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General Meeting, February 6 7:30 pm Western Foundation

Dr. Linnea Hall is the Executive Director of the Western Foundation of Vertebrate Zoology (WVZ). She will speak about research projects the WVZ has contributed to over the years, as well as those it is currently conducting. The WVZ, a non-profit public charity, was established in 1956. The organization is a natural history museum with specialized collections of birds' eggs and nests from around the world. It is also a research and education institution dedicated to studying local bird populations as well as teaching about bird conservation.

Since the early 1960s the WVZ has contributed data from its materials to thousands of research projects on diverse topics such as avian systematics and evolution, bird distributions and habitat and the effect of environmental contamination on birds' eggshells. The WVZ has also conducted its own studies. Dr. Hall will speak about the field projects she has conducted and initiated over the 15 years that she has served as Director. There will be an update on WVZ's efforts in Guatemala. There will be an emphasis on recent projects in southern California. These include projects in Ventura County that need the assistance of passionate local bird watchers, who know their birds by ear (!) and want to contribute to local bird conservation.

Conservation Out in Nature *by Dee Lyon*

When you are out hiking or birding, pick up trash along the way. Keep a bag handy for this. Keep another to pick up fresh bird kill for the Western Foundation.

Form a tree-planting group and commit to planting an agreed-upon number of trees over your lifetime.

Help track birds in North America through Project FeederWatch (<http://www.feederwatch.org>)

Never release balloons outdoors. They find their way to open water and can harm or kill turtles, whales, seabirds and other marine animals. Expose children to:

Animal Diversity Web

<http://animaldiversity.org/>

The Biology Project

(<http://tinyurl.com/4djsr4d>)

Peterson's Perspective

(<http://tinyurl.com/z6aykx>)

Introduction to the Aves

(<http://tinyurl.com/6oqns>)

The Microbe Zoo

(<http://tinyurl.com/cutgu>)

Environmental Kids Club

(<http://tinyurl.com/jeo2r2>)

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CALENDAR

February

5	8:00 am	King Gillette Ranch Park
6	5:15 pm	Pre Meeting Dinner: Ottavios
6	7:30 pm	General Meeting Western Foundation
11	8:00 am	Sepulveda Basin
19	8:00 am	Rancho Simi Community Park
25	8:00 am	Ventura River Estuary

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.

Sunday, February 5th King Gillette Ranch Park

In the central Santa Monica Mountains lies the 588 acre King Gillette Ranch Park. It was home to the one-time razor blade magnate and now is a jointly managed park that hosts a wide variety of oak woodland and chaparral species. Our target species will include woodpeckers, bluebirds, jays, thrushes, waterfowl, raptors and sparrows.

Directions: Take hwy 101 (Ventura) to the Las Virgenes/Malibu Canyon exit. Head south on Las Virgenes Road and continue to Mulholland Hwy, about two miles. Turn left onto Mulholland Highway and immediately look for the King Gillette Ranch entrance on the right. Park at the visitor center. The address is 26800 West Mulholland Highway Calabasas, CA 91302. To carpool, meet at the Rancho Park and Ride at 7:30 am. Trip starts at 8:00 am. Trip leader is Bonnie Clarfield-Bylin (805) 405-5632. Please note that Bonnie will not be at the carpool site, but will meet the group at the park.

Saturday, February 11th Sepulveda Basin

Join us at the Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Refuge in the San Fernando Valley for lots of ducks, waterbirds, sparrows and possibly Bald Eagles. Meet at the Rancho Park and Ride at 8:00 am. Trip leader is Dee Lyon (805) 427-0987

Sunday, February 19th Rancho Simi Community Park

Rancho Simi Community Park in Simi Valley is perhaps an under-birded location, offering up a variety of habitat, such as stands of conifers,

a pond and an adjacent arroyo. The park has hosted such species as Plumbeous Vireo, Cackling Goose, Wood Duck and in the fall, migrating warblers. Resident species include Canada Goose, Western Bluebird, Belted Kingfisher and Black-crowned Night-heron. There almost always seems to be at least one White-faced Ibis in the arroyo. We may also find Chipping Sparrow and winter visitors hanging around. Meet in the parking lot nearest the swimming pool at 8 am. Directions: From the 118 freeway exit at Erringer and head south. Turn right at Royal. Enter the park along Royal as you see the brick building near the pool. Trip leaders: Don and Chrystal Klabunde (805) 522-8023.

Saturday, February 25th Ventura River Estuary

Great views of the Pacific Ocean, the Ventura River Estuary, gulls, terns, shorebirds and ducks. From Camarillo take the 101 north to California Street in Ventura. Turn right on California and left on Main. Follow Main to the entrance to Emma Wood State Beach on the left. We will park either outside the park or pay to enter, at the leader's discretion. Bring a spotting scope if you have one available. Meet at 8:00 am. Trip leaders: Bill and Carol Langford (360) 742-6059



California Quail by Teodelina Martelli

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED
TO JOIN
CONEJO VALLEY AUDUBON
ON
SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 2017
AT
PALM GARDEN HOTEL
495 Ventu Park Road, Thousand Oaks, CA 91320
FOR OUR
ANNUAL
COCKTAIL DINNER
AND
AUCTION

No-host cocktails at 5:30 PM and Dinner at 6:30 PM.
Ticket price per person \$43.00 (Earlybird special \$38.00 before February 25th.
5 free raffle tickets for each first-time guest

We ask that everyone bring an item for the raffle table
All kinds of donations are welcome, avian themed or not.

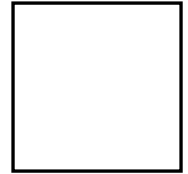
Anyone interested in donating items for the silent or live auction,
please contact Carol Langford at
360-742-6059 or berry50@yahoo.com.

All donations are tax deductible.

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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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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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