**THE HOOT OWL**

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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, March 14**

**James Rexroth**  
*“Fossil FUN!”*

Join us at the March meeting where member James Rexroth will lead us on a scavenger hunt of sorts through the fascinating world of fossils. There will be 10 stations to investigate and some questions to answer at each one from the information provided. There will be prizes and some fossils given away to those that participate. Please join us for an entertaining evening.

James Rexroth has worked for Micke Grove Zoo and Oak Grove Regional Park as the Nature Center Director for many years. His interests include birding, fossil hunting, photography, and teaching children about nature, including his grandkids!

**TUESDAY, April 11**

**Dr. Kathy Schick**  
*“Common Butterflies of San Joaquin County”*

Don’t miss Dr. Kathy Schick’s primer for the Annual San Joaquin Audubon Society Butterfly Count that will take place on Saturday, June 17, 2017. Dr. Schick will discuss the common butterflies that occur in San Joaquin County, a bit about their host plants and nectar sources and what marks to look for to help identify them.

In addition to leading the Annual San Joaquin Audubon Society Butterfly Count, Dr. Schick has her PhD in Entomology, her specialty being tiny, stingless parasitoid wasps. Until this year, she was an adjunct biology professor at San Joaquin Delta College and a part-time curatorial associate at Essig Museum of Entomology at the University of California at Berkeley. She has recently been appointed as a Research Associate at U.C.Berkeley’s Essig Museum and the California Academy of Sciences at San Francisco’s Golden Gate Park.

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**FIELD TRIPS**

**SATURDAY, March 4 — 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, March 11 — Cosumnes River Preserve**

Join leader Jim Rowoth (487-3489 or rowoth@sbcglobal.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, March 18 — 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, March 19 — 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.

**SUNDAY, March 26 — Cruising the Delta**

Join leader David Fries on his 42’ sail boat for a cruise through the Delta. Plan for 5–7 hours on the water, leaving at 8:00 a.m. from the Stockton Sailing Club, 4980 Buckley Cove Way. Due to boat size and safety reasons, the trip is limited to the first 8 people to register. Send your reservation to dale.smith2@comcast.net.

**SATURDAY, April 1 — 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, April 8 — Cosumnes River Preserve / River Walk**

See entry for Saturday, March 11.

**SUNDAY, April 9 — The Flora and Fauna of the UOP Campus**

Join leader Pat Paternostro for a walking tour of the University of the Pacific campus. We will look for early spring migrants and also learn basic Dendrology skills by identifying many common tree species that are found throughout the Central Valley and its foothills. Meet near the base of Burns Tower at 8:00 a.m.

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The world's oldest known wild bird just added a new chick to the family — her 40th one, experts say. The Laysan albatross (Phoebastria immutabilis), named Wisdom, is at least 65 years old but shows no signs of slowing down. Wildlife officials at the Midway Atoll National Wildlife Refuge in Hawaii saw her lay an egg on Nov. 28, 2015, and incubate it for several weeks. A fuzzy, gray chick cracked out of its shell on Feb. 1. But Wisdom wasn't there when the baby chick hatched: She had headed out to sea on Jan. 20, leaving her mate on nest duty. She returned just after Super Bowl Sunday (Feb. 7) with a full belly and settled down on the nest, allowing her mate to fly off to sea in search of food, officials said.

Wildlife officials wasted no time in naming the chick, dubbing it Kūkini, which means "messenger" in Hawaiian.

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BIRD SIGHTINGS
December 16, 2016 – February 14, 2017
(All sightings pertain to San Joaquin County)
Submitted by Liz West

During the December 17th Stockton Christmas Bird Count, Sue Murphy and Liz West found an out of season Bullock's Oriole along Acampo Road.

Gil Ewing identified a young male Blue-winged Teal on Staten Island, December 18th.

Steve Huckabone saw a male Eurasian Wigeon at the Kelso Rd. pond on January 2nd. On January 25th, multiple Eurasian Wigeons were reported in eBird by Ian Souza-Cole, Ben Sandstrom, and David Hollie.

David Yee found a female Barrow's Goldeneye on the Vine St. storm pond behind the Lodi Toyota dealership, January 11th.

Terry Ronneberg saw an out of season Western Kingbird on Bird Rd., January 17th.

During a visit to Staten Island on January 21st, David Sibley picked out an adult Lesser Black-backed Gull.
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