



The Kite Call

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MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS



Birding in South Africa: South & West Coastal Regions

Presenter:
Jaan Lepson

Date: October 6
Time: 7:30PM
Location: Math-Science Nucleus
4074 Eggers Drive
Fremont 94536

Jaan Lepson will talk about birding in the south and west coastal regions of South Africa. Jaan will take us through this special corner of Africa where evergreen Afromontane forest

gives way to the deserts of the Karoo and the wildflower fields of Namaqualand. From sandgrouse to sunbirds, bustards to batises and bush-shrikes, a wonderful array of birds is on hand. And not just birds but also impressive mammals and even an entire floral kingdom, one of just six plant kingdoms that encompasses the world. And if that's not enough, you can swim with penguins!

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Discovering & Conserving Bryan's Shearwater

Presenter: Peter Pyle

Date: November 3 **Time:** 7:30PM
Location: San Leandro Public Library
300 Estudillo Ave, San Leandro, CA 94577

Bryan's Shearwater, a new bird species was identified in the U.S. in 2011 via DNA analysis of a 1963 specimen, while Peter was compiling a monograph on Hawaii's birds. Peter will recount the story of the discovery and tell us everything about this elusive bird, including the recent discovery of a breeding colony in Japan.

Peter Pyle is an ornithologist and marine biologist. During the late 1970s and early 1980s, he partook in the Hawaii, Micronesia, and Samoa Forest Bird Surveys. From the early 1980s through the early 2000s much of his research was conducted on birds and white sharks at the Farallon Islands, California. He has developed a special interest in bird molt and how it can be used to age birds, and has published many papers and taught many workshops on this subject in North and Latin America. Among bird banders, he is best known for his Identification Guides summarizing molt, ageing, and sexing information for North American birds in the hand. He is a Research Associate both at the California Academy of Sciences San Francisco, and the B.P. Bishop Museum, Honolulu. To date, he has authored over 120

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FIELD TRIPS



The field trip scheduled for Nov 18 has been canceled due to the Berkeley Pier being closed for structural damage.

Hawk Hill & Rodeo Lagoon - Marin Headlands

Leaders: Phil and Pat Gordon, pagpeg@aol.com , 510-538-3550

Saturday, Oct 3 9AM – 3PM

Join us at Golden Gate Raptor Observatory's Hawk Hill in the Marin Headlands during fall migration when thousands of southbound birds pass overhead. (For full trip description see 8/15-9/30/15 Kite Call. Available online)

Directions: Google maps recognizes both "Rodeo Lagoon" and "Hawk Hill" as destinations. Either destination is about 1 hour northwest of Hayward via the Richmond Bridge. Take I-580W over the bridge to Sir Francis Drake Blvd. in Marin County. Take exit 2A from I-580W. Get on US-101 South. Follow US-101S to Alexander Ave. Take exit 442 from US-101S. Turn right onto Alexander Ave. and left on Bunker Rd. towards the Marin Headlands. (It is a very short distance from the freeway to Bunker Rd.; if you are headed down into Sausalito, you have gone too far.)

Continue on Bunker Rd. through the one-way tunnel to Rodeo Lagoon. If you are driving directly to Hawk Hill instead of Rodeo Lagoon, after exiting the freeway head up Conzelman Rd. and you will come to the parking lot for Hawk Hill. A fairly short, steep hike takes you up the hill. To get to Hawk Hill from Rodeo Lagoon, return the way you came in on Bunker Rd. Turn right on McCullough Rd. and right again on Conzelman Rd. to reach Hawk Hill. (Pat's cell phone is 510-364-6472.)

Meet the leaders at **9:00 AM** at Rodeo Lagoon at the large dirt parking area on the right before the bridge over the lagoon, near the willows. Or meet us at **11:00 AM** up on Hawk Hill (Conzelman Rd). Restrooms are available at the Marin Headlands Visitor Center near the lagoon. A portable toilet is at the base of Hawk Hill.

Coyote Hills Regional Park

Leaders: Jerry Ting and Stephanie Floyd

Fall is one of the best times to bird Coyote Hills. Winter's sparrows and raptors will be back, and migrant shorebirds and songbirds will still be passing through. Depending on water levels, plenty of winter ducks should be on hand. 60 species are possible when conditions are good! Come help us find them. Rain cancels. Meet at the Visitor Center. \$5

October 17, Saturday, 8:30 - 11:30 a. m.

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parking fee payable at kiosk, free to East Bay Parks annual pass holders

Directions: To reach the park from I-880 take SR-84 towards the Dumbarton Bridge. Exit at Paseo Padre Parkway, turn right on Paseo Padre and go about one mile. Turn left on Patterson Ranch Road to enter the park.

Ardenwood Historic Farm

Leaders: Jerry Ting and Vicki Robinson

Ardenwood Historic Farm, an East Bay Regional Park, is a working farm with a lovely Victorian mansion dating from the 1850's. It is also a great place to go birding! Many species are attracted to the farm's mixture of habitats from pines to redwoods to eucalyptus forest, open farm fields to landscaped grounds with flowers and fountains. Woodpeckers and sapsuckers, warblers and sparrows, Steller's Jays and raptors are likely, and there is always the chance of a rarity here. This is one of the few

October 28, Wednesday, 10:00 a. m. - 12:30 p.m.

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spots left in the Fremont area where Tri-Colored Blackbirds may still be seen. We'll wander the grounds on paved and dirt paths to see what we can find.

Directions: Meet at the entrance gate. To reach the park from I-880 take SR-84 towards the Dumbarton Bridge. Exit at Ardenwood Blvd. and turn right; the farm will be on your right. Fee \$3; free to East Bay Parks annual pass holders. Rain cancels.

Ward Creek Canyon, Hayward

Leaders: Brenda Senturia and Vicki Robinson

The trail along Ward Creek in Hayward runs through a heavily wooded greenbelt and offers the possibility of locating some hard-to-find species: Pacific Wren, Varied Thrush, and Golden-crowned Kinglet. We will also look for Hairy Woodpecker, Brown Creeper, Red-breasted Sapsucker, and wintering warblers. We will meet at East Avenue Park, bird the park, and descend the greenbelt trail,

November 7, Sat., 8:00 a. m. - 12:00 p.m.

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birding the route down to Campus Drive. We will then shuttle drivers back to their cars. Heavy rain cancels. There are restrooms at East Ave. Park. **Directions:** Locate the intersection of Second St. and E St. (large Catholic Church). Take E St. east and, at a 'Y' junction, bear right on East Ave. and continue to East Avenue Park at the end (1.8 m from 2nd St.)

FIELD TRIPS (continued)

Pacific Commons Linear Pk & Coyote Creek Lagoon
November 14, Saturday, 8:30 a.m. - noon

Leaders: Rich Nicholson & Mike Christopherson
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Fremont's Pacific Commons Linear Park is a productive winter birding site. The ponds are excellent for many waterfowl species. Waders such as American Bittern inhabit the pond edges and wetlands. The fields are productive for wintering sparrows and possibly Tri-Colored Blackbirds or even a stray Yellow-Headed Blackbird. We have a good chance at seeing interesting raptors. Snow, Ross's and Cackling Geese often visit this time of year. **To reach the park**, exit I-880 in Fremont at Auto Mall Parkway, go west

on Auto Mall Parkway for a mile to a small pull-off area on the left at an entrance sign, and park along the road. After birding Pacific Commons, we will carpool about 3 miles south along Cushing Parkway and Fremont Blvd. to Coyote Creek Lagoon trail for some wetlands and salt marsh birding. This area is good for shorebirds and gulls. Bring a scope if you have one. Heavy rain cancels. No facilities at Pacific Commons, but we will make a stop en route to Coyote Creek.

Pinnacles National Park Friday Nov 27 9AM—4:30PM

Leaders: Phil & Pat Gordon, pagpeg@aol.com
510-538-3550

Watch for details in next issue!

**Meetings (continued)**

South Africa (cont'd) : Californians will find much that is familiar in this winter rainfall region: magnificent landscapes, soaring vistas of golden hills and granitedomes, not to mention vineyards, shopping malls, and oleander-lined freeways. Most tourists focus their visit on the justly famous Kruger Nat Park in the far northeast of the country, but the south and west has much to offer - without the Kruger crowds.

Jaan Lepson grew up in Hawai'i, where he developed a love for birds and nature. He studied ecology and evolutionary biology as an undergraduate at Princeton University, and then returned home to pursue a PhD in zoology at the University of Hawai'i. He spent five years living in a tent in the high rainforests of Mauna Kea on Hawai'i island where he

studied plumage and mate choice in the 'Akepa, a small endangered Hawaiian honeycreeper. Life took a twist, as it often does, and he now works in laboratory astrophysics at U.C. Berkeley. But he hasn't forgotten his birding roots! **Directions:** *To reach MSN take I-880 to Mowry, east on Mowry, & left onto Fremont Blvd. The MSN is on the left, at the corner of Eggers. From Mission Blvd. turn right onto Mowry, right onto Fremont Blvd and proceed as above.*

Shearwaters (cont'd):

Directions: *from I-580, take the Estudillo exit. Follow Estudillo to library on the right. From I-880, take the Davis St. exit, head east, passing under BART tracks. Go thru light at E. 14th St (Davis becomes Callan). Continue 1½ blocks to library on right. We'll meet in the Karp Room.*

Welcome New Members

Ohlone sends a warm welcome and thank you to the following new and renewing chapter members

Mary Ashby, Chris and Gary Bard, Bruce Brown, Stephanie Byous, Terry Crow, Lawrence Danos, Stephanie Floyd, Ray Fontaine, LaVonne Gallo, Jan Gordon, Lloyd Hartshorn, Jeanette King, Karen Kramer, Polly & Gordon Krauter, Gerry McChesney, Janet Miedema-Grant, Sheila Mohammed, Marie Ross, Harley & Armida Schultz, Kathleen Starzenski, Diane and Irvin Tiessen, Marilyn Webb, Karen White, Dan Wilkowsky, Terri Wills, The Zermeno Family.

Donations : Jean-Marie Spoelman in memory of Anna "Willie" Wilcox; The most generous donation of Willie's scope, tripod, and library from her family, the Inberditzers.

Good Memories**Anna Wilcox**

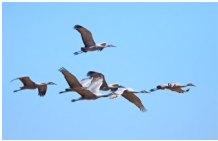
"I enjoyed so many bird walks with this wonderful woman and birder," Malca Chall remembers. Anna Wilcox, "Willie" left us in early August after a brief illness. Willie, for many years birded with the Motley Crew every Tuesday and led Ohlone's first mid-week trips, along with her friend, Jean-Marie Spoelman. Willie also served as President of Ohlone Audubon. Personally, I remember Willie as my friend, and a participant of our birdathon team consisting of Jean-Marie, Marilyn Trabert, Margaret Emery, and Pat Gordon, known as Pat's Phalaropes. We ladies, with Willie's great eyes, outbirded the all man Kingfishers team! (photo above of Jean-Marie and Willie). We also note with sadness, that **Maryann Danielson**, a Motley member, teacher, great photographer, and former director of the Coyote Pt Jr Museum passed away just shortly after Willie.-PG

Owen Hughes

We lost another long-term Ohlone member August 23, 2015. Owen passed away in Anchorage, where he relocated with his second wife Elaine in 1990. Owen is remembered as a kind and gentle man.

When he was with Ohlone he chaired our Education Committee, and participated in our CBC, always finding the Golden-crowned Kinglets for us! He also served as an Ohlone president. Owen continued his conservation work and love of nature, volunteering with Audubon Alaska. In 2013, we visited him, where he led us on a bird walk at the bird sanctuary near his home in Eagle River, AK —at 94! -





The Cranes are Coming!

Every year like clockwork, **Sandhill Cranes** start arriving in late September in the Delta and Central Valley to spend the fall and winter months here. This is a great time to see these magnificent birds. Take an afternoon off, drive through Tracy and connect to I-5 N. Shortly after passing the Lodi exit (SR-12 Exit 485), look for the Turner Road Exit (Exit 487). Turn right on W. Turner Road and then an immediate left onto Thornton Road (J8) and drive until you reach a stop sign. Turn left onto Woodbridge Road and slowly follow it to the end.

You never know what is in the ditches and what is in the fields, so keep a watchful eye. At the end of Woodbridge road, you are now 23 ft. below sea level and the Mokelumne River is right over those "ditch hills". Turnaround and slowly drive back, along Woodbridge Road watching for birds and the lookout point of **Woodbridge Ecological Reserve** (aka Isenberg Crane Reserve or South WER) will be on the right hand side of Woodbridge Road (You will have passed it on the way in). October is a great month to see the White-faced Ibis, December—the Tundra Swans, January - Snow Geese and White-fronted Geese, all in addition to the Sandhill Cranes. Just around sunset, Sandhill Cranes, by the hundreds, will come in to roost for the night. In your excitement and awe, don't forget to look west, sunsets can be spectacular and great views of Mt. Diablo. Here's a website with a great map, great directions, and some info.... <https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Lands/Places-to-Visit/Woodbridge-ER>

Want something a little more personal, a little more informational, a much, much smaller group of people hanging out, a little cozy, off the main road? Register for a tour put on by **Ca Fish & Wildlife**. Check this website: <https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Regions/3/Crane-Tour>. Registration has already begun. Need a longer, fuller bird day? Add in **Cosumnes River Preserve**. Stay on I-5, exit at Twin Cities Road (Exit 498) turn right on Franklin Blvd. If you want to turn into the parking sites along Franklin Blvd to walk the boardwalks, please do. Ducks galore, especially all three teals. Once finished, you can continue to Visitor Center, visit, and walk the second trail. Here's the

**BE SURE TO CHECK OUT OHLONE'S
UPCOMING TRIP DECEMBER 5 TO SEE
CRANES WITH BILL SCOGGINS &
MARTY MORROW**

website: <http://www.cosumnes.org/>.
When you're finish, head back to Woodbridge.

Now, for something totally different. **Gary Ivey**, a well-known craniac, created a "**Crane Self Tour Map**" found at: http://www.sharetheroad.us/Crane_Maps.html. Make sure you interact with a road map or maps online like Google. This webpage is also great source of maps for crane viewing in the area. Basically, Gary has created a map through the farm country on farm roads where you have a good chance of seeing Cranes feeding in the fields intermixed with stops at Cosumnes, Staten Island, and South WER. At the end of a long day, stay in Lodi, then rise early to see the cranes fly out at either **Staten Island** or South WER. Staten Island is called "Photography Row" and for a good reason. Fly-outs in the morning are breathtaking and if you want a picture of cranes flying in with a backdrop of a sunset and Mt. Diablo, Staten Island is the place to go. To reach Staten Island take W. Walnut Grove Road (Exit 493) from I-5 west to N. Staten Island Road. No, there's no ferry, but Staten Island is a working farm, owned and operated by the Nature Conservancy. It is private property, with a single 5 mile road opened to the public. To me, it's drive-by birding.

Two things to note. First, In October and November, Staten Island, Woodbridge and Cosumnes have a lock on the cranes, but in December, when the farmers begin flooding their fields, the cranes now have choices and many times chose other places to roost. It is not unusual to show up for a fly-in at Cosumnes, Woodbridge, or Staten Island and get skunked. Second, both the Lesser Sandhill Cranes and the Greater Sandhill Cranes come to the Delta, but during the first and second week of November, the Lessers move further south into the Central Valley. You can

view these cranes at the **San Joaquin National Wildlife Refuge** (http://www.fws.gov/refuge/san_joaquin_river) west of Modesto on St Hwy 132 and **Merced National Wildlife Refuge** (<http://www.fws.gov/refuges/profiles/index.cfm?id=81652>) 8 miles South of Merced on State Highway 59. —Tanya Hoppes

(See **Crane Festival Info**—page 7)

BIRD SIGHTINGS IN OUR AREA

Birder/Photographer Jerry Ting and the Fremont Birding Circle have been turning up lots of exciting migrants in our East Bay regional parks!

He reports that Sunday, September 13 was an 8-warbler and 5 wren day at Coyote Hills and Ardenwood. **Yellow, Yellow-Rumped, Orange-Crowned, Wilson's, Townsend's, Black-Throated Gray, and Nashville Warblers as well as Common Yellowthroats were seen. Marsh, House, Rock, Bewick's, and Pacific Wrens** put in an appearance, too! You can follow this group - and see some really beautiful photos - on their public Facebook page.

Pectoral Sandpiper and **White-Faced Ibises** have also been seen at Coyote Hills this month. An immature **Pigeon Guillemot** was on the bay off Crown Memorial Beach at our Alameda South Shore field trip on September 10. A bit farther south, a rare (ABA code 3) **Curlew Sandpiper** has been seen and photographed (confirmed) at Don Edwards NWR in Alviso. You can follow sightings at birding.aba.org. —SF

CONSERVATION

Western County:

Fremont - Patterson Ranch - the City of Fremont has authorized the planting of trees along Paseo Padre Parkway as part of the Bay Trail improvements that will be performed by the Patterson Ranch Development, despite concerns of the impacts to open views of Coyote Hills, and the fact that the trees may provide roosting for corvids. There has been one improvement to the plan, originally London Plane trees were supposed to be planted, now they will be planting coast live oaks.

(Fremont residents: See below for more news on Patterson Ranch development)

Fremont - Niles Canyon Stakeholders

Meeting - A stakeholders meeting was held on September 4th. Caltrans began the meeting with an update on the Phase 1 (now defunct) tree cutting, repeatedly stating the vegetation was recovering even though no actions have been undertaken to date. After strenuous objections from many, they finally agreed to use the word "revegetating" instead of "recovering." No mitigation has been performed to date to compensate for the loss of at least 143 mostly mature, native trees. Jeff Miller, of the Alameda Creek Alliance, requested that Caltrans provide a map depicting the locations of the cut trees, as well as the species and DBH (diameter at breast height). Caltrans has agreed to do so. They are still looking for mitigation sites to offset the impacts to trees. One suggestion was to replace the box culvert at Stonybrook Creek

Carin High, West County Bill Hoppes, East County

to improve fish passage (steelhead) up the creek. Jeff suggested there were other culverts up the creek that are privately owned and may never be replaced, whereas, Caltrans is already under obligation to eventually replace the box culvert.

The Alameda Creek Bridge EIR is going to be re-circulated, expect the REIR something within this month or the next. Caltrans would not reveal whether they will be discussing new alternatives, though there were many comments at the meeting that they must consider.

Fremont - Niles Canyon 1 day closure to walk and bike the canyon and to consider alternatives for a pedestrian/equestrian/biking trail. This will occur in October. Details to follow as this is a work in progress.



South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project

<http://www.southbayrestoration.org/planning/phase2/downloads.html> The EIR for Eden Landing is expected to be released within a year if all goes well. The science symposium is an all day event that will be held in Mountain View on October 22nd. You must register to attend though the event is free (space is limited), as of 9-7-15, there were still 183 spaces available.

Be sure to check out their latest newsletter at www.southbayrestoration.org/news/e-newsletter/sept-2015

Patterson Ranch Development and Schools:

Evidently the developers of Patterson Ranch are threatening to sue the school district because it has said there is no capacity for additional students at the two existing schools (Forest Park and Ardenwood) and that any new students from the Patterson Ranch development will have to go where there are vacancies. The school district has been very up front about the important issue of overcrowding from day 1. Please share far and wide with parents who may have students currently attending those two schools, or Thornton MS or American High School. The developers need to know the community stands behind the position of the school district on this matter.

From Dr. Jim Morris, Superintendent, Fremont Unified School District:

The Board voted unanimously to approve the 'unassigned' attendance designation for the Patterson Ranch housing development. It is our position that it is neither practical, nor ethical, to assign a new development to a school that students will have little to no chance of attending. We feel home buyers are entitled to full disclosure of the situation they and their children will face prior to purchasing a home. The Patterson Ranch developers have threatened FUSD with litigation over this issue and their reaction to last night's decision remains to be seen. We will certainly keep you informed of any developments. (from thank you note to FUSD teachers, 9/10/2015)

More info at http://www.fremontcitizensnetwork.org/events/important-fusd-board-meeting-wed-9-9-5-30-pm?xg_source=activity

CONSERVATION (continued)

Eastern County:

Bishop Ranch Regional Open Space

Expansion: Some 362 acres of prominent ridge land above the San Ramon Valley is being bought by the East Bay Regional Park District to connect two regional parks and plug a 2-mile gap in the Calaveras Ridge trail from Sunol to Lafayette. The Park District agreed Tuesday to pay \$2 million to buy and preserve the rolling hills and pasture land from the Wiedemann family, which has grazed cattle there since the 1860s. The purchase will more than double the size of the Bishop Ranch Regional Open Space Preserve -- bringing it to 800 acres -- and connect that park to Dublin Hills Regional Park. Buying the land will also allow for a 2-mile-long extension of the Calaveras Ridge Regional Trail. Now about a third complete, the route eventually will allow people to walk and ride on a continuous trail 44 miles through six regional parks between Sunol and Lafayette.

Zone 7: Zone 7 Water Agency is embarking on a new project along Arroyo Mocho in Livermore, at the Medeiros Parkway site. The City of Livermore is dedicating about 45 acres of land adjacent to Arroyo Mocho to the Zone 7 Water Agency. The Medeiros Parkway project concept will allow the creek to reconnect to its floodplain in this area, providing additional flood protection for the region, groundwater recharge, and new and enhanced native riparian habitat. The project will also provide public access to the creek, and Livermore Area Regional Park District plans to implement their Oak Grove Master Plan in the Nature Reserve area, which currently includes a memorial grove and areas for environmental learning.



Tesla Park: On August 19 a wildfire burned over 2700 acres including much of the land proposed for the Tesla expansion of Carnegie SVRA. The impact of the fire on the process to open the Tesla site to ORV use is unclear. Friends of Tesla is proposing the Off Highway Motor Vehicle Division of the California Parks Department reopen the draft environmental impact review process for further public comment to assess the recovery of natural habitat from the fire and its relationship to proposed ORV use.

And from the Friends of Tesla website: *We had joked that the OHV lobby would now argue that because Tesla is "destroyed" they can open up to OHV use even faster and with less regard to sensitive resources. That was not far from the truth as shown in this article in The Independent.* http://www.independentnews.com/news/fire-may-alter-debate-over-future-of-tesla-site/article_a9ea47e0-4c42-11e5-9212-ffc1a84e83fc.html

As stated in our web site post, Tesla exists beyond the moment, and its life cycle provides part of the unique wonder that we must permanently preserve for future generations. We are busy with the next stage of our work - getting organized for the FEIR, planning fundraising, working to establish relationships with the new state legislators in the Livermore area, and more. Nothing has changed - now there are just more reasons why we need to Save Tesla Park. <http://www.teslapark.org/?p=2036>

Drones and Birds?



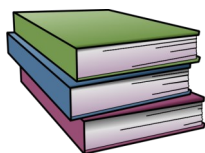
Recently there have been instances of drones harassing birds in our areas. Jennifer Rycenga of Sequoia Audubon shared this information from Lt. James Ober, Law enforcement Division, CA Dept. of Fish and Wildlife:

California Code of Regulations Title 14 section 251.1:

Except as otherwise authorized in these regulations or in the Fish and Game Code, no person shall harass, herd or drive any game or nongame bird or mammal or fur-bearing mammal. For the purposes of this section, harass is defined as an intentional act which disrupts an animal's normal behavior patterns, which includes, but is not limited to, breeding, feeding or sheltering. This section does not apply to a landowner or tenant who drives or herds birds or mammals for the purpose of preventing damage to private or public property, including aquaculture and agriculture crops.

To successfully prosecute a case such as this either requires a peace officer observe the offense, or if there is video of the offense the person or party who either shot the video or is in charge of the video equipment must be willing to testify in court. The portion of the law that may or not apply in situations where a drone is flying close to birds is intent. Generally, for a violation to be prosecuted the peace officer who files the case must be able to show that the drone was flown with the intent to disrupt the animal's normal behavior patterns. Normally intent in these cases can be shown if the individual was previously advised of the law, advised that their previous actions did disrupt the animal's normal behavior patterns, and the individual either returned or continued with those same actions. All California peace officers (e.g. Sheriff deputies, City police) can enforce the above regulation. If you observe a wildlife crime in progress the best way to notify our department is through the CalTIP program: <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/enforcement/caltip.aspx> The information will be routed to the closest CA Fish and Wildlife Officer, and they will respond if they are able.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



OHLONE BOOK SALE

NOVEMBER 7 –8

Ohlone Audubon is selling their library of over 900 books on Nov. 7 and 8, 10 am to 5 pm at Helen Sowers's garage, 18492 Capricorn Ct., Castro Valley, 94546. For many years the library has been available to the Ohlone members but is rarely utilized so we decided to make the books available to the birding community. Recently a deceased member donated her extensive bird library, adding to the collection and to our wish to sell.

Most of the books are ornithological but there are some references on other topics. Most of the books will be available for \$3 or 2 for \$5. There are a small number of rare books that will be priced at \$5 to \$10.

The list of books is available on our website, <http://OhloneAudubon.org> For further information, contact Helen Sowers by email at hmsowers@comcast.net

CENTRAL VALLEY BIRDING FESTIVAL

The **Central Valley Bird Club** will be hosting the 19th Annual Central Valley Birding Symposium **Nov. 19-22, 2015** at the Stockton Hilton Hotel in Stockton, CA.

Speakers include Ed Harper & Ed Pandolfino presenting a program on "**A Central Valley Year of Sights & Sounds**", Steve N.G. Howell on "**Shift Happens: Rare (Vagrant) Birds in North America**", Kate Marianchild on "**Our Magnificent Valley Oaks: Hubs of their Habitats**." Workshops include: "**Birding: the 12-step Program--Bird ID explained**" by Steve N.G. Howell, "**Shorebird ID Workshop**" by Jon Dunn, "**A Mini Tricolored Blackbird Symposium**", moderated by Dan Airola, and a photo workshop by Bob Steele. Plus, attend informative workshops by Philip Garone, Keith Hansen, Sal

Salerno & Jim Burcio. The field trips always turn up exciting birds. Add in the always entertaining and educational Bird ID Panel, the wonderful display of art and gifts for yourself or others 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.

To look over the line-up of speakers, workshops, and fieldtrips, check out the website at:

<http://www.cvbsreg.org>.

Registration: <http://www.regonline.com/centralvalleybirdingsymposium2015>



COME JOIN THE FUN AT THE 19TH ANNUAL SANDHILL CRANE FESTIVAL

Join the City of Lodi, November 6-8, for the 19th Annual Sandhill Crane Festival. General admission is free. There is no charge for most of the events at Hutchins Street Square, including the Reception, Art Show, workshops and presentations, and the Exhibit Hall.

Nature Tour Registration is now open. Costs vary per tour and fill up fast. For more info and tour registration, visit this website <http://www.crane festival.com/>



MORRO BAY WINTER BIRD FESTIVAL, JANUARY 15-18, 2016

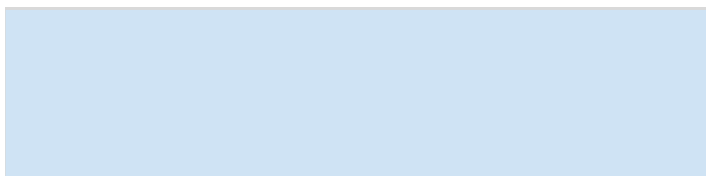
Come to where the birds are for the 20th Annual Morro Bay Winter Bird Festival. Located on California's scenic Central Coast, Morro Bay is an important stop on the Pacific Flyway and one of the country's pre-eminent birding spots. The Festival is sponsored by Morro Coast AS, CA State Parks, the Central Coast St Parks Association, and the City of Morro Bay.

More details at www.morrobaybirdfestival.org. Registration starts Nov. 7. The deadline for pre-registration is January 5, 2016 but early signups are encouraged as the most popular events fill up quickly. The festival offers field trips, workshops aimed at sharpening your birding skills, as well as evening programs with outstanding speakers.

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