

# General Meeting, October 3 7:30 pm Western Foundation Linda Parks on SOAR

SOAR is a series of local voter initiatives, originally passed in 1998, that require a vote of the people before agricultural land or open space can be rezoned for development. Most of these initiatives will expire in 2020, and so a new set of SOAR initiatives will be on the 2016 November ballot. Ventura County Supervisor Lina Parks was and is a leader in the drive for SOAR passage for protection against urban sprawl for another generation.

Supervisor Parks was born in Los Angeles. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in political science at California Poly, San Luis Obispo, and a Masters in Urban Planning from the University of Washington. She served on the Thousand Oaks Planning Commission and the Thousand Oaks City Council before being elected to the Ventura County Board of Supervisors. She has been a longtime ally of the Audubon Society's environmental efforts.



#### **Conservation** by Dee Lyon REDUCE! Part 2

Replace disposable with reusables!

Use electric razors, rechargeable batteries and food storage containers instead of bags. Use refillable Keurig cups (keurig.com), reusable furnace filters, hand towels and cloth napkins instead of paper.

Buy used. Go to thrift stores, ebay.com, craigslist.org and freecycle.org. Amazon has refurbished products. Go to garage sales. Go to used furniture and consignment shops.

Make your own stuff in order to cut down on waste. Borrow stuff from friends: wheelbarrows, saws, chippers, plumbing snakes, tall ladders, sewing machines, etc. Only one of each of these per neighborhood would be ideal.

Share things like books, magazines, movies, games and newspapers, bulk groceries, homegrown fruits and vegetables.



# **CALENDAR**

#### October

2	8:00 am	Laguna Tams and Oxnard Plain
3	5:15 pm	Pre Meeting Dinner: Ottavios
3	7:30 pm	General Meeting Western Foundation
9	8:30 am	Lake Casitas
16	7:30 am	Ventura Settling Ponds
29	9:00 am	Santa Cruz Island (Prisoner's Harbor)

\*\*\*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 societysponsored activity and will not be held liable for such accidents. One attends at one's own risk.

# Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> Laguna Tams and Oxnard Plain

We will visit the Laguna Tams, noted for producing a wide variety of migrating warblers, vireos and sparrows. We will then try the sod fields for pipits and plovers. Next we'll work out way down Arnold Road, where we can find warblers, sparrows and perhaps something completely unexpected. Meet at the Las Posas Park and Ride at 7:30 am. Trip leader is Ron Barns. (818) 991-9967

#### Saturday, October 9th Lake Casitas

For those who wish to carpool, meet at the Las Posas Park & Ride at 8:00 am. Otherwise meet at the Lake Casitas parking lot at 8:30 am. Lots of ducks, grebes, sparrows, hawks and woodpeckers. Leader is John Pavelko (805) 640-9040

# Sunday, October 16<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 and sparrows. 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 and gulls. Directions: Meet at the Las Posas Park and Ride to carpool at 7:30 am. Alternately, 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, October 29<sup>th</sup> Santa Cruz Island (Prisoner's Harbor)

This is a joint trip with the Ventura Audubon Society out to Santa Cruz Island with Island Packers. We will be looking for the Island Scrub-Jay as well as any fall migrants and vagrants that have ended up on the island. There will be some time leftover to search for pelagic species on the journey to and from the island. The trip will be from 9 am to 5 pm out of Ventura Harbor. Tickets are \$59.00 per person and can be purchased at <u>www.islandpackers.com</u> Leader is Joel Barrett. Islandpackers phone number is 805-642-1393.

# *CONEJO AUDUBON CONTEST* Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> to Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Tell Conejo Audubon why you would like to change your yard to a wildlife habitat. The application and rules are under "conservation" at http://www.conejovalleyaudubon.org

The winner will receive \$500 towards California native plants. In addition there will be a consultation with Anna Harrington, landscape designer. Runners-up receive \$100 towards native plants plus the consultation.



"Super Shoveler" Frank DeMartino working on converting lawn to habitat



Eurasian Wigeon by Jean Kohut



Bald Eagle by Don Klabunde



Ruby-crowned Kinglet by Jean Kohut

## Message from the Editor

The editor would appreciate any articles of interest , photographs and field trip reports from members. Please give them to me by the 5<sup>th</sup> of the month with articles in plain text and pictures in JPEG format. (newsletter@conejovalleyaububon.org)



**Osprey** by Don Klabunde



Ash-throated Flycatcher by Don Klabunde



Bewick's Wren 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. **E veryone 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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