

BIRD WALK AT THE WINERY!

Heritage Oak Winery sits along an expansive stretch of the lower Mokelumne River. Because of a long-term commitment to conservation and the habitat, this property includes over 50 acres of wonderful riparian habitat. Begin at the winery, travel through the forest of the floodplain, and to the shores of the Mokelumne River. Expect to see many species of wintering birds. The raptor diversity at this location can be quite high and has included Cooper's Hawk, Osprey, and Merlin. You will be led by native David Yee, who has been birding in this area for over 35 years! Lunch and wine awaits you at the end of the journey.

9:00 am - 1:00 pm, rain or shine, \$40 per participant, must be 21 or older

KIDS TREASURE HUNT, COSUMNES RIVER PRESERVE

A wonderful family tour that both adults and children will enjoy! Each family will get a quick and easy bird reference guide as we load the bus! Study the birds in your guide book on your way out to the Cosumnes River Preserve where you are likely to see many of them up close and personal. When you arrive at the Visitor Center and receive your treasure map, get ready for a fun adventure as you search for a variety of treasures and learn about the preserve and birds along the way! Hop back on the bus in time to catch HAWKS, HONKERS AND HOOTS and WILD THINGS, INC at the festival headquarters!

8:00 am - 11:00 am, \$15 per adult, youth 18 & under are free

* NEW TOUR BIRDS & BEER AT THE BARN: COSUMNES RIVER PRESERVE

Join us at Cosumnes River Preserve Barn for a relaxed birding experience. The barn is surrounded by wetlands for optimal bird viewing opportunities. A casual time to explore the area, talk with preserve staff and enjoy a presentation by Save Our Sandhill Cranes. Winter Bird Festival Artist, Veronica Espinoza, will have a small gallery show for you to view while Tequila Catering pipes out delicious homemade tacos. Sit back and enjoy a beer from Track Brewery with the birds. As the evening comes to a close, hop on a bus for a short drive to Staten Island to watch thousands of Sandhill Cranes fly in to roost for the night.

1:30 pm- 4:30 pm. Bus departs from the barn at 4:30 pm to Staten Island. \$45.00 per person. Includes wristband for tacos/beer & Staten Island bus tour. Must be 21 or older

* NEW TOUR DELTA BIRDING TOUR

Join local expert birder Chris Conard, alongside Barbara Daly, on Delta Heartbeat Tours as they explore the beautiful Delta. Barbara

has been offering historical tours of the Delta for years. With stops at the Cosumnes River Preserve, Stone Lakes, and the old town of Locke, and a drive along the "Delta Loop", a scenic 10 mile loop that follows the Mokelumne River and San Joaquin Rivers just east of Rio Vista. The Georgiana Slough feeds into this area off the Sacramento River. With a stop in Walnut Grove for ice cream on the Sacramento River's edge, it's sure to be the perfect afternoon!

1:30 pm- 5:00 pm, \$60.00 per person, limited space.

* GUEST FAVORITE! STATEN ISLAND SUNSET TOUR

Join Dawit Zeleke, The Nature Conservancy Senior Advisor, as he discusses the management practices of Conservation Farm and Ranches. Watch the breathtaking sight of hundreds of cranes flying in to roost for the night. You will learn about the habits of the cranes, why Staten Islands open wetland environment is preferred by these magnificent birds, and what we all can do to preserve their winter home.

4:30 pm - sunset, \$15 per participant

COME FOR THE BIRDS STAY FOR THE FOOD!

This year we are joining up with SactoMoFo, there will be some amazing foods trucks so bring your appetite.



Space is limited, so sign up for tours now at [website below](http://www.ci.galt.ca.us) or eventbrite.com.

Visit www.ci.galt.ca.us for more information or call 209-366-7115

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10th Annual Galt Winter Bird Festival

Saturday, January 21, 2017
8am - 4pm



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A Decade Celebrating Birds

The City of Galt, in collaboration with the Cosumnes River Preserve and Galt Joint Union Elementary and High School Districts, is pleased to bring you the 10th Annual Winter Bird Festival. Our festival guests will enjoy the beauty and tranquility of the Cosumnes River Preserve and the incredible opportunity to catch sightings of waterfowl, shorebirds and wildlife in their winter habitat. Festival headquarters will provide a starting point for exclusive preserve tours, educational presentations, wildlife shows, art displays, wine walk, hometown history and hands-on activities. This is a winter celebration you'll always remember!

Art/Educational/Food Vendors

8:00 am – 4:00 pm

SPEAKERS

Backyard Bird Safari, Mike & Annette Heacox, Luciole Design Inc.

9:00 am

Mike and Annette Heacox of Luciole Design Inc., landscape architects based in Sacramento, return with more secrets on how to design and enjoy your ultimate bird/wildlife garden.

Learn which bird species have a preferred time for taking baths in summer, design and create a simple water feature for birds, attract birds year around with the right mix of low water plants, and discover through the seasons the best time of day and location to observe birds and wildlife.

The Buzz on Hummingbirds, Lisa Tell, UC Davis Hummingbird Health & Conservation Program

10:00 am

The UC Davis Hummingbird Health and Conservation Program (HHCP) was established by a diverse group of expert researchers, networks, and organizations dedicated to studying and protecting hummingbirds worldwide. Enjoy a presentation dedicated to attracting hummingbirds to your garden, the ins and outs of the hummingbird banding program and an overview of the research being done at UC Davis.

KEY NOTE SPEAKER, David Allen Sibley, Ornithologist/Illustrator

11:30 am

The Sibley Guide to Birds, published in 2000, was the realization of a lifelong dream for David Allen Sibley, who began painting birds when he was seven years old and has continued painting them for over three decades. *The Sibley Guide to Birds* contains over 6,600 original illustrations by Sibley, now recognized as America's leading ornithologist/illustrator. This exciting presentation will discuss how the *The Sibley Guide to Birds* was first conceived in the late 1970s, when David Sibley was only a teenager, and how it took more than 20 years to bring it to completion. In this lecture David will talk about the long but enjoyable journey from idea to finished book.

Be sure to bring your book for a personal signature at the book signing following the presentation!

GOING BATTY, Corky Quirk, Program Director, Yolo Basin Foundation

1:30 pm

Get an up close up view of bats and learn about the importance of inviting them to your yard or farm! With years of experience, Corky will delight you with her extensive bat knowledge!

WILD THINGS, INC.

2:30 pm

Meet our wild life ambassadors! Back by popular demand, these wild creatures have sustained injuries that prevent them from surviving in the wild or were kept as illegal pets. The Wild Things team delights tens of thousands of school children every year with a message of conservation and appreciation for the earth's natural wonders. Join us in welcoming these animal ambassadors and learn about each one's special place on our earth.

HAWKS, HONKERS AND HOOTS

3:30 pm

Director Kelli Moulden's mission is to inspire respect for local and migratory birds through customized and entertaining educational programs. Enjoy a fantastic opportunity to see and experience hawks, owls, an water birds up close and personal. Yes, the birds are coming to visit!

PRESENTATIONS

9:00 am

LUCIOLE DESIGN, Landscape Artist Mike Heacox

10:00 am

UC DAVIS HUMMINGBIRD HEALTH CONSERVATION PROGRAM

11:30 am

DAVID SIBLEY, Key Note Speaker

12:30 pm

DAVID SIBLEY, Book Signing

1:30 pm

CORKY QUIRK, Going Batty

2:30 pm

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HAWKS, HONKERS AND HOOTS

TOURS

6:00 am – 8:30 am

Sunrise Tour / Lon Yarbrough

6:30 am – 10:00 am

Remote Riparian & Tall Forest with John Trochet

7:00 am – 2:00 pm

BIG DAY Bird Tour & Competition

8:00 am – 11:00 am

Spanish Speaking Bird Tour

9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Heritage Oaks Bird Walk & Lunch

8:00 am – 11:00 am

Cosumnes River Preserve Kids Treasure Hunt Birding Tour

1:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Beer & Birds Cosumnes River Preserve Barn

1:30 pm – 5:00 pm

Delta Birding Tour

4:30 pm

Sunset Tour Staten Island

TOURS

ZENOPTIC WETLANDS DAWN PHOTO TOUR

There is no better time to experience the vibrant life of the wetlands than at dawn, and no better time to enjoy Sandhill Cranes as they begin their day with song and dance. Join a small and hearty group led by photographer, Lon (LA) Yarbrough, on this amazing photo tour. As the sun rises, you will experiment with high ISOs, long shutter speeds and wide open apertures to capture images not obtainable at any other time.

6:00 am – 8:30 am, tour limited to 12 people, \$35 per participant

BIRD WITH THE BEST IN OUR REMOTE RIPARIAN HABITAT

Come hiking with world renowned birder Dr. John Trochet, Field Ornithologist with U.C. Davis, through some of the most remote riparian areas of the Cosumnes River Preserve. Journey through a portion of the Preserve ordinarily closed to public visitation. You will see many of the jewels of the Preserve; the Tall Forest, the Accidental Forest, and more. With a little luck we should see and hear over 90 species of birds, and a variety of mammals; including deer, raccoon, river otter, beaver, and more.

6:30 am – 10:00 am, rain or shine, tour is limited to 15 people, \$35 per participant

* NEW TOUR

BIG DAY BIRD TOUR & COMPETITION

It's your BIG DAY! Tally as many bird species you can find, and beat your competitors to earn your name on a plaque in City Hall plus some pretty cool gear from our friends at REI! This is your one and only chance to explore a property closed to the public and get a general overview of the property from Westervelt staff. Grab your snack bag and begin the adventure! Meet back at the Cosumnes River Preserve Barn for an awards ceremony and to join the Birds and Beer tour for some tacos from Tequila Catering and beer from our friends at Track 7 Brewery, after a long day birding!

7:00 am-2:00 pm, \$45.00 per person, limited space. Includes morning snack bag & wrist band for tacos/beer.

COSUMNES RIVER PRESERVE- SPANISH SPEAKING TOUR BEHIND THE SCENES AT COSUMNES RIVER PRESERVE

The Festival is proud to offer its first Spanish speaking tour. The tour will be led by Alex Cabrera who has worked 27 years with The Nature Conservancy and spent the past 21 years at the Cosumnes River Preserve. Alex will take you behind the scenes of the preserve so that you can enjoy a multitude of our winter friends and scope local birds of all sizes, colors, and species.

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