

## Schedule for Western Bird Banding Association Annual Meeting

University of California, Davis. Davis, California

### Day 1 Wednesday, September 14 -- Museum of Wildlife and Fish Biology /Mathematics Courtyard

3:00-5:00 pm Arrival and check in. Birding on campus, check out Putah Creek Lodge

5:00 - 6:00 Registration, museum tours, and social

6:00 - 8:00 Dinner

### Day 2 Thursday, September 15 -- Putah Creek Lodge

7:00 am Arboretum Bird Walk (lead by Museum Staff)

8:00 - 9:00 Registration, coffee and tea

#### 9:00 - 12:00 Scientific Talks

9:00 - 9:30 **FEATURED SPEAKER:** Andy Engilis. Jr. Curator MWFB. *Documenting avian diversity in a forgotten landscape: the Museum of Wildlife and Fish Biology research programs in the Sacramento Valley*

9:30 - 10:15 **KEYNOTE SPEAKER:** Peter Pyle, Biologist Institute for Bird Populations. *Update on Identification Guide to North American Birds, Part 1, 2nd Edition*

10:15-10:30 Ed Pandolfino. *Using song dialectics to assess the migration strategy of the Golden-crowned Sparrow*

#### 10:30 - 10:45 BREAK

10:45 - 11:00 Daniel Karp, *Co-managing produce farms for conservation and food production on the California Central Coast*

11:00 -11:15 Dan Wenny, *Development of an online Data entry program for banding data*

11:15 - 11:30 Danielle Kaschube, *Accessing two new websites for analyzing and disseminating data from the Monitoring Avian Productivity and Survivorship (MAPS) program*

11:30 - 11:45 Austin Spence, *Putah Creek's role in understanding the connection between bird communities and food safety*

11:45 -12:00 Frank Fabbro, *Impressions of an undergraduate at the Yosemite MAPS Station*

#### 12:00 - 1:30 Lunch

1:00 - 4:00 **WBBA Board Meeting (Board members only) Putah Creek Lodge**

- 1:30 - 4:30**     **Workshops (Held at the Museum of Wildlife and Fish Biology) - 15 minute walk from Putah Creek Lodge**
- 1:30 - 2:30**     **WORKSHOP:** Rebecca Duerr, DVM and Jennifer Brown USFWS Supervisory Wildlife Biologist, *Avian First Aid, what banders need to know*
- 2:30 - 4:30**     **WORKSHOP:** Andrew Engilis, Jr, Curator, UC Davis Museum of Wildlife and Fish Biology, *Working with specimens gives insights and tools to assess molt, age, and species Identification of North American birds*
- 5:30 - 7:30     **Social and Dinner – held at Putah Creek Lodge**
- 7:30 - 8:15     **KEYNOTE Speaker:** Lisa Tell, Professor UC Davis Veterinary Medicine. *Recent advances in hummingbird research*

### Day 3 Friday, September 16 – Putah Creek Lodge

- 7:00 am     Local Birdwalk (lead by Museum staff)
- 8:00 - 8:45     Coffee and Tea
- 8:45 -12:00**     **Scientific Talks**
- 8:45 - 9:15     **FEATURED SPEAKER,** Breanna Martinico, Human-Wildlife Interactions Advisor, University of California Cooperative Extension. *Long-term banding records of nestling Barn Owls reveal variation in breeding phenology across California*
- 9:15 - 9:30     Chrissy Kondrat, *The Western Motus Initiative*
- 9:30 - 9:45     Ben Vernasco, *Understanding the specialized ecology and natural history of an alpine endemic songbird in the Alps of Oregon*
- 9:45 - 10:00     Colin Woolley, *Moonlight drives nocturnal vertical flight dynamics in Black Swifts*
- 10:00 -10:15     Jason Riggio, *Impact of changing climate on cavity-nesting songbirds*
- 10:15 -10:30     Danielle Fradet, *Estimating avian occupancy in a heterogeneous landscape using autonomous recording units*
- 10:30 - 10:45**     **BREAK**
- 10:45 -11:00     Katherine Larson, *Vertical territories of birds in old-growth trees*
- 11::00 -11:15     Walter Sakai, *The return of banded birds after a chaparral fire*
- 11:15 -11:30     Allison Nelson, *Pre and Post fire distribution of Hermit Thrush in California’s Big Basin*
- 11:30 -12:00     **FEATURED SPEAKER:** Cyndi Smith, *Into the streams and rivers: monitoring Harlequin Duck on its breeding grounds*

- 12:00 - 1:30**      **Lunch**
- 1:30 - 4:00**      **Scientific Talks**
- 1:30 - 1:45      Holly Garrod, *Efforts to standardize bird banding across the Caribbean Region*
- 1:45 - 2:00      Cyndi Smith, *20-year trends at Canadian Migration Monitoring Network stations*
- 2:00 - 2:15      Ryan Bourbour, *Beak and talon swabs reveal dietary trends of Sharp-shinned Hawks banded during fall migration*
- 2:15 - 2:30      Tania Romero, *Bear Divide: banding at a unique migration concentration in mountains near Los Angeles*
- 2:30 - 2:45      Jayde Blair, *Bear Divide: preliminary results of diurnal spring passerine species' composition, timing, and demographics during migration.*
- 2:45 - 3:00      **Break**
- 3:00 - 4:00**      **WORKSHOP:** Christina Kondrat, Arizona Game and Fish Biologist. Motus Backpack application workshop
- 5:00 - 6:00      **Silent Auction, Social**
- 6:00 - 7:30      Dinner
- 7:30 - 9:00      **Evening Program**
- 8:00 - 8:30      **FEATURED SPEAKER:** Bob Meese, *Banding a boatload of Tricolored Blackbirds, and what you learn by doing so*

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## Day 4 Saturday, September 17 – Field Day

7:00 am          Field Trips

### **Trip to the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area and the South Fork Preserve along Putah Creek.**

Meet at the Yolo Bypass parking lot A at 7 am. The group will depart the parking lot at 7:15 am. Since much of this will be birding by car, carpooling is highly encouraged to limit the length of the "car train".

We will begin our morning at the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area, which offers easy access to world class birdwatching along the Pacific Flyway just on the outskirts of Davis. Depending on water levels, shorebirds and waterfowl may be abundant. The bypass is also great to find hawks, sparrows, rails, and migrating songbirds. We will follow the auto tour route making various stops along the way at different parking lots, viewing areas, and dirt walking trails.

We will break for lunch in the bypass. Picnic tables and bathrooms are available.

After lunch, we will visit one of several riparian areas along Putah Creek. The exact location will be determined based on heat, and bird activity at various sites. This is a great time of year to search for vagrants along the creek.

Extreme heat (>100 degrees F) is not uncommon this time of year. Should such conditions prevail, we will likely cancel the South Fork Preserve portion of the trip and end after lunch.

### **7:00 am          Field Trip to Stone Lakes NWR led by Stan Wright. (Tentative at this time)**

Stone Lakes NWR is located south of South of Sacramento, near Elk Grove and is 30 minutes from UC Davis by car. It protects a mix of grasslands, riparian and managed wetland habitats. The areas that will be visited are behind locked gates, and so would provide a new birding experience for some. If this trip goes, we will provide details for signing up as well as meeting time and place. There will be a limited number of participants allowed on this trip. More details will follow.

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