

V. TOURS, PRESENTATIONS, CONFERENCES, AND WORKSHOPS

The Land Retirement Team gave an annual site tour to interested agency personnel and private parties on 18 April 2001.

In January 2001, a presentation was given at The Wildlife Society's Western Section annual conference in Sacramento, CA. The title of the presentation was "Restoration of native plant and animal communities on retired agricultural lands". Two presentations were given at the Society for Ecological Restoration, California Chapter at a conference held in San Diego, CA. on 1-2 November 2001. The title of the presentations were "Habitat restoration on retired agricultural lands in the San Joaquin Valley, Part I: Successes and failures of native plant restoration" and "Habitat restoration on retired agricultural lands in the San Joaquin Valley, Part II: Responses of wildlife to restoration". A 1-hour long lecture was given in May 2001 to biology students and faculty at California State University, Stanislaus as part of a symposium series. The LRT also presented a PowerPoint presentation of the Land Retirement Demonstration project to the Westlands Resource Conservation District on 18 September 2001.

Several Land Retirement Team members attended a one-day workshop on restoration techniques on 13 August 2001. That workshop was sponsored by the United States Bureau of Land Management, was presented by Craig Dremann of The Reveg Edge, and was held at the Kern National Wildlife Refuge in Tulare County, CA. A number of Land Retirement Team staff also attended the national conference of The Wildlife Society held in Reno, NV. in September 2001. The Point Reyes Bird Observatory Landbird Monitoring Training Workshop held 4-8 June 2001 and the Central Valley Birding Symposium held 15-8 November 2001 were also attended by an LRT staff member.