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**General Meeting
Monday, April 6th
The South Fork Kern River
Reed Tollefson**

The South Fork Kern River supports one of California's finest remaining examples of the Great Valley Cottonwood-Willow Forest. It is recognized at the state and regional levels and beyond as a valuable natural asset that provides opportunities for education, nature tourism, research and recreation. Audubon California's Kern River Preserve protects over 3300 acres of this river forest, associated wetlands and uplands. Audubon works with local chapters, county, state and federal resource managers to help ensure that this unique river forest and surrounding rural landscape are preserved for the future.

Reed Tollefson, the Kern River Preserve Manager, first came to the Kern Preserve in 1987 and assisted or led the planting of seven revegetation sites on the preserve. He has cared for this land ever since, and will speak of his many experiences.

**Conservation
by Dee Lyon**

What can you do personally about climate change?

EAT MEAT ONLY ONCE A WEEK!

A U.N. report estimates that meat production accounts for 18 percent of man-made greenhouse gases. The U.N. link below covers the issues in depth:

<http://tinyurl.com/qes48t9>

The meat industry generates carbon dioxide by burning forests to create animal pastures and by burning fossil fuels to confine, feed, transport and slaughter animals. Much more damaging is the methane and nitrous oxide discharged from digestive tracts of cattle (and sheep and pigs) and from animal waste cesspools.

Vegetables (think beans and soy), fruits, nuts and grains must replace polluting meat and dairy products.

Your next trip to the market is a great opportunity to demonstrate your transition to a sustainable world.

Dee

CALENDAR

April

4	8:30 am	Emma Wood State Beach/ Ventura River Estuary
6	5:15 pm	Pre-meeting Dinner: Ottavio's
6	7:30 pm	General meeting
9	9:00 am	Beginning Bird Walk
11	8:00 am	Happy Camp Canyon/ Rustic Canyon Golf Course
19	8:00 am	Ojai Meadows
26		Tejon Ranch

*****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.

Saturday, April 4th Emma Wood State Beach Ventura River Estuary

Great views of the Pacific Ocean, the Ventura River Estuary, the willows that host Warbling Vireo and the occasional Yellow-breasted Chat ... All these and more are reasons to join us for a leisurely Sunday morning stroll from Emma Wood State Beach to the estuary. Directions: From Camarillo take the 101 north to California Street in Ventura. Turn right on California and then left on Main. Follow Main to the entrance to Emma Wood State Beach on the left. At the leader's discretion we will either park outside the park or pay to enter the park. Bring a spotting scope if you have one available. Meet at 8:30 am. Leader: Kay Register (805) 258-1025

Thursday, April 9 Beginning Bird Walk

Second Thursday of each month. Call Angie Kobabe (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, April 11 Happy Camp Canyon Rustic Canyon Golf Course

Join us as we return to a location where we have not had a trip for several years. Rustic Canyon parallels the golf course. It passes through sage scrub and eventually enters some oak woodland and riparian areas as the canyon turns towards the east. Flycatchers, warblers, goldfinches and towhees will dominate. Raptors are possible. Directions: From Hwy 118 in Moorpark turn north on Princeton Ave. and then left on Campus Park Dr. Meet at the gate at 8:00 am. Trip leaders: Don and Chrystal Klabunde (805) 522-8023

Sunday, April 19 Ojai Meadows

Ojai Meadows is a jewel of woodlands, meadows and marshes 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 the local species and where to find them. We expect to see bluebirds, kingbirds, phoebes, meadowlarks, marsh birds, orioles and perhaps even buntings, as well as birds native to the local oak woodlands. Directions: Meet at the Las Posas Park and Ride to carpool to the preserve at 7 am, or meet us at the preserve in Ojai at 8 am. Leader: Jesse Grantham (Note: Jesse will not be at Las Posas Park and Ride, but will meet the group at 8 at the preserve)

Sunday, April 26th Tejon Ranch

The Tejon Ranch encompasses the largest single privately held tract of land in the state of California, and is uniquely situated at the convergence of the Mojave Desert, the Sierra Nevada, the Central Valley and the Transverse Ranges. This results in 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 Eagle, Ferruginous and Swainson's Hawks, Scott's Oriole, Ladder-backed Woodpecker, quail, warblers, vireo, sparrows and plenty more. We also stand a good chance at 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 on the ranch, so please pack a picnic lunch and plenty of water. This trip requires pre-registration. Please email Louis Tucker at fieldtrips@conejovalleyaudubon.org to sign up. Group limit: 12 participants. Trip leader is Louis Tucker.

**Saturday, May 9
Tejon Ranch Bioblitz**

Advance sign-up is needed to participate in this birding BioBlitz trip. We will visit seldom seen portions of Tejon Ranch and count all that we see --- mammal, reptile, avian or otherwise. Preference given to CVAS members. Email fieldtrips@conejovalleyaudubon.org for sign-ups or more information.

Western Foundation Class

By popular demand Dr. Linnea Hall will be holding another spring Bird ID class for all interested.

The class is entitled "Introduction to Southern California Bird Identification Class." It will be held Wednesday evenings from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm – May 27th, June 3rd and June 10th. Saturday morning field trips will be May 30th, June 6th and June 12th. The price will be \$200 for non-WFVZ members (or \$45 per session) or \$160 for current WFVZ members (or \$30 per session). Class size is limited and going fast. Please RSVP to 805-388-9944.

**America's Birdiest County Count
April 24th to 26th**

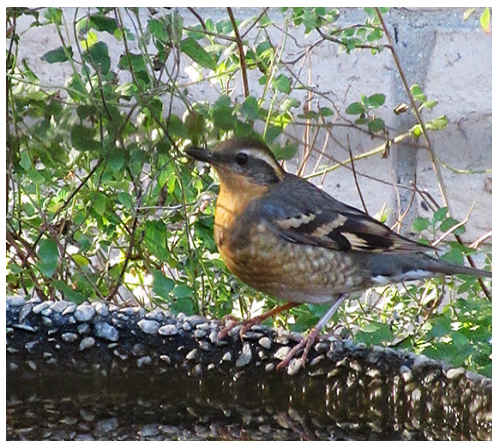
Now that we've all recovered from the Christmas Bird Counts, it's time to expand our circles, dates and numbers! Starting at 12:01 AM on Friday April 24th, we'll begin our count in Ventura County. Any birds seen within the county lines or from the county beaches will count toward our ABC total. We're looking for volunteers to lead bird walks, count backyard birds, seek out specific species or just wander around Ventura County and tally up whatever you see. This count is open to anyone, so if interested please email webmaster@conejovalleyaudubon.org

Message from the Editor

The editor would appreciate any articles of interest, photographs or field trip reports from members. Please send them to me at GaryE@conejovalleyaudubon.org by the 5th of the month, with photographs in JPEG format.



Madagascar Malachite Kingfisher
(taken while traveling by Nancy Conner)



Varied Thrush
(taken at her home by Cheryl Williamson)



Western Bluebird by Don Klabunde

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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, Calif. 91377-1126 or by E-mail: GaryE@ConejoValleyAudubon.org.

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