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## General Meeting, Oct 7 7:30 pm Western Foundation Birds of Tanzania Africa

**Marilyn Takahashi Fordney, CMA-AC, CMT  
Oxnard, California**



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We will have a one hour DVD of photography of Tanzanian birds. Marilyn shot the video; her husband Sandor Havasi took the still photos. The DVD is accompanied by African music. Sandor recently received the sweepstakes award at the Ventura County Fair for his work as an advanced amateur photographer.

Marilyn worked as a medical assistant performing administrative and clinical duties for 14 years. She taught at community colleges and in adult education for 19 years. In the mid 70's she became a Certified Medical Assistant, Administrative and Clinical and in 1979 a Certified Medical Transcriptionist. She has authored and co-authored to date more than 60 books for 35 years.

In June 2005 she was inducted into the Council of Fellows by the Text and Academic Authors Association at its annual meeting in Las Vegas. She continues to give professional lectures from time to time and is a member of a number of professional national associations.

The success of her books has allowed her and her husband to create two nonprofit foundations: Fordney Foundation for Dance Sport and Havasi Wilderness Foundation.

### CVAS AUCTION PLANNING

Wanted: Volunteers to join Carol Langford & Bonnie Clarfield-Bylin in planning the Annual CVAS Fundraising Dinner and Auction. Please respond by December 1, 2013 to Carol at [\(360\)742-6059](tel:3607426059) or email to: [Berry50@yahoo.com](mailto:Berry50@yahoo.com). Your help will be much appreciated



Yellow-rumped Warbler  
Don Klabunde - Chapter Photographer

### CALENDAR

#### October

5	8:30 am	Field Trip: Cañada Larga Road
7	5:15 pm	Pre-meeting Dinner: Ottavio's
7	7:30 pm	General Meeting Western Foundation
10	9:00 am	Beginner's Bird Walk – Westlake boat trip
13		Field Trip: Tejon Ranch
19		Field Trip: Ellwood Mesa
27	7:00 am	Field Trip: Laguna Tams and Oxnard Plain

#### \*\*\*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

CVAS assumes no responsibility for injuries at any CVAS event

## BOARD MEETING

Contact Gary Evans at 805-231-5692 if you wish to attend the October 14<sup>th</sup> board meeting at 7:00.

## FIELD TRIPS

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

### Saturday October 5 Cañada Larga Road

Meet at the start of the road after the exit from Hwy 33 at 8:30am. Bring water and lunch. Birds we will look for include warblers, sapsuckers, woodpeckers, raptors, western bluebirds and barn owls. Leader is Linda Easter (805) 482-7537

### Thursday, October 10 Beginners's Bird Walk – Westlake Boat Trip

**MUST RESERVE** by Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> to be sure of spot. Please call Angie Kobabe at 818-991-4055 between 9:00 am and 9:00 pm.

### Sunday October 13 Tejon Ranch

The Tejon Ranch encompasses the largest single privately held track of land in the state of California, and is uniquely situated at the convergence of the Mojave Desert, the Sierra Nevada, the Central Valley and the Transverse Ranges. This results in a high degree of biodiversity and the members of the Tejon Ranch Conservancy are always gracious and eager to share this unique habitat. Previous trips have included memorable looks at Golden Eagle, Ferruginous and Swainson's Hawks, Scott's Oriole, Ladder-backed Woodpecker, quail, warblers, vireo, sparrows, and plenty more. We also stand a good chance at seeing reintroduced Pronghorn. We will drive up Interstate 5 to Highway 138, where we will meet with conservancy docents who will lead us

on this trip. Plan for the possibility of cool weather. There are no facilities once on the ranch, so please pack a picnic lunch and plenty of water. This trip requires pre-registration. Trip limit: 12. Please contact Matthew Page (805) 990-6534 or email [fieldtrips@conejovalleyaudubon.org](mailto:fieldtrips@conejovalleyaudubon.org) for more info.

### Saturday October 19 Ellwood Mesa

Over the past few years, Ellwood Mesa has proven to be one of the best spots for fall migrants and vagrants in Santa Barbara county. This field trip will check all the best locations in this large grove of Eucalyptus: The Coronado Storm Drain, The Mobile Home Car Wash and the Sewage Cap Willows. If time (and access) permits, we may walk along the old Ocean Meadows Golf Course and see how the restoration project is coming along. We may also check Devereux Slough for shorebirds and ducks. We will be out for 4-5 hours, so please plan accordingly. Bring water, snacks, sun protection. The trails are mostly uneven dirt trails that can be fairly steep in some places, so wear good shoes. If you plan on walking the whole route (to Devereux Slough and back) it will be about 2 -3 miles. However, don't be discouraged by the distance, there will also be plenty of excellent birding near the car at the shady spots we will hit at the start of the trip. Meet at the Las Posas Park and Ride to carpool to the Santa Barbara area at 6:30 am or meet trip leader Noah Gaines at the end of Coronado Drive. Directions: Take 101 N, drive through Santa Barbara and most of Goleta then exit Glen Annie/Storke Rd. Turn left on Storke Rd. Turn right on Hollister Ave at the large intersection. Follow Hollister for about a mile and then take a left on Coronado Dr. (this small residential street is easy to miss). Park at the end. Trip Leader: Noah Gaines (805) 680-7295

### Sunday October 27 Laguna Tams and Oxnard Plain

We will visit the Laguna Tams, noted for producing a wide variety of migrating warblers, vireos and sparrows, before trying the sod fields for pipits and plovers. We will then work our way down Arnold Road, where we can find warblers, sparrows, and perhaps something completely unexpected... Meet at the Las Posas Park and Ride at 7:00 am. Trip leader is Matthew Page (805) 990-6545



Catherine and I have opened a new Wild Birds Unlimited store in Thousand Oaks. For people unfamiliar with this store, we are a specialty shop for the hobby of backyard bird-feeding: we provide information and products such as bird food, feeders, bird baths, nest boxes, optics, etc. We also love to have people come into the store just to talk about birds and the interesting visitors they have in their yards. Many CVAS members have already stopped by for a visit (Thank you!). The store is located at 720 N. Moorpark Rd, Thousand Oaks, CA 91360. This is in the Whole Foods shopping center, about five blocks north of the 101 freeway. We are open Monday through Saturday, 10 am to 6 pm, and Sunday, 11 am to 5 pm. If people are interested in receiving information and announcements by email, they can sign up at our web site, which is [thousandoaks.wbu.com](http://thousandoaks.wbu.com).

Richard Amerding

### **Butterbredt Springs -- May 6, 2013**

*by Bonnie Clarfield-Bylin*

Butterbredt Springs in May can be full of surprises. Every spring the migratory birding is excellent, but differs from year to year. The May 6 CVAS Field Trip to Butterbredt Springs was no exception. First off, there were many more birds than CVAS birders, which consisted of leader extraordinaire Ron Barnes, Stephen Bylin and Bonnie Clarfield-Bylin. According to Barnes, "some days the birds are so plentiful at Butterbredt Springs that the tanagers and warblers hang off the trees at sunrise like Christmas tree

ornaments." This was not one of those days, but the birding did not disappoint (see the list below.) The most surprising bird of the day was a Clay-colored Sparrow, which was a life bird for all three birders. The Pine Siskina and MacGillivray's Warbler were both fun additions. Shortly before the sun hit high noon we took off for the Audubon Kern River Preserve for a delightful picnic lunch and afternoon of birding, which yielded great views of Wood Ducks, Hairy Woodpecker, Tri-colored Blackbirds, and Yellow-headed Blackbirds along with many other species. The following species were observed:

California Quail, Morning Dove, Great Horned Owl, White-throated Swift, Wilson's Warbler, Ladder-backed Woodpecker, Hermit Thrush, Olive-sided Flycatcher, Pacific-slope Flycatcher, Ash-throated Flycatcher, Western Kingbird, Bewick's Wren, European Starling, Orange-crowned Warbler, MacGillivray's Warbler, Common Yellowthroat, Yellow Warbler, Black-throated Gray Warbler, Hermit Warbler, Wilson's Warbler, Green-tailed Towhee, California Towhee, Clay-colored Sparrow

### **Malibu Creek State Park -- May 19<sup>th</sup> 2013**

*by Dee Lyon*

Warm sunny day with eight of us hiking up the canyon and seeing lots of birds, and hikers. We started with Lazuli Bunting, added Western Bluebird nesting, Yellow Warblers, probably nesting, Nuttall's Woodpeckers nesting, House Finches and House Wrens nesting, Orange-crowned and Wilson's Warblers, Common Yellowthroat, Hutton's Vireo, Northern Rough-Winged and Cliff Swallows, Bullock's Oriole, Blue and Black-headed Grosbeaks, Song Sparrow, Oak Titmouse, Bushtit, Wrentit, Killdeer, Mallard, Red-tailed, Red-shouldered and Coopers Hawks, Turkey Vultures, CA and Spotted Towhees, White-breasted Nuthatch, Scrub Jay, Crows, Ravens, Ash-throated Flycatcher, Cassin's Kingbird, Anna's Hummingbird, White-throated Swift, Mourning Dove, Nanda Parakeets, Acorn Woodpeckers, Starlings, Lesser Goldfinches, Brewers and Red-winged Blackbirds, Phainopepla, and Mockingbird for a total of 44 species.

Great fun! Dee

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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 consider volunteering.

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, or by E-mail: GaryE@ConejoValleyAudubon.org.

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