

Quick Overview – Trips are planned months in advance and special arrangements were made for us to visit the UC Davis California Raptor Center. So when the forecast called for a 60% chance of rain we decided we'd go anyway hoping for the best. While it did rain the entire day, the folks at the raptor center brought the birds to us. While we were inside and dry the many volunteers carried the birds to us where we learned all about each species and how they arrived at the raptor center. It was a rather unconventional bird trip, but one where we got closer to raptors than one can while in the wild. Part of the proceeds of the day were donated right back to the center and generous trip participants also helped fill the can! Thank you everyone for being such good sports. We had also planned to bird the open spaces found on campus also known as the Putah Creek Riparian Reserve, but the rain got in our way. We'll just have to go back because fall is the ideal time to bird this habitat.



You too can visit the UC Davis campus and the raptor center, to learn more just visit = <http://www.vetmed.ucdavis.edu/calraptor/index.cfm>.
 Images of our day - Grandma, granddaughter & Freddy enjoy a visit / Northern Saw-whet Owl / Golden Eagle "Sullivan" with his handler / American Kestrel, Red-tail Hawk, Red-shouldered Hawk & Swainson's Hawk were just some of the beautiful raptors we met this day – Lisa Myers
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