



# ROADRUNNER

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### General Meeting, November 3<sup>rd</sup> 7:30 pm Western Foundation

Sandor Havasi and Marilyn Fordney are the founders of the Havasi Wilderness Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to heightening of awareness and appreciation of the natural environment. They will give a DVD presentation of “Costa Rica Wildlife Adventures.” Join us on this exciting adventure as we explore plants, birds, mammals and more from Costa Rica’s tropical landscapes.

\*\*\* Pre-meeting Dinner\*\*\*  
D’Amore’s Pizza at 5:15 pm  
300 N. Lantana Camarillo

Call Nobuko McClure  
For Reservations (805) 482-1411  
Reservations Deadline: 9:00 am  
Day of General Meeting

### CALENDAR

#### November

1	8:00 am	Hedrick’s Ranch
3	5:15 pm	pre-meeting dinner D’Amore’s
4	7:30 pm	General Meeting Western Foundation
7	7:45 am	Pt. Mugu
13	9:00 am	Beginning Bird Walk
15	7:30 am	Ventura Settling Ponds
22	8:00 am	Malibu Creek State Park
29	7:30 am	Camino Real Park

### Conservation

by Dee Lyon

### Bird Habitat Starts at your Home “Turf Rebates” now \$3.00 per square foot

Have you started changing your yard into a bird habitat? It’s time to get started. Spray the lawn with Roundup if you have Bermuda Grass. Otherwise, just start layering your lawn with staggered newspapers or cardboard. Then get a tree trimmer to dump a load of pine chips on top of the paper. Alternatively, you can call Agromin for the chips.

When it starts to rain plant your taller plants in the back ( such as Toyon, Sugar Bush, Laurel Sumac, Howard McMinn Manzanita or Ray Hartman Ceanothus.) Make gravel paths to your bench, boulder or bird bath and surround them with Sunset Manzanita, Yankee Point Ceanothus and Galvezia Speciosa. These plants are well-behaved and stay green all year. They provide food and cover for the birds.

If you can dig a hole you can do this.

Our entire area now has \$3.00 per square foot “turf rebates” for our lawn conversions. Go to [www.socalwatersmart.com](http://www.socalwatersmart.com) and follow the necessary steps, such as taking “Before” and “After” pictures of your project.

### Online Purchases using CVAS Website

by Bonnie Clarfield-Bylin

Feel like a wise owl? Your online purchases can raise money for bird conservation, if you shop at Eagle Optics or Amazon. Here is how it works: Go to our CVAS website at [www.conejovalleyaudubon.org](http://www.conejovalleyaudubon.org). On the right side of the homepage there will be graphics for Eagle Optics and Amazon. Click on either picture to go to their website and CVAS will be credited for sending you there.

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## 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!

#### **Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup> Work Day at Hedrick Ranch**

Arrive at 8:00 and expect some interesting birds. Work from 9 am through noon. Long pants and boots or closed shoes are required. Bring water, gloves and sun protection. Directions: Take Hwy 126 to Santa Paula, exit at 10<sup>th</sup> street, pass under freeway, right on Harvard, right on 12<sup>th</sup> and cross the Santa Clara River Bridge. Go 3.7 miles to 20395 S. Mountain Rd. Turn left onto this dirt road and follow it approximately one half mile to the end. Leader: Sandy Hedrick (805) 340-0478

#### **Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup> Point Mugu Naval Base**

This trip, only for CVAS members, requires pre-signup at least three weeks prior to the trip and is limited to 25 people. Contact Matthew Page at [fieldtrips@conejovalleyaudubon.org](mailto:fieldtrips@conejovalleyaudubon.org) to check availability.

US Citizenship required as well as picture ID. Must complete application and be pre-approved by base security three weeks before the trip date. **DO NOT SIGN UP LATE!** No cameras or video equipment are permitted. Meet at 7:45 am at the base parking lot (corner of Mugu Rd. and Naval Air Road.) Trip leader: David Pereksta

#### **Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### **Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup> Ventura Settling Ponds**

Join trip leader Frank DeMartino as he leads us around the settling ponds in Ventura to scour for ducks, herons, grebes, raptors, sparrows and even warblers. Frank enjoys birding the ponds and has much local knowledge of the species we can expect. If time allows the trip may also visit Marina Park to look for rock pipers. Directions: Meet at the Las Posas Park and Ride to carpool at 7:30 am. Alternatively, meet at 8 am at the harbor in the parking lot across the street from the ponds, where Spinnaker meets Angler Court. For more information call Frank DeMartino (856) 906-8733

#### **Saturday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> Malibu Creek State Park**

Malibu Creek State Park in the Santa Monica Mountains features fifteen miles of streamside trails through oak and sycamore woodlands. It has also been extensively used as a movie set for many feature movies and TV shows. We will look for hawks, sparrows, woodpeckers, bluebirds, kinglets and warblers. Passing the kiosk meet at the third and last parking lot on the left, before the road heads to the campground. There is a fee at Malibu Creek State Park, so bring money or carpool with a partner. Trip leader: Bonnie Clarfield-Bylin (805) 405-5632 Time to meet: 8:00

#### **Saturday, November 29<sup>th</sup> Camino Real Park**

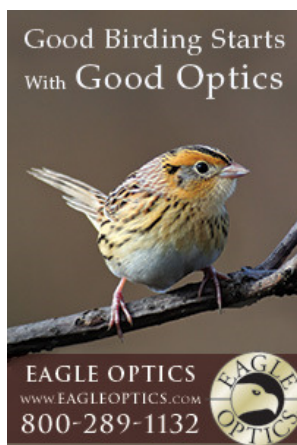
Camino Real Park in Ventura has 38 acres of fields and recreational area. Thousands of Monarch butterflies are featured seasonally on a large stand of mature Euclyptus to the north. The park is also dotted with pines which have hosted migrating and wintering warblers, such as Black and White Warbler and Worm-eating Warbler. Williamson's Sapsucker has also been seen in the park in the winter. Meet either at the Las Posas Park and Ride at 7:30 or at the park at 8:00. Directions: From the 101 take the Telephone road exit away from the ocean and turn right onto E. Main St. Then turn right onto S Mills Rd, then right onto Dean Drive. Follow it as it twists abruptly. Signs point the way. Trip leader: Dee Lyon (805) 427-0987

**Online Purchases (continued from pg. 1)**

CVAS will then receive a small dividend each time you use these hyperlinks. This can add up to a lot of money for the birds!

For convenience, you can copy these hyperlinks to your computer's desktop or to the home screen of your phone or tablet. If you need help contact our webmaster Frank De Martino. Thanks in advance for your support and happy shopping!

Below are the graphics to click on:



**Membership thru Paypal at CVAS Website**

At [www.conejovalleyaudubon.org](http://www.conejovalleyaudubon.org) just click on "membership." Full directions are given for paying for a membership at this site using paypal.

**Note about "turf rebates"**

There can be different info as to the current rebate amount. On 10/8 I called the 888-376-3314 phone number and was quoted the \$3.00 per square foot rebate for removing turf. That covers Oak Park, Thousand Oaks, Newbury Park, Simi and Camarillo. However, their website at [www.socalwatersmart.com](http://www.socalwatersmart.com) had not yet been updated from the earlier \$2.00 per square foot offer. I suggest calling 888-376-3314 when applying to get the most current info.

the Editor



Hooded Oriole by Don Klabunde



Brown Pelican by Jean Kohut

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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 Gary Evans, 29 Sabra Ave., Oak Park, CA 91377, or by E-mail: GaryE@ConejoValleyAudubon.org.

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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

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

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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

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