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Zoom only

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Black-tailed Trogon
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FEBRUARY 5th MONTHLY PROGRAM

The February program will be held **only on Zoom**, since the WFVZ staff will be working in Guatemala. The Zoom link is, as always, <https://zoom.us/j/6155249106>. The meeting starts at 7:00 pm, but you can sign in any time after 6:45. There will be no pre-meeting dinner.

For information about the Western Foundation of Vertebrate Zoology (also known as the Camarillo Bird Museum) check out wfvz.org.

BIRD DIVERSITY THROUGH TIME

and the role of humans in shaping the diversity and distributions of living species
Jessica A. Oswald Terrill, PhD

Modern bird diversity and distributions have been shaped by climate and human impacts across the past few thousand years. Understanding the role of climate vs human driven change requires data from paleontological (pre-human), archaeological (human occupation), and modern contexts. Jessica will present fossil data and genomic data from living and extinct bird species to answer questions centered on evaluating diversity change in tropical birds.



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Jessica earned her PhD from the University of Florida, did her postdoc at Louisiana State University, and was research assistant professor at the University of Nevada, Reno. She is currently a forensic ornithologist at The National Fish and Wildlife Forensics Laboratory in Ashland, Oregon.

FEBRUARY BIRDING TRIPS

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**



California Gnatcatcher
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Saturday, February 3rd: Mountclef Open Space - CLU

Poke through the prickly pear patches (but try not to get poked!) as we look for Greater Roadrunner, Cactus Wren, and the endangered California Gnatcatcher! If time permits, we may go down to CLU and explore different habitats on campus.

Meet at the end of Bainbridge Court at 8 a.m.

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



Golden Eagle
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Saturday, February 10th: Lake Sherwood

Look for waterfowl and oak woodland denizens by the foothills of the Santa Monicas! Space is limited, so call Bob Zwiegler (805) 496-0377 to get your name on the list to get through the Stafford Road gate. Meet at 8 a.m.

Saturday, February 17th: Carrizo Plain

Take a trip to the beautiful Carrizo plain where Ferruginous Hawks, Prairie Falcons, Golden Eagles, Mountain Bluebirds, and Mountain Plovers like to spend the winter! This is an all day trip, so be prepared! Meet at 8 am at Hwy 166/33 and Soda Lake Road.

Trip leaders: Thelma Williams and Dee Lyon (805) 427-0987

Saturday, February 24th: Oak Canyon Community Park

Tucked into the south side of the Simi Hills at Kanan Road and Hollytree Drive, this little gem of a park has a nice diversity of oak woodland, riparian, and chapparal habitat; perfect for birds! Target species include birds like Lewis's Woodpecker, Fox Sparrow, and Golden-crowned Sparrow.

Trip leader: Dan Cooper (323) 397-3562



Lewis's Woodpecker
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February 14th, Wednesday, 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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COCKTAIL DINNER AND AUCTION



SATURDAY
MARCH 9, 2024
PALM GARDEN
HOTEL

495 VENTU PARK ROAD
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NO-HOST COCKTAILS AT 5:30 PM
DINNER AT 6:30 PM

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EARLYBIRD SPECIAL \$40.00 BEFORE FEBRUARY 22
(STUDENTS \$30.00)

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ELEPHANTS FOR THE RAFFLE TABLE

**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.

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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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