



2010 Snow Goose Festival of the Pacific Flyway

Thursday — Sunday January 28-31 Chico, California

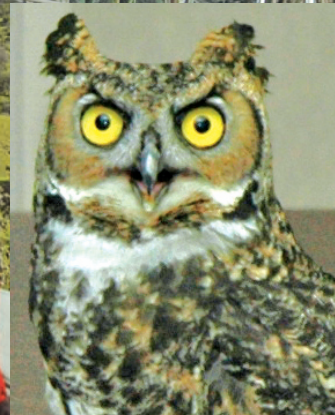
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- 46 Field Trips to View Wildlife!
- 19 Workshops & Presentations!
- Art Exhibit and Reception
- 'Gathering of Wings' Banquet
- Silent Auction & Raffles



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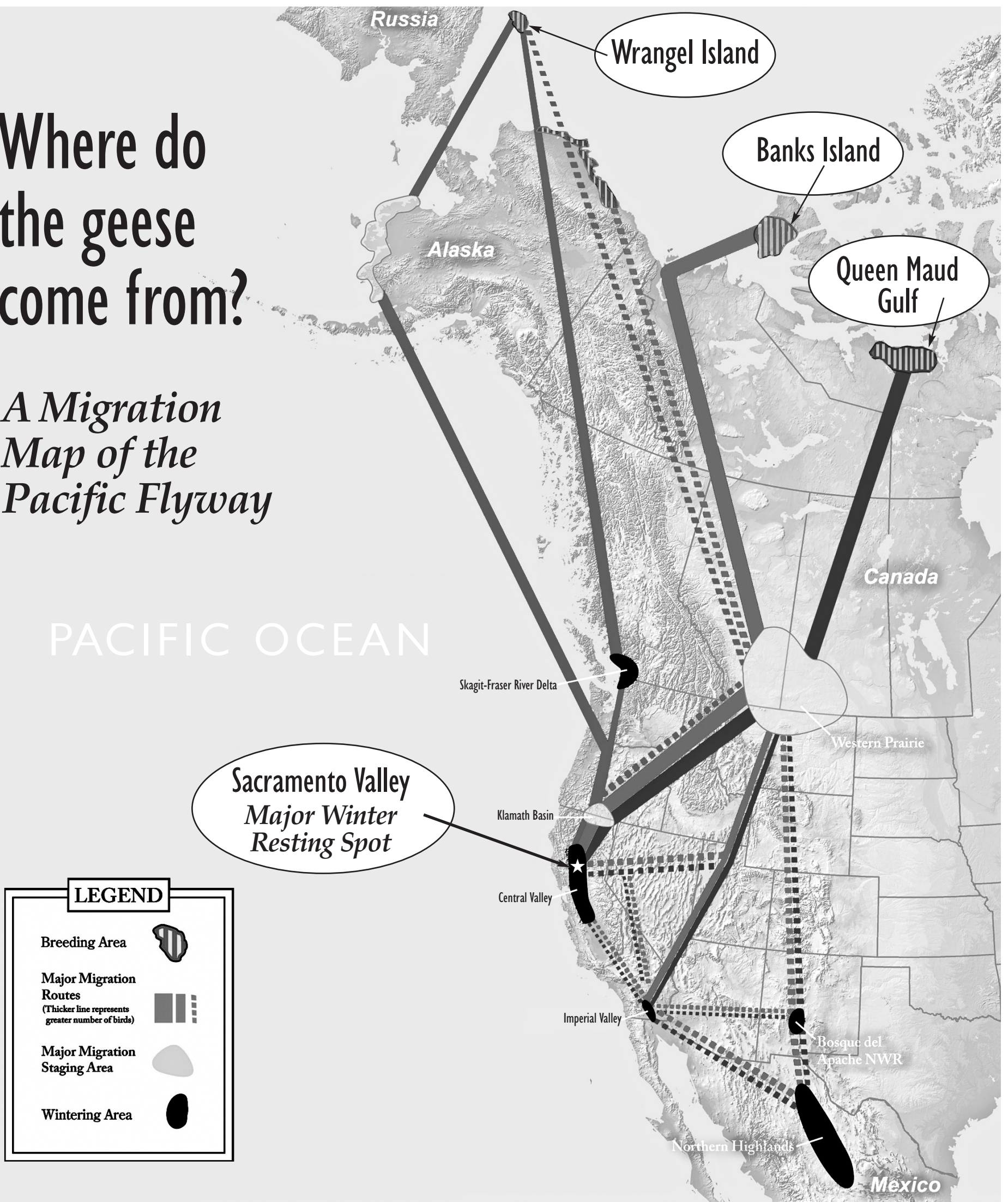
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Where do the geese come from?

A Migration Map of the Pacific Flyway





Welcome to the 11th Annual

Snow Goose Festival of the Pacific Flyway

January 28-31, 2010!

We hope you'll spend an amazing four days with us as we fulfill our mission to increase public awareness, understanding, appreciation and conservation of the incredible wildlife and related habitats of the Northern Sacramento Valley.

This Festival Program is your guide to all the events. We believe you'll find that we've provided four days of fun, adventure, and learning for all ages, with over 70 field trips, presentations and workshops to choose from, along with many free family activities and events.

No matter what your age and outdoors interests are or whether you're a beginner or life-long wildlife enthusiast, the festival has something for everyone. So come and enjoy an adventure of a lifetime!

—The 2010 Festival Committee

LEGEND:

The following rating system for field trips will give you an idea for the rigors involved.

- 1 mostly birding by car and/or easy walking
- 2 walking, could involve distance but largely flat
- 3 more vigorous hiking, some elevation gain/loss
- 4 a true adventure trip, lots of driving and hiking

 Wheelchair Accessible

A\$ = Adult Price Y\$ = Youth Price

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11th Annual Snow Goose Festival

FIELD TRIPS & WORKSHOPS

Thursday,
January 28

PRE-FESTIVAL FIELD TRIPS

MARATHON BIG DAY BIRDING

Thur 6:30 am – 5:30 pm
Meet at Chico Park and Ride

Be prepared for an exciting and exhaustive quest to see the maximum number of northern California bird species possible between dawn and dusk! Expect more than 100 species on this fun, fast-paced adventure! A\$22 – Y\$7 Level 4
Field Trip Leader: Scott Huber

SUTTER BUTTES – PEACE VALLEY NEW

Thur 8:30 am – 3 pm
Meet at Swimming Pool- Pennington & O Street in Live Oak
Enjoy a bird-watching stroll through Peace Valley with the Yuba Historical Society.
A\$32 – Y\$25 Level 2
Field Trip Leader: Daniel Barth

HISTORIC LLANO SECO RANCHO– WILDLIFE AND HABITAT CONSERVATION

Thur 3:30 pm – 6:30 pm
Meet at the Chico Creek Nature Center
This is a “behind the gates” opportunity to visit the historic Llano Seco Ranch where thousands of acres are set aside for wildlife habitat and conservation. A\$17 – Y\$7 Level 1
Field Trip Leaders: Richard Thieriot and Joe Silveira

OWL BANDING AND SURVEY

Thur 5:30 pm – 9 pm
Meet at Chico Park and Ride
This is a rare chance to observe an owl research

project. We will use mist nets and an audio lure to try and capture Northern Saw-wet Owls. We also hope to detect Western Screech, Northern Pygmy, and Great Horned Owls by their calls.
A\$17 – Y\$7 Level 2
Leaders: Mike Fisher and Dawn Garcia

Friday,
January 29
FIELD TRIPS

SUTTER BUTTES HIKE – DEAN RANCH

Fri 7:30 am – 4 pm
Meet at the Waffle Shop in Live Oak
Enjoy a three mile walk to visit the 100 year old Dean Place Cattle Ranch. This trip will focus primarily on bird watching with hopes of seeing Golden Eagles, Phainopeplas and Rufous-crowned Sparrows. A\$42 – Y\$35 Level 3
Field Trip Leader: Peter Sands

DIGISCOPING NEW

Fri 8 am – noon
Meet at Chico Creek Nature Center
The marriage of a spotting scope and a digital camera to document wildlife sightings is one of the hottest topics in the birding world today. You

will spend time in the classroom at the Chico Creek Nature Center to help you make some preliminary camera settings then we will step outside and get some bird photos. A\$17 – Y\$7 Level 1
Field Trip Leader: Bruce Webb, Swarovski Optik

COLUSA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Fri 8:30 am – 2 pm
Meet at Chico Masonic Family Center
Wildlife, wintering waterfowl and nature photography are exceptional at Colusa National Wildlife Refuge, especially along the three-mile gravel auto tour, one-mile trail and at their new observation deck. A\$22 – Y\$7 Level 2
Field Trip Leader: Mike Peters

GRAY LODGE WILDLIFE AREA

Fri 9 am – 2 pm
Meet at Chico Masonic Family Center
Enjoy a leisurely stroll and great introduction to the birding opportunities at the Gray Lodge Wildlife Area, one of the premier birding spots in northern California. A\$22 – Y\$7 Level 2
Field Trip Leaders: Lori Dieter and Herman Gray

SACRAMENTO REFUGE FLY-OFF

Fri 12:30 pm – 6:30 pm
Meet at Chico Masonic Family Center
Along the way to Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge, we'll look for geese, swans, and cranes. At the Refuge we'll arrive in time to witness thou-



sands of birds silhouetted against the sunset sky as they leave the refuge all at once in their spectacular ‘fly-off’. Photographers are welcome and encouraged to bring their equipment.
A\$22 – Y\$7 Level 2
Field Trip Leader: Steve Emmons

FAMILY OWL PROWL

Fri 7 pm – 8:30 pm
Meet at the Chico Creek Nature Center
This family-oriented field trip offers a unique glimpse into the amazing nocturnal world of owls. The Prowl, a leisurely hike into Bidwell Park, will start and end at the Chico Creek Nature Center. A\$12 – Y\$5 Level 1
Field Trip Leader: Scott Toricelli

Saturday,
January 30
FIELD TRIPS

VALLEY WETLANDS AND WINTERING WATERBIRDS

**Sat 6:30am-4:30pm (For the
Serious Birder)**
Meet at Chico Masonic Family Center
Travel the back roads of Chico to visit the Llano Seco Viewing Platform, Sacramento River NWR and the Gray Lodge Wildlife Area. Along with Snow Geese, we hope to see a variety of waterfowl, raptors and many other wetland species. This trip is most appropriate for intermediate to advanced birders. A\$22 Level 4
Field Trip Leader: Jay Bogiatto

REFUGE TO REFUGE – SNOW GEESE GALORE!

Sat 7 am – 5 pm
Meet at Chico Masonic Family Center
Visit two premier Sacramento Valley wildlife refuges, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Sacramento NWR and CA Dept. of Fish and Game Gray Lodge Wildlife Area. See huge flocks of Snow Geese and waterfowl along with cranes, ibis, and a variety of raptors. A\$22 – Y\$7 Level 2
Field Trip Leader: Skip Augur

REDDING'S HOT SPOTS

Sat 7 am – 2 pm
Meet at Chico Masonic Family Center (7 am) or Lema Ranch (8:30 am)
Start at Lema Ranch, the 200-acre headquarters of the McConnell Foundation. Next on to Kutras Lake, a popular stop for Redding birders and Turtle Bay Exploratorium to get close-up looks of Redding's famous Bald Eagle nest. This trip is designed for the intermediate bird watcher. A \$22 – Y\$7 Level 3
Field Trip Leader: Alicia Young

BIRDING LAKE RED BLUFF RECREATION AREA AND ENVIRONS

Sat 7:45 am - 3 pm
Meet at Chico Masonic Family Center (7:45 am) or Sacramento River Discovery Center (8:45 am)
The Sacramento River Discovery Center and BLM's Sacramento River Bend Area will be the area's visited for this exciting birding adventure. Target birds for this trip are the roadrunner and golden eagles. This trip is designed for the intermediate to advanced birder but beginning birders are welcome. A\$22-Y\$7 Level 3
Field Trip Leader: David Dahnke

REGISTRATION DEADLINES

ONLINE REGISTRATION:
Closes at 5:00pm
Wednesday, January 27!

WALK-IN REGISTRATION:
May be available for some events Saturday and Sunday, January 30-31, at the Chico Masonic Family Center, but cannot be guaranteed. For further information on registration please call 530-345-1865.

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11th Annual Snow Goose Festival Field Trip Leaders and Workshop Presenters THANK YOU!

Linda Angerer	Shelly Kim
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Mike Fisher	Ron Sanford
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Henry Ganzler	Joe Silveira
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Bob Guzman	Bruce Webb
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Scott Huber	Mike Williams
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Phil Johnson	Steve Zachary
Steve King	

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FREE Events and Activities for the Entire Family

Saturday/Sunday January 30-31, 2010 Chico Masonic Family Center

JUNIOR NATURALIST ACTIVITIES

Saturday and Sunday, January 30-31,
10:00 am-3:00 pm, CMFC

Nature crafts and other special activities for children of all ages will be taking place throughout the weekend. Learn bird identification, make a bird call, attend a birding investigation lab, take a closer look at feathers, get banded like a bird and much, much more!

NATURE FILMS

"Wetlands' Wildlife- The Sacramento Valley"

Saturday, January 30,
9:30 am-10:00 am CMFC)

Sunday, January 31, 9:30 am-10:00 am
and 3:00 pm-3:30 pm CMFC

This beautifully filmed video shows many of the migratory birds that come from as far away as Siberia and the Arctic Circle to make their homes in Sacramento Valley's wetlands each winter. Included are Snow and Ross's Geese, Sandhill Cranes, White Fronted Geese, Canada Geese, and Tundra Swans." Filmed by Henry Ganzler



the differences in size, quality, and construction of optics so that you can make a good choice for your needs and budget. Sample optics will be available from numerous manufacturers to illustrate.

RAPTORS AND REHAB

Sunday, January 31, 1:00 pm-2:00 pm CMFC

Meet "Checkers" a Great Horned Owl as Marilyn shares some fascinating facts, unique habits, and curious myths about these beautiful birds of prey. Learn about wildlife rehabilitation and what you can do to help native wildlife. A surprise visit by other raptors is sure to delight all ages.

SIGHTS, SOUNDS, & SMELLS OF BIRDING IN WORDS & POETRY

Sunday, January 31, 1:30 pm-3:00 pm CMFC

Join other youth, ages 7yrs and up, and learn to identify in words the sights, sounds & sense of nature, write a poem, and then present it to the larger group optional. Free to participants-must sign up prior to the event time. Limit: 15 youth.

MEET SMOKEY BEAR AND THE BLUE GOOSE!

Saturday & Sunday, CMFC

Smokey the Bear and the National Wildlife Refuge's Blue Goose will be visiting at various times courtesy of the Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge. Also be sure to visit the US Fish & Wildlife Service fire safety exhibit booth.

FEDERAL JUNIOR DUCK STAMP DISPLAY

Saturday & Sunday, CMFC

All 100 California winners from nearly 2,000 entries will be on display. Don't forget to see the Chico winners.

EXHIBITS GALORE & VENDORS!

Saturday, January 30, 9:00 am-5:00 pm, CMFC

Sunday, January 31, 9:00 am-3:00 pm, CMFC
Displays by State, Federal, and Non-profit organizations. Plus vendors selling everything from binoculars to bird feeders.

THE MAZE OF MAPS

Saturday - Sunday, CMFC Hallway

This year we will feature an eclectic assortment of interesting maps from around the North Valley and beyond. Get the bird's eye view of our local landscape features. Stroll through and let your curiosity take you on a tour.

FIELD TRIPS/WORKSHOPS continued

LLANO SECO VIEWING PLATFORM- DABBING, DIVING & SOARING

Sat 8 am - noon

Meet at Chico Masonic Family Center



The Llano Seco Unit of the Sacramento River NWR offers sensational views from an elevated viewing platform. This is an ideal spot for viewing a large number geese and ducks in one location! Trip offered again on Sunday. A\$17 - Y\$7 Level 2

Field Trip Leader: Shelly Kim

RAPTOR RUN

Sat 8 am - noon

Meet at Chico Masonic Family Center

The Northern Sacramento Valley attracts some 14 different raptor species during the cold winter months. Target species include Bald Eagle, Ferruginous Hawk, Merlin, Prairie Falcon, and more. Binoculars are a MUST! A\$17 - Y\$7 Level 2

Field Trip Leader: Bill Haas

TUNDRA SWAN VIEWING - DISTRICT 10

Sat 8 am - 1:30 pm

Meet at Chico Masonic Family Center

Drive from Chico to Marysville and stop at District 10 where traditionally hundreds of large Tundra Swans can be seen. We will stop at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Charlie Mathews who will offer us lunch and a presentation on the benefits of rice farming for wildlife. A\$22 - Y\$7 Level 1

Field Trip Leader: Dale Whitmore and Charlie Mathews

LASSEN VOLCANIC NATIONAL PARK SNOWSHOE HIKE

Sat 8 am - 3 pm

Meet at Chico Masonic Family Center

Here is an opportunity to learn about the wildlife and birds at Lassen Volcanic National Park in winter! A\$22 - Y\$7 Level 4

Field Trip Leader: Steve Zachery

SUTTER BUTTES HIKE - DEAN RANCH

Sat 8 am - 4 pm

Meet at Waffle Shop in Live Oak

A three-mile gentle hillside walk will take us around the 100 year old Dean Place Cattle Ranch. Along the way the Buttes' volcanic origins and some Native American artifacts will be revealed. Hopefully, we will see such gems as the Mountain Bluebird, Varied Thrush, Golden Eagle, and Ferruginous A\$42 - Y\$35 Level 3

Field Trip Leader: TBA

FEATHER RIVER REGION & NATURE TRAIL

Sat 8:30 am - noon

Meet at Chico Masonic Family Center

This trip begins at the Old Bath House Nature Center near the Table Mountain Bridge. Here we will begin with a nice leisurely hike along the banks of the Feather River. We will keep a keen eye out for some of the area's abundant wildlife, which includes Mergansers, Golden-eyes, Buffleheads, Osprey, Eagle, river otter and even lingering salmon. A\$17 - Y\$7 Level 2

Field Trip Leader: Rex Burress

BUTTE COLLEGE WILDLIFE REFUGE & NATURAL AREA

Sat 8:30 am - noon

Meet at Chico Masonic Family Center

Explore the Butte College Wildlife Refuge, a hidden gem on campus that encompasses a streamside forest, wetlands, oak woodlands and grasslands. Observe Belted Kingfisher, woodpeckers, kinglets, towhees, nuthatches, plus more. If time permits we will bird into the canyons of upper campus in blue oak woodlands adjoining Tuscan Formation cliff faces.

A\$17 - Y\$7 Level 2

Field Trip Leader: Mike Williams



RANCHO ESQUON

Sat 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

Meet at Chico Masonic Family Center

Along the roadways bordering Rancho Esquon multitudes of Snow Geese, White-fronted Geese and Sandhill Cranes can usually be seen right from your vehicle! Upon arrival at Rancho Esquon we will visit the viewing platform which offers a spectacular view of the surrounding wetlands with a high concentration of ducks. We will also learn about the diverse undertakings of this complex rice ranch. A\$17 - Y\$7 Level 2

Field Trip Leader: Phil Johnson

KAYAKING THERMALITO AFTERBAY NEW

Sat 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

Meet at Chico Masonic Family Center

Explore the winter waters of the Thermalito Afterbay and get up close with resident and wintering waterfowl. Bring your own kayak/canoe or rental boats, accessories, and boat delivery are available through www.KayakINC.org for an additional fee.

A\$20 - Y\$7 Level 4

Field Trip Leader: Dan Efsceff

VINA PLAINS TO PINE CREEK & THE RIVER

Sat 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

Meet at Chico Masonic Family Center

Visit The Nature Conservancy's Vina Plains Preserve and observe winter plants and animals of unique vernal pool ecosystems. Next, travel to the Pine Creek Unit of Sacramento River National Wildlife Refuge to see a riparian habitat restoration project and learn why it is critical for the survival of Chinook salmon, migratory songbirds, and endangered species. A\$17 - Y\$7 Level 3

Field Trip Leaders: Joe Silveira and Ryan Luster

DYE CREEK PRESERVE

Sat 8:45 am - 2 pm

Meet at Chico Masonic Family Center

Visit the rugged Dye Creek Preserve in the Lassen Foothill region of eastern Tehama County. Expect to see birds common to oak woodlands such as the Acorn Woodpecker, Oak Titmouse, and California Quail. A\$22 - Y\$7 Level 3

Field Trip Leader: The Nature Conservancy Staff

CSU CHICO PRESERVE BIRDING & MIST NET DEMONSTRATION

Sat 9 am - 1:30 pm

Meet at Chico Masonic Family Center

See how birds get banded and bird the CSU Chico Preserve. Mist nets will be set up to capture and band birds, take measurements, record data, and release birds back into the wild.

A\$22 - Y\$7 Level 3

Field Trip Leaders: Dawn Garcia, Julie Nelson, and Michelle Ocken

BEGINNING BIRDING BY EAR NEW

Sat 10:45 am - 1 pm

Meet at Chico Masonic Family Center

For those already somewhat familiar with our native local species, the skill of identifying birds by their vocalizations adds



a wonderful new level of enjoyment to any outdoor outing. Some listening and recording equipment used in Greg Weddig's California Soundscapes workshop be along on this trip.

A\$17 – Y\$7 Level 2

Presenter: Scott Huber

BIRDS & NATIVE PLANTS IN UPPER BIDWELL PARK

Sat 12:30 pm – 4 pm

Meet at the Chico Masonic Family Center

Search for those wintering birds as well as learn about the native plants found in Upper Bidwell Park. We will hike about a mile up the Yahi Trail along Big Chico Creek. This area has some of the best winter bird watching in Bidwell Park. The plant life is abundant in the park year round as well.

A\$17 – Y\$7 Level 3

Field Trip Leaders: Steve King (Birds) and Margery McNairn (Native Plants)

LUNDBERG FAMILY FARMS

Sat 1 pm – 4 pm

Meet at Chico Masonic Family Center

Tour the farm famous for its specialty rice products and for attracting wildlife to its organic fields. Witness first-hand how valley farm practices, and ecological farming in particular can benefit migratory and non-migratory bird populations of the Pacific Flyway. A\$17 – Y\$7 Level 1

Field Trip Leader: Lundberg Family Farms Staff

DEL RIO WILDLAND PRESERVE

Sat 1 pm – 4:30 pm

Meet at Chico Masonic Family Center

Take a two-mile hike into the interior of the Del Rio Preserve where in 2003, native grasses, riparian trees and shrubs were planted. See its progress five years later and expect to see many upland birds. A\$17 – Y\$7 Level 3

Field Trip Leader: Tom Griggs



MASSA ORGANIC FARMS

Sat 1:15 pm – 4 pm

Meet at Chico Masonic Family Center

Visit a unique farm where history, wildlife conservation, organic farming and activism all come together. Their 160 acres of certified organic fields surround their straw bale home where oak trees, Sandhill Cranes, Wood Ducks, hawks and owls call their land home too. You'll also visit a historic graveyard where the leader of California's Bear Flag Revolt is buried. A\$17 Y\$7 Level 2

Field Trip Leader: Greg Massa

RANCHO ESQUON

Sat 1:15 pm – 4:30 pm

Meet at Chico Masonic Family Center

This is a repeat of the 8:30 am trip. Please see description for that trip. A\$17 – Y\$7 Level 2

Field Trip Leader: Shelly Kirm and Herman Gray

Saturday, January 30th PRESENTATIONS/ WORKSHOPS

DECOY CARVING FOR BEGINNERS

Sat 8 am – 11:30 am

Join master carvers from the Pacific Flyway Decoy Association for a three and a half hour carving seminar. All of the necessary materials, including a study guide and the best knives on the market, will be provided. A-Y\$32

Presenters: Pacific Flyway Decoy Association

CALIFORNIA SOUNDSCAPES NEW

Sat 9 am – 10:30 am

Take a tour of California's fascinating soundscapes. We will enjoy a selection of surround-sound recordings from California's parks and wildlife preserves. A quick survey of nature recording equipment and brief ear training exercises will be given. A\$7 – Y\$5

Presenters: Dan Dugan, Sharon Perry and Greg Weddig with the Nature Sounds Society

WATCHABLE WILDLIFE NEW

Sat 10 am – 11 am

Meet at Chico Creek Nature Center

Learn about the criteria that the California Watchable Wildlife Committee uses to evaluate viewing sites (those brown and white binocular signs you see along the roadways). Then join a field trip to Upper Bidwell Park to complete an on-site assessment to get Bidwell Park nominated as a Watchable Wildlife site. A\$7

Presenter: Watchable Wildlife Staff

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Snow Goose Festival PACIFIC FLYWAY ART EXHIBIT

January 23–February 7, 2010

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Enjoy the work of artists whose subjects include wildlife and habitat along the Pacific Flyway. The exhibit features artwork in a variety of media including sculpture, clay, oils, watercolor, acrylics, mixed media, and photography. This year the 26 artists participating are: Juanita Baldwin, Bruce Billings, Paula Busch, Kateryna Elson, Ruelene Fillerup, Maribeth Growdon, Jane King, Susan Kirk, Kathleen Lawrence-Davis, Suzanne Lorenz, Candy Matthews, Dolores Mitchell, Susan McConnell Moreno, Matthew Morgan, Gary Morgret, Dori Murnieks, Charlie Osborn, Bill Peters, Barbara Anne Ramsey, Ben Saturen, Carolyn Short, Mike Simpson, Keira Troxell, Richard Verkuyl, Robert Woodward, and Mary Wurlitzer.

Co-hosted this year by Avenue 9 Gallery & Art Guild and The Artistry at All Fired Up, there will also be a Sneak Preview January 23, 5:30-8:30 p.m. at the two galleries.

[Read more about this special art exhibit on page 10](#)

UPTOWN/DOWNTOWN

Special Welcome Reception

Friday, January 29, 5:30pm–8:30pm

Located at: both the Avenue 9 Gallery and
The Artistry at All Fired Up!

Pre-Registration: \$10 adult, \$5 youth

At the door Cost: Additional \$5

Catered by Bacio

Celebrate with us the opening of the 2010 Festival Weekend while viewing art at the Pacific Flyway Art & Welcome Reception, Friday, January 29, 5:30pm-8:30pm. Feast on hors d'oeuvres catered by Bacio. Enjoy live music, conversation, and a no-host bar. Bring a friend and meet the artists, along with fellow festival participants, presenters, and field trip leaders at both galleries.



**Take the
Trolley!**

Leave your car behind and enjoy our courtesy Uptown/Downtown trolley rides between the Art Galleries every half hour!

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FIELD TRIPS/WORKSHOPS continued

WHAT MAKES WOODPECKERS WORK? NEW

Sat 11 am – 12:30 pm

Woodpecker natural history and behavior show amazing specialization, making them one of the most fascinating of all the world's bird families. A\$10 – Y\$5

Presenter: Steve Shunk, North American woodpecker specialist, and SGF's keynote speaker

ALL THOSE WHITE GEESE! SNOW GOOSE WORKSHOP

Sat 11 am – 12:30 pm

Snow Geese, Ross' Geese, and Blue Morphs – it can be overwhelmingly white in the sky! Come learn how to tell the difference between all these white geese. Through exquisite pictures and lively narration you can become much more knowledgeable about our Mascot of the Festival. A\$7 – Y\$5

Presenter: Mike Peters

ALL ABOUT BATS!

Sat Noon – 1 pm

They are one of the most beneficial, yet most misunderstood animals in the world. Learn more about the habits, habitats, and species of bats that reside within the unique ecosystems of California's valleys and forests. A\$7 – Y\$2

Presenter: Linda Angerer

THE ELUSIVE WOOD DUCK NEW

Sat 1 pm – 2 pm

Learn about the life cycle of the wood duck; one of our shyest and most difficult ducks to observe in the wild. Richly illustrated with many beautiful photos, we will take a journey through the annual cycle of the wood duck. A\$7 – Y\$5

Presenter: Mike Peters

WOOD DUCK BOX BUILDING

Sat 2 pm – 3 pm

Immediately following the Elusive Wood Duck workshop is the opportunity to build a Wood Duck box for California State Parks. A-Y \$5

Presenter: Bob Guzman and Ranger Zack Chambers

DESIGNING GARDENS FOR WILDLIFE

Sat 1 pm – 2:30 pm

Learn the critical elements for planning a garden for wildlife: providing food, water, space and shelter. We will discuss specific plants, useful for attracting birds. John will also demonstrate how to construct a simple, dripping bird bath that never fails to bring the birds into the garden. A\$7 – Y\$5

Presenter: John Whittlesey

BLACK BUTTE LAKE: IT'S NOT JUST FOR THE BIRDS!

Sat 1:30 pm – 2:45 pm

Follow your feathered friends on a virtual field trip to nearby Black Butte Lake. We'll explore the diverse habitat of Black Butte Lake; from the basalt capped buttes to the oak woodlands, from the marshy willows to the rolling grasslands. A\$7 – Y\$5

Presenter: Ranger Holly Meyers

IMAGES OF AMERICA – THE SUTTER BUTTES NEW

Sat 3 pm – 4:30 pm

Learn about the history of the Sutter Buttes, that mysterious silhouette which dominates Butte County's southern horizon. This program assembles a photographic collection of old maps, lithographs,

artwork, and old black and white photos of the people and places that have played a role in the history of this irreplaceable landscape. A\$7 – Y\$5

Presenter: Mike Hubbartt

WATERFOWL ID THROUGH WINGS – CWA

Sat 3 pm – 4:30 pm

Tables with assorted wings will be set up by species (e.g., mallards, northern pintail, etc.), with an instructor at each table. Instructors will start with a brief introduction to their species, including techniques used in the determination of species, sex, and age. Participants will then test their skills using wings provided by workshop personnel. A\$7– Y\$5

Presenter: Jeremy Ashe

BASIC NATURE & WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

Sat 3 pm – 5 pm

This workshop is an introduction to nature and wildlife photography, particularly bird photography. Topics will include discussions on exposure, lighting, composition, and the ethics of nature photography. Some equipment will be on display including film and digital cameras, photography blinds, camera support devices, flash projection setups and remote control units. A –Y \$10

Presenter: Steve Emmons

Sunday, January 31st FIELD TRIPS

PINE CREEK & INDIAN FISHERY

Sun 7:30 am – noon

Meet at Chico Masonic Family Center
Our first stop will be the Pine Creek Unit of the Sacramento River National Wildlife Refuge. Then visit the Indian Fishery area of the Bidwell-Sacramento River State Park. We expect to see

lands of Black Butte Lake. See Pied-billed Grebes, Belted-Kingfisher, Bonaparte's Gulls, Goldeneyes, Clark's, and Western Grebes, Wild Turkeys, Mountain Bluebirds, Red-tailed Hawks, and Turkey Vultures. Lewis's Woodpeckers, and Golden and Bald Eagle winter in this area too.

A\$22 – Y\$7 Level 3

Field Trip Leader: Phil Johnson

SUTTER BUTTES HIKE – MID-MOUNTAIN

Sun 7:30 am – 4 pm

Meet at McDonalds in Gridley

On this 5-mile hike into the Sutter Buttes we'll visit secluded locations revealing the Buttes' geologic formation, Native American presence, old pioneer home sites, and ecology typical of California's past. A\$42 – Y\$35 Level 3

Field Trip Leaders: Mike Hubbartt and Marty Steidlemaier

SUTTER BUTTES HIKE – SUMMIT ASCENT

Sun 7:30 am – 4 pm

Meet at McDonalds in Gridley

This hike traverses essentially the same terrain as the Mid Mountain Hike but adds an additional half-mile 1000 ft. elevation gain. The last half mile-is quite strenuous. A\$42 – Y\$35 Level 4

Field Trip Leaders: Mike Hubbartt and Marty Steidlemaier

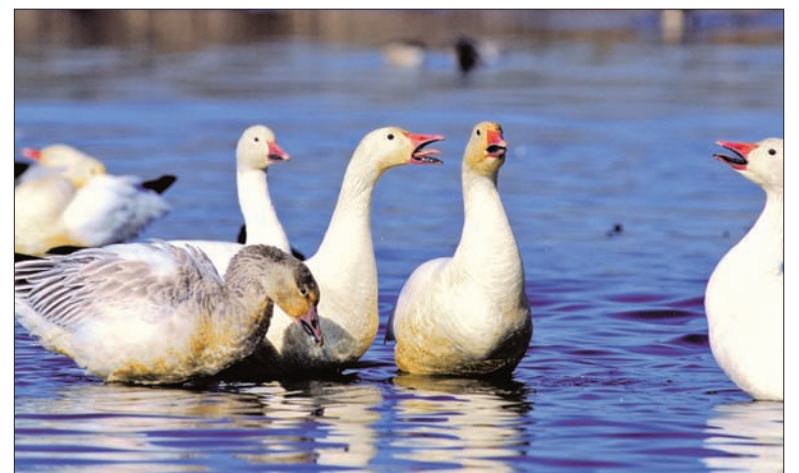
PHOTOGRAPHY AT SAC REFUGE

Sun 8 am – noon

Meet at the Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge

Come to the Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge for a morning of photography. Topics such as where to photograph on the refuge, lighting considerations, using long lenses, and composing photographs will be discussed. Participants should bring a film or digital camera, wide angle and telephoto (minimum 200mm with 1.4X teleconverter) lenses, and tripod. A\$17 – Y\$7 Level 2

Field Trip Leader: Steve Emmons



grassland, riparian, and aquatic birds, several species of woodpeckers, and if we are lucky, we may see river otter, beaver and pond turtles.

A\$17 – Y\$7 Level 2

Field Trip Leader: Mike Fisher; Co-leaders Steve Shunk and Nancy Nelson

BIRD THE SHORES OF BLACK BUTTE LAKE

Sun 7:30 am – 2 pm

Meet at Chico Masonic Family Center
Explore the volcanic buttes, backwaters and wood-

CRANES, SWANS & EGRETS NEW

Sat 8 am – noon

Meet at Chico Masonic Family Center
We will tour the area between Chico, Oroville and Durham in search of sandhill cranes, tundra swans, egrets and waterfowl! Bring binoculars and spotting scopes if you have them. A\$17 – Y\$7 Level 1

Field Trip Leader: Mary Muchowski



RAPTOR RUN

Sun 8 am – noon

Meet at Chico Masonic Family Center
The Northern Sacramento Valley attracts some 14 different raptor species during the cold winter months. Target species include Bald Eagle, Ferruginous Hawk, Merlin, Prairie Falcon, and more. Binoculars are a MUST! A\$17 – Y\$7 Level 1

Field Trip Leader: Michelle Ocken

LLANO SECO VIEWING PLATFORM – DABBLING, DIVING & SOARING



Sun 8:30am-12:30pm

Meet at Chico Masonic Family Center
See Saturday's Llano Seco Viewing Platform description – this is a repeat of Saturday's field trip. A\$17 – Y\$7 Level 2

Field Trip Leader: Shelly Kim

BIRDING IN PARADISE!

Sun 8:15 am – 2pm

Meet at Chico Masonic Family Center
See the birds of Paradise! Walk lower Paradise's bike path to view oak woodland birds. We will then travel on up the hill to DeSabra Reservoir where sightings of Bald Eagles, Wood Ducks, Canada Geese, nuthatches, chickadees, and mergansers are common. A\$17 – Y\$7 Level 2

Field Trip Leader: Gaylord Grams

HIKING TOUR OF RIPARIAN RESTORATION SITES

Sun 8:30 am – 2:00 pm

Meet at Chico Masonic Family Center
Have an opportunity to view winter wildlife as you walk among riparian restoration sites of the Sul Norte Unit



and Beehive Bend Unit along the Sacramento River. Come learn about river and restoration processes, habitat structure, and wildlife benefits as you get a close-up view of the dramatic transformation-taking place on these sites. A\$17 – Y\$7 Level 3

Field Trip Leader: Michael Rogner

FEATHER RIVER'S BEDROCK PARK

Sun 8:45 am – 12:30 pm

Meet at Chico Masonic Family Center
View the diving duck population that frequents this stretch of the Feather River. Buffleheads, Goldeneyes, Ruddy Ducks, and Common Mergansers can be seen doing their courtship and bonding displays. The riparian habitat support many species of wintering songbirds and waterfowl as well as beaver, river otter, raccoons, muskrats and Wild Turkey.

A\$17 – Y\$7 Level 2

Field Trip Leaders: Leroy Hord and Darhl Whitlock

FALCONS AND FALCONRY NEW

Sun 9am-11:00am

Meet at the Chico Masonic Family Center
In this field trip, you have the opportunity to see falconry in action. Falconry as a field sport will be discussed and equipment of this ancient art form will be displayed, along with live raptors. The trip will culminate with a live flying raptor display. A\$20 - Y\$7 Level 2

Field Trip Leader: Andy Wahl

WING-IT TO THE SACRAMENTO NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Sun 12:30 pm – 5 pm

Meet at Chico Masonic Family Center
We'll veer off the beaten path as we bird along our way to the Refuge. Then we are off to a leisurely adventure around the auto tour loop to possibly see thousands of birds. You can expect to see Snow Geese, Pintails, Cinnamon Teal, Ring Neck Ducks, Wigeon, raptors and possibly a Bald Eagle. A\$17 – Y\$7 Level 2

Field Trip Leader: Michael Denega

HIDDEN WETLANDS & "WORLD OF TREES"

Sun 1 pm – 4 pm

Meet at Chico Masonic Family Center
Bring the family and explore these hidden wetlands on a discovery hike through one of Chico's best-kept secrets, Teichert Ponds. After the ponds, we will head over to Chico's original forestry station, the "World of Trees" trail in nearby Bidwell Park and bird the rich riparian habitat. A\$12 – Y\$5 Level 2

Field Trip Leader: Jon Aull

Sunday,
January 31st

PRESENTATIONS/ WORKSHOPS

BEGINNING BIRDWATCHING FOR KIDS

Sun 9 am – 10:30 am

Meet at the Chico Creek Nature Center
This workshop/field trip will focus on the basics of birding including bird anatomy and basic identification techniques. We will then venture into Bidwell Park to practice our new skills on the wild birds of the park. Ages 7-12. Y\$5 Level 1

Field Trip Leader: Jon Aull

SLOW FOOD: HOW IT'S GROWN & HOW TO ENJOY IT!

Sun 9 am – 10:30 am

Local farmers and ranchers, in conjunction with the local Slow Food convivial, have joined together to celebrate and promote the unique and wonderful food that our area produces. Two producers will discuss how their individual operations evoke the uniqueness of our climate in their products and how the health of the landscape directly affects the health of wildlife and humans. A\$7 – Y\$2

Presenter: Tyler Dawley

VOLCANOES OF LASSEN VOLCANIC NATIONAL PARK

Sun 10:30 am – noon

Learn about the unique geologic features of this national park and how to identify the four major types of volcanoes using a variety of fun and creative techniques. Educational props, volcanic rocks, visual display, and other resources will be used to enhance this presentation. A\$7 – Y\$5

Presenter: Steve Zachary

BIRDS OF YOUR BACKYARD NEW

Sun 11 am-12:30 pm

Join Mac, who will give you tips on identifying some of Northern California's birds that visit your backyard and explain why many of them seem to seasonally disappear. In addition, he will make suggestion regarding reference material to help you become a better backyard "birder". A\$7 – Y\$5

Presenter: John "Mac" McCormick

BIRD STORIES: TALES TOLD FROM ON WING

Sun 11 am – 12:30 pm

Lin Jensen, a Zen Buddhist, author, and birder will share his stories of birds and of the ways that our human stories merge with those of the birds. A\$7 – Y\$5

Presenter: Lin Jensen

CELEBRATE "WHERE WE LIVE" NEW

Sun 1 pm – 2:30 pm

Enjoy exquisite images of birds of the Pacific Flyway and a musical roam around Butte and Sutter counties—featuring special locations such as the Sutter Buttes, Table Mountain, Gray Lodge, Bald Rock, Feather Falls, Honey Run, orchards in bloom, wild flowers, lakes and streams. Included in the presentation will be a host of wild critters claiming our home as their home, all sharing 'Where We Live.' A\$7 – Y\$5

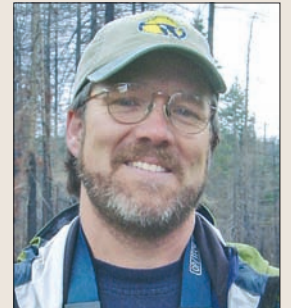
Presenter: Ron Sanford

"Gathering of Wings" BANQUET

Saturday, January 30, 5:30 pm-10:00 pm

Bell Memorial Union—Auditorium, CSU, Chico
Corner of 2nd Street and Chestnut Street, Chico, CA

Cost: \$37 Adult, \$20 Youth (17 years and younger) and students with ID
Beer & Wine (No Host)



FREE Saturday Parking at Chico State's parking structure and on lots across the street from the BMU.

FEATURED SPEAKER: Stephen Shunk

Professional Birder,
Author, Tour Guide

Keynote presentation:

"Birding through the Veil of Winter"

As the snow falls in the mountains and the darkness of winter takes hold, the outside world seems to sleep. But the rising sun of each winter day signals the start of the brief daily feeding period for all our wintering birds. Many species, like the Nuttall's Woodpecker and Spotted Towhee, reside permanently in the region, adapting to winter with simple changes in behavior. Other birds, such as the Snow Goose and Rough-legged Hawk, travel thousands of miles to enjoy our relatively mild winters, while their arctic breeding grounds are shrouded in ice.

Join Oregon naturalist and author Stephen Shunk as he shares stories of winter discovery in his life as a professional birder. You will gain a new appreciation for our wintering avian visitors as Steve shares his favorite winter birding experiences from Northern California and beyond.

For over 10 years, Steve has led birding tours and classes throughout western North America with his company, Paradise Birding. He co-founded the East Cascades Bird Conservancy; he also co-founded the Oregon Birding Trails. Steve recently completed the Peterson Reference Guide to Woodpeckers of North America, available in fall of 2010.

SILENT AUCTION & RAFFLES!

Silent Auction Begins at 5:30 pm

The vibrant Silent Auction tables will accompany us while we dine in the auditorium. The Silent Auction will include a variety of exquisite items including works of art, wine, and services. Your financial participation directly affects our ability to ensure that the Snow Goose Festival remains the North State's premier birding event, so enjoy the evening bidding for an event or item that you love. You won't be disappointed!

Two Raffles!

1 ticket \$5, 5 tickets \$20

Owl Night Out (Red Ticket Raffle)

You and five of your friends can learn about the migratory ecology of the Northern Saw-whet Owl (*Aegolius acadicus*) in the Sierra Nevada foothills with licensed bird bander Dawn Garcia and Mike Fisher. Guests will observe and may assist with data collection, banding, and release of the petite owls. The banding will be conducted at the Big Chico Creek Ecological Reserve where Dawn is researching owl migration, now for the 6th season. A specific date between October 15 and November 15, 2010 will be arranged between the parties as the owl migration season approaches.

Boat Ride on the Mighty Sacramento River (Blue Ticket Raffle)

See birds and other wildlife up-close and personal on a jet boat ride on the Sacramento River. Join Jim Chakarun, boat operator, and Jennifer Patten, bird guide, as you and a friend spend a few hours exploring a section of the River of your choice. Lunch and beverage will be provided. A specific date in late spring, early summer will be arranged.

You can buy your Raffle Tickets at:

The Snow Goose Festival booth, Chico Farmers Market, January 9, 16, 23.

Chico Masonic Family Center, Sat-Sun, January 30-31.

Saturday Night Banquet, January 30.

The winning tickets will be drawn at the conclusion of the Snow Goose Festival, Sunday, January 31.

Celebrating the Art of the Pacific Flyway



Preparing a local juried competition of wildlife art

Chico's 2010 Snow Goose Festival includes a special art exhibit. Artists whose subjects include wildlife and habitat along the Pacific Flyway were invited to submit art work for the juried exhibition to take place during the Festival. All media were considered in the competition and the resulting body of work is as varied as it is beautiful, reflecting the tastes and backgrounds of the jury, itself a great mix of art and nature experts.

The jurors are Christina Aranguren (widely acclaimed local artist), Jackie Ferrier (biologist at the Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge), Mike Fisher (naturalist and co-vice president of the Altacal Audubon Society), Jennifer Patten (co-founder and coordinator of the Snow Goose Festival and co-vice of the Altacal Audubon Society), Maria Phillips (artist, art historian and owner of Avenue 9 Gallery & Art Guild), Sue Scott (art and nature lover, long-time birder and member of the Snow Goose art committee), and Darah Votaw (artist and co-owner of The Artistry at All Fired Up!).

Once the show is installed, the jury panel will make a number of Jurors' Commendations to be announced at the opening reception. In addition, the galleries are hosting the very popular People's Choice Awards (one for each gallery) and these will be accompanied by modest cash awards donated by the viewers who participate in the vote during the exhibit. Awards of merit will go to winning artists as further appreciation of the amazing interpretations of nature and extraordinary vision they offer the community. Twenty-six artists are represented.

The art exhibit runs from Friday January 22 through Sunday February 7, with a Sneak Preview Saturday January 23, 5:30- 8:30, and a formal reception Friday January 29, 5:30- 8:30 p.m. The exhibit is held at two galleries, Avenue 9 Gallery & Art Guild (Uptown) and The Artistry at All Fired Up! (Downtown). This will be the 4th year of the Uptown-Downtown Snow Goose Art Exhibit and the first year that it extends to cover Pacific Flyway (one of the entries is from Chile). A free trolley ride connects the visitors and transports them to the two galleries on the night of the reception. Free and ample parking is available in the parking lot of the Chico Nut Company at the corner of 9th Avenue and Oleander.

This is a catered affair, complete with wine, food (Bacio Catering), and live music (jazz by Shigemi Minetaka and Nathan Furgason at The Artistry; Rudy Giscombe and Greg D'Augelli at Avenue 9). The cost is \$10/adult, \$5/youth and reservations can be made online (www.snowgoosefestival.org). The Sneak Preview on January 23rd is free to the public.

The Uptown-Downtown Pacific Flyway Art Exhibit has grown from a casual affair with pictures propped up on easels in a rec center to this professionally-mounted elaborate show of the best the north state has to offer. To make the viewing experience even richer, Jackie Ferrier has provided excellent interpretive material for the labels. For 2010 the juried process of the exhibit is a fully-integrated educational component of the Snow Goose Festival and promises to be a good model for the years to come. This is a must-see for Chico residents and visitors alike.

**See page 8 for more details on the UPTOWN/DOWNTOWN
Special Welcome Reception and Art Exhibit**

THANK YOU!

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In addition to those mentioned many individuals have helped to plan and create this year's festival. The Steering Committee would like to sincerely thank all those who have had a hand in this year's programming and events, especially our many field trip and workshop leaders.

DIRECTIONS TO LOCATIONS

Unless otherwise noted in program descriptions, all field trips and workshops begin at the Chico Masonic Family Center.

(AFU) The Artistry at All Fried Up!

830 Broadway (between 8th and 9th Street) Downtown Chico, (530) 894-5227

(BMU) Bell Memorial Union, CSU, Chico

Corner of 2nd and Chestnut Street, Chico, (530) 898-4636
Directions: From U.S. Hwy 99, take the East First Avenue Exit. Proceed west on East First Avenue following signs to the campus. After approximately 1.5 miles, turn left on Esplanade and drive into downtown Chico. Turn right at 2nd Street, then three blocks to the corner of 2nd Street and Chestnut Street. If coming from Nord Avenue on Hwy 32, turn east at the W. 2nd Street stoplight. The BMU is on the left, six blocks on the corner of 2nd and Chestnut Street.

Free Parking on weekends at Chico State's parking structure and on lots across the street from the BMU.

(CCNC) Chico Creek Nature Center

1968 E. 8th Street, Chico, (530) 891-4671
Take exit #385 toward Chester/Orland. Continue to follow Hwy 32 East and immediately take the first left (Fir Street). Cross street over to E. 8th St., travel 0.8 mi, CCNC will be on the left.

(CMFC) Chico Masonic Family Center

1110 W. East Avenue, Chico
Directions: From Hwy 99, take the East Avenue exit. (This is two exits north of the East 1st Avenue exit.) Turn west on East Avenue. The CMFC is approximately 1.5 miles from the Hwy 99 exit, on the right (north) side of East Avenue. If coming from Nord Avenue on Hwy 32, turn east at the W. East Avenue stoplight. The CMFC is on the left, approximately 2 miles from the Hwy 32 & East Avenue intersection.

(CPR) Chico Park-n-Ride

Directions from Chico: Take the # 385 exit (Hwy 32 Chester/Orland) from Hwy 99 (in Chico). Park-n-Ride on eastside of Hwy 99, park at first lot near Highway exit.

(WSLO) Waffle Shop Live Oak

10432 State Hwy 99 (Live Oak Blvd), Live Oak (530) 695-1303
Directions from Chico: Take Hwy 99 South to Live Oak. WSLO is on west side of Hwy 99 at the north end of town. Driving time and distance from Chico: 45 minutes, 38 miles.

(LOP) Live Oak Park & Swimming Pool

Hwy 99 & Pennington. Take Hwy 99 South to Live Oak. Turn right (west) on to Pennington Rd. and go 2/10 of mile to LOP.
Meeting Place: At the parking lot next to Live Oak's swimming pool. Restrooms available. Caravan into the northern part of the Buttes from this parking lot.

(GMcDo) Gridley McDonalds

1513 State Hwy 99, Gridley (530) 846-3222
Directions from Chico: Take Hwy 99 South to Gridley McDonalds is in a shopping center on the west side of Hwy 99 in Gridley. Driving time and distance from Chico: 35 minutes, 29 miles

(SNWR) Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge

752 County Road 99W, Willows (530) 934-2801
Directions: Located south of Willows off Interstate 5. Please call the Refuge or the Festival Office for further details.

(SRDC) Sacramento River Discovery Center

1000 Sale Lane, Red Bluff (530) 527-1196
South on Interstate 5, take Antelope Blvd. exit and turn east. then turn right on Sale Lane and continue down the road where you will see the center.



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