

#### NEWSLETTER OF ALTACAL BIRD ALLIANCE

Chapter of the National Audubon Society serving Butte, Glenn, and Tehama Counties of Northern California

October • November 2025

#### **AltaCal Programs**

Programs for the general community are normally held on the third Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. In December the program is held on the second Monday and in June, July, and August there are no programs.

## **October Program**

Monday, October 20, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. Chico Creek Nature Center 1968 E 8th St, Chico and on Zoom

#### **Rescuing Raptors and Protecting Watersheds**

#### **Presented by Marily Woodhouse**

Marily Woodhouse will give us a presentation about her work rescuing and rehabilitating raptors, and the threats to our local forests, in particular the Battle Creek watershed, due to cumulative impacts from the over-logging of industrial timberlands.

#### Join Zoom Meeting

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- » Meeting ID: 922 795 8804 Passcode: 468753

Marily Woodhouse is the director and founder of Battle Creek Alliance in Manton, California, and has been working to protect the watersheds, forests, and wildlife of the Battle Creek Watershed and California through research and data collection, field work, and individual plan commentary on logging and other detrimental plans since 2007.

# **November Program**

Monday, November 17, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. Chico Creek Nature Center 1968 E 8th St, Chico and on Zoom

# **Celebrating and Conserving Ecosystems of our Region**

#### Presented by Hannah Espinosa, Kim Armstrong, & Cynthia Perrine

Join the Northern California Regional Land Trust for an inspiring presentation on birding across both public and private lands, and discover how they're working to expand their bird monitoring and research programs. Whether you're a seasoned birder, or just curious about local wildlife, this is a great opportunity to connect with your land trust and explore ways to support conservation in your community. Let's celebrate the beauty of our region's ecosystems—together!

Hannah Espinosa is the Stewardship & Conservation Director at NCRLT, where she oversees stewardship land management, conservation planning, and easement transactions. She holds degrees in Chemistry and Biology from the University of Kentucky and an MSc in Biodiversity and Conservation from Middlesex University, London. With global field experience and a passion for habitat restoration and equitable access to nature, Hannah is dedicated to protecting Northern California's landscapes.

**Kim Armstrong**, Stewardship Manager at NCRLT, earned her Ecology degree with a Biology minor from CSU, Chico. Her career began with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife at the

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Oroville Wildlife Area, where she developed a passion for birds through managing wood duck boxes and banding waterfowl. She expanded her impact through restoration efforts with River Partners across multiple watersheds. As a Chico native, Kim is deeply committed to protecting local ecosystems and stays active outdoors through backpacking, hiking, birding, and flyfishing. Kim has been involved in the Northern Saw-whet Owl Research and Education Program through Altacal Bird Alliance for roughly a decade.

Cynthia Perrine is a Certified Nonprofit Professional and Certified Wildlife Biologist, with prior projects including youth and collegiate conservation education programs, coordinating expert-led learning experiences and scientific collecting forays across California, Nevada, and New Zealand, and coordinating CDFW's education program for newly-hired scientists statewide. Born and raised in Chico, she holds a B.S. in Environmental Biology Management from U.C. Davis, and completed graduate studies at CSU Chico studying wild turkey food habits and fire ecology in Lassen Park. Species she's inclined to work with include bats and birds, and her favorite habitat is blue oak woodland.



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# **Board Meetings**

Usually at 6 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month. AltaCal Members are welcome to attend

#### **AltaCal**

You might have noticed our capital C in our name AltaCal. We're using this arrangement to emphasize our name's meaning: Upper California.

# California Native Plant Seed and **Plant Swap**

October 26, 10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

The Neighborhood Habitat Certification Program will be holding its first free community California Native Plant Seed and Plant Swap on October 26, 10:30 a.m. – 1 p.m., at the Chico Branch Library (First Ave & Sheridan Ave). Our native birds need native plants to live and reproduce, and here is a chance to get some free native plants to add to your gardens – just in time for planting season!



How this swap works is that you

bring garden-sourced native plants and/or seeds that you have grown or collected to the swap, and leave with other plants or seeds that others have brought. Plants or seed that you bring must be cleaned and properly labelled with scientific name (to the best of your ability). For seed, please include the year collected plant. If you don't have seeds or plants to share come anyway because there will be plenty to share. There will be an information table at the event to help you if you have questions during the event. If you have questions prior to swap date, please contact Deborah Halfpenny (neighborhoodhabtiat.aas@gmail.com) or Jared Geiser (director@altacal.org).

Volunteers Are Needed! If you would like to volunteer and help out at the event, please contact us soon at the above email addresses. Volunteers get first choice on plants and seeds!



California Quail . Photo by Karen White

# Save the Date and Join our Snow Goose Flock!

## **Volunteers, Field Trip Leaders & Workshop Presenters**

For the 26th Snow Goose Festival of the Pacific Flyway January 22 - 25, 2026



AltaCal is gearing up for the 2026 **Snow Goose Festival** and we want YOU to join our flock! The 25th Snow Goose Festival was a huge success, and we look forward to another great festival, the last weekend in January 2026, for celebrating the wonders of the Pacific Flyway. Jennifer Patten has announced that after 25 years, she will be retiring from her role as SGF Director. We value Jennifer's hard work and dedication organizing this incredible festival for so many years. She has made a profound, positive impact on our community through this festival and AltaCal is proud to continue this legacy. The more of us who come together, the better our beloved festival will be. If you are interested in volunteering, leading a field trip to your favorite birding area, or have a workshop/presentation you would like to share about birds or our natural world, please contact us at info@snowgoosefestival.org.

Do you really love the SGF and want to start supporting SGF this fall? We need people who believe in this festival to step up and join our SGF Steering Committee this fall to help organize some of the various elements of our celebration of the Pacific Flyway. If you want to support the SGF but don't have free time to volunteer, you can always support the SGF by making a tax-deductible donation, via check mailed to PO Box 3671, Chico, CA 95927-3671.

Thank you, Jared Geiser, Executive Director, AltaCal. info@snowgoosefestival.org, 530-592-9092



SGF bird trip at the Sacramento River

# **Gala to Celebrate Butte Environmental Council's 50th Anniversary**

Butte Environmental Council's 50th Anniversary Gala Thursday, October 23, 5 p.m. – 9 p.m. • Lakeside Pavilion

For fifty years the Butte Environmental Council has worked "to protect and defend the land, air, and water of Butte County and the surrounding region through action, advocacy, and education." We have worked on myriad projects: pioneering recycling programs and community gardens; protecting our wetlands and groundwater; advocating for open land; engaging children in learning about recycling, endangered species, and the lives of fish; planting trees; working to create resiliency in the face of climate change.



BEC's Bidwell Parks and Creeks Clean Up. Photo by Samuel Steadman

Our signature events have engaged thousands of people. Over 10,000 volunteers have participated Bidwell Parks and Creeks Clean Up, taking 30 tons of trash and recyclable materials from our parks and creeks. For 47 years, the Endangered Species Faire has taught adults and children about the natural world.

The Butte Environmental Council invites you to celebrate our fifty-year anniversary with members of our community. If you have ever volunteered in any of our many campaigns, helped with clean ups, grown vegetables in our gardens, planted trees, made a puppet or ridden in the Bicycle Music Festival, we want you there. And if you haven't participated with BEC, come and meet us.

Because we want to make this as inclusive as possible, BEC is offering tickets on a sliding scale between \$40 and \$75. We

want you to come at whatever level you can manage. Of course, like most small nonprofits, we need the financial support. But mostly, we want you to be there. To buy your tickets, go to becnet. org. You'll see "Purchase Tickets Here" on the landing page. Hope to see you there!

-Susan Tchudi, BEC

# **Bird Trips**

# Please note our new field trip registration process is now done through Zeffy. Links for each field trip can be found at altacal.org/calendar

- Pre-registration is required for trips and can be completed by following our registration links to Zeffy.
- Signing an AltaCal Liability Waiver is a requirement to attend all field trips. Completed Liability Waivers are valid until June 30, 2026.
- Carpools are encouraged, but are optional and up to the individual. It is always nice to offer compensation to the driver if you ride in a carpool.

AltaCal Bird Alliance's scheduled field trips are a great way to experience a variety of birding areas, with an experienced trip leader.

Occasionally "Pop-up" Birding Field Trips, that aren't listed here, will be posted on the AltaCal Facebook Page (https://www.facebook.com/altacalaudubon/) and the AltaCal Bird Alliance webpage (http://www.altacal.org/calendar). All field trip registration is done through Zeffy.

#### **Kayaking Among the Birds: It's Magical**

Wednesday, October 1, 9 a.m. - noon

Trip Leaders: Pamela Waldsmith, Karen Smith & Brad Cooke Limit: 15 participants

Cost: \$65.00

Participants will meet the trip leaders at the North Forebay Aquatic Center, at 9 a.m., and be on the water from 9:30 a.m. to noon with experienced guides who are familiar with the area's abundant and diverse wildlife. This ecological tour will educate flat-water boaters on safe boating practices and the ecology of the area. We will also do a short walking tour of the beautiful habitat. There are 15 seats available in either a single or tandem sit-ontop kayak. Please do not bring your own kayak. Guests will be provided with all boating equipment and fundamental paddling instruction for novice to experienced. Guests are advised to bring appropriately warm and waterproof clothing, camera, binoculars, water, and snacks. The Forebay Aquatic Center is a facility in a State Park Recreation Area that supports recreation throughout the Thermalito complex and the Feather River Watershed. It is an approximately 30-minute drive from Chico to the center. Floats are appropriate for ages 8 and up and are a low impact, physically active, way to view the wildlife and migratory waterfowl prominent during this time. Our trip has access to the nonmotorized State Park areas which are inaccessible to motorized vehicles and boats. No need to stop and pay the State Park entrance fee, it's included in the price. Keep left after the front entrance kiosk and park at the Aquatic Center warehouse.

Registration is required with both AltaCal Bird Alliance and Forebay Aquatic Center (FAC). To register with AltaCal Bird Alliance, go to altacal.org/calendar and click on the Zeffy link. To register and pay the equipment fees (all boats and equipment are provided) go to altacal.org/calendar and click on forebayaquaticcenter.com/ "Classes and Tours", then "Kayaking Among the Birds." For questions regarding this field trip, contact Pamela Waldsmith, pwaldsmith@icloud.com. For questions regarding the Forebay Aquatic Center, contact Brad Cooke, aquatics.education@gmail.com

#### **Point Reyes National Seashore Camping & Birding**

October 3–5, Friday 1 p.m. – Sunday 2 p.m.

# Trip Leaders: Ken Sobon & Matt Forester Limit 12 participants

Point Reyes National Seashore is well-known for its excellent birding. The seashore and surrounding areas offer many different habitats from grasslands, estuaries, and coastal scrub to forests. The projection of the Point Reyes peninsula some 10 miles seaward from the "mainland" makes Point Reyes National Seashore a landing spot for many vagrants to rest and forage along their migration. Some of these rarities have included Black-throated Blue Warbler, American Redstart, and Palm Warbler. We will visit these hotspots, such as the Fish Docks, the Lighthouse area, Abbott's Lagoon, Drakes Beach, and the famous historic ranches along the way. We will camp Friday and Saturday night at Olema Campground. Participants will receive a list of what to bring, directions and camping instructions before the trip. Contact Ken Sobon for questions, altacalpresident@gmail.com. To register for this field trip, go to altacal.org/calendar and click on the Zeffy link.

#### **Birding the Kum Bay Xerel Trail**

Thursday, October 9, 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.

# Trip Leaders: Karen White & Karen Smith Limit 10 participants

Join us for a leisurely walk along the Kum Bay Xerel trail in south Redding. The first ¾ mile of this trail is paved, then another mile or so on unpaved adjacent BLM land. Both sections are mostly flat, from 3-4 miles round trip. The trail begins along a lush wooded riparian corridor where we would expect to see woodpeckers, warblers, wrens and more. It then opens up to the Sacramento River where we may see ducks, egrets, and raptors. We hope to see some migrating birds in the area as well. We will meet at the Kum Bay Xerel parking lot at 8:30 a.m. Travel time to the parking lot is about one hour from Chico. Bathrooms are available at the parking lot. This trip is limited to ten participants. Bring water, binoculars, insect repellent, snacks, and lunch if desired. Further directions will be provided when you sign up. Contact Karen White at kwhite36912@yahoo.com for questions. To register for this field trip, go to altacal.org/calendar and click on the Zeffy link.

#### **Rio Vista Unit of the Sacramento River NWR**

Sunday, October 12, 8:30 – 11 a.m.

Trip Leader: Joyce Bond Limit 12 participants

The mixed habitats at the Rio Vista Unit give us the opportunity to see a variety of birds, including several species of woodpeckers, White-breasted Nuthatches, Western Bluebirds, and other songbirds, maybe even Golden-crowned Kinglets. Last fall we saw a Short-eared Owl! We'll walk the 2.5-mile loop trail through woods, open areas, and along the river. Contact Joyce Bond at chantedor@gmail.com if any questions. To register for this field

trip, go to altacal.org/calendar and click on the Zeffy link.

## Bird Trips continued from previous page

#### **Slacker Saturday at Pine Creek Unit**

Saturday, October 18, 10 a.m. - noon

Trip Leader: Skip Augur

Enjoy your morning coffee and join us for a walk to see what's around. Meet at the Pine Creek Unit off Highway 32 on the way to Hamilton City. We may see Osprey, Nuttall's Woodpeckers, Northern Flicker, Bewick's and House Wrens, and more. Contact Skip Augur wba@acm.org, 530-519-4724 for questions. To register for this field trip, please visit altacal.org/calendar and click on the Zeffy link.

#### **Oxidation Ponds**

Friday, October 24, 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Trip Leaders: Matt Forster & Stuart Angerer

Limit: 20 participants

Join us on a trip to the Oxidation Ponds. This is a good place to learn (or re-learn) your waterfowl and to occasionally see some rare birds! We will likely see shorebirds, herons, egrets, and maybe hear a Virgina Rail or Sora. Meet at the main gate to the Chico Wastewater Treatment Plant on Chico River Road to sign in. Space is limited. Please bring water, snacks, binoculars, and insect repellent. For questions, contact Matt at findforster@yahoo.com. To register for this field trip, go to altacal.org/calendar and click on the

#### **First Saturday at Pine Creek Access**

*Saturday, November 1, 8:30 – 10:30 a.m.* 

Trip Leader: Ken Sobon

Zeffy link.

Join us for our monthly bird walk on the first Saturday of each month to Pine Creek Access Day Use Area. Located just down the road from Scotty's Restaurant, within the beautiful boundaries of the Bidwell–Sacramento River State Park, this area offers spectacular birding throughout the year. We will meet at the Pine Creek Access Day Use Area parking lot and walk trails around the area where we may see Bald Eagles, Osprey, Great Blue Heron, Western Bluebirds, Downy Woodpeckers, Black-Headed Grosbeaks and more. For questions, contact Ken Sobon, altacalpresident@gmail.com. To register for this field trip, please visit altacal.org/calendar and click on the Zeffy link.

# **Upper Butte Basin Wildlife Area – Howard's Slough Unit** *Thursday, November 6, 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.*

# Trip Leaders: Jennifer Patten & Karen Smith Limit 12 participants

Join us exploring an easy 1.5 mile walk around Howard's Slough Unit in Upper Butte Basin Wildlife Area which is a riparian restoration project from 2002. Trails are dirt and grassy with some dips, so bring walking sticks if needed and wear sturdy shoes. Trails meander through ponds, marshes and riparian areas where we may see Wood Ducks, Northern Shovelers, Wilson's Snipe, Gadwall, Killdeer, and American Bittern. A Lands Pass (\$5.66) or hunting license is required for this field trip. You may purchase a lands pass here: https://wildlife.ca.gov/Licensing/Lands-Pass or at Sportsman's Warehouse, Dick's Sporting Goods, or Big 5 Sporting Goods. For GPS directions to Howard's Slough Unit, use this address: 9256 Highway 162, Butte City, CA 95920. As an optional side trip, we will stop at Llano Seco Unit. Bring snacks, water, binoculars, and insect repellent. For questions, contact Karen Smith, birds4ks@gmail.com. To register for this field trip, please visit altacal.org/calendar and click on the Zeffy link.

#### **Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge**

*Sunday, November 16, 9 a.m.* − 3:30 p.m.

## Trip Leader: Joyce Bond

#### Limit 15 participants

Join us for a fun-filled day looking for winter migrants. We'll meet at 9 a.m. at the Chico Park & Ride (closest to Hwy 99) to carpool to the Sacramento NWR, just south of Willows. The refuge has an auto tour loop with huge numbers of ducks and geese, as well as grebes, herons, and other waterbirds. We may also see Bald Eagles, Peregrine Falcons, and Loggerhead Shrikes. Entrance fee: \$6 per vehicle (free with a National Parks pass). Contact Joyce Bond at chantedor@gmail.com if any questions. To register for this field trip, go to altacal.org/calendar and click on the Zeffy sign-up link for this trip.

#### Slacker Saturday at Gray Lodge Wildlife Area

Saturday, November 22, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

#### Trip Leader: Skip Augur

Meet at Park and Ride at 10 a.m. (closest to Hwy 99). We will then carpool to the Gray Lodge Wildlife Area (arrival at 11 am). A Lands Pass (\$5.66) or hunting license is required for this field trip. You may purchase a lands pass here: https://wildlife.ca.gov/Licensing/Lands-Pass or at Sportsman's Warehouse, Dick's Sporting Goods, or Big 5 Sporting Goods. All birders and nature lovers are welcome, especially those just learning about birds or wanting to learn about the birds of the Pacific Flyway. Bring binoculars, lunch, water, bug repellent and a snack. Contact Skip Augur wba@acm.org, 530-519-4724 for questions. To register for this field trip, go to altacal.org/calendar and click on the Zeffy link.

#### Llano Seco Unit of the Sacramento River NWR

Saturday, November 29, 9 a.m. - noon

#### Trip Leaders: Mathew Forster & Stuart Angerer

We'll meet at Llano Seco's parking lot at 9 am and bird from the platform before walking to the back section. We could see sandhill cranes, shorebirds, waterfowl, loggerhead shrike, western bluebirds, and raptors! Bring water, snacks and binoculars. For questions, contact Matt at findforster@yahoo.com. To register for this field trip, go to altacal.org/calendar and click on the Zeffy link.



Bald Eagle. Photo by John Seid

# **Bird Spotlight**

## Sandhill Crane (Antigone canadensis) (formerly Grus canadensis)

One of the most ancient species of bird that lives today, the Sandhill crane has been the subject of myth and art for the entirety of human existence, with fossil records dating back to the pleistocene epoch. These large cranes have a signature red crown, and gray feathers which droop down around the back end, and a very broad wingspan of up to 6 feet. Avid migrators, Sandhill cranes breed across the northern U.S. and Canada, as well as eastern Siberia. and winter in southern U.S. and



Sandhill Cranes. Photo by Pamela Waldsmith

smaller egg-cavity of twigs and stems in the center. Nests are 30-40 inches across, 4-6 inches high, and may be floating in shallow water, attached to shallow standing plants.

Sandhill cranes may start breeding anywhere between 2-7 years of age. While they do mate for life, if a mate dies, the surviving crane may reuse an old nesting site with a new mate. Mates will stay together all year-round, much of it spent with their juvenile.

Sandhills are well-known for their mating dances, which are dance-like and energetic. When attracting a mate, they may hold their wings out wide, flapping them and extending their necks straight upward, jump into the air, and bow their neck downward to the ground. A female of a mated pair may initiate a dance called "unison calling" wherein both cranes throw back their heads, stretch out their wings and call out together. Dancing is thought to strengthen bonds between pairs, but even non-mates may dance together. This may reduce aggression between birds in a flock.

#### Conservation

Sandhill cranes have a generally strong population, with an estimated breeding population of around 560,000-650,000, and overall estimates of around 1.5 million. Their numbers have increased about 4% from 1966-2019 according to the North American Breeding Bird Survey.

northern Mexico. During migration they may form flocks in the

tens of thousands, and some will fly up to 400 miles in a single

While migratory Sandhill cranes are doing well, there are three isolated nonmigratory subspecies whose populations are of concern. The Cuba and Mississippi subspecies are endangered because of conversion of wet pine savannas into plantations, with estimated populations of under 700 and 200 respectively. As nonmigratory groups, these flocks are more vulnerable to local habitat loss in their areas of residence. Sandhill crane populations are slow to recover, as each breeding pair typically only has one surviving chick per year, however Sandhill cranes also live fairly long, with the oldest reported bird at 37 years old. This species has resiliently withstood the long test of time, being one of the oldest species of birds with fossil records exceeding 2 million years, and with proper conservation efforts it may subsist for 2 million more!

The most important conservation measure for these ancient birds is the preservation and restoration of wetland habitat where nonmigratory populations exist, and in wintering areas where migratory flocks congregate.

#### Habitat

Often found comfortably inhabiting marshes, and other wetland habitats, such as bogs, swamps, and irrigated plains. They winter in northern Mexico and southern United States (including in AltaCal!) and breed in much of the middle to northern United States and southern Canada. They will prefer habitats that have an open view of their surroundings.

#### **Nesting**

Nests are usually in small isolated wetlands such as bogs or marshes, or close to the perimeter of larger wetlands. Sandhill cranes prefer standing water with shallow plant growth, but some also nest on dry ground near bodies of water. The nests are layered, starting with larger dry structural material, and contributing wet/green plant material later, finishing with a

#### **Eggs**

1-3 in a clutch. Eggs are about 3.6" long, 2.3" wide, and range between pale brownish yellow to olive with brown or gray flecks or smudges. Incubation period is 28-30 days. Both parents will incubate but the female will spend more time incubating.

#### Young

Chicks are hatched with open eyes and covered in down and are very active immediately, sometimes leaving the nest within 8 hours and fully able to swim. Both parents will feed the young until they learn to feed themselves, and juveniles will stay with parents all the way through winter. Sandhill Crane young may take their first flight at 65-75 days of age.

#### Diet

Sandhill cranes are omnivorous, largely depending on seeds and grains, but including a variety of other food types such as berries, tubers, small mammals and invertebrates. Nonmigratory subspecies have been found to eat insects, snails, reptiles, amphibians, and nestling birds, as well as many berries and seeds. Particularly during migration, these cranes depend on corn and rice and other agricultural grains, including milo, wheat, oats, and barley. This can cause conflict with farmers as a flock of cranes may strip a field. This has spurred farmers to treat seeds with biopesticides before planting, perhaps diverting cranes in fields to eat more pest insects while preventing crop loss for farmers.

-Ryan Shwalm

Sources:

Allaboutbirds.com

International crane Foundation - savingcranes.org wdfw.wa.gov, audubon.org, fws.gov, cranewatch.org aba.org, https://coloradocranes.org/crane-nesting-facts-fags/ The nature conservancy - nature.org

## **Local Chapter**

## **Membership Form**

## Please join us!

Your membership will help AltaCal Bird Alliance continue its important work.

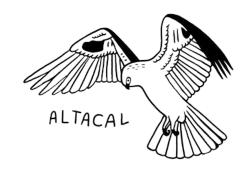
**AltaCal Bird Alliance** is a chapter of the National Audubon Society. AltaCal is a separately incorporated non-profit organization with a local chapter membership. 100% of membership dues goes to support local projects and activities.

We offer regularly scheduled **field trips** that focus on birds and bird habitats; membership **programs** with media presentations on birds and related topics; a bi-monthly **newsletter**, the **White-tailed Kite**; **website** www.AltaCal.org; and **advocacy** to protect and conserve local habitats as well as special programs.

Leave a legacy for your grandchildren by writing AltaCal into your will or trust. Reach out to director@altacal.org for more information on how this can be set up.

#### White-tailed Kite Submissions

Articles, reports, sightings, and photos for publication should be sent by email to: Carla Resnick at carlaphoto@gmail.com, on the first of the month, prior to the next issue. For best results please send images as high resolution attachments.



#### **AltaCal Programs & Projects**

Major sponsor, participant and fiscal agent for the annual Snow Goose Festival

Founder of the Chico Creek Nature Center

Sponsor of the City of Chico
Oxidation Ponds Wildlife Sanctuary

Leading annual Christmas Bird Counts in Chico and Oroville for more than 65 years

Focusing on our Youth through Scholarships and Environmental Education

Advocating for Birds & Wildlife when they are threatened

Conducting surveys and participating in **Avian Research Projects** 

Promoting bird-friendly yards through the **Neighborhood Habitat Certification Program** 

AltaCal Bird Alliance Membership Form		
Goldfinch \$5 / month or \$60 / year	☐ <b>Falcon</b> \$20 /month for \$240 /year	
Quail \$7 / month or \$84 / year	☐ <b>Great-horned Owl</b> \$25 /month or \$300 / year	
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IMPORTANT: Membership in AltaCal Bird Alliance does not include membership in the National Audubon Society. We encourage you to also support National Audubon in their important education and lobbying efforts. To join the National Audubon Society, visit their website www.audubon.org		

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White-tailed Kite Submission Deadlines

Issue	Due Dat
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April/May	Mar 1
June/July	May 1
August/Sept	July 1
August/Sept	July 1
Oct/Nov	Sept 1

Requested In-home Delivery 09/28/25-09/30/25 3-Day Window

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Lazuli Bunting. Photo by Karen White

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