**CALENDAR**

Mar 4, Sat, 8:00 am  
Arroyo Verde Park  
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Mar 6, Mon, 5:00 pm  
Pre-meeting dinner at Wood Ranch Camarillo  
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Mar 6, Mon, 7:00 pm  
Monthly Program  
see instructions

Mar 8, Wed, 8:00 am  
Beginner Bird Walk  
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Mar 11, Sat, 5:30 pm  
Annual Dinner/Auction  
see insert

Mar 18, Sat, 8:00 am  
Las Llajas  
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Mar 25, Sat, 8:00 am  
Cañada Larga  
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Apr 16, Sun, 9 am - 3 pm  
Bird-Friendly Garden Tour  
Save the Date

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**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 still be required for in-person attendees, but at least you’ll 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](https://zoom.us/j/6155249106)

Our March speaker will be in-the-flesh at WFVZ. Plus, she’ll join us for the pre-meeting dinner at WoodRanch Camarillo, so you can chat with her about native bees in your garden. So for dinner reservations, leave a voice message for Chrystal at (805)522-8023, no later than 9:00 am on Monday, March 6th.

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**MARCH MONTHLY PROGRAM**

**CALIFORNIA’S NATIVE BEES**

California is home to over 1,600 species of native bees, and they are a vital part of many ecosystems. They are important pollinators and a sign of a healthy garden. Through macro photography you’ll get to know more about these native bees, their special relationships with native plants, and what makes them so special to community science engagement.

Community Scientist, and Photographer Krystle Hickman is based in Los Angeles, California. Through her artful photography, she strives to increase awareness of the worrisome decline of native bee species and their biodiverse ecosystems. She regularly works to photograph and document the bees in public gardens like the Los Angeles County Arboretum and Arlington Garden, and she also collects data on rare bee species in the Mojave Desert, Joshua Tree National Park, Anza-Borrego Desert State Park, and the Santa Monica Mountains, as well as private yards with native gardens. Her photography has been featured in scientific journals, children’s books, and The LA Times.

Photos by Krystle Hickman

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**Andrena hololeuca**

**Andrena prunorum**

**Andrena cockerelli**
MARCH 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**

**March 4, Saturday - Arroyo Verde Park**, Ventura
Foothill Road and Day Road. Meet at 8:00 am at the back parking lot. (there’s also free parking on the street)
We’ll look for woodpeckers, migrants and woodland birds.
Leaders are Thelma Williams and Dee Lyon (805) 427-0987

**March 11, Saturday - ANNUAL DINNER/AUCTION**
Palm Garden Hotel, Thousand Oaks, 5:30 pm
see insert.

**March 18, Saturday - Las Llajas**, Simi Valley
North on Yosemite Av, right on Evening Star Dr.
Meet at the trailhead at 8 am. Hilly terrain, bring water.
We’ll look for raptors, Roadrunners and Phainopeplas.
Meet at 8:00 am. Lead is Dee Lyon (805) 427-0987

**March 25, Saturday - Cañada Larga**, Ventura
Meet at 8 am at the beginning of Cañada Larga Road
Just east of the offramp from Hwy 33
We’ll look for raptors, sapsuckers and grassland birds.
Leader is Chrystal Klabunde (805) 522-8023

**Wednesday, March 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.
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

TICKETS $45.00
EARLYBIRD SPECIAL $40.00 BEFORE FEBRUARY 22
(STUDENTS $30.00)

5 FREE RAFFLE TICKETS
FOR EACH FIRST-TIME GUEST

TO DONATE ITEMS FOR
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ALSO BRING BIRDY WHITE
ELEPHANTS FOR THE RAFFLE TABLE

BUFFET (BUF)
garden salad
beef and peppercorn sauce
mahi mahi
vegetable
roasted potato
bread and butter
coffee, tea and sodas
dessert
CUSTOM ENTÉE (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.

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OR REGISTER AT ConejoValleyAudubon.org WITH PAYPAL
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.

NATIVE PLANT TIP
by Jennifer de la Torre

For a beautiful AND beneficial addition to your native landscape, consider planting Ceanothus. The fragrant blooms and deep green foliage of this drought tolerant plant will provide cover and sustenance for birds, butterflies, moths, bees, and other insects in your garden. Ceanothus comes in a huge assortment of size, shape, and flower color, from ground cover to taller shrubs, and color variations in the different species ranging from deep indigo, to periwinkle blue, and even white! Since many of the Ceanothus species begin to bloom in late February, they bring an incredibly beautiful and “showy” announcement that spring has indeed arrived!

To explore the myriad of Ceanothus choices, the Las Pilitas site has a good deal of information about the different species. Plus, Calscape can also help you find a species native to your very own ZIP CODE!

SAVE THE DATE!!!
CVAS’s 2023 Bird-Friendly Garden Tour - Sunday, April 16th, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

UPCOMING WFVZ CLASSES

Introduction to the Breeding Birds of Southern California: Taught by Sammy Cowell. Four in-person Wednesday evening sessions from 5:30-8:30 pm (Apr 19 and 26 and May 3 and 10), and three fieldtrips (weather depending) from 7:30-11 am (Apr 29 and May 6, 13). 30 people max for museum sessions; 22 people max in field.

Pricing: WFVZ Members $120 for all 6 classes; or $20 per class. Non-Members $168 for all 6 classes; or $28 per class; $16 per class for current college students with valid ID. Register Here.

Professionals Workshop: Learning Vocalizations of Birds, with Emphasis on Riparian and Upland Birds of the California Coast: Taught by Linnea Hall. May 17th thru 20th
May 17th: 1 evening Zoom orientation session, and
May 18th, 19th and 20th: 3 morning field sessions (6:30-10 am)
15 people maximum; open to professional biologists or those in training for a career in the field.
Extreme weather will cancel, and the class fee will be reimbursed.
Email linnea@wfvz.org for questions.

Pricing: $280 for WFVZ Members, $400 for Non-Members. Register Here
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 WFVZ.org

The Roadrunner is published monthly except July and August by the Conejo Valley Audubon Society. It is sent to paid CVAS members via either email or snailmail. Members are invited to submit articles, reviews, letters, photos etc. for publication consideration. Copy deadline is the 5th of the previous month. Send items to Chrystal Klabunde at newsletter@ConejoValleyAudubon.org, or 1229 Nonchalant Dr., Simi Valley, CA 93065.

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
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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