

**Quick Overview** – This trip was centered around a visit to the California Raptor Center at Davis. This facility provides a home to raptors that cannot be re-released into the wild, while also providing raptors with the medical care necessary to allow them to be re-released back into the wild. A tour of the facility provided us with close views of many raptors we too often only see at a great distance. We also learned of the great services the center provides. After our morning visit we headed over to Yolo Bypass. This area is a hot spot during the winter, but we wanted to see what we'd find during the Spring. While Cliff Swallows were here in the thousands using the bypass as a place to build their nests, we also found many Brown Headed Cowbirds and wondered if they were taking advantage of the nesting activities provided by the Red-Winged Blackbirds. Marsh Wrens were everywhere and a single male Horned Lark provided great views. While Swainson's Hawks were numerous around the raptor center, a late afternoon walk along Putah Creek provided great observations of nesting Tree Swallows, and a pair of House Wrens nesting in an old Cliff Swallow nest. Thank you to all the volunteers that allow the center to continue its work.



Above right is a Ferruginous Hawk that is a permanent resident of the California Raptor Center. It sustained injuries that would not allow it to be re-released back into the wild. The Great Horned Owl pictured here is one of the many study skins found in their museum. Here's the group above after their tour of the California Raptor Center at UC Davis

### Total Species Counted for the Day = 43 includes heard only (H)

Canada Goose	White Tailed Kite	American Crow	<i>Living at the Raptor Center (non-releasable)</i> <b>Bald Eagle</b> <b>Golden Eagles</b> <b>Northern Harriers</b> <b>Swainson's Hawks</b> <b>Red Shouldered Hawk</b> <b>Red Tail Hawk</b> <b>Harris Hawk</b> <b>Peregrine Falcon</b> <b>Prairie Falcon</b> <b>Barn Owl</b> <b>Great Horned Owl</b> <b>Burrowing Owl</b> <b>Western Screech Owl</b>
Mallard	Horned Lark	Horned Lark	
Gadwall	American Kestrel	Violet Green Swallows	
Cinnamon Teal	Killdeer	Tree Swallow	
Ring Necked Pheasant	Rock Dove	Northern Rough Wing Swallow	
Double-crested Cormorant	Mourning Dove	House Wren	
Black Crowned Night Heron	Anna's Hummingbird	Western Bluebird	
Great Blue Heron	White Throated Swift in route	American Robin	
Great Egret	Nuttall's Woodpecker	European Starling	
Snowy Egret	Ash Throated Flycatcher	Song Sparrow	
White Faced Ibis	Western Kingbird	Red-winged Blackbird	
Turkey Vulture	Black Phoebe	Tri-Colored Blackbird	
Red-tail Hawk	Western Scrub-Jay	Brown Headed Cowbird	
Swainson's Hawk	Yellow Billed Magpie	Western Meadowlark	
		House Finch	