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**General Meeting, February 1
7:30 pm Western Foundation
Chris Mayne**



Chris Mayne started out as a surfing photographer, but then caught a few birds in flight in some of the surfing shots. He became devoted to wildlife photography instead, with a focus on our feathered friends. His photos have been repeatedly recognized by the National Audubon Society, winning awards and appearing in its calendar. His talk will showcase dynamic, vivid photos from southern California, from the wetlands to the mountains. There will be a focus on raptors. His having recently returned from Texas and Thailand, we will also be treated to some more exotic species.

CONSERVATION VS PRESERVATION

by Dee Lyon

Conservation and preservation are closely linked and may indeed seem to mean the same thing. Both terms involve a degree of protection, but how that protection is carried out is the key difference. Put simply conservation seeks **the proper use of nature**, while preservation seeks **protection of nature from use**.

During the environmental movement of the early 20th century, two opposing factions emerged. Conservations sought to regulate human use while preservationists sought to eliminate human impact altogether.

Aldo Leopold, often called the father of ecology, called for wilderness protection and an enduring land ethic. Wilderness preservation is fundamental to the idea of deep ecology -- the philosophy that recognizes an inherent worth of all living things, regardless of their instrumental utility to human needs.

One of the largest conservation organizations in the world, the World Wildlife Fund, was created in 1961 to protect large spaces for wildlife conservation. Conservation generally follows an economic motive: in this case creating wildlife preserves in Africa during the dissolution of the British Empire in the late 1940's to ensure big game hunting remained commercially viable.

In 1962 Rachel Carson's *Silent Spring* launched the modern environmental movement. Preservation groups such as the Sierra Club shifted from protesting to working with politicians to influence future environmental policy.

CALENDAR

February

1	5:15 pm	Pre Meeting Dinner: Ottavios
1	7:30 pm	General Meeting Western Foundation
7	8:00 am	Ventura River Estuary
13	8:00 am	Ventura County Game Preserve
20	8:00 am	Seal Beach Wildlife Refuge

*****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

THANK YOU!

A million thanks to the hard working, enthusiastic folks who donated their time to create bird-friendly California native plant demonstration gardens at Heritage Park and the three residences.

A special shout-out to the SUPER SHOVELERS who slaved at all four Conejo Audubon projects this fall: CIA & FRANK DEMARTINO, THELMA WILLIAMS, CATHERINE BOURNE and DEE LYON.

Also a huge hand to Bonnie Clarfield-Bylon, who was instrumental in designing Heritage Park, and Dee Lyon, who talked John Brooks into allowing us this opportunity to give new homes and food to our local birds.

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.

Sunday, February 7th Ventura River Estuary

Great views of the Pacific Ocean, the Ventura River Estuary, gulls, terns, shorebirds and ducks. All of these and more are reasons to join us for a leisurely Sunday morning stroll from Emma Wood State Beach to the estuary.

Directions: From Camarillo take 101 north to California Street in Ventura. Turn right on California and left on Main. Follow Main to the entrance to Emma Wood State Beach on the left. We will either park outside the park or pay to enter, at the leader's discretion. Bring a spotting scope if you have one available. Meet at 8:00 am. Leaders: Bill and Carol Langford (360) 742-6059. Trip will be cancelled if heavy rain. Check with leaders.

Saturday, February 13th Ventura County Game Preserve

This special trip is for Ventura and Conejo Valley Audubon members only. It is limited to thirty people to ensure a good birding experience for all. The game preserve has generously opened their private grounds for our groups.

remain on the trails and with the group at all times. We cannot drive on the grounds and so there will be considerable walking (about two miles total.) NOTE: the deadline to reserve for this trip is January 22nd. Directions: Take Casper Rd. south from Hueneme Rd. (between Saviers Rd. and Hwy 1.) Follow the left curve to the barn/house buildings and park on the road outside the buildings. Please bring scopes, binoculars and field guides. Meet at 8:00 am. Signup is at fieldtrips@conejovalleyaudubon.org. Leaders: Matthew Page (805) 990-6534 and Karin Kersteter (805) 901-2203. Trip will be cancelled if heavy rain. Check with leaders.

Saturday, February 20th Seal Beach Wildlife Refuge Bolsa Chic State Beach

Joint VAS/CVAS trip – limited to twenty people! Pre-registration required by February 11th. Join us for some of the best winter birding around on this day trip to nearby Orange County. Our day will begin promptly at 8 am at Seal Beach, where navy vans will transport us around this beautiful base. Very similar to Pt. Mugu, it has a variety of habitats and specialty species that appear every year. During last year's trip we saw seventy species, including Ferruginous Hawk, Nelson's Sparrow and Burrowing Owl. After the navy trip ends we will drive a few miles down the coast to the beautiful Bolsa Chica wetlands. Excellent birds we may encounter are Red-breasted Merganser, Red-throated Loon, Ridgway's Rail and Reddish Egret. If you wish to register, you must send an email to fieldtrips@conejovalleyaudubon.org and include the following information: First name, Last name, Middle initial, date of birth, zip code and home phone number. Incomplete applications will not be accepted. Be sure to bring a valid ID. Directions: From 405 south take Seal Beach Blvd offramp and turn left (southbound) at end of offramp. Cross over Westminster Blvd. and proceed approximately one mile. Take left onto Forrestal Ave into main gate parking lot for Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach. Do not proceed past the gate. Trip leader: Karin Kersteter (805) 901-2203. This trip is RAIN OR SHINE.

You are cordially invited
 to join
CONEJO VALLEY AUDUBON SOCIETY
 on
SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 2016
 at
PALM GARDEN HOTEL
 495 Ventu Park Road -Thousand Oaks - CA 91320
 for our Annual

COCKTAIL DINNER AND AUCTION

No-host cocktails 5:30 PM –Dinner 6:30 PM
 Ticket price per person \$43.00 (early bird special \$38.00 – before 4/28/16)
 5-FREE raffle tickets for each 1st 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
All are tax deductible!

Dinner selections: Buffet Service with Seasoned Vegetable Medley, Salads, Roasted Potatoes and choice of entree. Also freshly baked breads and a delicious dessert, coffee or tea.

#1 Vegetarian Stuffed Squash

#2 Wild Salmon and Tri-tip

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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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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Additional Gift: ___\$25.00 ___\$50.00 ___\$75.00 ___\$100.00 \$_____ Other

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