award-winning quarterly *Audubon Magazine* and to the bimonthly chapter newsletter, *The Hoot Owl*. For *national membership*, send check payable to the **National Audubon Society** to the address below.

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