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**General Meeting October 3
7:30 pm Western Foundation**

More Adventures of Guy Commeau

Naturalist and photographer Guy Commeau is back with the second installment of his popular program on the wonders to be found right here in the state of California. Although his travels have included New Zealand, Nepal, Alaska, Peru and his native France, he says he loves California the best. An excellent photographer with an artistic bent, he will entertain us with his exciting stories and photographs.

In 1991, Guy wrote *Mammals and Countries of the World: A Checklist*, which organized the mammals of the world much as the famous Clements checklist did for birds. He is now retired from the restaurant business and is a docent at the LAZoo ... when he's not on the road.



Chrystal Klabunde / Yellow-billed Magpie

**Audubon Adventures Day
Saturday October 22, 9:00am to 1:00pm
Rancho Sierra Vista –Satwiwa**

The Conejo Valley Audubon Society presents a free program involving birdwalks, activities, the Reptile Society, the Raptor Society and other fun adventures. Park in the main lot and follow directional signs to the event location. All ages welcome. **National Park Service** info: (805)-370-2301. CVAS info: **Thelma Williams (805)-492-2796.**

Bird Habitat Workshops

Conejo Valley Audubon is presenting two Change Your Yard to a Wildlife Habitat Workshops on Saturday, October 15 and on Sunday, October 30. It will be a hands-on, step by step demonstration of how to provide food, cover and water to our birds, using California Native Plants. Each participant will receive their own California Native Plant, and a plan to start a garden. Cost is \$25 per person. Workshop is limited to 12 participants. Call **Dee Lyon** for a reservation at **805-499-2165.**

Conservation Column By Dee Lyon

Six More Things That Are Recyclable (as presented on earth911.com)

1. Nope, you didn't read that wrong. Human hair is compostable and recyclable. Hair from your hairbrush or fur from your pet are full of useful nitrogen that can be thrown in the compost pile.

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CALENDAR

October

1	8:00 am	Field Trip: Hill Canyon
3	5:15 pm	Pre meeting Dinner: Ottavio's
3	7:30 pm	General Meeting Western Foundation
8	12:00 pm	Field Trip (New Series) Arroyo Verde Park
9	8:30 am	Field Trip: Canada Larga Road
13	9:00 am	Beginner's Bird Walk
15	9:00 am	Build your Bird Habitat Workshop
22	9:00 am	Audubon Adv.Day: Rancho Sierra Vista
29	7:45 am	Field Trip: Ventura Ponds
30	9:00 am	Build your Bird Habitat Workshop

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.

Board Meeting Notice

The October Board Meeting will be held on Monday, October 17. All CVAS members are invited to attend monthly CVAS Board Meetings. Meetings start at 7:00 pm and are held in the home of a board member with meeting locations varying monthly. Please contact CVAS Secretary, **Gary Evans** at (805) 231-5692 or GaryE@ConejoValleyAudubon.org for meeting location and directions.

Field Trips

The times specified are departure times – **be sure to arrive 15 min earlier**. Try to carpool whenever possible and don't forget to offer the driver gas money!
RAIN CANCELS!

Saturday, October 1st Hill Canyon

Meet at the Santa Rosa Park, over the bridge and into the Park in Hill Canyon on Santa Rosa Road at 8:00am. Look for the sign for the water treatment plant. Expect goldfinches, sparrows, doves, wrens, Phainopeplas, and yellow-rumped warblers. Trip Leader is **Jean Hulberg (805) 491-2666**.

Saturday, October 8th, Noon Arroyo Verde Park

Another month, another picnic. This time we will be at scenic Arroyo Verde Park. After lunch, we'll set out on some of the easier trails around the park. Bring your lunch and meet us in the parking lot at noon. There is a fee to park there, so be prepared. Anyone coming from south of Ventura is welcome to carpool from Las Posas and meet us at the park. **Leader is Frank DeMartino (856) 906-8733**.

Sunday, October 9th Canada Larga Road

Meet at the start of the road after the exit from Hwy 33 at 8:30am. Bring water and lunch. Birds we will look for include black-headed and blue grosbeaks, warblers, orioles, Costa's hummingbird, Lewis woodpeckers, lazuli buntings, western bluebirds, and barn owls. Trip leader is **John Pavelco (805) 640-9040**.

Thursday, October 13th Beginner's Bird Walk

Second Thursday of each month. Call **Angie Kobabe (818) 991-4055** between 9:00 am and 9:00 pm to let her know you are coming and to find out where it will be held. Rain or temperatures above 90 degrees will cancel.

Saturday, October 15th Build your Bird Habitat Workshop at Carol and Bill Langford's

Please see Page 1 for reservation details.

Saturday, October 22nd Audubon Adventures Day: Rancho Sierra Vista – Satwiwa

Please see Page 1 for event details.

Saturday, October 29th Ventura Settling Ponds

Meet at 7:45am at the Las Posas Park & Ride. These ponds are always good for many duck species plus gulls, Sora, moorhens, grebes, herons, common yellowthroats, swallows, and wrens. A spotting scope is very helpful. Trip leader is **Dee Lyon (805) 499-2165**.

Sunday, October 30th Build your Bird Habitat Workshop At Linda and Darryl Easter's

Please see Page 1 for reservation details.

2011-2012 Field Trips MARK THEM ON YOUR CALANDAR BUT CHECK THE NEWSLETTER TO BE SURE

Please call the trip leader in advance to learn of any changes to the field trip plans. Volunteer trip leaders are needed to lead trips marked with an (*). Please call **Dee Lyon at (805) 499-2165**. Trips alternate Sat and Sun. October – December field trips appeared in last month's newsletter.

TBD, Dec/Jan CLU & Surrounding Open Areas

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| Jan 7, Sat | Sierra Vista |
| Jan 15, Sun | Santa Clara River Estuary (*) |
| Jan 20, Fri | Pt. Mugu Navy Base (Must Reserve) |
| Jan 22, Sun | Seal Beach Wildlife Refuge (Must Reserve) |
| Jan 29, Sun | Gillette Ranch (*) |
| Feb 4, Sat | Carrizo Plains |
| Feb 12, Sun | Lake Casitas (*) |
| Feb 18, Sat | Santa Barbara Hotspots (*) |
| Feb 26/27, Sat/Sun | Photography Workshop (reserve with Don Klabunde) |
| Feb 27, Sun | Shorebird workshop at SCRE |

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Field Trip Reports

Santa Clara River Estuary by Dee Lyon Saturday, September 3rd

About 14 of us hiked in from Surfer's Knoll Saturday morning September 3rd in light fog and pretty cold air. We found ourselves among 70 Snowy Plovers with a cooperative Sanderling among them, then managed to see Long-billed Curlew, Whimbrel, Greater Yellowlegs, Western Sandpipers, Willet, DC Cormorants, Brown Pelicans, huge rafts of Western Grebes, Pied-billed Grebes, Eared Grebes, Red-necked Phalaropes, lots of Western Gulls, California, Ring-billed and Heerman's Gulls, Peregrine Falcon, Northern Rough-winged, Cliff, Barn and Tree Swallows, Mallards, Ruddy Ducks, Gadwalls, Black-crowned Night Herons, House Finches and Savannah Sparrows. Some folks went on to the Ventura Harbor for the Black and American Oystercatchers, Black Turnstones, Surfbirds, while some of us charged off to Canada Larga, where Kay Regester and Mary Hanson had staked out the **Scissor-tail Flycatcher**. Nearby were several Mockingbirds and three Loggerhead Shrikes, Kestrels, Western Bluebirds, Black Phoebe, Turkey Vultures, Red-tailed Hawks, Cassin's Kingbird, Mourning and Eurasian Collared Doves, Scrub Jays, Acorn and Nuttall's Woodpeckers.

2011-2012 Field Trips

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Mar 3/4, Sat/Sun	Wind Wolves
Mar 10, Sat	Flower Walk
Mar 18, Sun	Rustic Canyon/Happy Camp (*)
Mar 25, Sun	Private Property (*)
Mar 31, Sat	Arroyo Verde Park (*)
April 7, Sat	Sisar Canyon (*)
April 15, Sun	Sierra Vista (*)
April 21, Sat	Ojai Meadows (*)
April 29, Sat	Tejon Ranch (*)
May 5/6, Sat/Sun	Butterbrecht Springs and Galileo Hills (*)
May 12, Sat	Wheeler Gorge (*)
May 20, Sun	Malibu Creek State Park (*)
May 26, Sat	Pine Mountain (*)
June 3, Sun	CVAS Annual Picnic

Conservation Column

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Donating your hair could help clean up future oil spills. San Francisco nonprofit Matter of Trust collects human and pet hair to create booms that soak up oil. Currently, warehouses are full, but you can be placed on the email alert list when the need arrives again.

2. Donating jeans to Goodwill is always a great option. But if they're too raggedy, they can be recycled into cool products. Companies like Green Jeans Insulation and Bonded Logic manufacture insulation products from recycled denim and cotton fibers. Green Jeans Insulation recycles jeans into natural fiber insulation used for interior and exterior walls and ceiling applications.

3. Wine really is a zero-waste beverage. Its bottle can be recycled in a glass program, and ReCORK America has drop-off locations for corks at local Whole Foods stores. The best part is that wine itself can encourage the composting process. So, if you have any left over, toss it in the bin!

4. Cotton is also fodder for the compost bin. Cotton balls, cotton swabs (as long as the handle is made of cardboard), lint from the dryer and even old shredded cotton and wool clothing can all go in your compost bin.

5. National Crayon Recycle Program has diverted more than 47,000 pounds of crayons from landfills. The company has drop-off bins nationwide and a mail-back option. The program accepts unwanted and broken crayons for recycling into new crayons.

6. ReSurf Recycling recycles all surfboards and surfboard manufacturing waste materials into numerous products including asphalt and concrete for paving city roads.

Annual CVAS Membership Dues Reminder

As a reminder to all members, CVAS membership dues now match our activity year. The current membership year runs from September 2011 to August 2012. So for most members – those who last renewed or joined prior to January 2011 – your dues for our next activity year are now due and payable using the CVAS Membership Application on page 4 of this newsletter. If you have questions about when your membership ends, please contact the membership secretary at membership@conejovalleyaudubon.org.

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**Yes, You Can Help CVAS
This Season.
Please Volunteer!**

If you look to your immediate left, you'll see our list of Officers and Committee Chairs. Once again, we have openings that we hope you will consider volunteering for. The three openings include: Vice President, Field Trip Coordinator and Special Events.

If you can help why not let **Carol Langford** know of your interest.

Regular meetings are held on the first Monday evening of each month 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 Charlie Lucas, 465 Havenside Ave., Newbury Park, CA 91320, or by E-mail: newsletter@ConejoValleyAudubon.org.

NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION **C1ZC230Z**

Please enroll me as a member of the National Audubon Society. I have enclosed \$20 (\$15 for seniors and students), payable to **National Audubon Society**, for an introductory membership.

Mail it to: National Audubon Society, P. O. Box 422250, Palm Coast, FL 32142-2250

Renewing memberships should be sent to National Audubon with the renewal form and envelope you receive.

For questions regarding national membership status call: National Audubon Customer Service 1-800-274-4201

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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CONEJO VALLEY AUDUBON SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please enroll me as a member of Conejo Valley Audubon Society. I have enclosed \$20 for a family membership.

Additional Gift: ___\$25.00 ___\$50.00 ___\$75.00 ___\$100.00 \$_____ Other _____

Membership \$ _____ Donation \$ _____ Total (check payable to CVAS) \$ _____

Mail to: CVAS, P.O. Box 4782, Thousand Oaks, CA 91359 Newsletter will be sent by E-mail.

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