



# CHIRP-N-CHATTER

The Newsletter of the Wintu Audubon Society

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

## January 2022

### CONDOR: RETURNING PREY-GO-NEESH



The Yurok Tribe is poised on the brink of bringing North America's largest bird, the California Condor, home to northern California and the Pacific Northwest. Not only will this restore a critical member of our ecological community, but it will promote reconnection to this amazing creature, and cultural revitalization for the tribal people in relationship with him. Special guest Tiana Williams-Claussen, Director of the Yurok Tribe Wildlife Department, provides a brief introduction to the incredible Prey-go-neesh, the California condor, and discusses the traditional paradigm guiding the Yurok Tribe's efforts to bring them home to northern California and the Pacific Northwest. She will close with an update on reintroduction progress, and a description of the approach the Yurok Tribe will take for reintegrating condor into our world.

Tiana Williams-Claussen is a Yurok Tribal member from the village of Wehl-kwew, and raised in Yurok Ancestral Territory. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Biochemical

Sciences from Harvard University, after which she returned to serve her tribe. Instrumental to the formation of the Yurok Tribe Wildlife Department in 2008, she currently serves as Department Director. Her native upbringing and formal education allow her to bridge the gap between traditional understandings of the world, and those rooted in Western-science, supporting her in her work toward a cohesive, well-informed approach to holistic ecosystem management.

**Wednesday, January 12th at 7PM - Link:**

[HTTPS://US06WEB.ZOOM.US/J/81081244498](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81081244498)

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 type a question into chat. A moderator will control the order of your questions. The link to the presentation can also be found on the calendar page of our website.

All of our presentations will be posted on our YouTube page: <https://www.youtube.com/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.

**Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge Outing,  
Saturday, January 8th @ 7:30**



The Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge is a national gem, well worth the short, 90 mile drive to Willows. Enormous numbers of waterfowl fill the sky and the impoundments in fall and winter. Snow, Ross's and Greater White-fronted Geese, Northern Pintails, Northern Shovelers and Gadwalls are assured. Possibilities are White-faced Ibis, Green-winged and Cinnamon Teal, Black-necked Stilts and various raptors, including Bald Eagle and Peregrine Falcon. Most of the birding is done from cars. We will provide 2-way radios to report sightings and alert people in other cars to look for them.

Meet your leader at 7:30 am sharp at Kutras Park on Park Marina Drive to carpool and bring a lunch for this full-day trip. Fees to enter the refuge are \$6 per car for the day. Most carpool drivers have senior lifetime passes and can enter for no additional fee. For more information call Larry Jordan @ 949-5266

**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

**Per our updated Trip Waiver: All participants, ages 5 and older, must provide proof that they are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 or provide evidence of a negative COVID-19 test within 72 hours prior to the field trip.**

Participants must practice social distancing when outdoors on field trips and must wear masks and practice social distancing while indoors. Participation is not currently allowed for persons under the age of 5.

**Clear Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant,  
Saturday, January 15th @ 8:00**



We are again scheduling a visit to the ponds targeting wintering waterfowl and very early migrating shorebirds. We hope that the winter rains will provide abundant open water and muddy shorelines for these species. Assemble at the Treatment Plant's Administration Building at the end of Metz Road at 8:00 am to meet your leader, Larry Jordan. This is a 1/2-day trip that may end in the early afternoon if the birding is good. Directions to the Clear Creek Plant: Take Hwy 273 and look for River Ranch Road after crossing Clear Creek. Cross over the Railroad tracks and turn left on Eastside Rd. Entrance is on Metz Road on the right.



**Lema Ranch Birdwalk, Saturday, January  
22nd @ 8:00**



The wide-open vistas, grassy fields, large ponds and oak woodlands of Lema Ranch offer quite a variety of bird species. Winter ducks and sparrows are a particular treat this time of year and if we're lucky, we might spot a Common Gallinule.

Meet at 8:00 am at Gate 10 located at the end of Lema Road, just past the maintenance facility. Park on the right-hand side of the road by the maintenance facility. We will spend about 2 hours walking two miles on paved, accessible trails around three of the ponds. There is a bathroom located near Gate 10.



Covid19 continues to spread in our community, so please get vaccinated and take appropriate precautions to protect yourself and others. The complete Shasta County COVID information can be found at

<https://www.co.shasta.ca.us/ready/covid-19/overview>.

**Currently less than half the people in Shasta County are fully vaccinated.**

Here is the updated "Guidance for the Use of Face Coverings" <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/guidance-for-face-coverings.aspx>.

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