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Black-headed Grosbeak
in native Elderberry
Don Klabunde

CVAS MEETINGS IN THE TIME OF COVID

Due to the ongoing threat of covid variants, we will for the time being, continue conducting our CVAS Monthly Programs online using Zoom, which is a computer tool that allows you to meet with other people online. Zoom can be used on a computer, tablet or smartphone. We will send out an email prior to each meeting with instructions for joining the meeting. If you have never used Zoom before, you may wish to watch this video for some tips: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9isp3qPeQ0E>

The link to join the Monthly Programs is: <https://zoom.us/j/6155249106>

When you join the meeting, you will be able to hear and see the presenter on your computer. If your computer has a microphone and camera, you will also be given the choice of whether other meeting participants can hear or see you. However, in most cases we will be muting all meeting participants except for the presenter.

APRIL MONTHLY PROGRAM BIRD MIGRATION IN THE SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS



Bear Divide is a narrow pass in the San Gabriel Mountains, just outside of Los Angeles, that is home to spectacular dawn flights of migrating birds in the spring. With thousands of migrants funneling through such a narrow corridor, this is a unique biological phenomenon. In 2021, the Moore Lab of Zoology at Occidental College began a regular count to quantify the numbers and identities of birds migrating through Bear Divide. Join Dr. Ryan Terrill to learn about the status of spring migration across the Divide, and how you can help.

Currently working at the Moore Lab of Zoology at Occidental College, Dr. Terrill received his B.S. from UC Santa Cruz and his PhD from Louisiana State University. He has studied the evolution of bird molt, an incredible adaptation that allows birds to drop and regrow worn feathers each year, and as the lead on the Mexican Bird Resurvey Project, he used big biodiversity data and genomic tools to understand how a century of human-caused change has impacted bird communities. Dr. Terrill is one of the top experts on local birds and serves on the California Bird Records Committee, the group which compiles the state bird list and rules on new records.

MARCH BIRDING TRIPS

Since we're still living with pandemic concerns, CVAS will continue its careful approach to birding trips. Rather than sharing guidebooks, we encourage you to bring your own or download one on your mobile phone (the Sibley guide is available as an app for both Android and iPhone). Regrettably, we won't be offering extra binoculars to share, so please bring your own pair. And finally, **please wear your mask and observe social distancing.**

April 2, Saturday - Soule Park

Boardman Rd. south from Hwy 150, east of Ojai.
Meet in the parking lot at 8 am.
We'll look for woodpeckers, riparian birds, and raptors.
Leader TBA - check with Dee Lyon - (805) 427-0987

April 9, Saturday - Sisar Canyon

Sisar Rd. north from Hwy 150 in the wee town of Summit.
Meet at the two water towers at 8 am.
We'll walk up to the creek, looking for migrating warblers.
Leader is Sammy Cowell (818) 470-7098

April 16, Saturday - Rancho Sierra Vista

Off Lynn Road at Via Goleta in Newbury Park.
Meet at the parking area at 8 am.
We'll look for grassland birds.
Leader TBA - check with Dee Lyon (805) 427-0987

April 23, Saturday - Gillette Ranch

off Mulholland Hwy just east of Las Virgenes Rd.
Meet at the parking area at 8 am.
This park offers a wide variety of birds.
Leader TBA - check with Dee Lyon (805) 427-0987

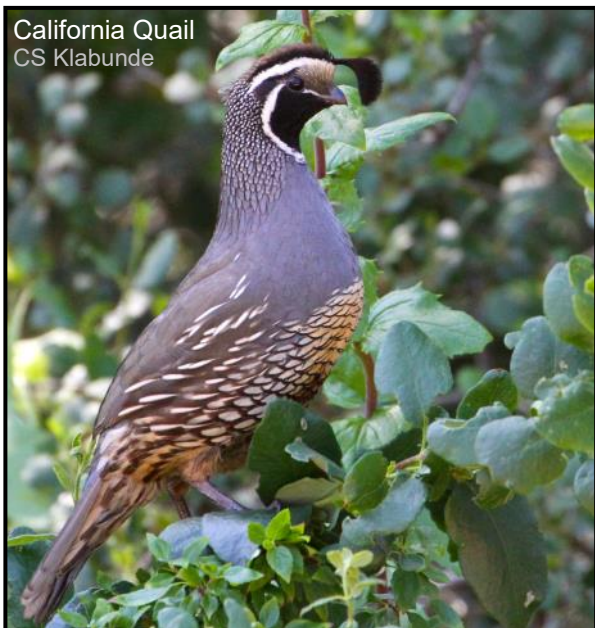
April 30, Saturday - Wheeler Gorge

on Hwy 33, north of Ojai.
Meet across the street from the park at 9 am.
We'll look for higher elevation species.
Leader is Matthew Page - (805) 990-6534



Steller's Jay
CS Klabunde

California Quail
CS Klabunde



Wednesday, April 13, 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 masks and 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.

2022 CVAS BIRD-FRIENDLY GARDEN TOUR

April 24th, 2022 from 9 AM until 2 PM

Please join us. Our tour will feature yards which provide habitat for our native birds and demonstrate the use of drought tolerant California native plants in the landscape. Gardens will be located in Oak Park, Thousand Oaks, Camarillo and Ventura. Hosts will be on site to answer questions. We invite you to visit the gardens in the order of your choice.



If you are interested in attending this year's tour, please RSVP to cvasbfgt@gmail.com **NO LATER THAN Friday, April 15th**. Please include the **FIRST** and **LAST NAME** of each guest who will be attending, along with your **E-MAIL** and a **PHONE NUMBER**. You will receive a confirmation within 72 hours of your RSVP. (If you do not receive the confirmation, please check your SPAM or Junk mail. If you do not find the confirmation, please resubmit your RSVP and add the above e-mail to your safe-senders list.)

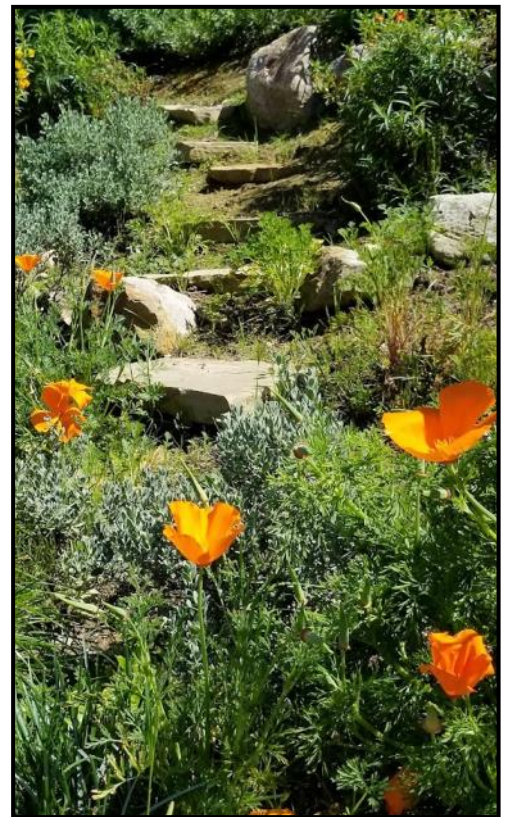


Two days prior to the tour, you will receive a list of addresses. After the tour, you will receive a follow up e-mail with information relevant to planting a bird-friendly native garden habitat.

We hope our bird-friendly garden tour will inspire you to install a bird-friendly habitat of your own. CVAS members are encouraged to bring a friend.

IMPORTANT NOTES:

- **Sorry, no restroom facilities will be available.**
- **No dogs** will be allowed in any of the gardens.
- **Plant photography is encouraged.**



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