



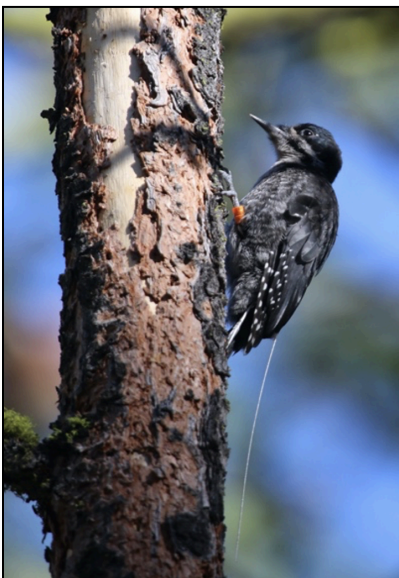
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The Newsletter of the Shasta Birding Society

A Wintu Country Chapter of the National Audubon Society



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Fire is a critical and natural part of many ecosystems, but the nature of fire is rapidly shifting due to climate change. From a biological perspective, fire is a regular disturbance that affects the distribution and abundance of species and has shaped evolution for millions of years. Nevertheless, we are entering an unprecedented period where the dominant nature of fire is rapidly changing, disrupting both human and animal lives.

In this lecture, Dr. Morgan Tingley will discuss the myriad ways that fire has shaped the ecology of birds and how the shifting nature of fire is impacting biodiversity. By learning how species are currently responding

to a rapidly changing world, we are offered a glimpse into what our increasingly flammable future will hold.

Shasta Birding Society is inviting you to a scheduled Hybrid Zoom meeting. If you can, please join us in person for our first presentation of the season at the Turtle Bay Nursery Classroom!

Topic: **Join us on October 8th for an evening with Morgan Tingley**

Time: Oct 8, 2025 07:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84094670374>

Meeting ID: 840 9467 0374

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The meeting venue

With gratitude to McConnell Arboretum & Botanical Gardens, The Shasta Birding Society will meet in the brand new Turtle Bay Nursery Classroom, 1125 Arboretum Drive, Redding.

There is lots of free, paved parking just steps away from the classroom building, and nice, curbed sidewalks. To get to the new venue, from South Market Street, turn east onto Arboretum Drive. Veer right at the first opportunity (so you don't end up at Turtle Bay Elementary School!), and drive a short way to the "curvy" parking lot to the east of Arboretum Drive.



The Nursery Classroom is just inside a large wrought-iron double gate, which is just north of the entrance to the botanical gardens proper.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS!

To show how much we appreciate our donors we want to recognize you in our monthly newsletter! These are our recent generous donors: Rachel Curran, Laurie and Daniel Malmgren, Stephanie Hughes and Jerry Andrews - Thank You!

Donations can be made either through our [PayPal link](#) or by check at Shasta Birding Society, PO Box 994533, Redding, CA 96099-4533

OCTOBER ACTIVITIES

Note: If you have been exposed to COVID-19 within the last 10 days you must provide a certificate of vaccination or negative test results no longer than 72 hours prior to and as a requirement to participating in these events.

Manzanita Lake at Lassen NP, October 4th, 8:30am to 12pm.



Location: We will all meet at the [Loomis Museum parking lot](#), located 1.1 mile from SR44/89 turnoff at the north-end park entrance. There is a park entrance fee, and all annual or lifetime pass holders are allowed entry to the park. Walking distance total estimated at 1.7 miles (2.7 km) the trail is unpaved, but the views around the lake are spectacular. Manzanita Lake elevation is 5,900 feet surrounded by a mixed conifer forest, which provides a great habitat for a wonderful variety of bird species. We are hoping to catch some Warbler species on their fall migration south. We will reschedule if rained out. Watch for any changes that might occur on our SBS

Website Calendar. I do have two seats available for anyone in need of help with the park entry but you will need to contact me directly by email. Larry Jordan will also have three seats available to anyone who needs free access. The rideshare meet location will be at the Shingletown Library parking lot. Our departure is at 7:30am from the library.

Trip Leader: Dan Bye, contact me by danbye56@gmail.com for more information.

Turtle Bay - Saturday, October 11th, 9:00am to 10:00am

Always wanted to know more about birds?

Don't know where to start??

Not sure the difference between a bird and a plane???

WE GOT YOU COVERED!

Shasta Birding Society Presents

**SECOND SATURDAY
BEGINNER AND
FAMILY FRIENDLY
BIRD WALKS**

JOIN us at the benches by the Sundial bridge at 9 am to walk the Turtle Bay Sanctuary Trail and discover the hidden world of birds all around us!



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Always wanted to learn more about birds but not sure where to start? Join Shasta Birding Society for a family and beginner friendly bird walk at the benches by the Sundial bridge at 9 am and discover the hidden world of birds all around us! We will start birding across the iconic Sundial Bridge and continue inside the botanical garden. The trail is wheelchair accessible and benches are found throughout. The walk will last about 1 hour. Binoculars are provided. Join our trip leader, David Garza and other local birders, as we take a leisurely one mile walk through one of Redding's best birding hotspots.

This walk will begin at the south end of the Sundial Bridge and take us north, across the Sacramento River to view waterfowl, woodpeckers, raptors, sparrows, and more. From the bridge there are excellent views of the river and surrounding mountains. On the other side of the river, and throughout the botanical garden, we will be able to find several species of songbirds. Raptors are common in the area, including the Bald Eagle and Osprey. Early autumn is a great time of year to find migrating birds passing through the area, before they head further south. Park in the [Turtle Bay Parking Lot](#). Rain cancels. Want more information? Contact Larry Jordan at thelarryjordan@gmail.com.

Clear Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant - Saturday, October 18th @ 7:30am



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 sharp 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. Questions? Email thelarryjordan@gmail.com

Return of the Salmon Festival - Saturday, October 18th, 9:am - 3pm



Join us as we celebrate the annual Return of the Salmon Festival at Coleman National Fish Hatchery, 24411 Coleman Fish Hatchery Rd. in Anderson. This family-friendly event is free to the public and will have over 50 booths with information and activities. View salmon spawning operations, a salmon aquarium, natural resource information booths and much more. Shasta Birding Society will be there with a booth, handing out information on birds and the chapter and engaging families with hands-on activities. For more info call 530-365-8622 or contact Laura Mahoney at laura.mahoney@fws.gov. If you can spare a couple hours to help staff our booth, please contact Education Chair Stephanie Hughes at shughess123@gmail.com

North Spit Jetty and Arcata Marsh - Saturday, October 25th 5:30am to 7:30pm



Big Day Birding Adventure – to see birds of our Northern California Coast - Our Big Day Events outside of Shasta County is a great chance to see birds that are not typically seen in our immediate area. This is also an opportunity for migrants and variants that travel the coastal route during the fall migration as we visit the North Spit Jetty, Arcata Marsh, and everything in between. Our predawn departure will start at 5:30 am sharp.

We will all meet prior to departing at the Civic Center Auditorium Parking Area at the [Monolith](#) Section for a group caravan from Redding to our first destination of North Spit Jetty. We will make one planned rest stop near Willow Creek. Humboldt Bay--North Spit Jetty: (Weather permitting) 9:00 am, is our estimated arrival time to the unique location to view shore and surf birds. We will tour the jetty and beaches for 3 hours, eat our lunch, and then head towards Arcata Marsh with some stops along the way.

Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary: 1:00 pm is our estimated arrival time There will be plenty of opportunity to stretch our legs by walking the trails or take a short drive to viewing areas of the marsh at the sanctuary. The high tide is 2:15 pm for our planned visit. Our estimated departure time from the Marsh is 4:00 pm. We will look for somewhere to grab a meal with possible drive through access. Carpooling is highly recommended. Contact me by email with a message in the subject line 'Arcata Carpooling' if you are interested in going and can provide a ride or need a ride. We will do our best to match riders together with drivers, but there is no guarantee. Please pack a lunch, plenty of snacks, comfortable footwear, extra socks, full water container, sunscreen, insect repellent, and your field optics. We estimate a return back to Redding between 7:30 - 8:00 pm. Contact info: danbye56@gmail.com

THE CONSERVATION CORNER

from Bruce Webb and Rebeca Ladrón de Guevara

Continuing our discussion of the current administration's regulatory changes likely to harm birds and wildlife and their habitat: HR-1 the "One Big Bill" signed by the President in July 2025 directed changes to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). These modifications reduce the timelines for NEPA completion, which may affect the thoroughness of wildlife impact assessments and limit the period available for filing legal challenges. HR-1 also rescinds the previous administration's funding for three programs that have a long history of improving habitat for wildlife, the Conservation Stewardship Program, the Environmental Quality Incentives Program, and the Agricultural Conservation Easements Program. For many years these programs have helped farmers and forest landowners to take actions that improve wildlife habitat by combating invasive species, restoring wetlands critical to special status species, combating the threat of wildland fire and protecting critical habitats through conservation easements. HR-1 removes the funding for all future projects.

Topics still on the list to discuss:

- Rollback of EPA "Endangerment Ruling" for greenhouse gas emissions
- Open National Forests to Logging and Cancel the 2001 Roadless Rule
- Sell Public Lands for Development
- Changes to Clean Water Act "Waters of the US" Definition

I will repeat my earlier suggestions: please consider letters and emails and phone calls to your elected representatives, and talk to your neighbors, friends and acquaintances! Stay informed and pass it along! Know also that opinion polls show overwhelming support for regulations that protect our birds.

Bruce

Update on the Riverfront Specific Plan

There was an overview presentation at the Planning Commission Meeting in August for the commissioners to give their input. A helpful list of the next steps was provided. So many of you have been involved since the very beginning of this process. Thank You! And we hope you continue to be a part of the future public hearings.

- Gather feedback from California State Association of Counties in September
- Additional stakeholder interviews
- 1-1 Sessions with Council Members
- Check-in with the City Council in October/November
- Prepare the draft Redding Riverfront Specific Plan document
- Prepare a programmatic Draft Environmental Impact Report consistent with the requirements of California Environmental Quality Act
- Hold meetings and public hearings to receive feedback on the draft plan and environmental documents.

Rebeca

TRIP REPORTS

Anderson River Park on September 6th



Seven of our Band of Birders gathered together at Anderson River Park to kick off the new 2025-26 SBS season. A big shout out to Mary, Lynn, Marti, Jerry, and David for making the effort to join our season starting event. A job well done to Larry for being our photographer (see photos posted on our two checklists) and to Lynn for packing her scope so others could see those bird beauties that were out too far to see otherwise. We began our first tour walking around the ponds near the Amphitheatre, and on our walk, we observed 41 species. Some

notables during this section were the Green Heron, Pied-billed Grebe, the Lewis's, Acorn, Downy, and Nuttall's Woodpecker, Willow Flycatcher, Black Phoebe, Yellow-billed Magpie, Bushtit, White-breasted Nuthatch, Northern House Wren, Song Sparrow, California and Spotted Towhee, Orange-crowned and Yellow Warbler, Common Yellowthroat, Western Tanager, and Sandhill Cranes heard on a flyover in the distance. On our second tour, we walked the trails on the east side of the park along the river where we observed 28 species. Noticing Canada Goose, Anna's Hummingbird, Spotted Sandpiper, Turkey Vulture, Northern Flicker, Oak Titmouse, Bushtit, Cedar Waxwing, Lesser and American Goldfinch, and Red-winged Blackbird. Altogether, a great start for our new season.

All totaled, we saw 46 species, and met up with some fun birding partners. See our post on eBird:

<https://ebird.org/tripreport/409599>

Turtle Bay on September 13th



Three birders sought out twenty-six species on the first outing of the fall 2025 Shasta Birding Society's "Second Saturday Beginner Bird Walk." It was eerily quiet this morning and we worked hard to find those birds. The best birds of the day were an Osprey flying overhead, one Orange-crowned and a couple of Yellow Warblers, and a few Cedar Waxwings. A stealth Green Heron was spotted and one Spotted Sandpiper as well.

Horsetown Preserve on September 20th



A group of eleven birders, including several plant experts, enjoyed a nearly three hour hike at Horsetown - Clear Creek Preserve. The Wrentits were making their selves known, calling loudly back and forth to be heard by all. A dozen Acorn Woodpeckers worked the oak trees and several Northern Flickers and Scrub-Jays were present joining in the cacophony. Also, three of my favorite woodpecker, the Nuttall's Woodpecker, made themselves known with their rattle call. A fast flying American Dipper was spotted by a few lucky birders as well. One lonely Yellow Warbler represented the wood warbler clan.

Red Bluff Recreation Area on September 27th



It was a cool and beautiful morning start for 6 excitable Birders and Bird Watchers on our SBS return to Tehama County's Red Bluff Recreation Area. A special mention to Junior Birders, Nova and Elias who found our location with their grandma's help. As we were gathered at our meeting place, before our official start, we quickly noticed the birds were actively about. High numbers of Cedar Waxwings, Canada Goose, Mourning Dove, and Yellow-billed Magpie were looking for their morning meals. To start our bird walk, we headed to the old boat ramp to the only fishing access available to get our first look at the Sacramento River. We saw Mallard, Killdeer, Double-crested Cormorant, Great Egret, Green Heron, and Belted Kingfisher. As we pulled out to move

downstream, we saw a Merlin making its presence known flying low through a flock of birds, We also saw California Scrub Jay, more Cedar Waxwing, Black and Say's Phoebe, White-crowned Sparrow, Spotted Towhee, and Northern House Wren. Continuing our movement along the river downstream, we arrived to the garden area where we found Anna's Hummingbird, more Cedar Waxwing, California

Towhee, and White-breasted Nuthatch. As we neared the diversion dam, we scanned one more section of the river to glimpse Greater Yellowlegs, Common Merganser, Eurasian Collared-Dove, and Rock Pigeon. To make it around the dam to see the last section of river, we accessed a service road to find an Oak Titmouse, more Cedar Waxwing, American Crow, many Northern Mockingbird. Now that we were securely placed at the downstream side of the dam, we observed more of the same species, and found White-fronted Goose, Wood Duck, Spotted Sandpiper, Bushtit, European Starling, Song Sparrow, and Orange-crowned Warbler. You might be wondering; Where are the Picidae? It is at this point in our journey all of today's list of Picidae was complete, present and accounted for, and available to share: Red-breasted Sapsucker, the Acorn, Downy, and Nuttall's Woodpecker, and Northern Flicker. We now headed to our last section of our expedition, the Nature Trail and Pond area, where we were able to see Great Blue Heron, Turkey Vulture, Bewick's Wren, Lesser Goldfinch, Golden-crowned Sparrow, Yellow Warbler, and Red-tailed Hawk. Our total for the day is 55 species, the weather was great, and everyone seemed to enjoy what the event had to offer. A big thank you goes out to Lynn for sharing your scope with all of us and to Larry for providing great photos that everyone with eBird access can view with this link: <https://ebird.org/checklist/S275874984> More events like this are available on our website calendar page, at <https://shastabirdingsociety.org/calendar-2/>

Keep on birding!



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