

## **TOUR #1124 - Cranes and Agriculture - November 2, 2024**

**TOUR DATE:** SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2024

**TIME:** 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

**DESCRIPTION:** Join us for a two and a half mile walk along the Mokelumne River levee on Staten Island to see how agriculture and migrating birds can live in harmony. Staten Island biologists will highlight agricultural practices that enhance wildlife habitat. From the vantage point of the levee, which is not open to the public, you will see a wide variety of migrating birds in diverse settings. There will be opportunities to see Sandhill Cranes in areas where they feed.

**DIRECTIONS TO THE TOUR:** Take the Walnut Grove/Thornton Road exit on Interstate 5. Drive west on Walnut Grove Road about 10 miles. Look for Staten Island Road on your left. This tour begins and ends at the grain mill on Staten Island. This is the large structure with grain silos that is located on Staten Island Road just south of Walnut Grove/Thornton Road.

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Parking is available next to the mill. This tour takes place during harvest, so watch carefully for farm equipment and large trucks.

**DRIVE TIME:** Drive time from Hutchins Street Square in Lodi, California to this tour is approximately 35 minutes.

**LANDS PASS:** No Lands Pass is required for this tour.

**TRANSPORTATION:** You will drive your own vehicle.

**CHECK-IN:** Meet your guide at the information kiosk by the grain silos on Staten Island Road at 8:50 a.m. The tour will begin at 9:00 a.m. Prepare for a two-mile hike along the levee.

**NOTE:** It would be a good idea to bring binoculars.