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General Meeting, September 14th 7:30 pm Western Foundation Show and Tell

Our general meeting, normally held on the first Monday of the month, will be held this month on the second Monday, September 14th, because of the Labor Day holiday.

The program for this first meeting of our 2015-2016 season will, as in previous years, be a “**Show and Tell**” program. This is the evening when we can gather again after our long summer break and renew old friendships and perhaps make new ones as well.

All members are encouraged to bring photos, movies, slides or anything they would like to share to the meeting. **Cia DeMartino**, our programs chair, will coordinate the presentations and will set up the necessary computer and projector to show the pictures.

If you would like to participate please call or email Cia (805-612-1832, programs@conejovalleyaudubon.org) by Friday, September 11th, to sign up for a time slot and learn about presentation media formats.

It’s been a long summer break and at last we have an opportunity to share our experiences over the past few months as well as our birding plans for the upcoming season. Please try to attend this first meeting of the season. You’ll surely be missed if you don’t!

HELP

We need help with our Audubon Demonstration Gardens . The dates are as follows:

- October 17th Nancy Rapoport’s home
4260 Florence Street Simi Valley
- October 24th the Blakes’ home
311 Royal Ave. Simi Valley
- October 31st Bill Tumlin’s home
1688 Cromwell Place Westlake Village

All start at 9 am. Call Dee Lyon for more details at 805-499-2165.

Conservation by Audubon California

The recent release of findings from the American Lung Association about the dangers of air pollution in California puts more urgency into current legislative efforts to reduce carbon pollution. While air pollution in the form of greenhouse gas emissions is the leading risk for global warming, air pollution is also a major threat to public health.

Audubon California is supporting two new bills. Senate Bill 32 would expand California’s current climate pollution target to 80% below 1990 levels by 2050. Senate Bill 350 calls for a 50% reduction in petroleum use in cars and trucks by 2030.

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CALENDAR

September

5	8:00 am	Field Trip: Santa Clara River Estuary
13	7:00 am	Field Trip: Los Angeles River
14	5:15 pm	Pre-meeting Dinner: Ottavio’s
14	7:30 pm	General meeting
19	8:00 am	Field Trip: Hill Canyon
26	8:30 am	Field Trip: Laguna Road Tamarisks

*****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.

Saturday, September 5th Santa Clara River Estuary

Kick off our first trip of the 2015-2016 season at the Santa Clara River Estuary (SCRE). SCRE produces one of the most diverse collections of ducks, sandpipers, terns, gulls, plovers and other shorebirds in the county. We'll meet at Surfer's Knoll at 8 am and walk down to the estuary after peeking over the fence into the Ventura Settling Ponds. The estuary should be a great place to see Elegant, Forster's and Least Terns, Brown Pelicans, Western and Ring-billed gulls, Ruddy Ducks, Avocets and Western and Least Sandpipers. If time permits we will also bird the Ventura Settling Ponds after returning to the harbor area. We can also explore the jetties for shorebirds.

Directions: From the 101 freeway exit Seward and proceed south to Harbor. Turn left and continue to Spinnaker, turning right to enter the harbor area. Drive past the Surfer's Knoll parking area on the left and make a U-turn to double back and enter the parking lot. Carpool from the Las Posas Park and Ride at 7:30 am or meet us at the estuary at 8:00 am. Trip leader: Dee Lyon (805) 427-0987

Beginning Bird Walk (our trips will begin in October)

Sunday, September 13th Los Angeles River

The lower Los Angeles River hosts an impressive variety of shorebirds in the fall, providing critical stopover habitat for these birds on their long southbound migrations. We'll visit several locations along the river near Del Amo, Willow and other "hot spots." If time allows, we may also bird the San Pedro area. Carpool for reduced impact. Meet at the Stearns Park and Ride in Simi Valley at 7 am. Trip leader: Matthew Page (805) 990-6534

Saturday, September 19th Hill Canyon

Hill Canyon and Santa Rosa County Park offer a variety of birding habitats, such as chaparral, riparian and oak woodland. We should expect to see early fall migrants, as many as four species of wren (House, Bewick's, Canyon and Cactus), Red-shouldered and Red-tailed Hawks, woodpeckers, gnatcatchers, goldfinches and resident White-throated Swift. Directions: from Moorpark or Camarillo take Santa Rosa Road and turn onto Hill Canyon Road to enter the park. Recent county upgrades to the park have eliminated much of the free parking. So please park near the end of the road across from the bridge that crosses the creek. There is a \$4.00 fee for use of the lot. Meet in the parking lot at 8 am. Trip leader: Jean Hulberg (805) 491-2666.

Saturday, September 26th Laguna Road Tamarisks

The tamarisk trees along Laguna Rd are a migrant spot with little comparison in Ventura County. Migrating birds are attracted to the insects in the trees. A number of uncommon to rare birds often show up at this location. Brush up on your fall warbler identification skills and meet us here for a unique challenge! Directions: From highway 101 take Las Posas Road south (towards the ocean), turn right on Pleasant Valley Rd, turn left on Laguna Rd, drive past the tams and find parking completely off the road. Please observe good birding etiquette at this location, as it is a fairly busy road in an agricultural area. Carpooling is encouraged to minimize traffic. To carpool: Meet at 8 am at the Las Posas Park and Ride. Please note: Our trip leader will not be at this location to carpool. So please make arrangements with other car poolers and be at the tams at 8:30 am. Meeting time: 8:30 am. Trip leader: Kay Register (805) 258-1025

Conservation

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Senate Bill 350 also calls for a 50% increase in energy efficiency of buildings and a goal of 50% of state utilities' power coming from renewable energy by the year 2030.

Audubon's own research show that global warming caused by carbon pollution will threaten 170 California bird species in the coming decades. Included are iconic birds such as the Brown Pelican, Golden Eagle, Allen's Hummingbird and the Yellow-billed Magpie.

The American Lung Association's 2015 State of the Air Report makes it clear that the stakes are high for Californians, as well:

1) Seventy percent of Californians (28 million residents) live in counties affected by unhealthy air.

2) Eight California cities appeared among the top-ten most polluted metro areas in the nation for ozone and article pollution. (Bakersfield, El Centro, Fresno, Hanford, Visalia, Los Angeles, Modesto-Merced, Sacramento, San Francisco Bay Area).

3) All eight San Joaquin Valley counties experienced high numbers of unhealthy particle days and received failing grades.

4) The Los Angeles metro area remains ranked among the five most polluted in the nation for ozone and short-term and annual particles.

CVAS Membership Drive at Wild Birds Unlimited

From September 13th through September 30th, if you renew your CVAS membership or join CVAS at Wild Birds Unlimited in Thousand Oaks, you will get 10% off of your entire purchase for that day.

Simply bring your membership form and payment and turn it in at Wild Birds Unlimited. (We accept either cash or a check made out to "CVAS." Sorry, we cannot accept credit cards for membership payment.)

If you opt to pay for your membership via Paypal, please print out a copy of your payment confirmation and bring it with you to the store

to receive your discount. Your payment must be made from September 13th through September 30th, 2015. You must claim your discount during this time period.

Some exclusions apply: sale items, Daily Savings Club Memberships and Gift Cards cannot be discounted, and other coupons or discounts cannot also be applied. However, the 10% discount CAN be combined with your Daily Savings Club discount on bird-food. DSC Bird Bucks CAN be used.

Wild Birds Unlimited is located at 720 N. Moorpark Rd., Thousand Oaks, in the Whole Foods Shopping Center. We are open Monday through Saturday, 10 am to 6 pm, and Sunday, 11 am to 5 pm.

Full disclosure: Richard Armerding and Catherine Bourne, the owners of Wild Birds Unlimited, are CVAS members and are currently serving on the CVAS Board of Directors.

CVAS Conservation Donations

For the current fiscal year (July 2014 through July 2015) the board authorized donations to the following organizations:

Western Foundation of Vertebrate Zoology
SOAR
Santa Monica Mountains Fund (towards the mountain lion research and wildlife corridor crossing the 101 freeway)

We had our own Lawns to Habitat program, gave prizes to Ventura Science Fair winners and provided local school teachers with Audubon Adventure packets for their students. All of these donations exceeded \$5200.

Below is the link to a wonderful video created by 16-year-old John Monday on the proposed crossing for mountain lions and other wildlife near Liberty Canyon on the 101 freeway. He wrote and performed the music at the end:

<http://tinyurl.com/nsx7lcm>

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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, Calif. 91377-1126 or by E-mail: GaryE@ConejoValleyAudubon.org.

NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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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

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