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The Newsletter of the Wintu Audubon Society

Chapter of the National Audubon Society serving Shasta
and eastern portions of Trinity County, California

May 2021

THE BIRDS OF BURNEY FALLS



Our May presentation from Catherine Camp and Jaci White will discuss the Birds of Burney Falls on **May 12th at 7pm**. McArthur-Burney Falls Memorial State Park has three distinct ecosystems that invite a large variety of birds throughout the year. This presentation will explore three trails in the park and the birds you are likely to see along them: the Falls Loop Trail along Burney Creek, the Cemetery Trail in dry open forest, and Lake Britton and Lagoon with eagles, osprey and waterfowl. Burney Falls is one of the few places in California where the mysterious Black Swift nests behind the falls and can be seen at and near the falls. As several groups are doing, we are pre-registering everyone for our upcoming presentations. This is a very simple procedure. Just go to: <https://bit.ly/3xxmxcv> and fill out the simple form. You will receive an email confirming your registration. The link for the presentation will be emailed to you on May 10th. We suggest you make a reminder for yourself when you get the email link.

You can also scan the QR code below to fill out the form.



When you login to our Zoom meetings you will be placed into a waiting room until the meeting begins. Participants are muted upon entry but are welcome to unmute themselves before the meeting begins. Once the presentation begins, you can raise your hand to ask questions or type a question into chat. A moderator will control the order of your questions.

All of our presentations will be posted on our YouTube page: <https://www.youtube.com/c/WintuAudubonSociety> where you can also find several bird videos. We are also posting Zoom presentations from several other organizations

on our calendar page here: <https://www.wintuadubon.org/calendar/> - including Altacal Audubon, Redbud Audubon, Redwood Region Audubon, Mendocino Coast Audubon, Peregrine Audubon, Plumas Audubon and Golden Gate Audubon.

A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Hello, Wintu Audubon Chapter!
As noted last month, May is the chapter's Annual Business Meeting. We will ask the membership to approve two items:

1. Amendments to our constitution and bylaws. The amendments are for clarity, simplicity, and accuracy. We have also added wording for a practice we've already been following, that the bylaws should be reviewed for updates in years ending in zero and five (at least). The amendments can be viewed here at <https://tinyurl.com/vyhpzkak>.
2. The slate of chapter officers for the new year. The slate is viewable here at: <https://tinyurl.com/azp5pstp>. There are a couple improvements since last month, but the positions of President, VP, Field Trip Chair, and Education Chair remain open. If you would like to help the chapter continue its valuable programs, please contact me at greaney@yahoo.com or 530-276-9693.

Also, we are seeking some garage, shed, or closet space to store chapter materials. Please contact us if you can help out!

Board Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the Month at 7:00 PM on Zoom.

Wintu Audubon Society General Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM on Zoom.

Zoom meeting invitations are sent to all folks that are on our email list and listed on our Calendar page



Lassen Volcanic National Park Campout On!

We have enjoyed the birding and camping at the Lost Creek Group Campground for several years, so we are scheduling this event again this year in conjunction with Altacal Audubon. Group Camp sites #5 and 6 have been reserved for the nights of Friday, June 18th and Saturday, June 19th. Campers can arrive at the campsite at a time of their choosing on Friday after 1pm and must be evacuated by noon Sunday.

We are inviting the Redwood Region, Peregrine, Mendocino, Plumas and Redbud Chapters to join us. Species expected include Osprey, Pileated Woodpecker, White-headed Woodpecker, Black-backed Woodpecker, Williamson's Sapsucker, Vaux's Swift, Common Nighthawk, Bufflehead, Canada Jay, Brown Creeper, American Dipper, Mountain Bluebird, Yellow Warbler, Western Tanager and Cassin's Finch.

We will bird Manzanita Lake and vicinity on Saturday morning to be immediately followed by our yearly chapter picnic at the Lost Creek Campground. The rest of the itinerary is open and will depend on the interests of the participants. Folks can either camp at Lost Creek or drive up for either or both Saturday and Sunday. Vaccinated Saturday day trippers should meet at the Kutra's Park meeting place at 7:00 am Saturday morning to car pool. Day trippers for Sunday, June 20th, will meet at the campsite at 8:00 am. Lost Creek has primitive facilities; vault toilets and no electricity.

Potable water is available. Contact Larry Jordan, 949-5266 or email - webmaster@wintuadubon.org for other particulars.



On a personal note, I would enjoy leading a few local bird walks in May with other vaccinated folks. Anyone with proof of vaccination are welcome to participate. On the list might be Lema Ranch, Turtle Bay, Mary Lake, or Clover Creek Preserve. Contact me at - webmaster@wintuadubon.org if interested.



OFFICERS, COMMITTEE CHAIRS & DIRECTORS-AT-LARGE

OFFICERS

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Field Trips: OPEN

DIRECTORS-AT-LARGE

Harvey Carroll, Dan Greaney, Marti Weidert, Bill Oliver, Connie Word, Bea Currie, Erika Iacona, Roberta Winchell and John Winchell

COVID 19 UPDATE

Covid 19 is currently decreasing in Shasta County and is now rated as "SUBSTANTIAL." The complete Shasta County information can be found at <https://www.co.shasta.ca.us/ready/covid-19/overview>. You can find the **updated** "Guidance for the Use of Face Coverings" here: <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/guidance-for-face-coverings.aspx>

Hopefully you have been vaccinated and may therefore be able to engage in activities with other vaccinated people without worrying about getting infected. Thank you for keeping our community a safer place by wearing a mask when necessary and following social distancing guidelines. We look forward to a time when we can all come together again safely.

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