



# ROADRUNNER

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## General Meeting, March 7 7:30 pm Western Foundation Wayne Praskins Ormond Beach Cleanup

Wayne Praskins is the US EPA project manager for the Halaco superfund site at Ormond Beach. The EPA has completed environmental testing and will soon begin proposing cleanup options. Come learn about the history of the site, the remediation process and the environmental outlook.

### The Messenger

Wild Birds Unlimited will be hosting a screening of the critically-acclaimed film "The Messenger", where awe and hard science share center stage, leaving audiences with a profound appreciation for the billions of birds with whom we share our planet.

The screening will be held at 7:30 pm on March 31<sup>st</sup> at the Westlake Village Twin. This can only happen if we sell 74 tickets before the deadline, March 24<sup>th</sup>, so purchase your ticket today at <https://www.tugg.com/evanst/90029> !!



## CONSERVATION

by Dee Lyon

In March of 2015 President Obama issued an Executive Order that plans for federal sustainability in the next ten years. It requires the government to build a clean energy system that will sustain our prosperity and the health of the people. It will drive down greenhouse gas emissions and support preparations for the impacts of climate change. It intends to foster innovation, reduce spending and strengthen communities by increasing efficiency and improving environmental performance.

This will help us protect our planet for future generations and save taxpayer dollars. We need to find renewable or alternative energy solutions.

Additionally, the federal agencies shall initiate environmental sustainability, climate preparedness and resilience into federal leadership and educational programs. Sounds as though they have heard about our Lawns to Habitat program and everyone is now on the sustainability bandwagon!



## CALENDAR

### March

6	8:00 am	Arnold Road/Ormond Beach
7	5:15 pm	Pre Meeting Dinner: Ottavios
7	7:30 pm	General Meeting Western Foundation
12	8:00 am	Ventura Settling Ponds
19	8:00 am	Birding Class #1
26		Saddleback Butte State Park

\*\*\*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.

### **Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup> Arnold Road/Ormond Beach**

Join us at this excellent coastal location, where we will look for a variety of shorebirds. We should see Willets, Whimbrels, Black-necked Stilts, Black-bellied Plovers and other interesting birds. We will also look for Yellow-headed Blackbirds, Peregrine Falcons and Blue-Gray Gnatcatchers. Dress in layers as the morning may be chilly. Please bring a scope if you have one. Directions: Exit Hwy 101 at Rice Avenue and go south. Continue to Hueneme Rd. Turn right on Hueneme Rd. After Olds Rd. take a left on Arnold and continue to the end of the road. Please note: Avoid leaving valuables in your car if you are parking it at the end of Arnold Rd. There are restrooms at the entrance to the beach. To carpool meet the Las Posas Road Park and Ride lot at 7:30 am. Trip starts at 8 am. Leader: Linda Easter (805) 482-7537

### **Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup> Ventura Settling Ponds**

Join trip leader Frant DeMartino as he leads us around the settling ponds in Ventura to scour for ducks, herons, grebes, raptors and sparrows. Frank enjoys birding the ponds and has much local knowledge of the species we can expect. If time allows the trip may also visit Marina Park to look for rock pipers and gulls. Directions: Meet at the Las Posas Park and Ride to carpool at 7:30 am. Alternatively, meet at 8 am at the harbor in the parking lot across the street from the ponds, where Spinnaker meets Angler Court. For more information call Frank DeMartino (856) 906-8733.

### **Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> CVAS Birding Class #1**

Conejo Valley Audubon is proud to present its 3rd annual Bird Identification Class at 8:00 am on three Saturdays this spring --- March 19<sup>th</sup>, March 26<sup>th</sup> and April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016. The first class on March 19<sup>th</sup> is at the Conejo Botanic Garden. Dee Lyon, world birder, will show the class how to identify our local birds. The second class will be held on March 26<sup>th</sup>. We will learn about waterfowl at the Arroyo Simi Greenway. This class will be taught by Richard Armerding and Catherine Bourne, owners of Wild Birds Unlimited in Thousand Oaks. Lastly, longtime naturalist Bonnie Clarfield-Bylin will highlight our special hillside birds at Wildwood Park on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. The cost of the three classes is \$25.00, payable to the Conejo Botanic Garden. Call Dee Lyon at (805) 499-2165 to reserve your spot today.

### **Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup> Saddleback Butte State Park**

By late March wildflowers should be well in bloom in the Antelope Valley. We will spend a half day at Saddleback Butte State Park looking at wildflowers as well as resident sparrows, quail, doves, woodpeckers, raptors and wrens. We may also see Loggerhead Shrike and Verdin. Our target birds of the day is the Black-throated Sparrow, a desert resident and striking bird to see perching in spring blooms. To get more info and sign up contact Matthew Page at

[fieldtrips@conejovalleyaudubon.org](mailto:fieldtrips@conejovalleyaudubon.org)



You are cordially invited to join the

# CONEJO VALLEY AUDUBON SOCIETY

On

SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 2016

At

THE PALM GARDEN HOTEL

495 Ventu Park Road, Thousand Oaks, CA

for our



## ANNUAL COCKTAIL DINNER AND AUCTION

*No-Host Cocktails 5:30 PM—Dinner 6:30 PM*

*Ticket price per person is \$43 by check and \$45 through PayPal  
(Early bird special before 2/28/15 - \$38 by check and \$40 through PayPal)*

*5-FREE raffle tickets for each 1st time guest*

We ask that everyone kindly bring an item for the raffle. 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 and Live Auctions, please contact Carol Langford at 360-742-6059 or berry50@yahoo.com

*All auction items are tax deductible!*

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

**#1 Vegetarian Stuffed Squash**

**#2 Wild Salmon and Tri-tip**

Go to <http://conejovalleyaudubon.org/auction2016.php>

Or fill out this form, tear it off, and mail it with your check (Payable to CVAS) to:  
CVAS, P.O.Box 4782, Thousand Oaks, CA 91359

Contact Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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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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**CONEJO VALLEY AUDUBON SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

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) \$\_\_\_\_\_

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