How to Get There

The fastest driving route is via US 395, which cuts off of I-15 just south of Victorville. Follow this to Hallelujah Junction, 23 miles past Reno. From there take SR 70 westward 33 miles to the junction with SR 89. A left turn there will place you immediately in the community of Blairsden, and soon after in Graeagle and then Clio (only 3 miles from the junction). You can also fly to Reno, from which it's only an hour's drive to the Graeagle area.

Our meeting place (7:00 a.m.) each day will be in the parking lot beside the lake behind the General Store. (Just drive through the store's parking lot.) This is located on the east side of SR 89 in "downtown" Graeagle. You can't miss it--really!

Eating

BREAKFAST: Although there probably is a coffee shop that opens at 6:00 a.m., it might be safer to plan to fix your own breakfast. If you bring a cooler, you can buy what you need at the General Store the day before.

LUNCH: Restaurants will be handy for lunch on some days, but on other days you'll need to pack one. Bring a lunch the first day. Plans for other days will be announced later.

DINNER: The Graeagle area has a variety of restaurants. Some are very good. Too many to list. The following lists were compiled by Barbara Grear (chair), Pam Trier, Susan Merrill. Thanks!

Groceries.
Leonard’s Market, 88 West Sierra Avenue (main hwy.), Portola, CA 96122. 530-832-5062. (We'll pass this small, but typical, grocery store at the end of 2 different days' outings. Easy to stop.)
General Store, downtown Graeagle. 7386 CA-89, Graeagle, CA 96103. 530-836-2519.

Breakfast.
For a 6:00 a.m. breakfast, check out The Village Baker, 340 Bonita Street, Blairsden /Graeagle, CA 96102. Phone to be sure! 530-836-8364. Likely to be crowded, so get there early.

When in Loyalton for the day field trip:
Rhonda's Lil' Frosty. 319 Main St. Loyalton. 530-993-1192. Open 11:00 to 6:45 daily except Thursday.
Family owned and operated small town frosty. Serves burgers, hot dogs, sandwiches, and ice cream. It is a small restaurant so sometimes there is a wait. You can order ahead of time by calling phone number above.
Outdoor seating in pleasant setting. Cash only - no credit or debit cards.
Facebook page has reviews, menus, photos of outside seating, etc. https://www.facebook.com/Rhondaslilfrosty/

The Golden West Hotel, Restaurant, and Saloon. 711 Main St. Loyalton. 530-993-446. Open Fri, Sat, Sun for lunch at 11 am
Bar and restaurant serves burgers, sandwiches, soup, salads, pizza, etc. Sit-down restaurant.
Facebook page has reviews, menus, photos, etc. https://www.facebook.com/pg/goldenwest4467/reviews/?ref=page_internal
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Sleeping (Reservations Advised)

The following compiled by Barbara Grear, Pam Trier, Susan Merrill:

Your choice of lodging should be within 10 miles of Graeagle (Graeagle Store).

**MOTELS, HOTELS, INNS, ETC.**

**Pullman House Inn**
256 Commercial Street
Portola, California 96122
ph.(530) 832-0107, email: pullmaninn@gmail.com

**River Pines Resort**
45 motel rooms. 18 individual housekeeping cottages. Pool, hot tub, restaurant, credit cards, min stay.
Average rates $95 to $120/night for room with 1 king or 2 double beds. Suites $170-$400 with various bed configurations. Cabins $130 to $170 with either one queen or two twin beds. See website for details. Resort is closed until April 15 but reservations can be made by calling phone number above and leaving a message or by filling out form on website.
1/2 mi from Graeagle store.

**Blackbird Inn** (https://www.blackbird-inn.com/)
276 Lower Main St, Clio
530-836-7325
5 cute motel rooms, pets ok
Continental breakfast included
Open all year
Average rates $119 to $179/night
Most rooms have only 1 bed either queen or king. One room will accommodate a rollaway and one room has a pull out sofa for extra people.
Cafe on site open for lunch and dinner. Closed Wed in the summer.
3.1 mi. from Graeagle store.

**Feather River Park Resort** (http://www.featherriverparkresort.com)
Highway 89, Blairsden (530) 836-2328
35 cabins (various configurations), golf course and tennis courts open to public, pool, deli, weekly, seasonal (May to October), pets ok, laundry, picnic area, min stay in season, some A/C, nonsmoking.
Average rates $185 to $260/night
1 mi from Graeagle store
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VACATION RENTALS

Plumas Pines Realty Vacation rentals. 307 Poplar Valley Road, Blairsden, CA 91603. 530-836-0444.
Graeagle Vacation Rentals (graeaglevacationrentals.com)
Graeagle Meadows Vacation Rentals (graeaglevacationhomes.com/rentals.html)
Plumas Pines Vacation Homes and Rentals (plumaspinesvacationhomesandrentals.com)
Airbnb (airbnb.com) Use Graeagle as search area. Be sure to check property distance from Graeagle.
VRBO (vrbo.com) Use Graeagle as search area. Be sure to check property distance from Graeagle.

RV PARKS AND TENT CAMPING

Clio's River Edge RV Park (rvthelostsierra.com)
This is where Sylvia has stayed in the past. No tent camping.
3.7 mi from Graeagle Store

Little Bear RV Park (littlebearrvpark.com)
No tent camping. 80 sites plus 10 camping cabins.
2.6 mi from Graeagle Store

(http://www.vacationgraeagle.com/rv-camping.html)
Two tent sites and RV camping. Reservation form available online.
0.8 mile from Graeagle Store

Feather River RV Park (http://frrvparkca.com/faq.htm)
Tent and RV camping, cabins
6.1 mi from Graeagle Store

Plumas-Eureka State Park Jamison Campground
(https://www.reservecalifornia.com/CaliforniaWebHome/Facilities/SearchViewUnitAvailability.aspx)
6.7 mi from Graeagle Store

Be on Time!

The meeting time each day is 7:00 a.m. sharp, and we want to take off for our day's activities as soon thereafter as we can get organized. If you are late, you will not know where we are going. Although we have a tentative plan for each day, we are not sharing it with you here because we may make last-minute changes based on conditions (snow, roads, etc.) or special birds we learn about. Be prepared to car-pool.

We will not wait for latecomers. So if you find at the last minute that you are unable to come, don't worry that you are holding up the group. Do not try to contact the leader on the morning of the field trip. We'll be too busy to take phone calls or read emails.
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Liability Release Form

All participants and their guests will be required to sign a liability release form on the first field trip day.

Things to Bring

Be prepared for any weather conditions. We expect mornings to be quite cold, but afternoons warm—even hot. There could be snow on the ground here and there--hopefully not all over the ground or coming from the sky. You might want to wear waterproof footgear or carry a change of shoes in case we have to wade a few puddles.

Other items: binoculars, a small notebook and pen, short-range radio (FRS) if you have one, all sorts of field guides (birds, trees, flowers, etc.), insect repellant, drinking water and snacks, lunch on some days.


We hope a few people will bring telescopes and carry them on the walks, so we can inspect the occasional bird perched too high in the trees for binoculars.

Sylvia’s Location in Graeagle

Sylvia will be there the whole time and has rented a beautiful two-bedroom, fully equipped house only 0.5 mile from the Graeagle Store, yet on a large lot among the pines. Stop by after 4:00 when you get into town, if you wish. Email Sylvia for directions.

Her extra bedroom has 1 queen bed and a set of bunk beds plus its own bathroom. If you would like to rent it and share the house with her for six nights (Tues. - Sun.) no partials), it’s available some weeks for $660.00, including tax, etc. Contact Sylvia for further info. including the address of a website with many, many pictures of the place.

Email: sjrgallagher@yahoo.com. Use this instead of the phone if possible.

Cellphone: 562-217-7139. Best time to call is late afternoon or early evening (before 8:30 pm).

Other Things to Do

The northern Sierra Nevada is a wonderful place to explore. Spend extra days in the area, if you can. If you return to the areas we visited on our field trip, you will surely find birds we missed. Early mornings are the best time for birding, so places we explored later in the day are definitely worth revisiting.

Nonbirding companions will enjoy golfing, fishing, hiking, shopping, etc.

Keep a Bird List

You will receive a copy of the bird list from the 2001, 2004, and 2012 field trips. You can also use it as a checklist for this year's field trips. Keep track of the birds you see on your own, too. Sylvia will be compiling a list for each period, including the free days between groups. Since we'll be going to a wide variety of places, we'll list birds on a site-by-site basis. See column headings on the checklist for details.
~ FIELD TRIP SELECTION ~

Read these instructions and entire form before filling it out.

PARTICIPANTS AND GUESTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO SIGN A LIABILITY RELEASE FORM AT THE START OF THE FIELD TRIP. The person turning in this form is responsible for making sure everyone listed is aware of this.

Guests are discouraged and are permitted only on a space-available basis. They should be people whom you know very well and who have some knowledge of mountain birds and their sounds. You are more likely to get your first choice of dates if you do not bring a guest. Only one guest per participant unless you receive special permission.

Because parking is limited in some places, guests are defined as people who will accompany us in the car caravan when we do the field trips, even if they do not plan to walk with us when we bird. Those who will go elsewhere on their own need not be listed. Carpooling will be necessary on most of the field trip days.

Roommates and carpools from southern California can be arranged when the groups have been worked out.

Mail the form below, postmarked no sooner than Mon., Mar. 9 (2-day penalty if before that, except for leaders), to

June Field Trip, Sylvia Gallagher, 21562 Kaneohe Ln., Huntington Beach, CA 92646

Priority for placement will be based on postmark date within the following categories, if postmarked no later than March 11.

1st choice. People who did WESTERN MOUNTAINS AND THEIR BIRDS in 2019 and are enrolling in LEARNING [Western] MOUNTAIN BIRD SOUNDS (LMBS) this year.

2nd choice. People who did only WESTERN MOUNTAINS AND THEIR BIRDS in 2019 or are enrolling in LEARNING [Western] MOUNTAIN BIRD SOUNDS (LMBS) this year.

3rd choice. People in the above two categories who bring guests or can't be there every day.

4th choice. People who did similar workshops in 2001, 2004, or 2011-12, but not this time.

5th choice. Reservations postmarked after March 11, in the order they were received, provided you've done at least one mountains workshop with Sylvia.

On March 15, I'll decide if any of the field trip dates should be canceled due to insufficient registration received by that time, so be sure to get your form in by then. On March 16 I'll mail out the confirmation letters. That should give you plenty of time to reserve a place to stay in Plumas Co. (Late registrants will be accepted to fill sections still open, but no canceled ones will be reopened.)
~ REGISTRATION FORM ~
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Name(s) of workshop participant(s)

Address(es)

City          ZIP

Email

Phone(s)

Name of guest (no more than one per participant)  (Unnamed guests will not be scheduled.)

Did you do the visual workshop, WESTERN MOUNTAINS AND THEIR BIRDS in 2019? 

Are you currently enrolled in LEARNING MOUNTAIN BIRD SOUNDS? 

If neither of the above, what prior mountains workshop(s) have you done with Sylvia? 

With which other workshop participants do you want to be scheduled?

Check or rank your choices of dates:

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If you ranked them, how strong are your preferences?

Do you plan to be present all five days of your field trip? If not, specify__

Do you need a room-mate or carpool partner from southern California--or can you take someone with you? Explain.

Self-addressed stamped envelope enclosed?