



# ROADRUNNER

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## General Meeting, May 2 7:30 pm Western Foundation John Tiszler

John Tiszler has been the plant ecologist and arborist for the National Park Service at the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area since 1997. He has been responsible for all aspects of plant and vegetation inventory, mapping and native plant community restoration. He and his wife have been avid home native plant gardeners since 2000.

John will present the factors one should consider when creating a low water use or native plant garden, with particular emphasis on creating habitat for wildlife. He will discuss practical aspects of installing and maintaining native plants in the home garden. Open discussion is encouraged.



*Monkey Flower*

## STAMP OUT STYROFOAM

*by Dee Lyon*

What we think of as Styrofoam is a actually polystyrene foam, made from benzene (a known carcinogen), converted to styrene and then injected with gases.

### *It's Garbage*

Styrofoam is completely non-biodegradable. It just won't go away. Five hundred years from now that foam cup that held your coffee will still be sitting on the earth's surface.

It takes up a lot of space for its weight. It wastes enormous amounts of space at already bulging landfills.

And it's deadly to marine life. It breaks into pellets resembling food and is consumed by sea turtles and birds.

Don't use it. Avoid foam packaging in egg cartons, disposable picnic goods and take-home containers. Ask for paper.



*Ceanothus*

## CALENDAR

### May

1	8:00 am	Wheeler Gorge
2	5:15 pm	Pre Meeting Dinner: Ottavios
2	7:30 pm	General Meeting Western Foundation
7	8:00 am	King Gillette Ranch Park
15	8:00 am	Sepulveda Basin
21		Tejon Ranch

### June

4		Annual Picnic at Los Robles Trail
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### \*\*\*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, May 1<sup>st</sup> Wheeler Gorge Campground**

Wheeler Gorge is a wonder to bird in the spring, when the oak trees team with migrating warblers, tanagers, vireo and flycatchers. Up to six species of hummingbirds are a possibility, and as many as eight species of flycatcher, including Olive-sided, Western Wood-pewee, Dusky, Hammond's and Pacific-slope, can be found. Swainson's Thrushes are also found regularly along the stream bed and Hutton's Vireos should be singing from the tree tops. Add in resident woodpeckers, Steller's Jays, towhees and titmice, and you have the perfect recipe for a great day birding. Meet at 8 am at the entrance to the campground on highway 33. Leaders: Kay Register and Mary Hansen. Kay Register (805) 258-1025

### **Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> King Gillette Ranch Park**

In the central Santa Monica Mountains lies 588 acre King Gillette Ranch Park. It was home to the one time razor blade magnate and now is a jointly managed park that hosts a wide variety of oak woodland and chaparral species. We will search for woodpeckers, thrashers, bluebirds, jays, grosbeaks, orioles, raptors and sparrows.

Directions: Take hwy 101 (Ventura freeway) to the Las Virgenes/Malibu Canyon exit. Head south on Las Virgenes Road and continue to Mulholland Hwy, about two miles. Turn left onto Mulholland Highway and immediately look for the King Gillette Ranch entrance on the right. The address is 26800 West Mulholland Highway Calabasas, CA 91302. To carpool, meet at the Rancho Park and Ride at 7:30 am. Trip starts at 8 am. Trip leader is Bonnie Clarfield-Bylin (805) 405-5632. Please note that Bonnie will *not* be at the carpool site, but will meet the group at the park.

### **Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup> Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Refuge**

Join us at a new location for CVAS, the Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Refuge in the San Fernando Valley. This location has the potential for over 100 species in a day, with shorebirds, gulls, flycatchers, hummingbirds, warblers, blackbirds and more! Exit the San Diego Freeway (I-405) on Burbank Blvd. Go west about one half mile to Woodley Avenue and turn right (north). Travel about one-half mile to the second possible right turn (at sign for the Water Reclamation Plant and Japanese Garden). Turn right and go east about one-half mile to Wildlife Area parking at the end of the road. Start time: 8:00 am Leader: Kris Ohlenkamp. Contact him at [kris.ohlenamp@sfvaudubon.org](mailto:kris.ohlenamp@sfvaudubon.org) or (747) 444-9683.

### **Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> 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. 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, Mountain 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 a pre-registration and initially will be limited to CVAS members only. Trip limit: 12. Please email [fielddtrips@conejovalleyaudubon.org](mailto:fielddtrips@conejovalleyaudubon.org) to sign up.

**Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>**  
CVAS Annual Picnic at Los Robles Trail  
(details in June newsletter)



### America's Birdiest County Count

Have you ever wondered how many birds there are in Ventura County on any given weekend? Join us as we spend three days scouring the county for birds as part of the America's Birdiest County competition. The count for Ventura will take place on April 29<sup>th</sup>, April 30<sup>th</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup>. Birds seen anywhere within the count boundaries are countable, so keep an eye out for lingering winter birds at your feeders. Check out our website for more information. You will learn how to report your sightings, where you can count and what organized events are being held.



**Common Yellowthroat**  
*By Don Klabunde*

### Positions to be Filled

We have open positions for field trip chair and publicity chair. If interested please contact Bonnie Clarfield-Bylin at 805-405-5632.



**Osprey**  
*By Jean Kohut*



**Phainopepla**  
*By Don Klabunde*

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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.

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

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