

Editor's Note

Central Valley Bird Club Bulletin becomes Central Valley Birds!

With this issue, the Central Valley Bird Club Bulletin has a new name: *Central Valley Birds!*

The Club's Board approved this name change for several reasons. The bulletin has outgrown the more informal designation as a "bulletin". We are really a full-fledged regional journal, publishing both scientific and more popular articles on birds in the Central Valley. Our articles are cited regularly in articles in national and international journals of ornithology, wildlife management, and conservation biology. We chose *Central Valley Birds* because it is a succinct descriptor of our subject matter.

We will continue the issue numbering system from the bulletin. Thus, this issue of *Central Valley Birds* will be Volume 22. Also, the name change will not be retroactive. All previous issues and the articles that comprise them will continue to be cited as articles in the Central Valley Bird Club Bulletin.

The Special Bird Math Issue of Central Valley Birds

Our inaugural issue of *Central Valley Birds* is a special double issue that covers a variety of issues and examples on counting and quantifying bird numbers. John Fulton, who led the preparation of this issue, emphasizes the value of reporting good bird numbers. He addresses a number of issues we have all faced as birders, such as "If I made an estimate of 4,000 pintails and then later saw one more fly over, do I really report the number as 4,001?" John and his team also give a lot of guidance on techniques for counting large flocks of birds and bird passages. John also provides a few examples from his experience (from outside the Central Valley) that illustrate his points. There a lot of useful information. As John and his colleagues note, knowing how to quantify and report bird numbers results in better counts, measurements, science, and conservation decisions. I encourage you to read, learn, and apply their guidance.

Editorial Board

We welcome John Harris to the CV Birds Editorial Board. John is a Board member and contributor to CV Birds. He received a PhD at UC Davis and taught for many years at Mill's College before retiring to the Oakdale area.

As always, we welcome your comments, suggestions, and especially contributions to *Central Valley Birds*.

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