

Wild Farm Alliance Farmer to Farmer Field Day: ALL THINGS AVIAN

March 19, 2019, 8:30 am - 1:00 pm

Hosted by: Chamberlain Farms, Woodland

Cost: \$15, Includes lunch and a copy of WFA's Bird Booklet

This field day will feature:

- ✓ **Jo Ann Baumgartner**, Wild Farm Alliance, shares highlights from their recent publication Supporting Beneficial Birds and Managing Pest Birds;
- ✓ **Duane Chamberlain** discusses the swallows, owls, hawks, egrets and herons that make his farm home part of the year;
- ✓ **Sara Kross**, Columbia University, shares her Barn Owl and alfalfa research, and how to manage pest birds;
- ✓ **Xeronimo Castaneda**, Audubon discussing their birds in alfalfa program;
- ✓ **Rachael Long**, UCCE, shares research project on hedgerows, birds, and pest control in walnuts, and economics of hedgerows;
- ✓ **Corey Shake**, Point Blue & NRCS, discusses research on woody field margins boosting on-farm bird diversity and abundance, and NRCS programs;
- ✓ **Sam Earnshaw**, Hedgerows Unlimited, discusses native plants and benefits of conservation plantings;
- ✓ **Jeanette Wrynski**, Yolo Resource Conservation District, describes why the Union School Slough was widened and how it is part of a larger restoration project.



Learn more and register:
WildFarmAlliance.org/field_days
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Register by March 15, 2019
Space is limited!

All Things Avian Field Day

Learn about the birds flying through your farm and how they might be a benefit to your operation. Hear from and connect with innovative farmers, avian researchers, and other experts about practices that attract beneficial birds for pest control and manage pest birds. In addition, participate in a demonstration conservation planting and learn how this habitat can benefit your farm. You will gain valuable experience in planning for practices aimed at attracting beneficial birds and other natural enemies. Registration is \$15 and includes lunch and a copy of Wild Farm Alliance's Bird Booklet.

About Chamberlain Farms

Duane Chamberlain started out farming with a friend right after college on a piece of ground in rural Yolo County. He still farms that piece of land more than 50 years later, as well as about 60 other sites where he raises alfalfa, grass and oat hay. Many of these fields have wooded edges, which support over-wintering birds that may help with pest control of the alfalfa weevil. A couple of fields hold easements specifically for the rare Swainson's Hawks which arrive in the summer. Another part of Duane's business is harvesting and selling wheat straw for racetrack horses, and rice straw for erosion control. The stores of wheat and rice straw often still have a bit of grain, and this attracts rodents and the Barn Owls that eat them year-round. With help from the Yolo RCD and Audubon California, Duane has reconfigured a steep, narrow, weedy, fast-moving slough that flows through one of his fields into a wider, more shallow waterway with native plants, providing better flood control and good cover for California Quail and pheasants.

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