

June 1, 2026

To: Napa County Wildlife Conservation Commission

Re: Napa-Solano Audubon Society End-of-Year NC WCC Grant Report (2025–2026)

We launched our school programs in the fall of 2025 and began classroom instruction as soon as we identified Napa County teachers who could incorporate our program's four to five one-hour lessons into their busy schedules. We started in early October at Browns Valley School, followed by programs at Crescent Elementary and Donaldson Way Elementary.

Many schools elected to participate during the spring semester. Beginning in January, we presented programs at Napa Junction, followed by Vichy, Willow, and Alta Heights Elementary Schools, as well as American Canyon High School. Teachers selected from a variety of topics, including Bird Diversity, Bird Adaptations, Bird Migration, Bird Song, and Habitat Conservation. Each classroom series concluded with a bird-walk field trip conducted on school grounds or in nearby parks.

Although our previous Education Coordinator now works as a naturalist for the American Canyon Foundation, she continued to support our efforts by implementing lessons at two schools. We also trained three additional educators—Jane Hicks, Janelle Hall, and Barry Briden—to help deliver our programs in Napa County elementary classrooms.

In addition to our classroom programs, we offered 14 Beginner Bird Walks at the American Canyon Wetlands. A number of students from our school programs participated in these activities with their families. We also led 36 weekly field trips to birding locations in Napa and Solano counties, and 9 monthly field trips throughout the Bay Area for our members and the broader community.

Overall, our school program educators provided instruction to more than **645** individual Napa County students and made over **2,770** student contacts through 4 or more multiple classroom visits. In addition, NSAS sponsored monthly educational speaker seminars featuring local and nationally recognized ornithologists, which were attended by more than **500** community members. We also published three informative newsletters, which were sent by mail and email and made available on our website for all to read.

We engaged students and adults in a variety of volunteer conservation and citizen science activities, including Christmas Bird Counts, Bluebird Box Monitoring, Citizen Science Projects, and Community Education Events. These activities included participation in International Bird Rescue's Open House, Mare Island's Winged Migration Expo, and Napa and Solano County Earth Day events. Our volunteers also assisted with Earth Day cleanup efforts along Napa Creek in downtown Napa and participated in Coastal Cleanup Day activities along tributaries of the Napa River. We estimate that more than **650** students and **5,100** adults participated in these community programs and events.

Despite receiving only 47% of the funding requested through our NCWCC grant, we remained committed to achieving the goals outlined in our proposal. We made every effort to serve the number of students and community members originally projected, maximizing available resources to maintain the scope and impact of our planned activities.

Payroll expenses for Napa County classroom educators, field trip leaders, and monthly community speakers who provided school, birding, and community education programs totaled **\$8,723**. Our Education Program expenditures totaled **\$22,564.92** with in-kind donation costs estimated at an additional **\$19,150**.

NSAS also helped launch the statewide California Breeding Bird Atlas by contributing **\$10,000** toward the purchase of specialized database software that will compile breeding bird data from counties throughout California for this important statewide project.

In addition, NSAS contributed more than **\$1,500** in direct support and more than **\$3,500** in in-kind services for local citizen science activities, including Christmas Bird Counts, Climate Research Projects, and Endangered Species Surveys.

To further supplement these paid activities, NSAS members donated more than **3,500 volunteer hours** supporting classroom programs, field trips, citizen science data collection, community speaker series, and public outreach events.

The majority of our activities and grant expenditures are summarized in the attached spreadsheet. Program expenditure vouchers are included in a separate folder.

Please feel free to contact me at NapaBirder@gmail.com or via phone at 707-246-2795 if you have any questions.

Regards,

Mark Stephenson, President

Napa-Solano Audubon Society

NSAS NCWCC Expenditures 2025-26

	Salary/Cost	In-Kind Donations & Hours		
School Programs				
Instruction & Planning				
Tammy Saunders (Fall)	450.00			
Jane Hicks (Fall)	600.00			
Jane Hicks (Spring)	693.75			
Janelle Hall	143.75			
Barry Briden	243.75			
Mark Stephenson	1,550.00			
Tammy Saunders (Spring)	450.00			
Total	4,131.25			
Classroom Materials				
Binoculars 20 Pairs of Nikon Pro3 8 X 42	2,869.92			
School Program Brochures	286.24			
Birding Program				
Beginner Bird Walks with Tom Slyker & Carol Boykin Volunteer In-Kind Donations		1,800.00		
Weekly Field Trips with Andrew Ford				
Andrew Ford - Fall	900.00			
Andrew Ford - Spring	900.00			
Total Weekly Birding Program	1,800.00			
Monthly Field Trips				
Carol Boykin - Walkie Talkies (Filed Trip Safety)	500.00			
Healdsburg Academy with Wendy Cole & Mark Stephenson 9-21-25		100.00		
Monterey & Big Sur 10-3 to 10-5-25 Bruce Thomsen & Mark Stephenson	833.00	450.00		
Abbott's Lagoon with Larry Kent & Mark Stephenson 11-15-25		200.00		
Sacramento Valley Nat. Wildlife Refuges 12-5 to 12-7 Bruce Thomsen & Mark Stephenson	532.00	300.00		
Cosumnes River Preserve 1-17-26 with Phil Burton & Mark Stephenson	127.00	150.00		
Las Gallinas & Hamilton Wetlands 2-22-26 with Bruce Thomsen & Mark Stephenson		150.00		
Mines Road with Robin Leong 3-28-26		150.00		
Mt. Diablo's Mitchell Canyon 4-23-26 with Phil Burton & Mark Stephenson		150.00		
Mono Lake & Eastern Sierra 6-4-26 to 6-7-26 Ruth Cooper & Mark Stephenson	600.00	800.00		
Total Birding Program	6,192.00	4,250.00		
Community Education				
Monthly Speaker Seminars				
Mark Stephenson The Biggest Week in Birding 9-11-25	0.00	200.00		
Dan Airola Seminar Status of Purple Martins 10-9-25	100.00			
Dr. Bob Lewis A Bord's Rainbow 11-13-25	0.00	200.00		
Harry Fuller Birding from Here to There 1-8-26	0.00	200.00		
Michael Heim The ins and Outs of Vaux's Swifts 2-12-26	200.00			
Dr. Jamie Chaves Galapagos Birds & Evolution 3-12-26	0.00	200.00		
Aaron Heiman Birds of the CA Delta 4-9-26	200.00			
Benny Jacobs-Schwartz 5-7-26	200.00			
Total Speaker Seminar Honorariums	700.00	800.00		
Room Rental	150.00			
Zoom	199.90			
	349.90			

	Salary/Cost	In-Kind Donations & Hours		
Educational Newsletters	Total	Tizonne Design	Digital Copy	Postage
Fall	2,182.59	375.00	1401.99	405.60
Winter	950.36	387.50	438.06	124.80
Spring	805.25	331.25	380.00	94.00
Total Newsletters	3,938.20			
Website Design & Hosting Charles Cox	405.00			
Community Festivals				
Winged Migration Expo	500.00	500.00		
Napa Earth Day	150.00	24		
Solano Community College Earth Day Tabling	0.00	8		
International Bird Rescue Earth Day Tabling	0.00	16		
Total Community Activities	650.00	548		
Citizen Science				
1. CBC's				
Tom Slyker	1,052.31	1,000.00		
Eva Gomez	400.00			
St. Helena Parks Rental	140.00			
Volunteer Hours		1,000		
Subtotal	1,592.31	1,000.00		
2. Bluebird Nest Box Program - Donated Boxes Built		1,000.00		
Volunteer Hours 30 Volunteers 20 weeks		600		
3. Endangered Species Surveys in Kind Donations				
Least Tern Surveys		12		
Snowy Plover Surveys - Tom Slyker & Mark Stephenson		12		
Shorebird Survey - Mark Stephenson, Tom Slyker, Phil Burton & Bruce Thomsen		16		
Mountain Plover Surveys - Mark Stephenson, Tom Slyker, Pam Condos		12		
Burrowing Owl Surveys - Mark Stephenson, Tom Slyker, Pam Condos		12		
Climate Research Surveys Mark Stephenson, Phil Burton, Pam Condos, Adam Cimino		80		
Subtotal In-Kind Surveys Hours		144		
4. Breeding Bird Atlas				
Volunteer hours		1,700		
Database Software Donation		10,000.00		
Total Citizen Science	1,592.31			
Office Supplies		300.00		
Total Program Costs & In-kind Dollars	22,564.92	19,150.00		
Volunteer Hours		3,992		

Classroom Students & Community Napa County Members Served Template							
Date Classroom Visit	School/ Event	Teachers Contact Info	Grade Level	Program/Activity	Students Served	Student Contacts	Instructor
School Programs							
10/08/25	Brown's Valley Elementary	Gongora, Opp, Hall	4	Bird Families	60	60	Tammy Saunders
10/15/25	Brown's Valley Elementary	Gongora, Opp, Hall	4	Bird Adaptations		60	Tammy Saunders
10/22/25	Brown's Valley Elementary	Gongora, Opp, Hall	4	Bird Migration		60	Tammy Saunders
11/5/2025	Brown's Valley Elementary	Gongora, Opp, Hall	4	Bird Walk		60	Tammy Saunders
10/14/25	Donaldson Way	Banks, Hesser, McCarver	4	Bird Families	90	90	Jane Hicks
10/21/2025	Donaldson Way	Banks, Hesser, McCarver	4	Bird Song		90	Jane Hicks
11/28/2025	Donaldson Way	Banks, Hesser, McCarver	4	Bird Migration		90	Jane Hicks
11/18/2025	Donaldson Way	Banks, Hesser, McCarver	4	Bird Walk		90	Jane Hicks, Barry Briden, Janelle Hall
4/6/26	Napa Junction	Kiehne, Marshall, Myers	3	Bird Families	72	72	Jane Hicks
4/13/26	Napa Junction	Kiehne, Marshall, Myers	3	Bird Song		72	Jane Hicks
4/20/26	Napa Junction	Kiehne, Marshall, Myers	3	Bird Migration		72	Jane Hicks
4/27/26	Napa Junction	Kiehne, Marshall, Myers	3	Bird Walk		72	Jane Hicks
5/4/26	Napa Junction	Kiehne, Marshall, Myers	3	Bird Walk		72	Jane Hicks, Barry Briden, Janelle Hall
4/6/26	Vichy Elementary	Ilsey, Keiser, Lloyd & Ilsey	4, 5	Bird Families	112	112	Mark Stephenson
4/13/26	Vichy Elementary	Ilsey, Keiser, Lloyd & Ilsey	4, 5	Bird Migration		112	Mark Stephenson
4/20/26	Vichy Elementary	Ilsey, Keiser, Lloyd & Ilsey	4, 5	Bird Song		112	Mark Stephenson
4/27/26	Vichy Elementary	Ilsey, Keiser, Lloyd & Ilsey	4, 5	Habitat Conservation		112	Mark Stephenson
5/4/26	Vichy Elementary	Ilsey, Keiser, Lloyd & Ilsey	4, 5	Bird Walk		112	Mark Stephenson
4/9/26	Willow Elementary	Blazer, Morton, Stephenson	5	Bird Families	82	82	Mark Stephenson
4/16/26	Willow Elementary	Blazer, Morton, Stephenson	5	Bird Migration		82	Mark Stephenson
4/30/26	Willow Elementary	Blazer, Morton, Stephenson	5	Bird Song		82	Mark Stephenson
5/7/26	Willow Elementary	Blazer, Morton, Stephenson	5	Bird Walk		82	Mark Stephenson

	2/26/26	American Canyon High School	Jeanne Hillyard	11-12	Diversity	142	142	Mark Stephenson
	5/21/26	American Canyon High School	Jeanne Hillyard	11-12	Migration		142	Mark Stephenson
	5/22/26	American Canyon High School	Jeanne Hillyard	11-12	Bird Song		142	Mark Stephenson
	5/26/26	American Canyon High School	Jeanne Hillyard	11-12	Bird Walk		72	Mark Stephenson
	5/27/26	American Canyon High School	Jeanne Hillyard	11-12	Bird Walk		72	Mark Stephenson
	5/19/26	Alta Heights	Gracia,Wade, Hulquist	5	Bird Families	90	90	Tammy Saunders
	5/26/26	Alta Heights	Gracia,Wade, Hulquist	5	Bird Adaptations		90	Tammy Saunders
	6/2/26	Alta Heights	Gracia,Wade, Hulquist	5	Bird Migration		90	Tammy Saunders
	6/4/26	Alta Heights	Gracia,Wade, Hulquist	5	Bird Walk		90	Tammy Saunders
Total Students Served in Classrooms						648	2778	
Community Events						Students	Adults	
(Estimate)	Connolly Ranch Earth Night					30	150	
	International Bird Rescue					125	25	
Jan. 31 - Feb. 1	Winged Migration Expo					200	2500	
	Napa Earth Day					175	800	
	Pacific Flyway					75	20	
Total Community Served						605	3495	
Field Trip Participants	Beginner					20	168	
	Weekly					5	384	
	Monthly						250	
	Winged Migration					10	150	
Monthly Seminars						10	440	
Citizen Science Activities						10	232	

Total Students Served in Classrooms and Community Events					660	5119	
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