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Wintu Audubon Society

Birding in Northern California

Fall Migration Is Upon Us!



This Wilson's Warbler was found at Henderson Open Space recently as well as a couple of Black-throated Gray Warblers, several Orange-crowned and Yellow Warblers, and a Pacific-slope Flycatcher!



Minimizing Wind Turbine Impacts on Birds in Shasta County

Join Wintu Audubon for our next Zoom presentation with Bruce Webb on Minimizing

Wind Turbine Impacts on Birds in Shasta County! Bruce will explain the various methods to assess the risk of avian impacts from wind turbines and examine the proposed Fountain Wind Project near Round Mountain. Bruce is Wintu Audubon Co-chair of Conservation and is a retired CDFW Staff Environmental Scientist with 35 years experience in environmental planning and wildlife impact assessment.

This presentation will be **held at 7pm on October 14th** on Zoom. Here is the link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88669269505>

When you login to the meeting you will be placed into a waiting room until the meeting begins. Participants will be muted at the beginning of the presentation and depending on the number of attendees we may answer questions as they come up, or more likely at the end of the presentation. The chat function will be available during the meeting and I will be monitoring "chat" for questions as we go along. More information on this event can be found on our website's calendar page [here](#).

We will also be posting other online presentations on our calendar page that you may be interested in attending from other Audubon chapters and similar organizations.

We are recording all of our Zoom presentations and posting them on our [YouTube page!](#) Our newly created Wintu Audubon YouTube page currently has 32 bird related videos. To give our YouTube page a meaningful name (a custom URL) we need to have 100 subscribers. We are still 20 subscribers short. **If you enjoy bird videos and would like to view our future presentations, please subscribe to our YouTube channel!** Here is a link to a video we filmed of a Pacific Wren singing at Burney Falls on the new YouTube page:
https://youtu.be/C40qIJ8dE_4

On Conservation

Wintu Audubon has been reviewing the Fountain Wind Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR), issued by Shasta County Resource Management.

<https://www.co.shasta.ca.us/index/drm/planning/eir/fountain-wind-project>

The project proposes up to 72 wind turbines on 4,464-acres of managed forestland both north and south of SR299, west and south of the existing Hatchet Ridge wind farm. Consistent with the positions of both National Audubon and California Audubon, Wintu Audubon supports renewable energy projects in principle as they serve to combat the wildlife impacts of climate change. Wintu Audubon will be providing written comments on the DEIR which we expect will focus on:

1. strengthened analysis and mitigations, especially as regards Bald Eagle, Greater Sandhill Crane and certain other raptors
2. project designs which can minimize impacts on special status birds
3. specific involvement of Wintu Audubon in selection/monitoring of mitigation before and after start-up
4. design protocols and oversight of fatality monitoring efforts
5. project consistency with the California Energy Commission's Guidelines for Reducing Impacts to Birds and Bats from Wind Energy

To review the project proposals and the DEIR, and for information on commenting on the DEIR, please go to the above referenced website.

Please note the deadline for comment on the DEIR has been extended to October 21, 2020.

For questions and more information please contact Conservation Co-chair Bruce Webb at (530)515-5324.

Unfortunately, Covid 19 is still rampant and the California "Stay at Home" orders are still in effect, but they do allow for people to get out and exercise. Obviously bird watching would be one of these activities. The full stay at home order information can be found [HERE](#).

We are as anxious as you are to get back to having several birding events every month but we

cannot lead groups until the virus subsides. Shasta County Covid information can be found [HERE](#).

Thank you for keeping our community a safer place by wearing a mask and following social distancing guidelines. We look forward to a time when we can all come together again safely. In the meantime, MAKE SURE YOU VOTE!!

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