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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**

September 2022



Join us as we begin our fall season with an excellent presentation from one of Redding's premiere photographers. David Bogener is a retired biologist with a passion for travel, nature study and photography, specializing in wildlife photography with an emphasis on behavioral images. David and his wife Becky were fortunate to spend two weeks on a dedicated bird photography trip in Costa Rica during early April 2022. They visited ecolodges throughout the country in a variety of habitats. David told us that it was an incredible experience as he captured thousands of images. He will share some of his favorites from the trip with us for this first in-person/zoom meeting.

We will meet at 7:00 pm at the warehouse at 1313 California Street for this first in person meeting of the season. The presentation will also be live on Zoom for those that can't make it in person.

[Click for a map to the warehouse](#) at 1313 California Street.

Wintu Audubon Society is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Costa Rica Birding Adventure with David Bogener

Time: Sep 14, 2022 07:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88469902069>

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Reminder: last year the chapter moved from subscription to donation-based membership. At the beginning of each new operating year in September we encourage members to donate - suggested amount \$20-\$30 - either through our [PayPal link](#) or by check at Wintu Audubon, PO Box 994533, Redding, CA 96099-4533.

Thank you so much! Read below for a look at what your donation supports!

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Another great year of activities is in store for Wintu Audubon. Our Education Chair, Tricia Ford is busy preparing an online *Birds of Northern California Ornithology Curriculum*. She will reintroduce our booth at fairs and festivals starting with the Salmon Festival in October as well as attend the Local Indians for Education camp in July. Tricia is working hard to instill the love of birdwatching in a young audience as they are our future conservationists and Wintu Audubon members. In September, we will renew field trips organized by our expert birder Tim Kashuba. Our Program Chair, Catherine Camp, will continue to delight us with presenters and their wonderful presentations, which, for the first time since Covid, will be held in person for those who wish to attend, but will also continue to be available live via Zoom for those who prefer to continue attending from home. This year we also hope to monitor our bird boxes with a handful of trained volunteers in a more formalized program we'd like to call Project Nest Watch. It is also on our agenda to appeal to The City of Redding to ensure that their revised city tree ordinance will more effectively preserve existing trees and compensate for those which may be lost to future development as we continue to be involved with the City's Specific Plan of the Turtle Bay Land.

I hope you will [consider a \\$20-\\$30 suggested donation](#) to continue your membership, or become a new member, if you aren't one already. What your membership donations helped fund in 2021-2022 was the education materials for Cub Scouts Spring and Summer programs as well as a program with City of

Redding Recreation Camp Adventure and Local Indians for Education Camp. The continued maintenance and update of our website as well as our colorful, monthly newsletter put together by our webmaster Larry Jordan is always fun to see in our inboxes. We also had the pleasure of hosting fascinating presentations such as Tiana Williams-Claussen's "Condor Reintroduction to the Klamath River Lands." How historical was it to see the live release of the Condors by the Yurok tribe, Tiana and her team months after she told us all about the work that led up to this monumental achievement? Let's not forget how Wintu Audubon, in partnership with the Shasta Group of the Sierra Club Mother Lode Chapter and Shasta Environmental Alliance, along with your letters to city council, was able to get the Redding City Council to vote on a Specific Plan of the Turtle Bay land versus just declaring it surplus and selling it to a developer. A huge achievement, led by our Conservation Chair, Bruce Webb, which required a lot of time and resources, but was well worth the work.

We have an amazing group with great ideas and plans for our members, but none of it would be possible without your continued support so thank you! We look forward to bringing all these great activities to you.

Bird On,
Rebeca Ladrón de Guevara – President

"A bird does not sing because it has an answer, it sings because it has a song." – Joan Walsh Anglund

Note: 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 and sign a waiver prior to all field trips.

SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES

Clear Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant - September 3rd @ 7:30 am



We are again scheduling a visit to the ponds targeting waterfowl, shorebirds and migrating warblers. Assemble at the Treatment Plant's Administration Building at the end of Metz Road at 7:30 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 south, after crossing Clear Creek and past the

Win-River Casino, take the second left turn at River Ranch Road and cross over the railroad tracks. Turn left on Eastside Rd. Entrance is at 2200 Metz Road on the right.

John Reginato River Access Trail - September 10th @ 8:00 am



Meet at 8am Saturday morning, September 10th, at the canoe, kayak and raft launch at the John Reginato River Access at 3810 South Bonnyview Road. This area is also known as the South Bonnyview boat ramp. We will spend about two hours walking less than two miles on a rocky path with river cobblestones. Hiking boots are recommended. There is a port-a-potty at the boat ramp. Contact

trip leader Tricia Ford at triciathebirdnerd@gmail.com or 530-246-4404 for more information.

Black Butte Lake Field Trip - September 17th @ 8:00 am



Black Butte Lake's Buckhorn and Burris Creek locations are within US Army Corp of Engineers managed lands which is a fee area. Day fee is currently \$5, and anyone with a Senior Lifetime Pass is covered and fee free. Meet trip leader Dan Bye at the Buckhorn Boat Launch parking lot at the south end of Buckhorn Road near the restrooms. We should be able to cover both areas by noon so

bring a lunch. Plenty of water is recommended!

Gold Dredge Field Trip - September 24th @ 7:00 am



We will do a hike in and out trip to the Clear Creek Greenway via the Gold Dredge Trailhead located on the south side of Clear Creek Road, approximately 2.5 miles west of Highway 273 just south of the City of Redding. The Greenway is a model example of habitat restoration both aquatic and upland. It is managed by the BLM and extends west from the Gold Dredge Trailhead 12 miles to

Horsetown Clear Creek Preserve. We will target Fall Migrants and perhaps some early Fall Chinook in the Creek. There are pit toilets at the trailhead. Meet your trip leader Tim Kashuba at 7:00 am. Bring water, snacks, hiking boots and wear layers.



Phainopepla Male photo by David Bogener

If you haven't visited the website lately you may not realize that our past president, Dan Greaney, continues to write BirdWord articles every month, found on our [Blog page](#)! The articles are always interesting and informative. The current article is titled "Bird with a Shiny Robe?"