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## CALENDAR

**Nov 3, Fri, 8:00 am**  
**Pt Mugu Naval Air Station**  
trip full

**Nov 6, Mon, 5:00 pm**  
**Pre-meeting dinner at**  
**Wood Ranch Camarillo**

**Nov 6, Mon, 7:00 pm**  
**Monthly Program**  
WFVZ or Zoom

**Nov 8, Wed, 8:00 am**  
**Beginner Bird Walk**  
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**Nov 12, Sun, 8:00 am**  
**Mount Pinos**  
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**Nov 18, Sat, 8:00 am**  
**Arroyo Vista Park**  
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**Nov 25, Sat, 8:00 am**  
**Sapwi Trails Park**  
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Spotted Towhee  
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## JOIN US AT THE WESTERN FOUNDATION!

This year our meetings will be back at the **Western Foundation of Vertebrate Zoology** (also known as the Bird Museum), 439 Calle San Pablo in Camarillo. Masks will no longer be required for our meetings, and if you arrive when the doors open at 6:30, you'll have the rare opportunity to look around the museum for a half hour before the meeting starts at 7:00 pm. (Also check out [wfvz.org](http://wfvz.org))

CVAS's meetings will be hybrid, simultaneously live and on Zoom. The link to join on Zoom is <https://zoom.us/j/6155249106>.

We usually take our guest speaker to dinner at Wood Ranch Camarillo before the meeting. If you'd like to join the "party" simply arrive at the restaurant **by 5:00 pm** to be included.

## NOVEMBER MONTHLY PROGRAM THE CLIMATE DISRUPTION CHALLENGE

Don Price is a professional engineer now retired from the Ventura County Air Pollution Control District. A graduate of Purdue University, he has over 30 years of experience in the control of air pollution. He has been involved in global climate change education since 2007 and has spoken to almost 10,000 people on the subject. He will discuss climate-related issues that are occurring now, climate science that indicates human involvement and how climate change will impact California. He'll also talk about existing and future technology to reduce greenhouse gas emissions as well as actions that everyone can take to slow global climate change. Questions are encouraged.



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## NOVEMBER BIRDING TRIPS

Pandemic restrictions have been lifted, but CVAS will continue its careful approach to birding trips. Masks will no longer be required for outdoor events, but we may not be offering extra binoculars to share, so please bring your own. And finally, **please bring water, wear comfortable shoes, a hat, and observe good birding etiquette.** **RAIN CANCELS**



Lark Sparrow  
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### Friday, Nov. 3 - Pt. Mugu Naval Base

Sorry, this is open only to those CVAS members who have already completed and submitted the government form!

We'll explore the amazing wetland habitat around Pt. Mugu. Target species include Brant, Black Skimmer, shorebird species, Vermillion Flycatcher, and more!

Trip Leaders – Martin Ruane and David Pereksta.

### Sunday, Nov. 12 - Mt. Pinos

Join us as we go into the mountains to find some alpine birds! We will carpool at 7 am from the Janss Park & Ride located on the east side of the 23 freeway at the Janss Road Exit by the soccer fields. Alternately, meet at 9:00am at the Mt. Pinos Nordic Base parking lot at the end of Mount Pinos Road (GPS: Cuddy Valley Rd, Forest Rte 9N24, Frazier Park, CA 93225 – or – coordinates 34.8134, -119.1263). Please note that each vehicle that parks at the Mt. Pinos Nordic Base parking lot will need to display a valid Adventure Pass. Bundle warm! Target species include - Clark's Nutcracker, Mountain Chickadee, Red Crossbill, Williamson's Sapsucker, and Evening Grosbeak.

Trip leader - Richard Aremerding (310)-701-3878.

### Saturday, Nov 18th - Arroyo Vista Community Park

Bordering the Arroyo Simi in Moorpark, this park provides a good mix of open space and shrubs for a variety of bird habitat. Meet at the end of the parking lot by the footbridge over the arroyo at 8 a.m. Target species include - Lark Sparrows, Red-breasted Nuthatch, wintering warblers and waterfowl. Afterwards, we will meet at the Country Harvest Cafe for brunch around 11:30 a.m.

Trip leader - Sammy Cowell (818) 470-7098.

### Saturday, Nov. 25th - Sapwi Trails Community Park

Sapwi Trails provides excellent habitat for overwintering sparrows and raptors. Meet at the Westlake Rd. parking lot. Just be mindful of the flying discs! Target species include Golden-crowned Sparrows, sapsuckers, and raptor species.

Trip leaders - Steve and Karen Rusch (805) 208-1851

### Wednesday, November 8th, 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 Society 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.

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March 20, 2024 - March 29, 2024



Set out on a journey across the Pacific coastal region of Costa Rica to discover the abundant species of neotropical birds and other wildlife inhabiting this small but biodiverse country. Marvel at the variety of ecosystems, from lowland tropical forests and wetlands to temperate forests and páramos, and identify hundreds of bird species along the way. Visit national parks and wildlife reserves, botanical gardens, and world-renowned research stations to learn about the natural history of Costa Rica and the latest conservation initiatives to protect its precious ecosystems as you observe magnificent species like crocodiles and endemic avifauna.

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<https://www.holbrooktravel.com/where-we-travel/central-and-south-america/costa-rica/costa-rica-birding-southern-costa-rica-ventura-audubon>

White-throated Mountain-gem  
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Yellow-throated Toucan  
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**\$2,875**  
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single room supplement \$345

- Cruise along the Tárcoles River and watch for water birds and shorebirds.
- Venture on a guided tour through Los Cusingos Bird Sanctuary, once home to famed ornithologist Alexander Skutch.
- Observe some of the 400+ bird species during your stay at Las Cruces Biological Station, a leading research outpost with onsite accommodations.
- Ascend the Cordillera de Talamanca to experience its famous diversity of endemic wildlife.
- Seek out the elusive Resplendent Quetzal in Savegre's private reserve.

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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](http://WVZ.org)

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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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