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Wood Ranch Camarillo**

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Feb 25 or 26, 8:00 am

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Annual Dinner/Auction

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Cactus Wren
Don Klabunde

BACK AT THE WESTERN FOUNDATION!

We are now holding our meetings back at **Western Foundation of Vertebrate Zoology**, 439 Calle San Pablo in Camarillo. Masks will be required for in-person attendees, but you will be able to talk to your friends face to face.

These meetings will be hybrid, simultaneously available live and on Zoom. The link to join on Zoom is as before: <https://zoom.us/j/6155249106>

February's speaker will be in-the-flesh at WFVZ. Plus, he'll join us for the pre-meeting dinner at Wood Ranch Camarillo, so you can chat with him about Los Padres ForestWatch or anything else you might want to. **For reservations, call Chrystal at (805)522-8023, no later than 9:00 am the day of the Monthly Program.**

FEBRUARY MONTHLY PROGRAM FROM THE ASHES:

LIFE AFTER WILDFIRE IN THE LOS PADRES NATIONAL FOREST

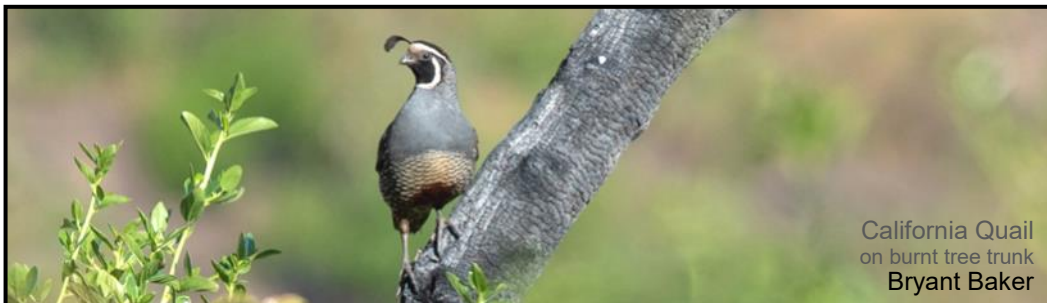
What happens in the first days, weeks, and months after a fire comes to our region and leaves nothing but burnt stems and ash behind? What do our local ecosystems look like a year later? Two years later? Ten years later? These are the questions naturalist and photographer Bryant Baker set out to answer during his explorations of burned areas in and around the Los Padres National Forest. Through this virtual visual journey, see the unique phases of ecosystem regrowth, learn about the different strategies plants and animals use to cope with wildfire, and find out what lies ahead as these places continue to recover.



Bryant Baker

Bryant Baker is the Director of Conservation and Research at Los Padres ForestWatch, a nonprofit organization based in Santa Barbara, and dedicated to protecting the Los Padres National Forest and other public lands in the region. His research focuses on fire ecology and management in shrubland and forest ecosystems in California. Bryant is also a Geographic Information System (GIS) analyst and cartographer, and his maps on land use and wildfire have been published by major media outlets.

In addition to his conservation research, Bryant is a plant and landscape photographer specializing in post-fire habitats and native plants in California. His work has appeared in books, magazines, and newspapers across the region.



California Quail
on burnt tree trunk
Bryant Baker

FEBRUARY BIRDING TRIPS

Since we're still living with some degree of pandemic concerns, CVAS will continue its careful approach to birding trips. **Masks will no longer be required for outdoor events**, but we won't be offering extra binoculars to share, so please bring your own. And finally, **please bring water, wear comfortable shoes and observe social distancing.** **RAIN CANCELS**

February 4, Saturday - Carrizo Plain

Meet at 8 am at the corner of Hwy 166/33 and Soda Lake Rd. We'll look for Ferruginous Hawk, Prairie Falcon, Golden Eagle, Mountain Bluebird, Horned Lark and Mountain Plover. Leaders are Thelma Williams and Dee Lyon - (805) 427-0987.

February 12, Sunday - Lake Sherwood

Meet at 8:30 am. Enter on Stafford Rd. off of Potrero Rd. We will see lots of great water birds and oak woodland denizens. Call leader Mary Hansen at (805) 390-4586 to get your name on the list to get through the gate.

February 18, Saturday - Foster Park

Meet at 9 am at Casitas Vista Rd. under the 33 Fwy overpass. We can park off the road there and walk into the park. Text questions to leader Matthew Page at (805) 990-6534.

February 25 or 26? - Malibu State Park

To be arranged. Check with Dee Lyon at (805) 427-0987.



Green Heron
CS Klabunde

Wednesday, February 8, 8:00 am – Beginner Bird Walk

Conejo Valley Audubon invites birders of all experience levels to attend our monthly Beginner Bird Walk at Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa. These walks are held on the second Wednesday of each month. We will meet at 8:00 am at the main parking lot, which is accessible off Lynn Road at Via Goleta in Newbury Park. Rancho Sierra Vista is an excellent place to see many of the oak woodlands birds that are common in the Conejo Valley area. We will take time to introduce beginning birders to these species and will teach the best techniques for locating and identifying them. Wear comfortable walking shoes. Bring water and social distance.

Please register in advance by contacting your walk leader Richard Armerding at (310) 701-3878.

Disclaimer: Everyone is welcome to attend any Conejo Valley Audubon field trip, but Conejo Valley Audubon assumes no responsibility for injuries, personal or otherwise, incurred while attending a CVAS sponsored activity and in order to attend, all attendees agree that CVAS is not liable for such accidents. Everyone attends at their own risk.

THE 2020 ANNUAL DINNER AND AUCTION IS FINALLY HERE!!!

Yeah, I know. It's now 2023, but all the decorations and preparations for the 2020 event are still sitting in our family room waiting for the party.

It's been a long time, and we've all missed each other. We've missed the fun. We've missed the live auction with the suave Don Klabunde. We've missed the silent auction and especially the raffle with the charming Thelma Williams whipping us up into a frenzy for those priceless white elephants.

Of course Palm Garden Hotel always serves up a delicious buffet dinner, CVAS is providing wine and the hotel has a full bar where serious adult beverages can be had for a price.

For those who haven't experienced this event before, it's not only a chance to get to know some of your fellow CVAS members, but also who knows what wonders you might be able to buy for a song - wonders from original works of art to one-of-a-kind adventures.



CONEJO VALLEY AUDUBON
INVITES YOU TO OUR

ANNUAL COCKTAIL DINNER AUCTION

SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 2023

PALM GARDEN HOTEL

495 VENTU PARK RD, THOUSAND OAKS, CA 91320

NO-HOST COCKTAILS AT 5:30 PM AND DINNER AT 6:30 PM

TO DONATE ITEMS FOR
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TICKETS \$45.00

(EARLYBIRD SPECIAL \$40.00 BEFORE FEBRUARY 22)

ALSO BRING BIRDY WHITE
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**5 FREE RAFFLE TICKETS
FOR EACH FIRST-TIME GUEST**

BUFFET (BUF)

garden salad
beef and peppercorn sauce
mahi mahi
vegetable
roasted potato
bread and butter
coffee, tea and sodas
dessert

CUSTOM ENTRÉE (CUS)

vegan, GF or special order

**WINE AND COCKTAILS
WILL BE AVAILABLE**



Please fill out this form, mail it with your check (payable to CVAS) to CVAS, P.O. Box 4782, Thousand Oaks, CA 91359, or register at ConejoValleyAudubon.org (we take PayPal)
Enter names as you would like them to appear on your place card and select BUF or CUS.

Contact Email or Phone # _____

Name _____ entrée _____

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OR REGISTER AT ConejoValleyAudubon.org WITH PAYPAL

NATIVE PLANT TIP

by Jennifer de la Torre

Do you want to help keep the pollinators sustained during the winter months?

Consider adding Manzanita (*Arctostaphylos*) to your landscape! Whether you need a low-growing ground cover or a taller plant, both the native species and cultivars provide beauty and sustenance with their stunning bark and small bell-shaped pinkish-white flowers which bloom all winter long. Manzanita is a long-lasting, drought tolerant plant which is sure to bring wildlife such as hummingbirds, bees, butterflies and insects to your yard.



REMEMBERING ANGIE KOBABE



Don Klabunde

Dee Lyon remembered that everybody wanted to stay close to Angie on birding trips because she had an uncanny ability to spot birds before anyone else. She shared that talent by leading the popular Beginner Bird Walk for 20 years. We will miss the inimitable Angie Kobabe.



INSTRUCTIONS FOR USING ZOOM

For those few who haven't yet used Zoom, it is a computer tool that allows you to meet with other people online. Zoom can be used on a computer, tablet or smartphone. You may wish to watch this video for more information:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9isp3qPeQ0E>

When you join the meeting, you will be able to hear and see the presenter on your device, and if your computer has a microphone and camera, you will also be given the choice of whether you want to be heard or seen by other meeting participants. Though, in most cases we'll be muting everyone except for the presenter until the question and answer period.

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EVERYONE IS WELCOME. Monthly meetings are held on the first Monday evening of each month (second Monday when the first one's a holiday) at 7:00 pm, at the Western Foundation of Vertebrate Zoology, 439 Calle San Pablo, Camarillo, CA. Directions: from the corner of Pleasant Valley Rd. and Lewis Rd. in Camarillo, go west to the second street, Calle San Pablo, and turn right. The Foundation is the fifth building on the left. [Or join via Zoom \(see page 1\)](#)

The Western Foundation of Vertebrate Zoology is a non-profit organization founded in 1956 and dedicated to the study of birds and their habitats. As a world-class natural history collection, they have long made significant contributions to original research, and conservation. They also accept contributions. Visit WVZ.org

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or mail in this

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Please enroll me as a member of Conejo Valley Audubon Society. I have enclosed \$20 for a family membership. (An additional gift of \$25.00, \$50.00, \$75.00, \$100.00 or any amount would also be greatly appreciated.)

Make check payable to CVAS for membership at \$20.00 plus donation \$? equals a total of \$ _____

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