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CALENDAR

Jan. 19, 7:00 pm

Board Meeting via zoom
everyone's welcome
contact Richard for invite

Feb. 1, 7:30 pm

Monthly Program via zoom
see easy instructions 



Great Horned Owl
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.

FEBRUARY MONTHLY PROGRAM A "DO-IT-YOURSELF" BIRDING TOUR THROUGH SPAIN



White Stork
Bonnie Clarfield-Bylin

What do you do when your precious camera breaks halfway through a five-week adventure? When in Spain, you drown your sorrows with red wine and lift your spirits with tapas and sangria. You continue with one less thing to carry during outings, but with the reflection of how glad you are that your trip plan included some of the best birding in Europe.

CVAS member, naturalist and world birder Bonnie Clarfield-Bylin will take you on a bird-centric journey through the interesting regions of Spain she and her husband Stephen encountered as they journeyed in a clockwise circuit along the perimeter of the country from Catalonia through Andalusia to the Extremadura before the camera failed. The northern perimeter of Spain will need a do-over!

Since her retirement as a National Park Service Park Ranger, Bonnie has become an experienced travel planner. She has arranged do-it-yourself nature-oriented trips to Columbia, Vietnam, Brazil, Ireland, Scotland, Florida, Arizona and Texas among others, and looks forward to traveling in search of birds and wild-places again



Eurasian Griffon Vulture
Bonnie Clarfield-Bylin

FEBRUARY BIRDING TRIP NEWS

Due to uncertain COVID 19 restrictions, as of the time of publication, there are no organized CVAS trips scheduled for the month of February. Check with Richard Armerding, close to Wednesday, February 10th, to see if his Beginner Bird Walk will take place on that day. **Be safe. Stay healthy.**



Greater Flamingo
Bonnie Clarfield-Bylin

JANUARY MONTHLY PROGRAM FOLLOW-UP

BATS OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WITH JILL CARPENTER

Jill adds: "I forgot to include some links for bat field guides/resources (that was a great question that I've never been asked before). This small company sells a lot of great books about bats: <https://www.batgoods.com/categorybooks-6/>. The Merlin Tuttle *Bats: An Illustrated Guide to All Species* is a gorgeous small coffee-table type book, but covers all bats worldwide so it is not handy as a field guide, but fascinating and beautiful in its own right.

And this pamphlet guide (I have a copy) is a great resource for bat ID and species facts: <https://www.batgoods.com/item/Bats-Of-Western-North-America-1426>



The Peterson Field Guide *Mammals of North America* (I have the 4th Edition, and I'm not sure if there is a newer one) has a good bat section, in addition to being a great general mammal guide.

Hopefully someday soon we will have a "Bats of California" book, since right now a person has to get a book that covers western North America or all of North America to get a book about our local bats. In the meantime, I hope this helps those in your group who were interested in resources."

A NOTE FROM YOUR EDITOR:

There is also the Kaufman Focus Guides version of *Mammals of North America*.

CONSERVATION

LOOKING FORWARD HOPEFULLY TO A NEW YEAR

I'm sitting at my computer on the last day of a year that defies description. I will be glad to see it end. Good things have happened this year, though; it just seems harder to remember them sometimes.

In 2020 the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA passed in 1919) was in jeopardy as the federal government proposed changes that would effectively gut this 100+ year old law. In response the National Audubon Society, National Wildlife Federation, Cornell Lab of Ornithology and other environmental groups as well as thousands of individuals vigorously opposed the changes, putting their opposition into words and public comment. In August, U.S. District Judge Valerie Caproni issued a ruling striking down the governments opinion that the MBTA did not prohibit "incidental take," a term for the unintentional but foreseeable and avoidable injury or killing of birds, often through industrial activity. In practical terms, British Petroleum would no doubt not have had to pay for the catastrophe to birds and wild life from the Deep-water Horizon explosion.

This past spring, in our own backyard, the Los Padres Forest from highway 33 to Reyes Peak has been threatened with an extensive logging plan. In information released by the Los Padres Forest Watch "The Forest Service announced plans to selectively log old-growth forest and clear chaparral across 755 acres deep in the Ventura County backcountry. The agency quietly released the proposal in late May amid a pandemic, economic crisis, and period of civil unrest, offering the public a single 30-day period to submit comments. Officials indicated that they hope to use a loophole to approve the project without an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement." The federal government was surprised by the large number of people who took the time to comment on this project and actually extended the public comment period by several months. While this project is still in the works, it is hoped that the incoming administration will actively work to roll back the legal loopholes that threaten an area of such importance as the Los Padres Forest.

As individuals we can and do make a difference. As part of your New Years resolutions this year read the local and national news, write to your congressmen, communicate with your local representatives of governmental agencies, maintain an active watch over what is important to you. It is never enough to say someone else will take care of it.



Mountain Quail
CS Klabunde



Green-tailed Towhee
CS Klabunde

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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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or mail in this

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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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