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CALENDAR

Dec. 20, all day
Christmas Bird Count

Jan. 4, 7:30 pm
General Meeting via zoom
see easy instructions →

Jan. 19, 7:00 pm
Board Meeting via zoom
everyone's welcome
contact Richard for invite



Osprey
Don Klabunde

CVAS MEETINGS IN THE TIME OF COVID

For health and safety, we will be conducting our CVAS Monthly Programs online using Zoom, which is a computer tool that allows you to meet with other people online. Zoom can be used on a computer, tablet or smartphone. We will send out an email prior to each meeting with instructions for joining the meeting. If you have never used Zoom before, you may wish to watch this video for some tips:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9isp3qPeQ0E>

The link to join the Monthly Programs is: <https://zoom.us/j/6155249106>

When you join the meeting, you will be able to hear and see the presenter on your computer. If your computer has a microphone and camera, you will also be given the choice of whether other meeting participants can hear or see you. However, in most cases we will be muting all meeting participants except for the presenter.

JANUARY MONTHLY PROGRAM BATS OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Jill Carpenter has been working with and studying bats for 16 years. She currently works as a biological consultant throughout Southern California on projects (such as bridge widening, seismic retrofits, and culvert replacement) where there is potential for impacts to bats and bat habitat. Over the past several years she has expanded her experience to include surveying abandoned mines for bats. She also works on research projects studying the ecology of Southern California bats, with an emphasis



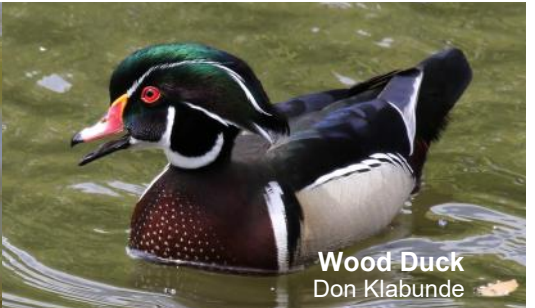
on bats in urban settings and along the urban-wildland interface. In addition to her work in California, she has also studied bats in other parts of the world including spending three summers studying the bats of the Sinai Peninsula, Egypt, and participating in a research study on fish-eating bats in the Gulf of California, Mexico. Finally, her background in outdoor education helps her to promote bat knowledge to the public through educational programs, public talks, and workshops.

JANUARY 2021 BIRDING TRIP NEWS

Due to uncertain COVID 19 restrictions, as of the time of publication, there are no organized trips scheduled for the month of January. If you do venture out, join only those people you live with and don't get close to anyone else. **Be safe. Stay healthy.**



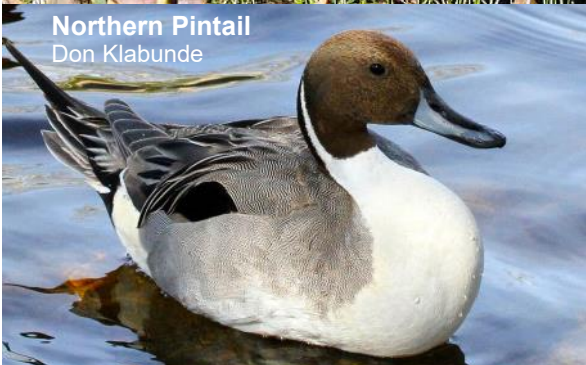
Blue-winged Teal female
Don Klabunde



Wood Duck
Don Klabunde



Eurasian Wigeon
CS Klabunde



Northern Pintail
Don Klabunde

Here are a few nice ducks to look for this winter.



Ring-necked Duck
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Green-winged Teal
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Gadwall
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Cinnamon Teal
Don Klabunde

REMEMBERING BOB SAKAMOTO 1934-2020

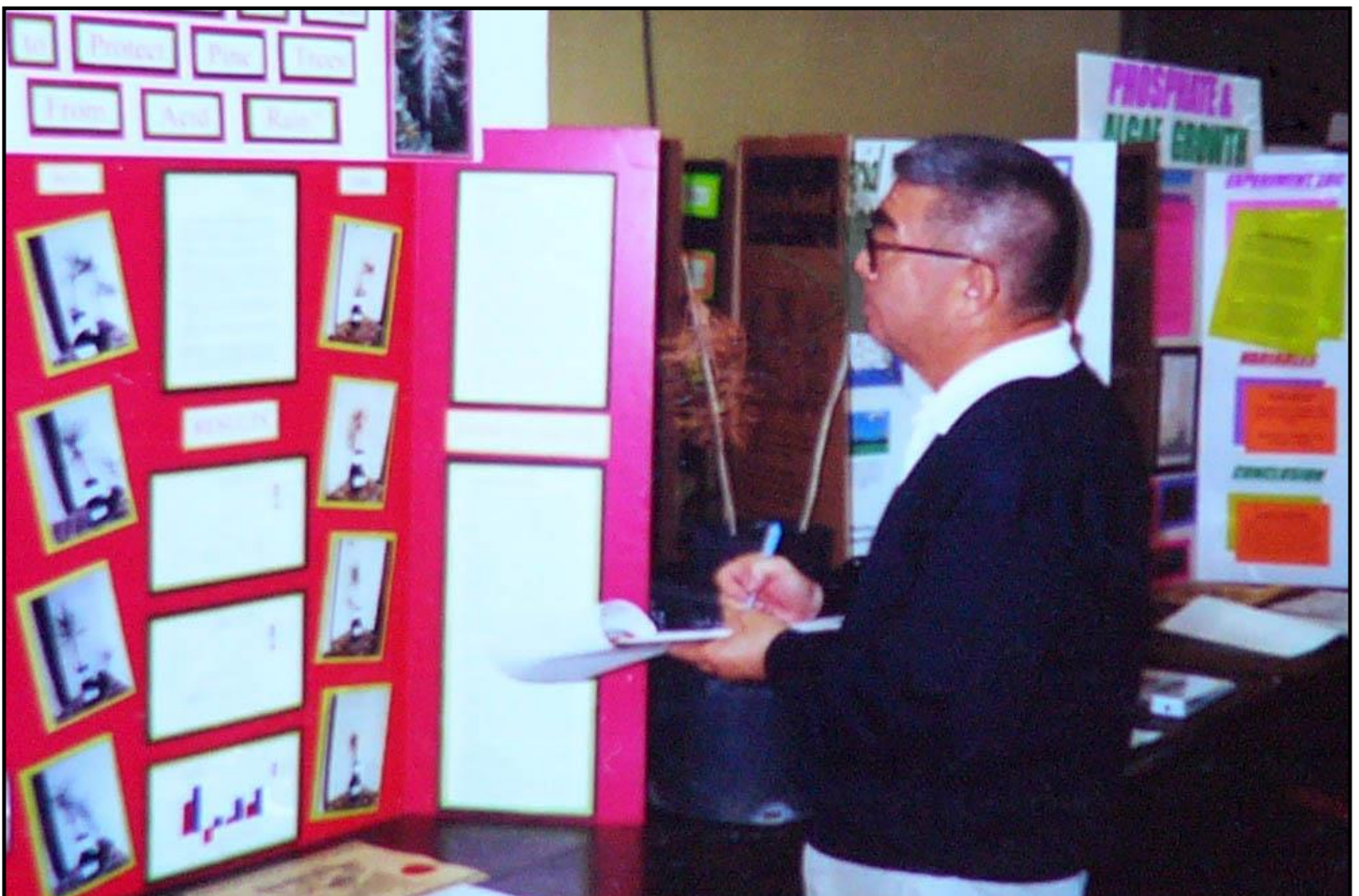
We are saddened to bring you the news that Robert Sakamoto passed away on October 8th last year. Some of you will remember that Bob was our first CVAS webmaster. He spearheaded the CVAS presence on the web designing and hosting our website. Before our newsletter was not available on the website, Carol Langford recalls that people were skeptical about making this a possibility. She said, "When Bob heard the request, he was quick to agree and then quick to make it happen." Bob also served as a science fair judge on behalf of CVAS for several years running. He always enjoyed this event. He also established and moderated VenturaCoBirding, our county's place to look for rare bird sightings.

It was no surprise that Bob was interested in helping out with a website that dealt with "flying things" His background was in electrical engineering and over the span of his career he established a missile laboratory test facility to evaluate vulnerability and designed several laboratory test devices. He received numerous accolades for his work in the field of electronic warfare, developing jamming and anti-jamming techniques for radars and missiles.

Everyone who knew Bob Sakamoto would agree with Carol Langford as she recounted "He was a gem to work with, a quiet man with a smile and a sense of humor. He often preferred to be the quiet, steady person in the background but was a very willing and skillful worker on the behalf of CVAS.

Bob is survived by his wife Sheila who served as social chair for CVAS for several years. Sheila always worked hard to make the annual dinner a beautiful and welcoming event. The two were quite a team as they worked to make CVAS a better organization.

Bob Sakamoto's contributions to CVAS will forever be appreciated. Please watch the calendar for a future bird walk in honor of Mr. Sakamoto...



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EVERYONE IS WELCOME. Under normal circumstances, meetings would be held on the first Monday evening of each month (second Monday when the first one's a holiday) at 7:30 pm, at the Western Foundation of Vertebrate Zoology, 439 Calle San Pablo, Camarillo, CA. Directions: from the corner of Pleasant Valley Road and Lewis Road in Camarillo, go west to the second street, Calle San Pablo, and 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 and dedicated to the study of birds and their habitats. As a world-class natural history collection, they have long made significant contributions to original research, and conservation. They also accept contributions. Visit WVZ.org

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Please enroll me as a member of Conejo Valley Audubon Society. I have enclosed \$20 for a family membership. (An additional gift of \$25.00, \$50.00, \$75.00, \$100.00 or any amount would also be greatly appreciated.)

Make check payable to CVAS for membership at \$20.00 plus donation \$? equals a total of \$ _____

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