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CALENDAR

Sep 13, 7:30 pm

Monthly Program via zoom

Show & Tell

see easy instructions



Sep 4, 8:00 am

Santa Clara River Estuary

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Sep 12, 8:00 am

Laguna Tams

see page 2

Sep 15, 8:00 am

Beginner Bird Walk

check with Richard

Sep 18, 8:00 am

Mugu Lagoon and

lower Sycamore Canyon

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Sep 21, 7:00 pm

CVAS Board Meeting

ask Richard for Zoom link

Sep 26, 8:00 am

Camino Real Park

see page 2



Cactus Wren
Don Klabunde

CVAS MEETINGS IN THE TIME OF COVID

Due to the ongoing threat of covid variants, we will for the time being, continue 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.

SEPTEMBER MONTHLY PROGRAM

MEMBER SHOW & TELL

Each September, our first meeting of the season is dedicated to the birding trips and adventures of our members, so you are invited to submit your recent, or not-so-recent photos. As has become our habit, this year's Show & Tell will be again conducted over Zoom. Those of you who wish to share your photos, please contact Don Klabunde at username **Photographer** plus [@ConejoValleyAudubon.org](https://www.instagram.com/ConejoValleyAudubon.org) for instructions and the link where you can upload your files. You will be able to narrate your show during the Zoom meeting.



Various Exotic Birds Terry Baltimore, CS Klabunde

SEPTEMBER BIRDING TRIPS



Townsend's Warbler
Don Klabunde

Sept 4, 8:00 am - Santa Clara River Estuary with Kay Register - Park in the Surfer's Knoll lot or along the street. Lots of shorebirds, water birds, gulls etc.

Sept 12, 8:00 am - Laguna Tams - with Frank DeMartino - Park along Laguna Road, walk very carefully and watch the traffic! Hopefully lots of warblers will be waiting.

Sept 16, 8:00 am - Mugu Lagoon and lower **Sycamore Canyon** with Matthew Page - Meet at the big lagoon turnout on PCH. There should be water birds, ducks and raptors. Then to lower Sycamore Canyon, famous for vagrants, warblers and raptors.

Sept 26, 8:00 am - Camino Real Park in Ventura with Dee Lyon - Hopefully some vagrant warblers will appear as well as the usual cast of characters.

Please bring water, a snack, bug repellent and a jacket. **YOU MUST WEAR A MASK! RAIN CANCELS**

Everyone is welcome to attend any Conejo Valley Audubon field trip, but Conejo Valley Audubon assumes no responsibility for injuries, personal or otherwise, incurred while attending a CVAS sponsored activity and in order to attend, all attendees agree that CVAS is not liable for such accidents. Everyone attends at their own risk.

PROPOSED FIELD TRIPS for the rest of the 2021-22 SEASON

Additional volunteer leaders are needed to lead trips. Tentative field trips are listed below, so please call Dee Lyon at 805-427-0987 and leave a message saying which trip you might be able to lead. **THANKS**

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| Oct 10, Sun – Canada Larga Road | Feb 13, Sun – Santa Barbara hotspots |
| Oct 16, Sat – Hill Canyon
Bonnie Clarfield-Bylin | Feb 19, Sat – Malibu Lagoon |
| Oct 24, Sun – Bob Killdee Tams | Feb 27, Sun – Malibu Creek State Park |
| Oct 30, Sat – Ventura Settling Ponds | Mar 5, Sat – Arroyo Verde Park |
| Nov 7, Sun – Saticoy Ponds | Mar 13, Sun – Rustic Canyon/ Happy Camp
Don Klabunde |
| Nov 12, Fri – Pt Mugu Naval Base | Mar 19, Sat – Wind Wolves |
| Nov 21, Sun – Conejo Valley Botanic Garden
David Person | Mar 27, Sun – Tejon Ranch |
| Nov 27, Sat – Sierra Vista | Apr 2, Sat – Soule Park |
| Dec 5, Sun – Sepulveda Basin | Apr 10, Sun – Sisar Canyon |
| Dec 11, Sat – Paramount Ranch | Apr 16, Sat – Sierra Vista |
| Dec 19, Sun – Christmas Bird Count? | Apr 24, Sun – Salton Sea |
| Dec 27, Mon – Cheseboro Canyon | Apr 30, Sat – Wheeler Gorge
Matthew Page |
| Jan 2, Sun – Gillette Ranch | May 7, Sat – Lake Piru (Sun is Mother's Day) |
| Jan 8, Sat – Calif. Lutheran College | May 15, Sun – Lake Sherwood
Mary Hansen?? |
| Jan 16, Sun – Calif State Univ Channel Islands | May 28, Sat – Hopper Mt Condor Refuge |
| Jan 22, Sat – Pt Mugu Naval Base | June 4, Sat – Annual Picnic |
| Jan 30, Sun – Lake Casitas | June 11 and 12, Sat and Sun – Big Bear Lake |
| Feb 5, Sat – Carrizo Plains | |

CONSERVATION

WHAT CAN I DO?

Every day we read about the state of this Planet, our Island Home, and what we are doing to bring Mother Nature to her knees. It's not easy to stay positive when we learn that three billion birds have been lost since 1970, that climate change is threatening the polar bears of the Arctic regions, and that the humans of these same areas are seeing their lives and livelihoods threatened almost to the point of extinction. So, what can one do as a single individual who cares? In truth, there are hundreds of small acts that collectively can make a difference. Participation is required, however.

There is a website, <https://healthplanet.com/100-ways-to-heal-the-planet>, that offers tips to help you get started. As an example, they address noise pollution which they define as unwanted or excessive sound that can have negative effects on human health and environmental quality. It's as easy as turning off electronics and appliances when not in use. Studies are now showing that noise pollution can be responsible for the delayed nesting of some birds whose songs are at a lower frequency and thus more difficult to hear through low-frequency human noise.

Volunteer for a local organization or cause that aligns with what is important to you. Be the person that volunteers to bring a trash bag on a walk to pick up litter. Your example can be an inspiration to others.



Klabundes' front yard

Participate in Conejo Valley Audubon's Lawns to Habitat program. We are facing a deepening drought that could eventually threaten our ability to turn on the water faucet for a simple drink of water. By replacing that expanse of water sucking grass with native plants, you are not only doing your part to reduce water usage, but you are creating a bird friendly habitat that supports the native bugs that in turn supports the local birds.

These are just a few of the hundred ways to help. Many of these practices are easy to integrate into the activities of daily living. Think globally, act locally and inspire others to do the same.

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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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To join **CONEJO VALLEY AUDUBON SOCIETY** please visit www.ConejoValleyAudubon.org or mail in this

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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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