

Wentao Yang

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Education:

Bachelor of Science in Evolution, Ecology and Biodiversity
University of California, Davis
Current accumulative GPA: 3.91

Expected graduation: June 2023

Skills:

- Able to identify most California Bird to species
- Bird handling and banding
- Communication and teamwork

Work experience:

Volunteer, California Raptor Center, Davis, CA

December 2020-present

- Work with 15+ raptor species in catching, handling, banding, health examinations and releasing
- Medicine and food preparation, cage cleaning, facilities maintenance.
- Caring of nursery during spring and summer
- Take notes of raptors behavior and public education

Co-founder and Treasurer, Birdwatching Club at UC Davis, Davis, CA

September 2021-present

- Organize and lead bird-watching trips around Yolo County with 30+ participants.
- Apply for funds and raise funds in different events.
- Organize carpools, binoculars lending, and training for inexperienced birders.
- Represent in the annual Student Involvement Fair to connect more club members with officers.

Lab researcher, China Wildlife Conservation Association, Guangdong, China

July 2019

- Take part in "Flight Protection", report suspicious bird catching net and contact local police for removal.
- Conduct Bird Survey along coastline to collect data of migratory shorebird and other species.

Intern, Professor Gail Patricelli's Lab, UC Davis, CA

December 2020-present

- Help PhD student Eric Tymstra with his dissertation research by recording mating success and strut rate of Greater Sage Grouse.

Founder and President, Bird Watching Club, Guangzhou, China

September 2016-June

2019

- Organize weekly bird walks in the National Botanical Garden and several other city parks in Guangzhou.
- Hold weekly club meetings and offer bird identification workshops for more than 100 students.
- Organize and lead students crew in Bird-watching Competitions in the field and bird-related quiz contests.
- Publicize conservation of birds and their habitat in school and community.

Activities:

- Weekly birdwatching at Central Valley.
- Participate in three 2021 Christmas Bird Counts in Putah Creek, Sacramento, and Rio Cosumnes.
- Write educational blogs regarding bird physiology and conservation on Weibo and publish with photos and videos I took.

Awards/accomplishments:

- Dean's Honor List in College of Biological Sciences- Spring 2020, Fall 2020, Winter 2021, Fall 2021
- Rank#74 on Ebird in Yolo County in terms of most specie seen
- Two times Rank #1 on China GuangFoZhao Birdwatching Competition *November 2018-2019*
- Won the 3rd prize in the first National Nanling Birdwatching Competition *June 2019*
- Member of China Wildlife Conservation Association *June 2021-present*