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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

Mar 6, Mon, 7:00 pm
Monthly Program 
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Mar 8, Wed, 8:00 am
Beginner Bird Walk
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Mar 11, Sat, 5:30 pm
Annual Dinner/Auction
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Mar 18, Sat, 8:00 am
Las Lajas
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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

Wandering Tattler
CS Klabunde



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>

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 **Crystal at (805)522-8023**, no later than 9:00 am on Monday, March 6th.

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.



Andrena hololeuca

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



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 Lajas, 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. Leader is Dee Lyon (805) 427-0987

March 25, Saturday - Cañada Larga, Venture
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



Greater Roadrunner
CS Klabunde

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.



American Kestrel
Don Klabunde



Rufous-crowned Sparrow
Don Klabunde

NATIVE PLANT TIP

by Jennifer de la Torre



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!



Jennifer de la Torre

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](#)

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.