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Mar 4, Mon, 7:00 pm

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Cañada Larga

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Mar 30, Sat, 7:45 am

Malibu Creek State Park

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Hooded Mergansers
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MARCH 4th MONTHLY PROGRAM

The March program will be held back at Western Foundation of Vertebrate Zoology as well as on Zoom. 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. If you're interested in joining the pre-meeting dinner, email Chrystal at newsletter plus [@conejovalleyaudubon.org](https://www.facebook.com/conejovalleyaudubon.org)

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

BIRDING IN TAIWAN, COSTA RICA, AND NICARAGUA

with TAYLOR DRIGGS



Taylor will compare and contrast his birding and nature travel experiences in Taiwan, Costa Rica, and Nicaragua. In this presentation he'll share his birding adventures, show his best sightings, and give a little of his general travel advice for both regions. He'll offer travel tips and considerations for each country, such as which birding guides he used, and what's compelling about each of these fabulous locations.



White-throated
Mountain Gem
© B Clarfield-Bylin

Taylor Driggs is a 25 year resident of the Conejo Valley in Oak Park, an avid birder, hiker and natural history travel enthusiast. He works professionally in the Financial Technology industry.

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**



Saturday, March 2nd: Lake Casitas

Join us as we explore the largest freshwater body in Ventura County! We will look for waterfowl, swallows, and, of course, the nesting Bald Eagles! We will park outside the lake entrance and carpool in. Cost is \$20 per car on the weekend.

We will bird on foot for about an hour and a half, and then we will go boating for the last hour and half! The boat portion is already full, but if you want to simply come for the first portion, that's fine too!

Trip leaders: Jerry Maryniuk (805) 794-2791
and Sangeet Khalsa (805) 861-4648.

Saturday, March 16th: Lake Piru

Join us as we look for the largest bird in North America, the California Condor! We will look for other large raptors, waterfowl, and early spring migrants! Meet at 8:00 am at the store/Condor Point, beyond the entrance.

There'll be an entrance fee of \$5 per car. (Normally it's \$10, but the fee was reduced for this field trip, so be sure to tell them you are part of the CVAS birding group).

Trip leaders: Peter Robertshaw (909) 771-9720
and Tina Tan (909) 531-9544.

Saturday, March 23rd: Cañada Larga Road

Join us as we look for our chapter's iconic logo as well as raptors, flycatchers, open grassland sparrows, and early spring migrants! Meet at the start of Cañada Larga Road at 8 am.

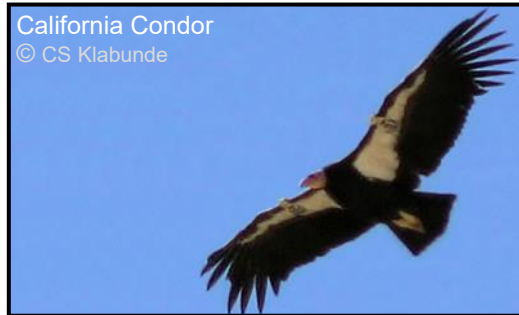
Trip leader: Marc Better (510) 919-5283.

Saturday, March 30th: Malibu Creek State Park

Join us as we explore the oak and sycamore woodlands of Malibu Creek State Park! In addition to common resident species, we will be looking for early spring migrants like grosbeaks and Lazuli Buntings! Entrance is \$12 per car, so we will meet at Kanan Road Park and Ride at 7:45 a.m. to carpool in. If you wish to meet at the park, the parking lot is off Las Virgenes Rd.

Trip leader – Bill and Carol Langford (360) 742-6059.

California Condor
© CS Klabunde



March 13th, 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.

CONEJO VALLEY AUDUBON

INVITES YOU TO OUR ANNUAL

COCKTAIL DINNER AND AUCTION



SATURDAY
MARCH 9, 2024
PALM GARDEN
HOTEL

495 VENTU PARK ROAD
THOUSAND OAKS, CA 91320

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

TO DONATE ITEMS FOR
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KLABUNDES AT
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TICKETS \$45.00
EARLYBIRD SPECIAL \$40.00 BEFORE FEBRUARY 22
(STUDENTS \$30.00)

ALSO BRING BIRDY WHITE
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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To join **CONEJO VALLEY AUDUBON SOCIETY** please visit www.ConejoValleyAudubon.org or mail in this

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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