

# Field Trip Report: Gray Lodge Wildlife Area and Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge

December 3 and 4, 2011

**Trip Leader: Bruce Deuel**

One hundred species!  
Bruce Deuel led about 25 of us on a great trip to the Central Valley refuges and the Feather River. The weather was sunny but windy on the first day. We had 21 species of waterfowl and enjoyed the spectacle of thousands of **Snow Geese** in the air and on the ponds. Other highlights included rafts of **Tundra Swans**, five species of grebes, seven herons, and eight raptors. We also saw **American Bittern**, flocks of **White-**



**facéd Ibis**, and **Common** and **Barrow's Goldeneye** side-by-side on the river. We had nice looks at **Sandhill Crane** in the rice fields and a **Great-horned Owl** at the evening flyout. A festive group dinner in Oroville on Saturday night provided time for socializing. Thanks to Bruce for an enjoyable and educational weekend.



Report and Photos by Dave Herrema