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Spring Migratory Bird Field Trip

Yreka, CA - Saturday, May 7th was the International Migratory Bird Day Field Trip sponsored locally by the Klamath National Forest and California Department of Fish and Game. Approximately 40 eager birdwatchers attended this exciting event which was led by local bird experts. The day was spent searching through the habitats of the Shasta Valley Wildlife Area, three miles East of Montague, CA. Seventy-four species of birds were recorded which included rare glimpses of migratory warblers, sandhill cranes and the secretive Virginia Rail.

Dick Ashford, from the Ashland-based Klamath Bird Observatory, presented a summary of bird conservation efforts that currently take place in Southern Oregon and Northern California. Bob Claypole and Ray Eckstrom provided their expertise about our local birds throughout the day. The Klamath National Forest wants to remind our community that birdwatching is an easy and inexpensive way to have an enjoyable outdoor experience on the National Forest and surrounding areas. For more information, please contact Sam Cuenca, Wildlife Biologist at the Salmon/Scott River Ranger District, at (503) 468-5351.



Left to right: *Bob Claypole, Marc Williams, Patti Claypole, & Dick Ashford,*



Group of bird-watching enthusiasts, with Dick Ashford (pointing)



Joey Russell, in front, searching for birds in the Shasta Valley Wildlife Area.