

Migrating Birds Close to Home

Palo Alto Baylands and Mountain View Shoreline Park



Take A Trip

Stay overnight – so you see the evening flyout and the morning – coming home. Local towns have places to stay.

Gray Lodge Wildlife Area Wildlife Viewing

With a backdrop of the world's smallest mountain range, the Sutter Buttes, Gray Lodge Wildlife Area is the perfect site for viewing and photographing nature. The viewable species change through the seasons and often include shorebirds, waterfowl, songbirds, and mammals.

The skies are alive!

Although wildlife is abundant throughout the year, Gray Lodge is famed for **the more than a million waterfowl that pass through during the fall and winter months**. They fill the sanctuary with lively chatter and incredible sights. The marsh offers seasonal resting places for waterfowl from as far away as Wrangle Island, near Russia, and the Pacific Ocean. They feed on invertebrates and plants such as swamp timothy, spike bulrush, pondweed and watergrass. **In addition to waterfowl**, birds such as hawks, eagles, kites, and owls are also present. Mammals such as deer, coyote, rabbits, and gray fox may also be seen here.

Colusa National Wildlife Refuge

is just one of the **5 National Wildlife Refuges and 3 Wildlife Management Areas** that make up the **Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge Complex**. Colusa NWR offers a wide variety of recreational activities for visitors: a 3-mile driving tour, 1-mile walking trail, hunting, photography and more!

Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge Complex.

Birding on the Delta

Look it up – there are many places to observe the migratory paths through Northern California

And Even Closer to Home

Hawk Hill – Golden Gate Raptor Observatory

Our Hawk Talks and Raptor Release occur every Saturday and Sunday during September and October, weather permitting (heavy fog or rain cancels).

The Hawk Talk begins at noon, when a GGRO volunteer speaks about hawk migration and identification, and what we do here at the GGRO. Conditions permitting, a banding volunteer will bring up a newly banded hawk, talk about the banding program, and release the hawk in front of the crowd. It's a great way to learn about hawks and see one up close!

Website: [Golden Gate Raptor Observatory](#)

This introductory information was prepared for Nature Walkers by Chloe Kamprath. This information is excerpted from the various websites which can be found on the Internet. Directions and details about the places mentioned should be reviewed on the Internet. Also, the Audubon Society has more information – this is only a glimpse!