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General Meeting February 2 7:30 pm Western Foundation “Raven Rick” Boufford



“Raven Rick” Boufford and his wife, Diana, have been together in the restaurant hospitality business for over 30 years. For 22 years they have run their own restaurant, the Black Sheep Bistro. Rick has always had great respect for the raven. In 1999 he and his wife Diana took on the challenge of teaching a 15 day old baby raven to fly with the goal of being released safely back into the wild. Their story was first told in a picture book for families. Soon after Rick began video-taping wild ravens for a movie version to be put on DVD entitled “Bob, Huey & Me,” which chronicles the couples’ escapades with both an adult crow (Bob) and then Huey the baby raven. Raven Rick now has dozens of videos documenting the behavior of these incredibly intelligent and playful birds.

Free-ranging Domestic Cats *by Dee Lyon*

From a study* we learn that free-ranging domestic cats kill between 1.3 and 4 billion birds, and from 6.3 to 23.3 billion small mammals, (not to mention lizards and insects) in the United States every year! “Free-ranging” domestic cats in this study include owned cats that are not kept indoors and wild “feral” cats. The study indicated there were about 85 million owned cats, indoors or outdoors, and 50 million feral cats in the United States in 2013.

Many of us love cats, but their stalking, chasing, catching and playing with objects is instinctive, wild feline behavior that is the product of 25 million years of evolution, and while fascinating to us it can’t be changed. An owner may protest that a few birds or lizards killed by his cats don’t matter, but over the total population of cats the sum is huge.

We should try to effect a change in our tolerance of free-ranging domestic cats. Try to get your neighbors aware of the problem. Also work to convince various governmental entities to restrict and regulate the maintenance and movement of feral cats on our public lands.

*^ S.R. Loss, T. Will and P.P. Marra, 2013, The impact of free-ranging domestic cats on wildlife of the United States. Nature Communications 4:1396/ncomms2380

CALENDAR

February

2	5:15 pm	Pre meeting Dinner: Ottavio’s
2	7:30 pm	General meeting
8	7:30 am	Ventura Settling Ponds
12	9:00 am	Beginner’s Bird Walk
22	8:00 am	King Gillette Ranch Park
25	6:30 pm	Linda Parks Dinner Event
28	9:00 am	Surfrider Ormond Beach Cleanup

*****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 8th 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, gulls 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. Directions: Meet at the Las Posas Park and Ride to carpool at 7:30 am. Alternatively, meet at the harbor in the parking lot across the street from the ponds, where Spinnaker meets Angler Court, at 8am. For more information call Frank DeMartino (856) 906-8733.

Thursday, February 12 Beginner's 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.

Sunday, February 22nd King Gillette Ranch Park

In the central Santa Monica Mountains lies 588 acre King Gillette Ranch Park, home to the onetime razor blade magnate and now a jointly managed park that hosts a wide variety of oak woodland and chaparral species. We will search for woodpeckers, thrashers, bluebirds, jays and sparrows. Directions: Take Hwy 101 (Ventura Freeway) 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. The address is 26800 West Mulholland Highway, Calabasas, Ca 91302.

Park for free and meet at the Interagency Visitor Center.
Trip leader is Bonnie Clarfield-Bylin
(805) 405-5632.

Saturday, February 28th Surfrider Ormond Beach Cleanup

Please come at 9 am and help us clean up the beach in preparation for the 2015 Least Tern and Snowy Plover breeding season at Ormond Beach. Removing man-made debris makes the area less attractive to predators and helps with nest survival. Western Snowy Plovers start nesting as early as March, and so our beach cleanup will occur before there is any chance of disturbing nesting or courting pairs.

Bring water and snacks. Wear layered clothing and bring sunscreen and closed shoes. Porta potties will be on site. Surfrider Foundation will provide beach cleanup supplies, although you are welcome to bring your own. Volunteers must sign a liability waiver. Underage volunteers are welcome, but they must have a parent or guardian present to sign a waiver. Directions: Hwy 101 south and exit on Rice. Then turn right and continue to Hueneme Rd. Turn right on Hueneme Rd. After Olds Rd. take a left on Arnold and continue to the end of the road. Rain policy: heavy rain or winds cancel. Leader: Cynthia Hartley (cynhartley@gmail.com)

Supervisor Linda Parks Mountain Lion Speaker Dinner Event Seth Riley, National Park Service 6:30 pm February 25th

Linda Parks will be hosting another event in her Quarterly Dinner Series, this one featuring Seth Riley, mountain lion expert with the National Park Service. Come learn about the status of mountain lions in the Santa Monica mountains.

The February 25th 6:30 dinner at the restaurant named 9021Pho in Westlake Village costs \$30 per person in advance, which covers the 3-course dinner, tax and tip. It is anticipated to sell out. So please contact Linda Parks at 805-214-2510 or Linda.Parks@ventura.org to see if there is still space available.

You are cordially invited
 to join
CONEJO VALLEY AUDUBON SOCIETY
 on
SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2015
 at
PALM GARDEN HOTEL
 495 Ventu Park Road -Thousand Oaks - CA 91320

for our Annual

COCKTAIL DINNER AND AUCTION

No-host cocktails 5:30 PM –Dinner 6:30 PM
 Ticket price per person \$43.00 (early bird special \$38.00 – before 3/7/15)
 5-FREE raffle tickets for each 1st time guest

We ask that everyone kindly bring an item for the raffles.
 All types of donation items are acceptable and are not limited to those with an avian theme.
 Anyone interested in donating items for the silent or live auctions please contact Carol Langford
 at 360-742-6059 or berry50@yahoo.com

All are tax deductible!

Dinner selections: Buffet Service with Seasoned Vegetable Medley, Salads, Roasted Potatoes
 and choice of entree. Also freshly baked breads and a delicious dessert, coffee or tea.

#1 Vegetarian Stuffed Squash

#2 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

Name _____ Dinner # ____ Phone # _____
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Thanks for your support!!!

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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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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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Additional Gift: ___\$25.00 ___\$50.00 ___\$75.00 ___\$100.00 \$_____ Other

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