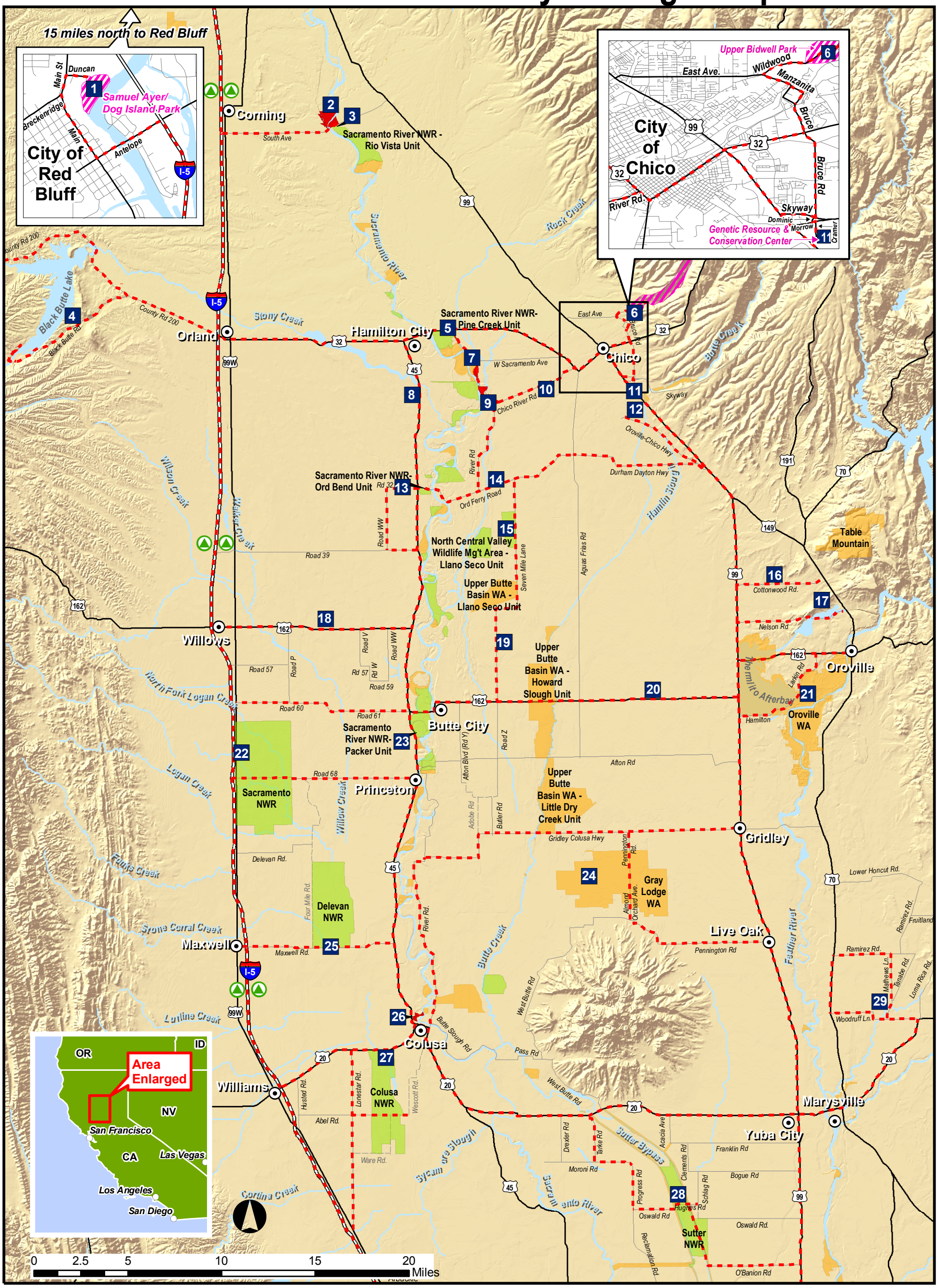
Northern Sacramento Valley Birding Hotspots



Key to the Northern Sacramento Valley Birding Hotspots Map

Site #	Site Name	Species							Public Facilities								Contact Information
		Waterfowl (fall, winter)	Shorebirds (fall, spring)	Raptors (year-round)	Songbirds (year-round)	Swans (winter)	Sandhill Cranes (winter)	Other Species of Interest	Parking Area	Auto Tour Route	Info Sign/ Brochures	Walking Trail	Interpretive Trail	Visitor Center	Picnic Table	Restroom Facility	
1	City of Red Bluff - Samuel Ayer/Dog Island Park	O		O	O				●		●	●			●		www.ci.red-bluff.ca.us, (530)527-8177
2	Woodson Bridge State Recreation Area			O	O				●		●	●			●	●	www.parks.ca.gov, (530)839-2112
3	Sacramento River National Wildlife Refuge - Rio Vista Unit			O	O				●		●	●					http://sacramentovalleyrefuges.fws.gov, (530)934-2801
4	Black Butte Lake	O		O	O			Roadrunner, CA thrasher, Lewis woodpecker, loggerhead shrike	●		●	●			●	●	www.spk.usace.army.mil, (530)865-4781
5	Sacramento River National Wildlife Refuge - Pine Creek Unit			O	O				●		●	●			●		http://sacramentovalleyrefuges.fws.gov, (530)934-2801
6	City of Chico - Upper Bidwell Park				O			Oak/foothill species	●		●						www.chico.ca.us, (530)896-7800
7	Bidwell-Sacramento River State Park - Indian Fisheries	O	O	O	O				●			●			●	●	www.parks.ca.gov, (530)342-5185
8	Agricultural fields along Highway 45	O	O	O		O	O										*Private property*
9	Bidwell-Sacramento River State Park-riparian area/gravel bar	O	O	O	O			Bald eagle, osprey	●								www.parks.ca.gov, (530)342-5185
10	City of Chico Sewage Treatment Plant Oxidation Ponds	O	O					Variety of diving ducks	●			●					Private prop. w/ controlled access, www.chico.ca.us, (530)894-4300
11	Mendocino NF- Genetic Resource & Conservation Center			O	O			Small mammals and trees	●		●		●		●	●	www.fs.fed.us, (530)895-1176
12	Oroville-Chico Highway			O			O										*Private property*
13	Sacramento River National Wildlife Refuge - Ord Bend Unit	O		O	O			California quail	●		●	●			●		http://sacramentovalleyrefuges.fws.gov, (530)934-2801
14	Agricultural fields along Ord Ferry Road						O	Yellow-billed magpie									*Private property*
15	North Central Valley Wildlife Mg't Area - Llano Seco Unit	O	O	O			O	Yellow-headed blackbird	●		●	●				●	http://sacramentovalleyrefuges.fws.gov, (530)934-2801
16	Agricultural fields along Cottonwood Road			O													*Private property*
17	Agricultural fields along Nelson Road	O	O	O		O	O	Horned lark									*Private property*
18	Agricultural fields along Highway 162 - West of Sac River	O	O	O		O											*Private property*
19	Agricultural fields along Seven-Mile Lane	O	O	O		O	O										*Private property*
20	Agricultural fields along Highway 162 - East of Sac River	O	O	O		O		Tricolored blackbird									*Private property*
21	Oroville Wildlife Area - Thermalito Afterbay & Forebay	O		O	O			Common loon,variety of diving ducks, egret/heron rookery	●		●	●			●	●	www.dfg.ca.gov, (530)538-2236
22	Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge	O	O	O	O			Amer. white pelican, white-faced ibis	●	●	●		●	●		●	http://sacramentovalleyrefuges.fws.gov, (530)934-2801
23	Sacramento River National Wildlife Refuge - Packer Unit	O		O	O				●		●	●					http://sacramentovalleyrefuges.fws.gov, (530)934-2801
24	Gray Lodge Wildlife Area	O	O	O	O		O	White-faced ibis	●	●	●	●	●		●	●	www.dfg.ca.gov, (530)846-7505
25	Delevan National Wildlife Refuge	O	O	O				White-faced ibis, tricolored blackbird, Amer. white pelican									http://sacramentovalleyrefuges.fws.gov, (530)934-2801
26	Colusa-Sacramento River State Recreation Area				O				●		●	●			●	●	www.parks.ca.gov, (530)458-4927
27	Colusa National Wildlife Refuge	O	O	O	O			Yellow-headed blackbird,white-faced ibis, tricolored blackbird	●	●	●	●					http://sacramentovalleyrefuges.fws.gov, (530)934-2801
28	Sutter National Wildlife Refuge	O						White-faced ibis									http://sacramentovalleyrefuges.fws.gov, (530)934-2801
29	District 10, Woodruff Ln/Mathews Ln/Ramirez Rd Loop	O	O	O		O											*Private property*

Wildlife Viewing Tips:

- **Respect Private Property**. Do not drive or walk onto privately owned areas.
- **Be Safe**. Do not park or stop on narrow roads as it can create a traffic hazard.
- **Use Binoculars** to get a closer look.
- **Use Blinds**. Wildlife does not spook as easily by slow-moving or parked cars. Use existing vegetation such as trees/cattail clumps or your car as a blind.
- **Walk Slowly and Talk Softly** to observe the birds' natural behaviors.
- **Be a Land Steward.** Do not litter or trample vegetation.

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Sacramento NWR Visitor Center hours:
October-March = 9:00am-4:00pm Sun-Sat
April-September= 9:00am-4:00pm Mon-Fri