

TOUR #2825 - Migrating Birds Walk in the Tall Forest - November 9, 2025

TOUR DATE: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2025

TIME: 6:20 - 12:00 a.m.

DESCRIPTION: This year we have a unique opportunity to experience the Tall Forest at the [Cosumnes River Preserve](#). A well-known field ornithologist will lead you deep into one of the finest riparian habitats left in California. There you will see a rich variety of up to 90 resident and seasonal bird species. Since this is an early-morning tour, you may also see beaver, river otter, striped skunk, raccoon, coyote, squirrels, deer and other animals. In spots the paths are nothing more than animal traces, so dress prepared to push through the underbrush and berry thickets. This tour is appropriate for people who are sure-footed and able to walk several miles. Rubber knee boots are recommended because it is likely to be muddy and wet. Serious birders will not want to miss this tour because the Tall Forest is generally closed to the public. Rain or shine, this will be an experience to remember.

DIRECTIONS TO THE TOUR: The Cosumnes River Preserve is located on Franklin Road, which is East and parallel to Interstate 5. Take the Walnut Grove/Thornton exit on Interstate 5, turn left, then left onto Franklin Road. Half a mile beyond the Visitor Center, turn right on Desmond Road and cross the railroad tracks. Travel one mile to the corner of Desmond and Bruceville Roads. Meet your guide at the locked gate. **NOTE: Franklin Road between the CRP visitor center and Twin Cities Road may be closed for bridge repair.**

INSTRUCTIONS: Check in with your guide by 6:05 a.m. at the corner of Desmond and Bruceville Roads. The tour will begin shortly. If you are late, the gate will be closed, and you will miss the tour.

DRIVE TIME: The drive time from Hutchins Street Square in Lodi, California to this tour is approximately 30 minutes.

LANDS PASS: A Lands Pass or hunting or fishing license is not required for this tour.

TRANSPORTATION: You will drive your own personal vehicle

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