



# ROADRUNNER

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## Conservation Column *by Dee Lyon* Kenn Kaufman's happy and healthy bird watching thoughts

1. It's easy! Life is complicated and stressful. Bird watching can be the antidote. The fresh air will lower your blood pressure. All you have to do is focus on that little bird in the bush.
2. It's a challenge! It's not boring. It's hide and seek and builds up your awareness and powers of observation.
3. It builds confidence. Kids will tell you all about their birding experiences and are proud of the fact that they can ID a White-tailed Kite.
4. It keeps us from becoming overconfident. Who among us has not misidentified a bird? Those boo-boos tell us to be more careful and carry a camera. The ability to say "I don't know" keeps us open-minded and ready to learn new things.
5. It's predictable. We can see the birds nesting in the spring and heading out in the fall.
6. It's unpredictable. Lots of birds wander from their appointed paths and so the crazy fall vagrant hunt begins. The possibility adds zest and excitement to our lives and keeps us out there looking.
7. Best of all, birds are beautiful! There is no denying that their songs and graceful flight and wonderful colors make them some of the world's prettiest creatures. Always invite all the hikers to come see that Lazuli Bunting in your scope. They will understand why 70 million Americans are looking at birds. Let's share the joy.



### Cooper's Hawk

*by Teodelina, our youngest member*

**General Meeting, March 3  
7:30 pm Western Foundation  
More Birds and Other Natural Things Vol VI**  
*by Don DesJardin*

Don DesJardin has been part of the birding scene in Ventura County since 1989. During that time he has spent countless hours documenting birds on both film and video. Although he has traveled to many exotic places around the world to enjoy and

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### CALENDAR

#### March

1	8:00 am	San Gabriel Mountains
3	5:15 pm	Pre meeting Dinner: Ottavio's
3	7:30 pm	General Meeting Western Foundation
9	8:00 am	Oakbrook Regional Park
13	9:00 am	Beginning Bird Walk
15	8:00 am	Conejo Botanical Gardens #1 class
16	8:00 am	Rancho Simi Community Park
22	8:00 am	Hill Canyon
23	8:00 am	Santa Clara River Estuary #2 class
29	8:00 am	Oakbrook Regional Park #3 class
30	8:00 am	Rancho Sierra Vista

**\*\*\*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

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document new birds, he always returns to what he calls his “local patch”, Ventura County. “More Birds & Other Natural Things Volume VI” is the latest in a series of one hour “More Birds” videos which feature birds of Southern California. There is also a sprinkling of other critters which are a part of our natural world. This video is special because most of it was shot with Don’s new camera, the Panasonic Lumix GH3 DSLR. Don purchased this camera in March of 2013 and so the species list starts from that point. It covers the summer season and then the extraordinary fall season we enjoyed here in Ventura County. There are shorebirds from Ventura Harbor, Red-throated Pipit and Yellow-green Vireo from our famous Tamarisks on the Oxnard Plain. This video is rated “GB” (Good Birds) and is suited for Audubon audiences that can’t get enough of good birds.

Visit Don’s website at <http://birdsdesjardin> to see video samples from some of the the previous “More Birds” DVD’s.

**Saturday, March 1  
San Gabriel Mountains**

As part of our continuing emphasis on trips out of the immediate Ventura County area, this trip will take us up Highway 2 into the heart of the San Gabriel Mountains. We’ll bird Angeles Crest Highway at multiple spots on our way up into the mountains, echecking for Mountain Quail, Townsend’s Solitaire, bluebirds, kinglets, chickadees, nuthatches, White-headed and other woodpeckers. We’ll even keep an eye out for Golden Eagles. We’ll then have a picnic lunch in the high country before returning the way we came. Our trip will move at a leisurely pace, perhaps staying even through dinner time. For those who wish to stay through the evening, we will try for owls in a few locations. Though we will mostly remain near our cars, please also be prepared for some short hiking, wearing the appropriate shoes. The weather can be unpredictable, so dress in layers and anticipate cold temperatures, especially if staying through the evening. There is no gas and limited cell service in the mountains, so plan accordingly. Bring water, FRS radios, scopes, flashlights and plenty

of snacks/food. Directions: For carpooling please call ahead. Meet at the Stearns Avenue Park-and-Ride in Simi Valley. Exit at Stearns from the 118 and find the park and ride in the SW corner, tucked in between the exit and the freeway. Meet at 8 am. All participants planning on driving into the forest will need a Forest Adventure Pass, available at sporting good stores and ranger stations. Please purchase your pass before the day of the trip. Trip leader: Matthew Page (805) 990-6534

**Sunday, March 9  
Oakbrook Regional Park**

Oakbrook Regional Park is a wonderful stretch of oaks, chaparral and riparian habitat. Birds to be expected include the White-crowned and Golden-crowned Sparrows, Hermit Thrush, Ruby-crowned Kinglets, Spotted Towhee and other birds typical of the oak woodlands. We will also bird the adjacent Lang Ranch Park. Directions: From the 23 Freeway, exit Avenida de los Arboles and head east. Turn right on Westlake Blvd. and then left on Lang Ranch Parkway. Meet on the street in front of the gates to the Chumash Museum at 8 am. Trip leader: Carol Langford (360) 742-6059

**Thursday, March 13  
Beginner’s Bird Walk**

Second Thursday of each month. Call Angie Kobabe (818) 991-4055 between 9:00 am and 9:00 pm to let her know you are coming and learn the location.

*(field trips and bird identification classes continue on two-page supplement)*



Dark-eyed Junco by Don Klabunde

You are cordially invited to join the

# CONEJO VALLEY AUDUBON SOCIETY

On

SATURDAY, MARCH 15, 2014

At

THE PALM GARDEN HOTEL

495 Ventu Park Road, Thousand Oaks, CA



for our

## ANNUAL COCKTAIL DINNER AND AUCTION

*No-Host Cocktails 5:30 PM—Dinner 6:30 PM*

*Ticket price per person \$40.00 (Early bird special \$35.00—before 3/1/14)*

*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 and 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, Salad, Roasted Potatoes and choice of entrée. Also freshly baked breads and a delicious dessert, coffee, or tea.

**#1 Vegetarian Stuffed Squash**

**#2 Wild Salmon and Tri-tip**

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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.

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