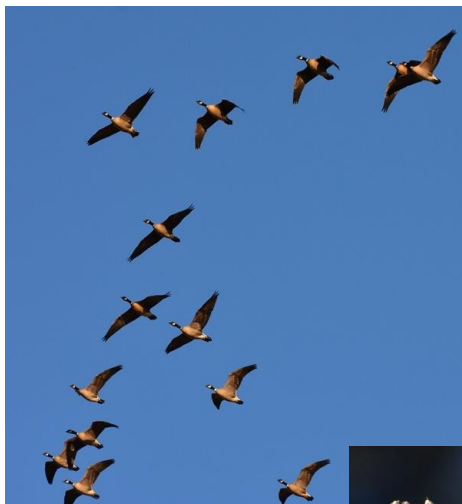


Quick Overview – Sandhill Cranes come to California's Central Valley every fall and remain through to spring. A beautiful, majestic family of birds there are 15 different species found worldwide. Sandhill Cranes are the most abundant of the world's cranes and we are fortunate to get to experience them so close to the San Francisco Bay Area. Just outside of Lodi, CA. we spent our day on Staten Island Road and Woodbridge Road learning about Sandhill Cranes and the other species that come to winter in and around the agricultural fields and open spaces found here. For many this was the first time they had experienced cranes, geese and swans. The good news, all these birds will be here until next spring, so there is time to go back & experience it all again.



Birds Observed –

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| Tundra Swans | Long-billed Curlew |
| Greater White-Fronted | Dowitcher |
| Canada Goose – Common | Western Sandpiper |
| Canada Goose – Cackling | Least Sandpiper |
| Canada Goose - Aleutian | Wilson's Snipe |
| Snow Goose | Killdeer |
| Mallard | Black-bellied Plover |
| Gadwall | Ring-billed Gull |
| American Wigeon | California Gull |
| Northern Pintail | Herring Gull |
| Northern Shoveler | Rock Pigeon |
| Bufflehead | Mourning Dove |
| Canvasback | Eurasian Collared Dove |
| Green-winged Teal | Black Phoebe |
| Pied-billed Grebe | Say's Phoebe |
| Double-crested Cormorant | Loggerhead-Shrike |
| Great Blue Heron | American Crow |
| Great Egret | Bewick's Wren |
| Snowy Egret | Marsh Wren |
| Green Heron | Northern Mockingbird |
| Northern Harrier | European Starling |
| White-tail Kite | American Pipit |
| Red Shouldered Hawk | Yellow-rumped Warbler |
| Red-tail Hawk | California Towhee |
| Turkey Vulture | Song Sparrow |
| American Kestrel | White-crowned Sp |
| Peregrine Falcon | Golden-crowned Sp |
| Sandhill Cranes | Fox Sparrow |
| American Coot | Red-winged Blackbird |
| Black-necked Stilt | Brewer's Blackbird |
| Greater Yellowlegs | Western Meadowlark |
| | House Finch |
| | House Sparrow |

Images of our day - The group checking out flocks of waterfowl, cranes and shorebirds – Lisa Myers / Sandhill Cranes photographed through a spotting scope – Lisa Myers / Aleutian Geese fly over – Lisa Myers / adult White-crowned Sparrow enjoying a meal – Cadao Do / Song Sparrow & juvenile White-crowned Sparrow - Priya Balasubramaniam / Least Sandpiper probing the mud – Cadao Do

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