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## **BALD EAGLE AND WINTER WATERFOWL FIELD TRIP FEBRUARY 25<sup>TH</sup>**

*All-day driving tour will take bird enthusiasts through  
Klamath Basin National Wildlife Refuge*

**February 1, 2012, Dunsmuir, CA-** On Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, Mount Shasta Area Audubon and the River Exchange will present an all-day field trip to Klamath Basin National Wildlife Refuge, led by local birders Chris Stromsness and Phil Detrich. The driving tour will start at 9am, and end at 4pm. Registration and a \$5 outing fee are requested.

The Klamath Basin National Wildlife Refuge is renowned for its wide diversity and abundance of bird life due to its diverse habitats including marshes, open water, coniferous forest, juniper woodlands, oak-chaparral, sagebrush-grasslands, grassy meadow and rocky cliffs. From December through February, the Klamath Basin hosts the largest concentration of Bald eagles in the contiguous United States. Some years, more than 1,000 of these majestic birds winter there. During February and March, a multitude of other raptors and waterfowl use the basin as a staging area for migration.

The field trip will take you on an all-day driving tour to view a host of others species, including golden eagles, Northern harriers, red-tailed and rough-legged hawks, Tundra swans, Snow geese, Ross geese, gadwalls, Northern pintails, owls, coyotes, pronghorns and many others. The driving tour will be enhanced with the use of walk-talkies supplied to each car in the caravan, so that the knowledge of the tour guides can be shared with everyone throughout the day.

Attendees will meet at Highway 97 & A-12 (about 12 miles north of Weed) at 9:00 a.m., and will then car-pool to the driving tour destination. Attendees should be prepared with warm clothes, walking shoes, lunch, water, binoculars, and walkie-talkies (if you have them).

For more information or to register, call the River Exchange at (530) 235-2012, or email [mail@riverexcchange.org](mailto:mail@riverexcchange.org). Information about the Mt. Shasta Area Audubon can be found at [www.mtshastaaudubon.com](http://www.mtshastaaudubon.com).

For more information about the Klamath Basin National Wildlife Refuge, visit [www.fws.gov/klamathbasinrefuges/](http://www.fws.gov/klamathbasinrefuges/) or call (530) 667-2231.

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