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Elegant Clarkia  
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## APRIL 6TH MONTHLY PROGRAM



**OJAI RAPTOR CENTER**

with **Jaclyn DeSantis**

Jaclyn's career in wildlife rehabilitation began in 2007 after a personal rescue experience sparked a commitment to this work. She soon began apprenticing with Kimberly Stroud, founder and executive director of the Ojai Raptor Center, and local wildlife biologist and raptor rehabilitator Peter Triem. She furthered her training through state and national wildlife conferences and advanced coursework with veterinarians and raptor care specialists.

In 2010, Jaclyn became the Ojai Raptor Center's first staff member, managing both the wildlife hospital and education program for over a decade. Following the Center's expansion in 2020 — including the addition of a staff veterinarian and hospital technicians — she transitioned to leading the education program full-time. Today, she oversees initiatives that reach thousands annually, promoting biodiversity, conservation, and responsible environmental stewardship.

Jaclyn is a Certified Environmental Educator through the California Association for Environmental & Outdoor Education and a licensed wildlife rehabilitator through the International Wildlife Rehabilitation Council. She maintains professional memberships with the National Wildlife Rehabilitators Association, California Council of Wildlife Rehabilitators, National Environmental Education Association, and the International Association of Avian Trainers and Educators.



## 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](http://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>.

## APRIL 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**

Find more weekly birding trips on our website at [ConejoValleyAudubon.org](http://ConejoValleyAudubon.org), or contact John Mueller (818) 625-9584.

### Beginner Bird Walk Rancho Sierra Vista / Satwiwa April 8th, 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, accessible from 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 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)

## BEGINNER BIRDING CLASS: SATURDAY, APRIL 11 AT 8:00 AM



Western Bluebird  
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**Come learn the basics** of birdwatching and how to use a field guide and binoculars. Learn to ID the birds in your backyard and our local parks. A bird walk in the Conejo Community Park will follow.

Meet at 8:00 am at the Conejo Valley Botanic Garden (CVBG), 400 W. Gainsborough Rd., Thousand Oaks. Drive to the parking lot on Jeanine Drive. Class will be held in the Kids' Adventure Garden. A \$10 cash donation will be collected for CVBG. Bring water & snacks, wear comfortable shoes and binoculars if you have them. After this one class, you'll feel ready to join our regular schedule of birding trips. Look for them on our website.



Snowy Egret  
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## FAMILY BIRDING EVENT SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 9-11 AM

In collaboration with Moorpark City Library, come and learn the basics of birdwatching. Learning activities for all ages and a bird walk through the park will help you ID the birds in your backyard and our local parks.

Meet at 9 am, Lot B at Arroyo Vista Community Park, 4550 Tierra Rejada Road, Moorpark.



California Scrub Jay  
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Please join us on Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM until 3 PM for the  
**2026 CVAS BIRD-FRIENDLY GARDEN TOUR**



This tour will feature yards which provide habitat for our native birds and demonstrate the use of drought tolerant California native plants in the landscape. This year we will once again partner with the California Native Plant Society (CNPS Channel Islands). The gardens will be located in Camarillo and Newbury Park, and the hosts will be on site to answer questions.

CVAS has a mission to make the public aware of the importance and beauty of birds, natural habitats, native plants and wild-life. At a time when bird populations are in decline due in large part to loss of habitat, we are dedicated toward promoting the creation of viable habitat for both local and migratory birds in our area. Our Bird-Friendly Garden Tours serve to educate and promote awareness about the importance of California native plants in supporting our bird populations, because native plants support the native bugs that birds feed to their babies. We encourage you to spread the word and bring your friends!

**If you are interested in attending this year's tour, please RSVP to [gardentour@conejovalleyaudubon.org](mailto:gardentour@conejovalleyaudubon.org) NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, APRIL 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026.**

When registering, please include the **FIRST** and **LAST NAME** and **EMAIL** of each guest who will be attending, along with the **PHONE NUMBER** of the person who will be registering. You will receive confirmation within 72 hours of your RSVP. If you do not receive confirmation, please check your SPAM or Junk mail. If you do not find the confirmation, please resubmit your RSVP and add this e-mail to your safe-senders list.

Two days prior to the tour, you will receive a list of addresses.

Then after the tour, you will receive a follow-up e-mail with information relevant to planting a bird-friendly native garden habitat.

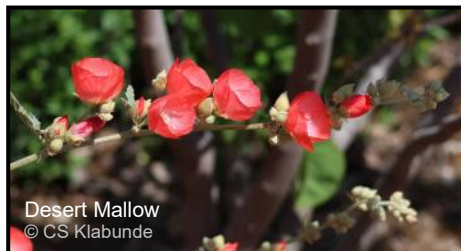
We hope that our Bird-Friendly Garden Tour will inspire you to install a bird-friendly habitat of your own.



Cooper's Hawk in native garden  
© Jose la Torre

## IMPORTANT NOTES:

- **No restroom facilities will be available.** Sorry
- **No dogs** will be allowed in any of the gardens.
- We encourage plant photography
- There will be no charge for this educational tour.



Desert Mallow  
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Western Redbud  
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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 [WFVZ.org](http://WFVZ.org)

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To join **CONEJO VALLEY AUDUBON SOCIETY** please visit [www.ConejoValleyAudubon.org](http://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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