



2026 September Guided Bird Walk – CA Biodiversity Week!



Park & Location: Prairie City State Vehicular Recreation Area (SVRA), 13300 White Rock Rd, Rancho Cordova, CA (916) 985-7378

Where: Zone 5 (Yost) Haul Rd. Directional signage will be posted, just after the entrance kiosk, and along the main roads to a designated parking area. [Park Info Sheet and Map](#)

Directions to Tour: Turn left after the entrance kiosk, continue for 0.50 miles, and turn left at the temporary directional sign at the double green gates. This will be the first road of any kind on your left.

Days/Time: Thursday, September 10, 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Fee: \$5 entrance fee per vehicle day-use parking fee. We accept only the California State Parks Distinguished Veteran's Pass and the OHMVR Day-Use Parking Pass.

What to expect: Lead birders from California State Parks and Sacramento Bird Alliance assist in the identification of audible and visual bird species and are equipped with spotting scopes and binoculars. Common species could include Spotted Towhee, Red-Tailed Hawk, Western Bluebird, Northern Mockingbird and Northern Harrier. Rarer sightings include Bald Eagle, Swainson's Hawk, White-Tailed Kite and Rock Wren. April's walk recorded 44 species in all!

Length and Terrain: 2.5-hour program along easy to moderate terrain along asphalt, gravel, and uneven dirt roads that passes through cottonwood stands, willows, conifers, coyote bush, historic mining operations, and open prairie vistas.

Ages: Appropriate for ages 10+. Minors must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Preparation: Wear sturdy footwear and breathable clothing, including a sun hat, sunscreen and water. A limited number of binoculars are available for use. A portable toilet and washing station are on location and accessible.

Special instructions: [RSVP here](#). No dogs please. Enter through the Park's main entrance gate off White Rock Rd., not Special Event Gate 4 off Scott Rd. Birding for biodiversity? Start with Ebird, [here](#).

For additional information: Contact Prairie City SVRA at (916) 985-1093 or prairie.city@parks.ca.gov.

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Red-tailed Hawk & American Kestrel



Western Bluebird



Northern Mockingbird