

## Oct 3-5, 2025: Bird Behavior/State Birds of the Western States

This is a full weekend program focusing on birds morning and evening, with afternoons free to relax at la Casa or explore the many natural and cultural resources of the area.

On the first evening, we'll discuss bird behavior, mainly in the context of our own observations and how bird behavior can help identify some tricky species. On Saturday, we'll look at the state birds of the western states – the official ones as well as what might be better choices, along with other state symbols. Choose one or both classes below, each \$35. Field trips included.

### Friday, Oct 3:

- **5:30-6pm** – *Early Bird Bonus!* Feeder watch (meet in the dining room).
- **6-7pm** – dinner on your own or bring dinner and eat with Kathe and other participants in the dining room.
- **7pm – Bird Behavior.** In an interactive presentation, we'll explore the wide variety of bird behavior, mostly from our own observations and what we can focus on to help identify some tricky species.

### Saturday, Oct 4:

- **7-8am** - *Early Bird Bonus!* A slow wander around la Casa to see what's showing up at the feeders and immediate environs.
- **Right after breakfast (and we won't rush the delicious meal!)** – approximately 3+ hour field trip wandering Brown Canyon Ranch and Ramsey Canyon, just to see what we can find – hopefully reflecting some of the bird behavior discussed Friday evening.
- **5:15pm** – optional participant dinner at a nearby restaurant.
- **7pm – State Birds of the Western States.** In this class, we'll explore not only the official state birds, but those suggested by others as better choices! What's your choice?

### Sunday, Oct 5:

- **7-8am** - *Early Bird Bonus!* A slow wander in the area around la Casa to look for whatever shows up.
- **Right after breakfast (and we won't rush the delicious meal!):** Approximately 3+ hour field trip: we'll explore 2 spots: Garden Canyon Linear Trail right in Sierra Vista and part of the San Pedro House National Conservation Area, to expand the habitats of our bird exploration. Will we see any state birds?

Leave the program with handouts that provide notes from the evening programs, with overview of bird names and migration.