

Central Sierra Audubon Society

Sierra Squawker



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January - 2022

PUBLIC ZOOM PRESENTATION

Wednesday, January 19, at 7pm

The Foraging Ecology of Migrant Raptors: What Fuels Raptor Migration in California?

by Ryan Barbour

How can we study the diet of raptors on the move? Ryan will give a presentation about what fuels raptor migration along the California Coast and how prey DNA can help us learn about migrant raptor foraging ecology.

Ryan Bourbour is a wildlife biologist finishing a PhD degree in Ecology at the University of California, Davis. He has a passion for birds, especially raptors, and his research is mainly focused on raptor migration in North and Central America and on raptor ecology on California farms.



Ryan and Sharp-shinned Hawks



Zoom log-in information:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82265851811>

Note

The presentation will commence at 7pm sharp, so it's good to log in by 6:55pm to allow time for possible internet issues. When you're there, wait until the host lets you in. Please keep your microphones muted throughout the presentation until Q&A time. **And remember, your camera "sees" your whole room - and so do we!**

The November 17th presentation by **Helen Chmura** entitled "Breeding Under the Midnight Sun" is on-line at:
<https://vimeo.com/647516984>

The October 20th presentation by **Joely DeSimone** entitled "Bird Migration: How, When and Why" is on-line at:
<https://vimeo.com/653546144>

Note: all prior CSAS Zoom presentation URLs are shown on our website home page at www.centralsierraaudubon.org

JANUARY FIELD TRIPS

Sunday, January 23 - Indigeny Reserve

Please join me as we bird through the beautiful grounds at Indigeny. Besides the apple orchards, there are large oaks, some pines, stream-side thickets and a marshy area with reeds that provide some great habitats for birds. Our target birds will be the Red-breasted Sapsucker, Hermit Thrush and perhaps a Brown Creeper! As always, bring your binoculars and/or scopes, wear muted colors and you may wish to include a hat, sunscreen and water.

The walk will last 2-3 hrs. Children are welcome! Meet in the parking lot at 8:00 AM. Rain will cancel the trip. Follow the signs from the intersection of Greenley and Lyons/Bald Mountain Roads in Sonora. After a few miles on Lyons/Bald Mountain Road, turn right onto Apple Hill Drive where there is a large sign that says "Apple Valley Ranches." A quick left turn onto Summers Lane leads you to Indigeny.

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Thursday, January 27 - Merced NWR

On a dark and miserable day in November we visited the refuge and, despite that weather, had a good field day with the Sandhill Cranes being particularly abundant and active before sunset. There are always surprises when we visit this refuge, so join us for yet another excellent day of birding and - if we're lucky - a spectacular sunset.

The refuge is located at 7430 W. Sandy Mush Road, Merced, CA 95340, and a map will be shown on our website. We will meet at 2pm at the first overlook platform which you'll find by following the entrance road for a quarter of a mile. We will probably do two circuits of the auto-route, ending up at the far side platform for the sunset (hoped-for) arrivals. After the sunset fly-in, those of us who wish will enjoy dinner at our favorite Thai restaurant in Merced along our return route.

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LOOKING AHEAD

You might like to note that Paolo Maffei will again in 2022 be leading his two regular annual field trips, the first of which is Salt Springs Valley on Friday, February 11. This is our primary place to see the Ferruginous Hawk and, to complement that one, the Rough-legged Hawk has recently been sighted and photographed by two birders, so that will be a special target. We usually see Lewis's Woodpeckers here, and often a Barn Owl, and not infrequently a Bald Eagle. Paolo's other trip is the String of Pearls at Oakdale on Friday, March 11 which always pleases with a rich variety of bird species. So, calendarize those two events! There will be more information in the Squawker in the respective editions.

Central Sierra Audubon Society - CSAS

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Public Meetings: Under the current C-19 regime, these are now on-line events using Zoom technology on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm. Monthly details shown in this newsletter and on our website at www.centralsierraaudubon.org

Board Meetings: Please call Barry Boulton (209)596-0612.

Membership of National Audubon & CSAS

If you are not already a member, we would be honored to have you join us. You can join as a full member of National Audubon Society, which includes dues for CSAS membership, or you may join solely as a local member of CSAS in which case you will receive the monthly Squawker newsletter and be privy to all other CSAS activities.

An application form for local membership is available on the CSAS website at: www.centralsierraaudubon.org/join-us/

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