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General Meeting, March 6th

7:30 pm Western Foundation

David Pereksta

Russian Far East: Birding in a Sea of Sorrow



Crested Auklet by David Pereksta

The Sea of Okhotsk in the Russian Far East is little known outside of Russia and is seldom visited by westerners. This sea dominates the Northwest Pacific. Nearly landlocked, it is bounded by the Russian continent, Kamchatka Peninsula, Kuril Islands and Sakhalin Island. Its name, translated "Sea of Hunters," provides a clue to the abundance of wildlife there. Despite historical exploitation marine mammals and seabirds thrive there in numbers that boggle the mind. One small island has an estimated 7 million birds!

However, this little known sea has a dark history, until recently suppressed. Perhaps no other sea in the world has witnessed as much human suffering.

David had a rare opportunity to explore this incredible region in June of 2016 and will share his experiences. The talk will have highlights of the 10,000 plus photos he took while there.

David is an Avian Biologist with the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, where he studies and analyzes the effects of offshore oil and gas and renewable energy development on birds off the Pacific coast and Hawaii.

Conservation

Refuse

by Dee Lyon

Refuse plastic grocery bags. Bring your own bags. Walk back to the car if you forget them.

Refuse giveaways – especially if it is something you don't need.

Switching to an animal-free vegan diet is a powerful way to help protect the environment. Reducing red meat consumption is a huge boost to a healthy way of life. The United Nations report Livestock's Long Shadow documents how cows, chickens and pigs are among the largest sources of greenhouse gases, more than all transportation carbon dioxide emissions!

The enormous amounts of grain required to feed livestock reduces the amount of food available for the world's hungry.

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CALENDAR

March

4	8:00 am	Hill Canyon
6	5:15 pm	Pre Meeting Dinner: Ottavios
6	7:30 pm	General Meeting Western Foundation
12	8:00 am	Chesboro Canyon
18	8:00 am	Birding Class 1: Conejo Botanical Garden
19	8:00 am	Rancho Sierra Vista
25		Birding Class 2: Rancho Sierra Vista

April

1		Birding Class 3: Rancho Simi Park
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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, March 4th Hill Canyon

Hill Canyon and Santa Rosa Park offer a variety of birding habitats, such as chaparral, riparian and oak woodland. We should expect to see early spring migrants, as many as four species of wren (House, Bewick's, Canyon and Cactus), Red-shouldered and Red-tailed Hawks, woodpeckers, gnatcatchers, goldfinches and resident White-throated Swift. Directions: From Moorpark or Camarillo, take Santa Rosa Road and turn onto Hill Canyon Road to enter the park. Recent county upgrades to the park have eliminated the free parking, so please expect a \$2 fee for use of the lot. Meet in the parking lot at 8 am. Trip leaders: Bill and Carol Langford (360) 742-6059

Sunday, March 12th Chesebro Canyon

The gently rounded hills and canyons of Chesebro and Palo Comado are older than the steeper, more recently formed Santa Monica mountains. They provide popular terrain for hikers, bikers and equestrians. For over 150 years ranchers made these canyons their home. Many of the native plants, poorly adapted to heavy grazing, were replaced with European annuals such as wild oats, mustard and thistles. Despite numerous years of cattle grazing, we can still find a variety of native plant communities, including chaparral, coastal sage scrub and riparian woodlands. In these communities we will find native residents and early spring migrants, such as Oak Titmouse, Nuttall's and Acorn Woodpeckers, California and Spotted Towhees, Common Yellowthroat, Anna's and Allen's Hummingbirds and Yellow-rumped Warblers. Directions: Take the Chesebro exit from US 101 and head north on Palo Camado Canyon Road. Turn right onto Chesebro Canyon Road and park at either the first or second parking lots, depending on

on availability. The group will meet at the second parking lot at 8 am. Trip leader: Ron Barns (818)-991-9967

Sunday, March 19th Rancho Sierra Vista/ Satwiwa

We expect to see orioles, hummingbirds, swallows and more at this great park. In the grassland we should be able to find gnatcatchers, Black-headed Grosbeak and California Thrasher. Historically, this park has hosted up to 8 species of flycatcher, 4 species of woodpecker, 5 species of hummingbird, 7 species of raptor and 12 species of sparrow at this time of year, including Grasshopper Sparrow. Directions: From the 101 exit at Wendy Drive head south. Turn right on Lynn Road. Lynn Rd. soon becomes Potrero Rd. Turn left on Via Goleta and head to the end of the road and meet in the parking lot at 8 am. Trip leader: Dee Lyon (805) 427-0987

Birding Classes

Saturday, March 18th, Conejo Botanic Garden
From Gainsborough, follow signs to the Children's Garden. Bonnie Clarfield-Bylin will present "What you need to know to identify birds"

Saturday, March 25th, Rancho Sierra Vista
Richard Armerding and Catherine Bourne will show you how to find birds.

Saturday, April 1st, Rancho Simi Park
Dee Lyon will introduce you to water birds.

Conservation (continued from page 1)

Support your area's farmer's market. Cook with local food. Try to eat only foods raised within 100 miles from home. If possible, grow your own fruits and vegetables without pesticides.

Check on your seafood's sustainability.

Buy shade-grown coffee, and wine from vineyards that don't cut down oak trees.

Dee

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.

Buffet Service with Seasoned Vegetable Medley, Salads, Roasted Potatoes
 and choice of entree. Also freshly baked breads and a delicious dessert, coffee or tea.
 Dinner Selections: #1 Special Vegetarian Entree #2 Buffet with Wild Salmon and Tri-tip

Please fill out this reservation form, tear it off and mail it with your check (payable to CVAS) to:
CVAS, P.O. Box 4782, Thousand Oaks, CA 91359
 Print your name(s) as you would like it to appear on your place card and select an entrée by number

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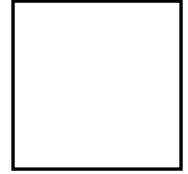
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Regular meetings are held on the first Monday evening of each month at the Western Foundation of Vertebrate Zoology, 439 Calle San Pablo, Camarillo at 7:30 pm, unless otherwise noted. **Everyone is welcome.** Take Pleasant Valley Road or Lewis Road 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.

For information on joining the National Audubon Society, please go to www.audubon.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

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