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Cougar
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JOIN US AT THE WESTERN FOUNDATION!

We have the privilege of holding our meetings at the **Western Foundation of Vertebrate Zoology** (also known as the Bird Museum), 439 Calle San Pablo in Camarillo. If you arrive when the doors open at 6:30, you'll have the rare opportunity to look around the museum's collections for a half hour before the meeting starts at 7:00 pm. (Also check out wfvz.org)

CVAS's meetings will be hybrid, simultaneously live at WFVZ (recommended) and on Zoom. The link to join on Zoom is <https://zoom.us/j/6155249106>.

Anyone interested in joining us for dinner at Wood Ranch Camarillo before the meeting, let Chrystal know you're coming (805-261-9885), then meet at the restaurant by 5:00 pm.

FEBRUARY 3rd MONTHLY PROGRAM WALLIS ANNEBERG WILDLIFE CROSSING



Robert Rock, President & CEO of Rock Design Associates, leads the design of the Wallis Annenberg Wildlife Crossing in Agoura Hills, California. The project involves an ambitious collaboration between five core project partners including the National Wildlife Federation, the National Park Service, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), the Resource Conservation District of the Santa Monica Mountains, and the Mountains Recreation Conservation Authority. Rock's project team is comprised of over a dozen consultants with considerable expertise in their respective fields, from engineering to wildlife biology and from acoustic modeling to soil science. Rock's expert team collaborates directly with Caltrans on the documentation and construction oversight of the crossing and the additional twelve acres of restored habitat that will reconnect the Simi Hills on the north to the Santa Monica Mountains on the south over the 101 Freeway. His talk will include insights into the thorough design process needed for such a project and the unique collaboration necessary to accomplish it. The concrete structure over the freeway has made incredible progress over the course of the last year and Rock's talk will include an update on construction efforts as well as a few things to look forward to seeing on the project site this spring.



FEBRUARY BIRDING TRIPS

CVAS birding trips are open to everyone, regardless of skill level. Experienced birders lead these trips so that everyone has their best chance to see the wide variety of migrant and resident bird species that our area has to offer.

Please bring water, wear comfortable shoes, a hat, and observe good birding etiquette. RAIN CANCELS

Monday, Feb 3rd: **Bard Lake**

Meet at 9 am at 2100 Olsen Rd, Thousand Oaks. Bard Lake is a 230-acre reservoir operated by Calleguas Water District. After a brief introduction by the water district, we will walk around the 3-mile loop around the reservoir looking at different duck and gull species (note: golf carts are available for those who would like them). The lake is typically closed to the public, so this is a special treat for CVAS! Make sure to email fieldtrips@conejovalleyaudubon.org to complete the liability form!

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

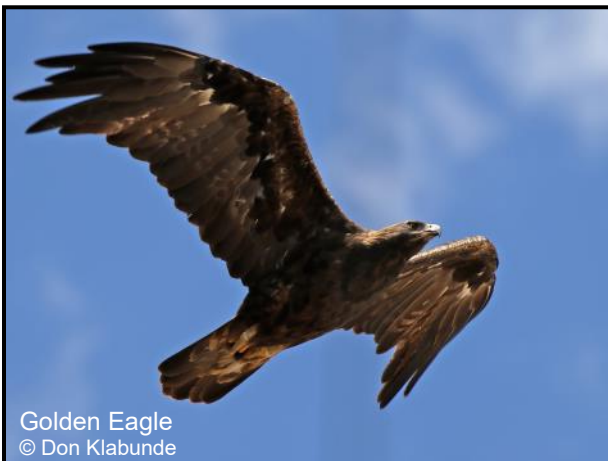
Saturday, Feb 8th: **Lake Sherwood**

Meet at 8 am inside the gate at 2201 Stafford Rd, Westlake Village. We'll look for the waterfowl and oak woodland denizens among the foothills of the Santa Monica Mountains.

Space is limited, so call Bob Zwiiegler (805) 496-0377 to get your name onto the list to get through the Stafford Rd gate.



Cinnamon Teal
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Golden Eagle
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Saturday, Feb 15th: **Great Backyard Bird Count**

Every year in February, the National Audubon Society hosts the Great Backyard Bird Count <https://www.birdcount.org/>. This year, our chapter will participate by birdwatching together in people's backyards. We will have 4 home locations in Simi Valley, Thousand Oaks, Newbury Park, and Camarillo respectively. Afterwards, we'll hop onto a Zoom call to share our lists!

If you're interested in joining, contact Sammy Cowell at 818-470-7098 or samueldavidcowell@gmail.com to choose one of these count groups.

Saturday, Feb 22nd: **Carrizo Plain**

Meet at 8 am, at the corner of Hwy 166/33 and Soda Lake Rd. 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!

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

Beginner Bird Walk – Rancho Sierra Vista / Satwiwa February 12th, Wednesday, 8:00 am

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 and layered clothing, and bring water.

Contact walk leader Richard Armerding at (310) 701-3878 (texting is OK)

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.

PROTECTING PINE MOUNTAIN

According to the Los Padres ForestWatch, "the federal court has cleared the way for an unnecessary and destructive logging and vegetation removal project to proceed." You can help the efforts to protect Pine Mountain by emailing your members of Congress at the following link: <https://forestwatch.p2a.co/87b0joT>

CONEJO VALLEY AUDUBON
 INVITES YOU TO OUR ANNUAL
COCKTAIL DINNER AND AUCTION



SUNDAY
MARCH 2, 2025

PALM GARDEN
HOTEL

495 VENTU PARK ROAD
 THOUSAND OAKS, CA 91320

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

TICKETS \$75.00

EARLYBIRD SPECIAL \$65.00 BEFORE FEBRUARY 18
 (STUDENTS \$50.00)

TO DONATE

ITEMS for AUCTION:
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 ELEPHANTS FOR THE RAFFLE TABLE

5 FREE RAFFLE TICKETS
FOR EACH FIRST-TIME GUEST

BUFFET (BUF)

- garden salad
- beef with 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.

Contact Email or Phone # _____

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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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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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