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General Meeting, Sept. 9 Western Foundation Show and Tell

Our general meeting, normally held on the first Monday of the month, will be held this month on the second Monday, September 9th, because of the Labor Day holiday.

The program for this first meeting of our 2019-2020 season will, as in previous years, be a “**Show and Tell**” program. This is the evening where we can gather again after our long summer breaks and meet friends and discuss our various outings.

All members are encouraged to bring photos, movies, slides or anything else they would like to share to the meeting. **Chrystal Klabunde**, our programs chair, will coordinate the presentations and will set up the computer and projector to show the pictures.

If you would like to participate, please call or email Chrystal (805-522-8023) programs@conejovalleyaudubon.org by Friday, September 6th, to sign up for a time slot and learn about presentation media formats.

Show And Tell

September 2019

Sept. 8	8:00 am	Santa Clara River (Hanson)
Sept. 9	5:15 pm	Pre-meeting dinner: Ottavio's
Sept. 9	7:30 pm	General Meeting WFVZ
Sept. 11	8:00 am	Beginner's Bird Walk
Sept. 15	8:00 am	Arnold Rd/ Ormond Beach
Sept. 22	9:00 am	Ventura Settling Ponds
Sept. 29	8:30 am	Pine Mountain

Conservation by Dee Lyon Plant a billion trees

The Nature Conservancy has committed to planting a billion trees! Trees produce clean water, naturally filter the air and regulate our climate. We are in critical need of these services.

And trees are beautiful. The joy of being in a forest renews us.

Have you traveled anywhere in a car this year? How about a plane? If so, go to the National Forest Foundation's carbon footprint calculator and see how many trees need to be planted to offset your travel. To have the trees planted you can send the money to the National Forest Foundation, the Los Padres Forest Foundation or to the Nature Conservancy at plantabillion.org



*****Pre meeting Dinner*****
Ottavio's in Camarillo at 5:15 pm

Call **Nobuko McClure**
For Reservations (805) 482-0411
Reservation Deadline: 9:00 am
Day of General Meeting

CVAS Events

Everyone is welcome to attend any CVAS meeting or field trip. CVAS assumes no responsibility for injuries, personal or otherwise, incurred while attending a society-sponsored activity and will not be held liable for such accidents. One attends at one's own risk.

Happy Labor Day! No trip planned the weekend of August 31 – September 1

Sunday, September 8, 8:00-10:00 am Santa Clara River (The Nature Conservancy Hanson Property)

The Nature Conservancy has been restoring its 1,000-acre Hanson Property along the Santa Clara River since 2015. Formerly mined for sand and gravel, this private reserve near Santa Paula now boasts lush riparian habitat with coastal sage scrub and chaparral uplands. The site supports a diversity of birds, including various species of herons, egrets, ducks, sandpipers, woodpeckers, raptors, vireos, flycatchers and swallows. We may even spot a Yellow-breasted Chat, Loggerhead Shrike or Lawrence's Goldfinch. While predominantly flat, the terrain is uneven – please wear sturdy footwear. There are no water or restroom facilities. If you wish to carpool, meet at the Las Posas Park and Ride – we will leave promptly at 7:30 a.m. Otherwise, meet in front of the gate at 8:00 am at 1368 Mission Rock Road (yellow farm gate at the end of the road). Space is limited to fifteen. Please RSVP to fieldtrips@ConejoValleyAudubon.org, and you will be provided a link to complete the online waiver in advance. For logistics the morning of the trip, contact Angela at (805) 509-2777. Trip leader: Amy Davis, TNC naturalist.

Beginning Bird Walk Rancho Sierra Vista/ Satwiwa Wednesday September 11, 8:00 am

Conejo Valley Audubon invites birders of all experience levels to attend our monthly Beginner Bird Walks at Rancho Sierra Vista/ Satwiwa. These bird walks are held on the second Wednesday of the month. As usual, we will meet at 8:00 am at the main parking lot,

which is accessible off Lynn Road at Via Goleta in Newbury Park. Rancho Sierra Vista is an excellent place to see many of the oak woodlands birds that are common in the Conejo Valley area. We will take time to introduce beginning birders to these species and will teach the best techniques for identifying them. If you have binoculars please bring them. A few pairs of loaner binoculars will be available. Wear comfortable walking shoes. No sign-up is needed. Just show up. In the event of heavy rain we will cancel the walk. The walk leader will be Richard Armerding (310) 701-3878

Sunday, September 15, 8:00 am Arnold Road/ Ormond Beach

We will look for a variety of shorebirds at this excellent coastal location. There is a good chance of encountering Willets, Whimbrels, Black-necked Stilts, Black-bellied Plovers and other interesting birds. If we're lucky, we may spy endangered Western Snowy Plovers on the beach and Red-necked Phalaropes migrating through. We will also look for Peregrine Falcons, Ospreys, Loggerhead Shrikes, Savannah Sparrows and Blue-gray Gnatcatchers. Dress in layers as the morning may be chilly. Please bring a scope if you have one. This is an easy walk, though it may include traversing the beach. Directions: Exit Hwy 101 at Rice Avenue and go south. Continue to Hueneme Rd. and turn right. Take a left on Arnold Rd. and continue to the end of the road. Please note: Avoid leaving valuables in your car. There are portable restrooms at the beach entrance. To carpool meet at the Las Posas Road Park and Ride lot at 7:30 am. Trip leader: Linda Easter (818) 519-2833.

Sunday, September 22, 9:00 am Ventura Settling Ponds

Join trip leader Frank DeMartino as he leads us around the settling ponds in Ventura to scour for ducks, herons, grebes, raptors and sparrows. Frank enjoys birding the ponds and has much local knowledge of the species we can expect. This is an easy walk. Directions: Meet at the Las Posas Park and Ride to carpool at 8:30 am. Alternatively, meet at the harbor at 9 am, in the parking lot across the street from the ponds, where Spinnaker meets Angler Court. For more information, call Frank DeMartino (856) 906-8733.

**Sunday, September 29, 8:30 am
Pine Mountain**

The mountains are calling, so let's journey to Pine Mountain Ridge (over 7,000 ft elevation) in Ventura County. Target species include Brewer's, Black-chinned and Bell's Sparrows, Green-tailed Towhee, White-headed Woodpecker, Pacific-slope and Olive-sided Flycatcher, Western Wood-pewee, Red-breasted and Pygmy Nuthatch, Mountain Quail, Mountain Bluebird, Steller's Jay and Mountain Chickadee. There are limited facilities (vault toilets available at the campground) and no water on this trip. Please plan accordingly. Also, we may experience a wide range of temperatures on our approximately 2 mile hike, so be ready for both warm and crisp weather and rough terrain. Given the distance, we will be gone into the afternoon, so please also bring lunch/snacks. To carpool from Conejo Valley (carpooling suggested due to narrow, winding and occasionally rough roads): Meet at 7:00 a.m. at the Thousand Oaks Transit Center (aka Rancho Park and Ride), 265 South Rancho Road, Thousand Oaks. If you wish, you may meet the group at Pine Mountain Inn at 8:30 a.m. (just past Upper Hartman Ranch Road), located on the right side of the Hwy 33 (it is an abandoned inn/restaurant with a fence around it, but a great stop for sparrows, finches and perhaps Red-breasted Sapsucker). Trip leader is Dee Lyon (805) 427-0987.

Sandhill Cranes by Greg Evans
(brother of your editor)



Great Horned Owl (with owlet) by Steve Zamek



California Towhee by Don Klabunde

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Regular meetings are held on the first Monday evening of each month (except June, July, August) at the Western Foundation of Vertebrate Zoology, 439 Calle San Pablo, Camarillo at 7:30 pm, unless otherwise noted. **Everyone is welcome.** Take Pleasant Valley Road or Lewis Road to where they cross south of the 101 Freeway. Go west to the second street, Calle San Pablo. Turn right. The Foundation is the fifth building on the left.

The Western Foundation of Vertebrate Zoology is a non-profit organization founded in 1956 to promote the study and conservation of birds and other vertebrates. The organization makes contributions in the areas of natural history collections, original research, and conservation.

The *Roadrunner* is published monthly except July and August by the Conejo Valley Audubon Society. It is sent to paid CVAS members only. Members are invited to submit articles, announcements, letters, photos, and drawings for publication consideration. Copy deadline is the 5th of the month. Send items to Gary Evans, 29 Sabra Ave., Oak Park, Calif. 91377-1126 or by E-mail: GaryE@ConejoValleyAudubon.org.

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