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General Meeting, October 6th 7:30 pm Western Foundation Muriel Horacek

Muriel Horacek will present the talk "Sex at the LA Zoo."

After her marriage Muriel lived for seventeen years in Aruba in Peru, Benghazi in Libya and in Brussels. More recently she has become involved in Earthwatch and participated in thirty-five expeditions. She spoke to us about them in 2003.

She has birded India, Papua New Guinea and twelve countries in Central and South America. She is now a docent at the Los Angeles Zoo and gives tours to school children.

She will discuss how the zoo decides on mating partners as well as where non-breeding animals are kept. She will describe the weird and mischievous animals at the LA Zoo.

Lawns to Habitat Grant Update

We have Landscape Designer **Tricia Monroe** on board to do a design for our grant winner. She will also do consultations with others to get as many habitats as possible going this year.

Noticing brown lawns in your neighborhood? Homeowners associations can no longer fine residents who fail to water their lawns during droughts. They can fine owners if the yard is unkempt (weeds three feet high). CVAS is planning to handout our Lawns to Habitat information to these folks, in the hopes they can be induced to growing native plants for the birds.

California Civil Code 4735 says that provisions of the CC&R's that prohibit the use of low water-using plants are void and unenforceable. Now this is a law that we should all tell other folks about.

There are two YouTube videos to watch:
"Starting a Native Plan Garden During a Drought"

<http://tinyurl.com/pv4ofgn>

"Songbird Gardening with Native Plants"

<http://tinyurl.com/ludc52n>

We plan to install a Demonstration Garden and are talking with Conejo Park and Recreation to determine a location. Finally, we will have our cedar BIRD HABITAT signs for sale at our meeting for \$20.

Dee

CALENDAR

October

4	8:30 am	Lake Casitas
6	5:15 pm	Pre-meeting Dinner: D'Amore's Pizza
6	7:30 pm	General Meeting Western Foundation
9	9:00 am	Beginner's Bird Walk
11	8:00 am	Ojai Meadows
18		Birdfest at King Gillette Ranch
18	8:00 am	Laguna Tams and Oxnard Plain
25		Tejon Ranch

***** Pre-meeting Dinner*****

D'Amore's Pizza at 5:15 pm
300 N. Lantana Camarillo

Call Nobuko McClure
For Reservations (805) 482-0411
Reservations 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.

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 4th Lake Casitas

There will be lots of walking, so wear comfortable shoes and bring snacks and water. Bring scopes if you have them! Target birds will include: the resident Bald Eagles, Green Heron, Chipping and Lark Sparrows, Common Merganser and Spotted Sandpiper.

Time is 8:30 am if not carpooling.

To carpool, meet at Las Posas Park & Ride (located off Las Posas exit, just south of the 101 freeway) at 7:30 am. Directions: Take Hwy 33 towards Ojai and exit at Casitas Vista Rd. Make two right turns and then go under the freeway past Foster Park to first right, which is Santa Ana Rd. Follow Santa Ana Rd. to the park on the left. Park in front and we will walk into the park.
Leader: Kay Regester (805) 652-1073

Thursday, October 9th Beginner's Bird Walk

Second Thursday of each month. **Call Angie Kobab (818) 991-4055** between 9:00 am and 10:00 pm to learn the location and let her know you are coming. Time is 9:00 am.

Sunday, October 11th Ojai Meadows

Ojai Meadows is a jewel of woodland, meadow and marsh that is continuously being restored with native grasses, flowers and other plants. Our trip will be led by Jesse Grantham, who frequently birds this location and is intimately familiar with local species and where to find them.

We expect to see Bluebirds, Kingbirds, Phoebe, Meadowlarks, marsh birds and birds native to the local oak woodlands. We may also see some interesting fall migrants. Directions: Meet at the Las Posas Park and Ride to carpool to the preserve at 7 am. Alternatively, meet us at the preserve at 8 am. You may park in the Nordhoff High School parking lot and walk the short distance to the preserve entrance. Leader: Jesse Grantham (Note: Jesse will not be at the Las Posas Park and Ride, but rather will meet the group at 8:00 am at the preserve)

Saturday, October 18th Laguna Tams and Oxnard Plain

We will visit the Laguna Tams, noted for producing a wide variety of migrating vireos and sparrows. Then we will try the sod fields for pipits and plovers. We will then work our way down Arnold Road, where we can find warblers, sparrows and perhaps something completely unexpected.

Meet at the Las Posas Park and Ride at 8:00 am. Trip leader is Linda Easter (805) 482-7537

Sunday, October 25th Tejon Ranch

The Tejon Ranch encompasses the largest single privately held track of land in the state of California. It is uniquely situated at the convergence of the Mojave, the Sierra Nevada, the Central Valley and the Transverse Ranges, where the differing habitats allow a high degree of biodiversity. The members of the Tejon Ranch Conservancy are always gracious and eager to share this unique habitat.

Previous trips have included memorable looks at Golden Eagles, Ferruginous and Swainson's Hawks, Scott's Oriole, Ladder-backed Woodpecker, quail, warblers, vireo, sparrows and plenty more. We also stand a good chance of seeing reintroduced Pronghorn.

We will drive up Interstate 5 to Highway 138, where we will meet with conservancy docents who will lead us on this trip. Plan for the possibility of cool weather. There are no facilities once on the ranch, so please pack a picnic lunch and plenty of water. This trip requires pre-registration.

Trip limit: 12 Please email fieldtrips@conejovalleyaudubon.org for more info and to sign up.

Sunday, January 18th
Seal Beach National Wildlife Refuge

CVAS will again be organizing a field trip to Seal Beach National Wildlife Refuge. The tour is scheduled 8 am to about noon on Sunday, January 18th; we have a pretty good high tide about 8 am. Please email your interest in participating to me, mzarky@earthlink.net soon, as the twenty slots always fill up quickly once I post it on the list-serves, perhaps late in October.

Michael Zarky

King Gillette Ranch Birdfest
October 18th

Join us on October 18th for all or any part of the day at the Santa Monica Mountains King Gillette Ranch Visitor Center. This will be our first ever Birdfest at this location.

The activities begin at 9:30 am and end at 4 pm. They will include birdwalks for families and dynamic presenters, including Don Klabunde speaking at noon on "Birds of the Santa Monica Mountains."

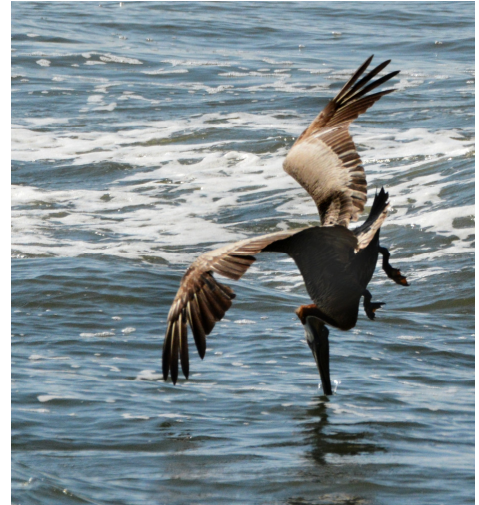
CVAS will have a "Native Plants for Native Birds" information table. The event is free and open to the public. No reservations are required. Contact Carol Langford at 360-742-6059 or via email at berry50@yahoo.com for more information.

New Members

Catherine Beall	Wayne and Brooke Schick
Randal Huffman	Jean Saris
Barbara Rinehart	Karen Rusch

Donors

Darryl and Linda Easter	Dee Lyon
Richard and Lynn Engelbert	Kay Regester
Jim and Martha Ford	Carolyn Palmer
Carolyn Greene	Wendy Gregson
Randal Huffman	Barbara Eichberger



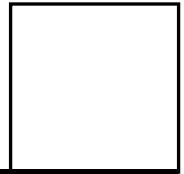
Pelican Dive by Jean Kohut



Red-shouldered Hawk by Don Klabunde



Caspian Tern by Jean Kohut

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Volunteer Needed

Please contact the board if you would like to serve in the open position of membership chair.

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.

NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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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

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

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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) \$_____

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