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CALENDAR

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Apr 3, Mon, 5:00 pm

**Pre-meeting dinner at
Wood Ranch Camarillo**

Apr 3, Mon, 7:00 pm

Monthly Program
WFVZ or Zoom

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Bird-Friendly Garden Tour
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Matilija Riparian Area
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Western Tanager
Don Klabunde



BACK AT THE WESTERN FOUNDATION!

We are currently 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 April 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 California ecosystems and ethnobotany. So for dinner reservations, leave a voice message for **Chrystal at (805)522-8023**, no later than 9:00 am on Monday, April 3rd.

APRIL MONTHLY PROGRAM

BEAUTIFUL & AMAZING CALIFORNIA NATIVES

California native plants can make excellent, drought tolerant choices for our gardens, saving water and providing food and shelter for native insects, birds, and other animals, but there's also a long history of how our local indigenous peoples made use of these plants.



Laura Pasetta Owner of Wild Rootz is a California Naturalist, Master Gardener, Herbalist, and Nature Photographer. She speaks on a wide variety of topics that include the Animals, Birds and Insects of California Ecosystems, Ethnobotany, and Drought Tolerant Gardening using California natives in our urban landscapes.

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. Check 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.

APRIL 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**

April 1, Saturday - Lake Piru, Peter Robertshaw (909) 771-9720. Meet at 8:00 am at the store/Condor Point. The group will be carpooling in (\$5 per car). Target birds include spring migrants, raptors, and condors.

April 8, Saturday - Sisar Canyon, Spencer Seale (805) 746-9789. Meet at 8 am at the parking lot off Sisar Rd. Parking is very limited, so carpooling is suggested. Target species will be spring migrants (vireos, warblers, flycatchers).

April 15, Saturday - Bear Divide, Dee Lyon (805) 427-0987. Meet at Janss Park & Ride opposite T.O. Library, at 7:30 am to carpool, or meet at Bear Divide on Sand Canyon Rd. The flow of migrants peaks at dawn, and is mostly done by 9 am.

April 23, Sunday - Mission Oaks, Sangeet Khalsa (805) 861-4648. Meet at 8 am at the parking lot off Mission Oaks Blvd. Target species will be spring migrants (warbler, flycatcher, tanagers, orioles).

April 29, Saturday - Matilija Riparian area, Matthew Page (805) 990-6534. Meet at 8:00 am. Due to flood damage, the road is limited to residents only, so park on Matilija Canyon Rd. (Forest Rt. 5N13) just as it comes off Hwy 33. From there, the group will walk up to the Matilija overlook and down the road to access the riparian forest. This can be a difficult excursion for some, so bring proper hiking gear, sunscreen, and plenty of water.



Townsend's Warbler
Don Klabunde



Osprey
CS Klabunde

Wednesday, April 12, 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.



Plumbeous Vireo
Don Klabunde

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.

2023 CVAS BIRD-FRIENDLY GARDEN TOUR

April 16th, 2023 from 9 AM until 3PM

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, Agoura, Simi Valley, Thousand Oaks, Newbury Park, Camarillo and Ventura. Hosts will be on site to answer questions. Please visit the gardens in the order of your choice.



Jennifer de la Torre

If you are interested in attending this year's tour, please register at <https://conejovalleyaudubon.org/> NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, APRIL 7th. Please note: Confirmation and the addresses of the gardens will be sent to guests a few days prior to the tour from gardentour@conejovalleyaudubon.org, so add this e-mail address to your safe senders list, lest things get lost in your SPAM or Junk mail files. After the tour, you will receive a follow up e-mail with information on planting your own bird-friendly native garden habitat. We hope our bird-friendly garden tour will inspire you to install a bird-friendly habitat of your own We encourage you to bring a friend.



Cooper's Hawk
Jennifer de la Torre

IMPORTANT NOTES:

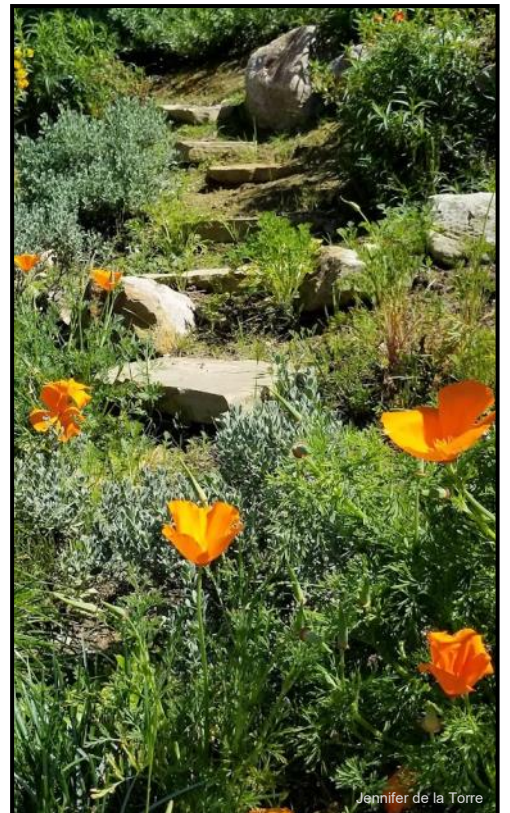
- This tour is educational
- There is no charge for this tour
- No restroom facilities will be available
- Dogs are not allowed in the gardens
- Plant photography is encouraged



California Scrub-Jay
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CVAS ANNUAL DINNER AND AUCTION

I want to heartily thank everyone who worked so hard to make the evening such a success. To name but a few: Staley Stewart started at 1 in the afternoon to help me transport stuff to the hotel, then she worked like a trooper until the final clean-up. Jean Stoutenborough designed those absolutely gorgeous flower centerpieces. Erik Oberg and Bonnie Clarfield-Bylin worked like crazy to get all the auction items sorted, and I think Nobuko McClure turned her hand to every task there was. David Person cheerfully jumped into the greeter's chair, as well as being cashier, along with Richard Armerding. Our dashing President, Frank DeMartino got the party started with his rousing State of CVAS speech, and Thelma Williams kept the excitement going with all that raffle fun. The buffet dinner was good, and dessert team, Thelma, Richard, Frank, Mary Ann Campbell and Jennifer de la Torre stepped up to the challenge and came through with flying colors ... yum. Everyone who attended, everyone who donated items, and everyone who bid on items deserves thanks, and of course, there was the terrific performance by my beloved hubby and auctioneer, Don Klabunde. In the end, David and Richard report that between the auction and raffle, we took in \$4,340.00.

Love you all,
Chrystal Klabunde-Newsletter Editor



All these beautiful photos are by Jennifer de la Torre. Thanks Jen!

LIKE TO STAY CONNECTED?

WANT TO KEEP UP WITH OUR MONTHLY PROGRAMS, BIRD WALKS AND EVENTS?

In addition to our Conejo Valley Audubon (CVAS) monthly newsletter and website, CVAS has two social media accounts. You can find us on Facebook by searching: Conejo Valley Audubon in the search bar. It is a public account, so you should not need a Facebook account to view it.

Our newest social media platform is Instagram! To follow us, please search, "Conejo Valley Audubon" at Instagram.com or on the Instagram App. We would appreciate your advocacy. Please let your local friends who are interested in birding, backyard birds, and bird conservation know about our wonderful organization and available social media links.

Thank you! If you have any questions or want to contribute a local bird-related photo for our Instagram feed, please reach out to the CVAS Publicity Chair at publicity@conejovalleyaudubon.org

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 & 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](#)



Hermit Thrush
CS Klabunde



Bewick's Wren
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