

Western Regional News

WESTERN BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING TO BE HELD AT DAVIS, CALIFORNIA September 14 - 17, 2022

Location--Join us at our first in person meeting in far too long! It will be held on the campus of the University of California at Davis in the beautiful Putah Creek Lodge. The lodge is set
Putah Creek Lodge



amidst the riparian and oak forests in a very birdy place. Mid-September is the height of the migration season in California's Central Valley, with nearby wildlife refuges and migration "hot spots" featuring special birds such as the Yellow-billed Magpie, Lewis's Woodpecker, and myriad species of waterfowl and shorebirds. The nearby Sacramento airport has about 10 airlines with many daily flights

Program--We are planning on having active workshops showing the latest gear and techniques in field ornithology and banding, such as humming bird banding, nanotags, Autonomous Recording Units, remote cameras, raptor traps, molt techniques, specimen preparation, and feather sampling. We will have a hands-on specimen examination and tour at the Museum of Wildlife and Fish Biology on campus for identification and molt assay. Also featured is a full schedule of keynote speakers and scientific talks given by ornithologists, students, and knowledgeable banders on current topics and recent innovations. Special awards will be given for student presentations.

Within the coming weeks, we will be inviting you to submit abstracts for oral presentations, workshops, and posters.

While banding birds is mostly what we do, the WBBA, its members, and talks at our meetings encompass a lot more!



Putah Creek Riparian Preserve on campus

Field Trips—Featured will be interesting field trips to nearby active bird monitoring operations, and great birding for migrating passerines and waterfowl.

Housing--Within 10 minutes of the lodge are many hotels, bed and breakfasts, and a campsite. **Make reservations early** (as soon as possible!) as students return to school within a few days of the meeting and their parents are likely to take up lodging space.

Local and Program Committees— Steve Albert (IBP), Jennifer C. Brown (USFWS), Andrew Engilis (UC Davis), Daniele Kaschube (IBP), Lisa Tell (UC Davis), and C.J. Ralph (KBO, HBBO).

For more information--To get on the mailing list for the meeting, send a note to Danielle Kaschube dkaschube@birdpop.org



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