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## General Meeting February 4 7:30 pm Western Foundation



Don DesJardin presents  
More Birds & Other Natural Things Volume 5

Don DesJardin has been part of the birding scene in Ventura County since 1989. During that time he has spent countless hours capturing birds on both film and video. Although he has traveled to many exotic places around the world to see new birds and places, he always returns to what he calls his local patch.

More Birds & Other Natural Things Volume 5 is the latest in a series of one hour More Birds videos which feature birds of Southern California, along with a sprinkling of other critters that are part of our natural world. The first 45 minutes are just birds which are identified with their common species names *only* at the end of each clip, so you can test your ID skills. The last 15 minutes is a short video Dawn to Dusk at the Salton Sea filmed in the winter when 1000s of Ross's and Snow Geese, along with 100s of Sandhill Cranes leave their night roost at dawn and head out for their feeding areas, and then return at dusk to roost. This video is rated GB

(Good Birds), and is suited for Audubon audiences that can't get enough of them.

You can visit Don's website at <http://birdsdesjardin> to see video samples and the quality that were included in some of the previous More Birds series.

## Conservation Column

By Dee Lyon

### EDIBLE GARDENS AT SCHOOLS

Valmonte School in Palos Verdes Estates (where my boys went to school) has a new program, implemented by school children and volunteers. They have built an edible garden on a one acre plot. Wouldn't it be great if each school could set aside an area for children to learn how to grow food?

Mulch was donated and Kellogg Supply sent heaps of soil amendments and compost. The Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy donated native plants. High School students and parents helped plant fruit trees and vegetables.

The program was instituted through **Enrich LA**, which Thomas O'Grady started in an effort to give back to the society that enriched him. The non-profit group's mission is to establish school gardens primarily in low-income areas. It aims to help youngsters learn about where food comes from and about nutrition, conservation and environmental stewardship. Gardens have been created along the 110 corridor where chain-link fences are topped by barbed wire. In most cases asphalt is removed to provide the garden space.

This program could be proposed at all our school districts.

Dee

### CALENDAR

#### February

4	5:15 pm	Pre meeting Dinner: Ottavio's
4	7:30 pm	General Meeting Western Foundation
2&3	8:00 am	Field Trip: Carrizo Plain
10	9:00 am	Field Trip: Santa Barbara Hot Spots
14	9:00 am	Field Trip: Beginner's Bird Walk
16	8:00 am	Field Trip: Lake Casitas and Santa Ana Road

#### \*\*\*Pre meeting Dinner\*\*\*

Ottavio's in Camarillo at 5:15 pm

Call Nobuko McClure  
For Reservations (805) 482-0411  
**Reservation Deadline:** 9:00 am  
Day of General Meeting

## CVAS Events

Everyone is welcome to attend any CVAS meeting or field trip. CVAS assumes no responsibility for injuries, personal or otherwise, incurred while attending a society-sponsored activity and will not be held liable for such accidents. One attends at one's own risk.

### Board Meeting Notice

The February Board Meeting will be held on Monday February 18. All CVAS members are invited to attend monthly CVAS Board Meetings. Meetings start at 7:00 pm and are held in the home of a board member with meeting locations varying monthly. Please contact CVAS Secretary **Gary Evans** at **(805) 231-5692** or [GaryE@ConejoValleyAudubon.org](mailto:GaryE@ConejoValleyAudubon.org) for meeting location and directions.

### Field Trips

The times specified are departure times **ó be sure to arrive 15 min earlier**. Try to carpool whenever possible and don't forget to offer the driver gas money!  
**RAIN CANCELS!**

#### February 2 & 3 Weekend Carrizo Plain

Leaders: **Matthew Page (805) 990-6534**  
**Nick and Mary Freeman**

Meet at 8 a.m. in Maricopa at the Shell gas station / Subway. Spectacular scenery. We will see Ferruginous Hawks, Prairie Falcons, Golden Eagles (maybe 20?), LeConte's Thrasher, Merlin and pronghorn; with likely Rough-legged Hawk, Mountain Plover and possible Sandhill Crane. We will meet in Maricopa, drive around the Plain all weekend, then leave the Plain heading north via Bitterwater Road on Sunday before we away to L.A. If possible, please carpool so as to minimize the cars we take onto the plain.

Please call or email Matthew Page to sign up: [fieldtrips@conejovalleyaudubon.org](mailto:fieldtrips@conejovalleyaudubon.org) or **(805) 990-6534**. Reserve your own room in Buttonwillow for Saturday night. Motel 6 is one option here. FRS radios & scopes helpful. Joint LAAS / CVAS trip. Limit: 16

#### Sunday, February 10 Santa Barbara Hot Spots

Leader: **Linda Easter (805) 482-7537**

Meet Linda at the Las Posas Park and Ride at 8 am. Linda will take us on a whirlwind tour of the Santa Barbara winter hot spots, including possible locations as the Andrea Clark Bird Refuge, the Carpinteria Salt Marsh, the Santa Barbara Botanical Gardens, and possibly Devereux Slough. If it is still being reported, we will try for the Gray Hawk in Carpinteria at Santa Claus Lane.

#### Thursday, February 14 9:00 AM Beginner's Bird Walk Annual Westlake Boat Trip (Must Reserve)

Call Angie Kobabe **(818) 991-4055** between 9:00 AM and 9:00 PM to let her know you are coming and reserve your seat. Please reserve by Friday, Feb 9<sup>th</sup>. Rain will cancel

#### Saturday, February 16 Lake Casitas and Santa Ana Road Leader: **Matthew Page (805) 990-6534**

Meet outside the entrance to Lake Casitas at 8 am. We'll carpool into the lake together. We'll explore the eastern arm of the lake, the Bald Eagle nests, and look for wintering species. We'll also look around outside the lake on Santa Ana Road. Target species include Bald Eagle, Zone-tailed Hawk (unlikely), Golden-crowned Sparrow, Lewis's Woodpecker, White-tailed Kite, and other woodland birds. Matthew Page (805) 990-6534.



**Spotted Sandpiper**  
by **Don Williamson on 12/27/2012**  
at **Carpinteria Salt Marsh**

You are cordially invited to join  
Conejo Valley Audubon Society  
on  
Friday, March 15, 2013  
at  
Sterling Hills Golf Club  
901 Sterling Hills Drive  
Camarillo, CA 93010

Exit the Ventura Freeway (101) at Central Avenue in Camarillo.  
Go north on Central (0.8 mi) to Beardsley Road and turn RIGHT.  
Continue on Beardsley (0.75 mi) until you reach Sterling Hills Drive and turn RIGHT  
On the left you will see the golf course parking lot.

For

**Cocktails, Dinner and Auction**

No-host cocktails 5:30 PM ó Dinner 6:30 PM

Ticket price per person \$40.00 (early bird special \$35.00 ó before 3/1/13)

5-FREE raffle tickets for each 1<sup>st</sup> time guest

We ask that everyone kindly bring an item for the raffles.

All types of donation items are acceptable and are not limited to those with an avian theme.

Anyone interested in donating items for the silent or live auctions please contact Carol Langford  
at 360-742-6059 or [berry50@yahoo.com](mailto:berry50@yahoo.com)

**All are tax deductible!**

Dinner selections: Both served with a Tossed Green Salad, Freshly Baked Breads and Butter, a  
Delicious Dessert and Coffee or Tea.

- #1 Duet Plate: Petite Filet Mignon and Baked Salmon Filet
- #2 Vegetarian Lasagna

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Please fill out this reservation form, tear it off, and mail it with your check (payable to CVAS) to:

CVAS, P.O. Box 4782, Thousand Oaks, CA 91359

Print your name(s) as you would like it to appear on your place card and select an entrée by number

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Dinner # \_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Thanks for your support!!!**

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**Volunteers Needed**

Volunteers are needed to staff officer positions currently open on the CVAS Board. For the term starting Fall 2012, both the President and Vice President positions will need to be filled in addition to the Special Events coordinator. We encourage you to discuss your interests in volunteering for any of these positions at our next General Meeting.

Regular meetings are held on the first Monday evening of each month at the Western Foundation of Vertebrate Zoology, 439 Calle San Pablo, Camarillo at 7:30 pm, unless otherwise noted. **Everyone is welcome.** Take Pleasant Valley Road or Lewis Road to where they cross south of the 101 Freeway. Go west to the second street, Calle San Pablo. Turn right. The Foundation is the fifth building on the left.

The Western Foundation of Vertebrate Zoology is a non-profit organization founded in 1956 to promote the study and conservation of birds and other vertebrates. The organization makes contributions in the areas of natural history collections, original research, and conservation.

The *Roadrunner* is published monthly except July and August by the Conejo Valley Audubon Society. It is sent to paid CVAS members only. Members are invited to submit articles, announcements, letters, photos, and drawings for publication consideration. Copy deadline is the 5th of the month. Send items to Gary Evans 29 Sabra Ave. Oak Park, CA 91377-1126 or by E-mail: GaryE@ConejoValleyAudubon.org.

**NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION** **C3ZC230Z**

Please enroll me as a member of the National Audubon Society. I have enclosed \$20 (\$15 for seniors and students), payable to **National Audubon Society**, for an introductory membership.

Mail it to: National Audubon Society, P. O. Box 422250, Palm Coast, FL 32142-2250

Renewing memberships should be sent to National Audubon with the renewal form and envelope you receive.

For questions regarding national membership status call: National Audubon Customer Service 1-800-274-4201

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Please enroll me as a member of Conejo Valley Audubon Society. I have enclosed \$20 for a family membership.

Additional Gift: \_\_\_\$25.00 \_\_\_\$50.00 \_\_\_\$75.00 \_\_\_\$100.00 \$\_\_\_\_\_Other

Membership \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total (check payable to CVAS) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: CVAS, P.O. Box 4782, Thousand Oaks, CA 91359 Newsletter will be sent by E-mail unless request mail.

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