



# The Magpie

The Wildlife Society / Sacramento-Shasta Chapter



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## President's Message

*Rhiannon Klingonsmith*

Hello chapter members! For those of you who may not know me, let me introduce myself. My name is Rhiannon Klingonsmith and I am your new Sacramento-Shasta Chapter president for 2016. I have been an active member of The Wildlife Society starting in 2002, beginning with the Conservation Unlimited student chapter at Humboldt State University. I must say that early involvement in The Wildlife Society has helped guide my career and I have made many great friends along the way. I thank you for allowing me to give back and for this opportunity to serve you. Also, I would like to thank our past president Carlos Alvarado, our new vice president Ona Alminas, and all of our current and past board members for their dedication to a great cause, guidance, and all their hard work that makes this chapter great.

This year a handful of us attended the TWS Western Section annual meeting in Pomona, where we kicked off our members meeting with celebrating 50 years as a chapter! That's a great accomplishment.



Because we did not get to celebrate in our chapter area with many of our members, we will be holding events all year long and will continue the celebration through the end of the year. The board, planning committees, and volunteers are already working on so many great activities for this year. We already have two workshops, fun social mixers, and student outreach activities underway. Still to come and to keep an eye out for is our brown bag seminars (first one was held on March 22<sup>nd</sup>, see Upcoming Events), the Natural Resources Symposium, and many community events such as Creek Week. So make sure to follow us on Facebook, check out our chapter's website, feel free to email us, and keep up your annual membership enrollment so you receive the most up to date notices of future events.



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I would like to express that our board still has spots to fill such as the Scholarship Committee Chair, Professional Development Chair, and Technology Chair. Therefore, your participation and help is needed wherever and whenever you can lend a hand. If you would like to get more involved in our Chapter, please

feel free to contact me or any of our chapter representatives, and feel free to join our bi-monthly board meetings that are open to everyone (locations vary across the Sacramento region, so check out our calendar on the Chapter website for meeting dates).

Please join us in celebrating our 50 years as a chapter at any of our upcoming events and see what makes the Sacramento-Shasta Chapter of the Wildlife Society so great. I look forward to meeting you or seeing you again soon!

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**The 2016 Chapter officers and committee chairs are:**

**President:** Rhiannon Klingonsmith

**Past-President:** Carlos Alvarado

**Vice President:** Ona Alminas (Acting Professional Development Chair)

**Treasurer:** Bonnie Peterson

**Secretary:** Claudia Funari

**Chapter Representative to Western Section:** Katie Smith

**Newsletter Editor:** Justin Garcia

**Membership Coordinator:**  
Melinda Dorin-Bradbury

**PDC Chairs:** *vacant*

**Technology Chair:** *vacant*

**Scholarship Committee Chair:** *vacant*

**Student Outreach Liaison:**  
Michael Finnell

**Northern (Shasta) Representative:**  
*vacant*

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**Vice President’s Message**

*Ona Alminas*

As your new 2016 board settles into the year, we are off and running with some great events planned for our members, and perks for our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary year. We’ve been encouraging more chapter member involvement in Board happenings and meetings, hopefully due to our now bi-monthly board meetings (free snacks!) and by member’s interest in their professional society (more members have attended the past two meetings than in all of 2015)! At the January 2016 board meeting, a chapter board member pitched the idea of a workshop focusing on Tricolored Blackbirds, with a classroom session and limited field session, and further, encouraged its timely scheduling for this May, in light of the state candidacy for listing by the Department of Fish and Wildlife. As our chapter had already been planning the upcoming September 2016 Giant Gartersnake workshop with an ample planning window, it was unclear if we could get a workshop together in less than

four months. However, with the start of the leg work done by our chapter member to initiate dialogue and recruit instructors (which can be a huge part of the process), our Professional Development Committee was able to take it from there in the logistic planning stages.



This example reiterates the point that our Chapter exists to support our members in the fields of professional development, outreach, communication and networking, and that our Board works to serve YOU! Though we didn't win Western Section's annual award of "Chapter of the Year," we did have a successful year in 2015 of great events and member involvement – our list of accomplishments in 2015 can be viewed at our website. As Rhiannon mentioned, our new Board could use additional help from our members, in the form of reaching out to the northern parts of our 23 counties (Northern Representative), so if you live in the tip-toppity counties of our chapter area, we'd like you to share Chapter happenings up north, and let us know how we can better serve those areas. We are very hopeful to have a tech-motivated person interested in web design to assist us with beautifying our website – and/ or serve as our Technology Chair. Lastly, we're glad to have the help from Chapter members Laura Patterson, Ted Hermansen, Kim Erickson, and Ariel Miller for their assistance with our two workshops this year!

And since our Board meetings are regularly scheduled, please feel free to join us every other second Tuesday of the month starting January and like us on Facebook to join us!

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### Executive Board Happenings

*Claudia Funari*

On January 12<sup>th</sup> and March 8<sup>th</sup>, the executive board met to discuss and plan chapter events and operations. All new board members were introduced to the Sac-Shasta Chapter members at the Western Section Conference local chapter meeting. The first official board meeting with the 2016 board members occurred at the March meeting.



The January 12<sup>th</sup> meeting was the last time the 2015 board met and elections were discussed. Ona reported that election advertisements would be sent out by mailchimp after the meeting. Conservation Affairs Committee (CAC) organized a Sandhill Crane viewing event on January 29<sup>th</sup> at Staten Island near Elk Grove that was cancelled due to rain. Claudia reported about attending the UCD Student Chapter movie "the Messenger" and representing the board. It was well attended and the board discussed possibly doing something similar in the future for our own chapter. The CAC still needs more members to help with conservation issues in the chapter area.

The membership committee stated that our chapter has 155 members. This is low from last year's 230



members, but we're still gaining members for 2016. The possibility of a three-year membership was debated and it was decided that the board will review that idea later this year.

The Professional Development Committee discussed plans for the upcoming Giant Garter Snake in the fall (September), the recent tricolored blackbird workshop in May (May 4<sup>th</sup>), and the Suisan Marsh Program brown bag back in March (March 22<sup>nd</sup>). A potential fall camping trip with the San Joaquin chapter was discussed for the Pinnacles. The Spring Mixer/Social was discussed, with a wildlife art theme. The annual Sutter Butte hike with Dave Wyatt was planned for Easter weekend. The traditional student/professional hike was considered for Pine Hill Preserve or Deer Creek Hill Preserve this year.

The newsletter will put out a special edition of the Magpie that highlights the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the chapter. It will feature chapter member perspectives and stories. The chapter will also advertise on the website that any member of the chapter can contribute to the Magpie so that members know that they can add their stories to the newsletter.

For those students who are interested, there are scholarship applications located on the Sac-Shasta Chapter website. The executive board welcomes applications and would love to see more people apply.

The treasurer updated the board with information about the current budget. The Treasurer brought the 2016 budget to the board at the March meeting and it was decided that the budget would be voted on by the next meeting. Donations to non-profit organization were discussed: the Chapter donated \$500 to Creek Week and \$500 to the Nature Bowl, and the chapter donated \$500 for the 2016 Western Section conference raffle. The winter mixer cost of \$630 was paid. The treasurer discussed the money the chapter has a CD that is continuing to accrue savings. It was discussed that some of this money could be used to fund conservation or restoration in the Sac-Shasta Chapter area.

Our Western Section (WS) Representative, Katie Smith, discussed the Chapter of the Year considerations. This has been an ongoing concern with the Sac-Shasta Chapter, in that we believe there should be more defined measurements for how the chapter of the year is decided. Our WS representative brought our issues up to the Western Section, and they decided that they will update the measures to make them more concrete. Katie reported that the Western Section is trying to have a larger online presence and in doing so, she created and Instagram account for the Western Section



Keith Norris, Director of Government Affairs and Partnerships for The Wildlife Society, awarded the Sacramento-Shasta Chapter a certificate of recognition to for 50 years of contributions to the Wildlife Society, accepted by Chapter President, Rhiannon Klingonsmith.





and the chapter. It was announced that the 2018 annual meeting would be in Santa Rosa. The Western Section is working with a developer to create a Taxa Derby App that will help record species and data during the annual Derby. The Western Section is looking for a Workshop Coordinator Position – please contact the Western Section if interested.

The technology committee still needs someone to chair it. As of now, different board members will take on some of the responsibilities of the technology chair such as Facebook and website administration. If anyone can help with this, please contact us.

The Annual Chapter Meeting at the 2016 Western Section Conference occurred at the end of February. Board members reported that the Paypal swipepad used work well and it was decided that the board should look into getting two swipepads. Our chapter was recognized for our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, which had a special celebration organized by the board. Photos were shared via the chapter's Google Drive and at our website. The photo booth was a success and everyone seemed to enjoy it.



Nearly 50 Sac-Shasta Chapter and other TWS chapter members helped us kick off our anniversary celebration at the Western Section Annual Meeting in Pomona, took some silly photos at our photobooth, and enjoyed great conversation by students and professionals alike.



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## Membership

*Melinda Dorin-Bradbury*

We have started 2016 strong with our membership numbers over 200 people. Membership continues to be \$10/year for the chapter. We have a lot of members renew through the Western Section when they register for the annual Western Section meeting. You can also renew online – through our website using Paypal here: <http://twswest.org/sac-shasta/membership/> (no Paypal account necessary). We continue to serve our members with trainings planned for 2016, the newsletter, member discounts on events and socials. We have also decided to do free membership to students in 2016 to help celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. If you are a student and wish to be a member of the Chapter this year email us at [sac.shasta@gmail.com](mailto:sac.shasta@gmail.com). Our plan is to continue to use mail chimp to keep members informed of area events. If you do not receive mail chimp updates, please email us. There are always glitches in the system as we update lists from year to year and transfer from excel to their database.

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## Conservation Affairs Committee

*Melinda Dorin-Bradbury*

The CAC was busy with hosting an invite only feral cat workshop in April. The workshop was aimed at people who work on feral cat issues in the Sacramento Region, or who have done research and can share information. We have also had some additional interest in Conservation Affairs so after the workshop we will schedule and advertise a Committee Meeting to determine what else we may work on in the near term and how to organize the CAC to be effective as Conservationists. We had planned a social and Sandhill Crane fly-in early in 2016, but we were rained out so that will be rescheduled for December 2016. If you hear about regional issues that you think the CAC should comment on or look into please email us [sac.shasta@gmail.com](mailto:sac.shasta@gmail.com).

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## U.C. Davis Student Chapter Update

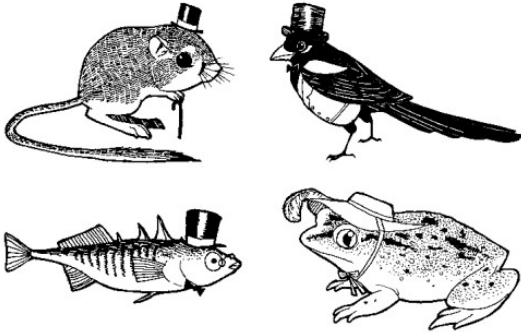
*Betty Lee and Bailey Higa*

The Wildlife Society Student Chapter at UC Davis remains committed to bringing our members closer to wildlife and the environment they live in by facilitating events such as presentations, hikes, and networking socials.

This winter quarter, we started off by hosting a Navigating USA Jobs Workshop with recruiter William Johnson. With the Vet Aide Club at UC Davis, we co-hosted a trip to the Sac Zoo and a hike to the Black Hole of Calcutta Falls in Auburn. Our second hike of the quarter was our annual guided tour at Ano Nuevo to see the colony of northern elephant seals. We had two presentations this quarter, the first by Professor Warren to talk about poaching and conservation in American history, and the second by one of our very own student chapter



## The Wildlife Society Chapter At UC Davis



officers, Erin Rexin, to talk about her internship in carnivore research in Namibia. Lastly, we hosted a screening of the critically acclaimed and award-winning documentary "The Messenger." We would like to thank the members of The Wildlife Society for their great support by coming to see the documentary.

We will be hosting more events along with our annual **Student/Professional Networking Mixer on May 12th at 6PM. If you are a professional in a wildlife related field and would like to attend and offer your unique insight to our members, please contact Betty Lee at [beylee@ucdavis.edu](mailto:beylee@ucdavis.edu) or Bailey Higa at [brhiga@ucdavis.edu](mailto:brhiga@ucdavis.edu).**

For more details on our upcoming spring and summer events, please keep an eye on our [website](#) and our [Facebook page](#)! If you would like to get in touch with the student chapter, please email [Betty Lee](#) or [Bailey Higa](#).

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### Scholarships

Calling all students! The next application due date for **Academic / Research Scholarship** application is **July 1st, 2016** but the deadline will be ongoing this year. **Travel Scholarships** are accepted year-round, but are due at least two months before an event. We also have a scholarship available for TWS certification. Be sure to utilize the opportunity to receive funding for your projects or present at the next Wildlife Society conference. Get your applications in if you are interested! More details here:

<http://twswest.org/sac-shasta/home/scholarships/>

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### Student Outreach update

*Ona Alminas & Micheal Finnell*

Our Board decided that one of the goals for 2016 was to reach out to facilitate student involvement in TWS. A "Student Outreach Liaison" ad-hoc position for the Chapter was conceived as a means to lead development and implementation of student outreach Chapter-wide, along with campus or district-based outreach strategies to promote TWS-related values or technical information or our Chapter through presentations, mentorship-type capabilities, or other similar ideas at universities or city colleges that fall within the [chapter's boundaries](#). We welcome Micheal Finnell to fulfill this capacity for 2016, and together he and Scholarship Chair have kicked off the year with a bang – from organizing a hike at the Sutter Buttes to check traps with Sac City College Professor and famed ringtail-wrangler, David Wyatt, to planning our upcoming Student-Professional Hike.





Last but not least, we decided to promote student involvement with FREE membership to our chapter in our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary year! Those students who are interested in joining as a member can enjoy member benefits. Additional details can be found on our chapter recruitment flier [here](#). Students should stay tuned for more student opportunities in 2016!

**Technology update**

We have a newly formed [Instagram](#), thanks to our Representative to Western Section, Katie Smith! Follow our chapter on your account, or tag using "@SacShastaTWS". We are also promoting our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary with the tag #SacShasta50!



**Treasurer's Report**

*Bonnie Peterson*

As of March 18, 2016, the Chapter balance was:

Savings Account	\$ 2,116
CD	\$ 10,070
CD	\$ 6,208
PayPal	\$ 681
Checking	\$ 12,711
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 32,116</b>

**New Merchandise! Pint glass anniversary set** -available for purchase at most upcoming events this year!  
 \$8 each or \$28 for 4 glass set (mix and match ok)

**Recent Income and Expenditures (Jan. 1 – March 18, 2016)**

Expenses:

\$ 88	January and March Board Meetings
\$ 500	2016 Natural Bowl Donation
\$ 500	2016 Puta Creek Donation
\$ 500	2015 Travel Scholarship
\$ 559	Mixer/50th Anniversary Kickoff in Pomona
\$ 3,267	50th Anniversary Merchandise & holders
\$ 350	Graphic Designer for Logos
\$ 168	PO Box Renewal

**Expenses Total = \$5,932**

Income: \$ 360 in Membership Dues and approximately \$ 1131 in Merchandise sales

**Income Total = \$ 1,493**







## UPCOMING EVENTS, WORKSHOPS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Upcoming Spring Mixer

Please join us for local craft brew with other wildlife professionals **Jackrabbit Brewing Company in West Sacramento** on **Thursday May 19th, 2016** from **5:30-8:30pm**, while feasting your eyes on *wildlife themed art* by a number of local artists! Appetizers will be provided and a **Cuban food truck** will be on site for additional food purchases. Chapter members can enjoy **your first beer on us!** [RSVP](#) today!

### 2016 Nature Bowl

[Nature Bowl](#) finals are quickly approaching! Teams of 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> graders engage in natural science, sustainability and regional environmental issue awareness across the gold country and Sacramento regions. In addition the chapter's donation of \$500 to support CDFW's annual Nature Bowl, board members may be volunteering at the 2015 finals to be held at Sacramento State University on **May 14th, 2016**.



### Brown Bag Seminar



Join us on Wednesday, **May 25th, 2016** for a lunchtime brown bag seminar. Mike Cardwell, Wildlife Biologist and adjunct faculty at Sacramento State, Research Associate at San Diego State will present "the Private Lives of Gold Country Rattlesnakes." Mike will share with us his research on Western Rattlesnakes (*Crotalus oreganus*), focusing on seasonal activity, home range, reproduction, and drought effects based on multi-year radiotelemetry studies in the Gold Country region of El Dorado and Sacramento Counties. The seminar will be held at the CDFW Wildlife Branch building, located at 1812 9<sup>th</sup> St., Sacramento CA 95811 from noon-1pm. Our flier with parking information can be viewed [here](#).



## TWS Western Section Announcements

### *The 2016 Western Field Camp: Field Techniques in Wildlife Studies*

The [2016 Western Field Camp](#) will be held from **August 7-19th, 2015** at **Swanton Pacific Ranch**, near Santa Cruz. Field Techniques in Wildlife Studies is an intensive, resident field camp emphasizing wildlife identification and field techniques for vertebrates, and includes hands-on field time, data collection and team projects. Instructors include wildlife professionals from agency, academic, private and non-profit sectors. Informal time with mentor-instructors allows students to discuss career opportunities.

Participation is open to college undergraduates with junior standing or above, graduate students, and professionals who have completed pre-requisite course-work or equivalent. Contact Lead Instructor John Perrine, [jperrine@calpoly.edu](mailto:jperrine@calpoly.edu) with a brief (150-word) paragraph describing your interest in the camp, and a short list of previous coursework or equivalent to meet the prerequisites. The course is limited to 16 participants, so sign up asap!

*The 2016 Western Annual Meeting* will be held at the Peppermill Resort in Reno, Nevada on **February 7-10th, 2017**. For more Western Section announcements: <http://www.tws-west.org/announcements.php>

## TWS National Announcements

The [23rd Annual Conference of the Wildlife Society](#) is set to occur in **Raleigh, North Carolina** from **October 15-19, 2016**. The Wildlife Society invites proposals related to all aspects of wildlife ecology, management and conservation. Full registration and conference program details will be available May 15, 2016.

## **PAST EVENTS**

### **Tricolored Blackbird Workshop**

The recent candidate designation of the Tricolored Blackbird under the California Endangered Species Act, and active consideration of a petition under the Federal Act has increased the need for information on the species. This workshop on May 4-5th, 2016 taught by Dan Airola (Northwest Hydraulic Consultants, Ted Beedy (Beedy Environmental Consulting) and Samantha Arthur (Audubon California) aimed to provide a concise but comprehensive overview biology, status, management, and survey techniques for the species through a combined classroom and field course. Over 80 registrants participated in the classroom session.



Photo credit: Chris Conard





Over 50 attendees were able to participate in the Wednesday or Thursday Field sessions to visit Tricolored Blackbird colonies in different stages of nesting, allowing attendees to apply the survey techniques learned in the Classroom session.

Tricolored Blackbird Workshop information can be found at our Past Events page [here](#), including the workshop materials, list of Tricolored Blackbird references and other information, such as TWS Certification credits.

### Student Professional Hike and Rare Plant Tour

#### *Ona Alminas*

On Saturday, April 23, 2016 our chapter organized a second well-attended student outreach event after our highly successful March 27 hike at Sutter Buttes with David Wyatt, Sacramento City College professor and ringtail researcher. The refreshing morning found us at the Pine Hill Preserve, Cameron Park Unit for a private tour of the locally endemic gabbro soils, home to five federally

listed plant species under the Endangered Species Act, and numerous endemic and locally rare species. Over 25 students, from plant biology to kinesiology and math majors representing Folsom Lake College, UC Davis, American River College and Yuba College, enjoyed the local expertise of Pine Hill Preserve Manager Graciela Hinshaw (Bureau of Land Management), who provided a wonderful overview of the unique co-managed Preserve and the wildlife it protects. She discussed the fire and other management strategies employed to suppress invasive plants, the changes in diversity associated with past scars on the landscape, and the microhabitat needs of the plants observed. We observed the Pine Hill ceanothus (Fed. Endangered), Bisbee Peak rush-rose (CNPS rare), Stebbin’s morning-glory (Fed. and CA Endangered), El Dorado mule-ears (species of concern), Red Hills soaproot (CNPS rare) and Layne’s butterweed (Fed. Threatened), as well as the [newly described \*Carex xerophila\*](#) (chaparral sedge). Even though not all the students were biology majors, all had a great time and really enjoyed



Graciela Hinshaw (near far right) goes over a map of the Cameron Park Unit before heading with over 25 students and professionals for a post-rain spring morning hike in the chaparral and plant communities inhabiting gabbroic soils of Cameron Park, CA.





the exposure to a part of the foothills none of them had visited, while conversing with professionals from the USFWS, SEA EN2 Resources, Point Blue Conservation Science, CA Dept. of Fish and Wildlife and Sac Regional County Sanitation District. Additional information about the preserve can be found here:

<http://www.pinehillpreserve.org/>



### Chino Hills Restoration Field Trip

*Randi Logsdon*

The Western Section meeting in Pomona featured a field trip to Chino Hills State Park on February 23rd, 2016, an island of open space in Riverside County over 14,000 acres large, part of the larger Santa Ana Canyon. It consists of hilly oak grasslands, containing primarily oak, sycamores, and non-native grasses, and stretches 31 miles from the Santa Ana Mountains (Cleveland National Forest) to the Puente-Chino Hills, essentially connecting the two transverse ranges in southern California. It is considered an island because it is surrounded by highly developed cities in Los Angeles, San Bernardino, and Riverside counties, such as the cities of Chino, Pomona, Chino Hills, and Corona; and to the west, Yorba Linda and Brea.

The grasslands are non-native because of the history of grazing cattle in this area. The state park, however, is home to many wildlife species, including coyotes, deer, bobcats, and occasionally cougars. It also contains threatened, endangered, and rare species found only or primarily in southern California, including the California gnatcatcher, coastal cactus wren, and the least Bell's vireo. The expansion of the park extended habitat blocks and increased the size of dispersal corridors. Under-crossings beneath Highway 91 allow big mammals such as cougars to pass freely between the Chino Hills and other protected areas such as the Cleveland National Forest to the south and the Carbon Canyon Regional park to the west.

An enthusiastic group of wildlife biologists helped state park staff restore coastal cactus wren habitat by spending a few hours planting coastal beavertail cactus. We entered the northwestern side of the park off of Highway 71 and Soquel Canyon Parkway, and took the South Ridge trail to plant cactus on two sides of a steep hill within the Water Canyon Preserve. Besides a little rabbit in the equestrian staging area parking lot, there wasn't much wildlife to be seen in the hot, late afternoon. But as we were about ready to go, snacking and chatting by the vans, a biologist in our group spotted a flock of white pelicans flying in a rather disorganized v-line to the west. Many of the folks present hadn't seen this before.





We were in a tiny corner of this park. Its vast acreage is accessible for recreation such as hiking, jogging, mountain biking, horseback riding, camping, and wildlife viewing; two cyclists and a jogger crossed our path. However, we came there to work. We were all tired (I had a bit of heat stroke), but we all felt really good about helping to make southern California a friendlier place for wildlife.



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## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Open Exam bulletin for **Environmental Scientist** (multiple State agencies) at the following website: <http://jobs.ca.gov/Bulletin/Bulletin/Index?examCD=9PB01>. If you are on the Environmental Scientist list, you can check for [vacancies](#). For the latest information on seasonal openings with CDFW, visit <https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Employment/Seasonal>.

Check out The Wildlife Society's Wildlife Careers Online at <http://careers.wildlife.org> and the TWS-West job site at <http://www.tws-west.org/jobs.php>. For local job announcements and volunteer opportunities, check: <http://tws-west.org/sac-shasta/home/jobs-volunteering>. If anyone has job or volunteer opportunities to post in our next newsletter, please contact the [editor](#).



\*\*\*NOTICE\*\*\*

### Wildlife Tours

Join **Cosumnes River Preserve** staff and visitors for several events this summer, from butterfly and bird to surveys guided hikes. Check out the Preserve's activities page for upcoming events!

<http://www.cosumnes.org/upcoming-activities/>

### Other Upcoming Events of Interest

#### **50<sup>th</sup> anniversary update**

The momentum going into our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary year allowed us to plan for a great kick-off event at the Western Section TWS Annual Meeting in Pomona, February 22-26, 2016 by featuring a wildlife-themed photobooth for the duration of the conference, as well as a Members Meeting/Reunion the evening of February 25. Check out the photos from our [photobooth](#). Thank you to Janine Payne Schneir, Katie Smith, Carlos Alvarado and Ona Alminas for snapping those shots!

One of the things we've been working on is to compile a list of as many past board members, dating back to the start of the Chapter. Thanks in part to efforts from former Newsletter Editor Randi Logsdon and others, we have a great start on this list as a means to acknowledge the contributions by those professionals who have led our chapter to where we are today! We especially thank Rick Williams, Don Yasuda, Mariah Simmons (TWS in Bethesda, MD), Mike Chapel, Melinda Dorin Bradbury, Esther Burkett, John McNerney, Jeff Davis, Dan Airola, and others who have dug through their files to share their spreadsheets, newsletters, and older records!

The draft list of historical Board members and committee chairs can be viewed at our website [here](#). We continue to search to fill the gaps for year (s) members served, positions, any archived newsletters, meeting minutes, or other documentation or knowledge that might help the Board fill in this list and contribute to our history. We are on the trail of some interesting anecdotes that we are continuing to document throughout 2016, which we hope to share with you soon!

#### **2016 Technical Workshop – Giant Garter Snake**

Our Chapter is planning to host a technical workshop covering Giant Garter Snake life history, biology, essential habitat, genetic and population patterns as well as conservation and threats. Several speakers have committed to topics, and the agenda and details are







forthcoming. Look for registration to open **early July, 2016** for a *classroom* and *potential field session!* Stay tuned, and feel free to contact [sac.shasta@gmail.com](mailto:sac.shasta@gmail.com) with any questions.



Over 30 students from Folsom Lake College, UC Davis, Butte College, and Sacramento City College attended a special hike with David Wyatt, Sacramento City College professor and ringtail researcher at the Sutter Buttes on Sunday, March 27, 2016.

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#### Remember

By National membership vote and a change in bylaws, Associate Wildlife Biologists and Certified Wildlife Biologists must minimally be members in good standing of The Wildlife Society to retain their Certifications. An updated certification directory is available by contacting [Shannon@wildlife.org](mailto:Shannon@wildlife.org).

*The Sacramento-Shasta Chapter welcomes comments and input from our members. If you have suggestions for articles, questions you want answered, things you'd like to see us do, or events to announce, please let us know! Contact any one of the Board members.*

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