

President's Message

Save the Dates for the Virtual
Central Valley Birding Symposium on Zoom
November 19-20, 2021



Save the dates for the 25th year of the Central Valley Birding Symposium! Although we had hoped to see every one of you in person at the symposium this year, the uncertainties of food service and COVID-19 variants continue. Stayed tuned for two days of friends, old and new, at the virtual symposium on Friday, November 19, and Saturday, November 20, 2021. The program will be finalized soon, and registration will open in September. We hope you will join us on Zoom live, or tune in later for any presentations you may have missed. In addition, in-person field trips will be starting later this summer.

The Club continues to remain active. Five scholarship students will be attending national birding camps this summer, and another student will attend a naturalist and journaling camp. The Waldo Holt Conservation Fund provided a grant to a UCD student for her work with wintering Blue-winged Teal in the Central Valley. We are having constructive discussions about inclusion of groups that have traditionally been excluded from birding. In July 2020, the Club published the important conservation monograph *Life Under the Fast Lane, Ecology and Conservation of the Bridge-Nesting Purple Martins in Urban Sacramento*, by board member, Dan Airola. Our second special publication, the *Sacramento County Breeding Birds: A tale of two Atlases and three Decades of Change* authored by Ed Pandolfino, Chris Conard, Lily Douglas, and Tim Manolis, will be available later this fall.

Because of your support, we have been able to keep the Club active, and as we re-enter more normal times, we look forward to seeing all of you again in person. In the meantime, please renew your membership; consider supporting scholarship students, publications, and conservation; sign up for the virtual symposium; and watch for in-person field trips soon. It's all on the website at <https://www.cvbirds.org>. See you back in Stockton in 2022.

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