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General Meeting, September 12 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 12th, because of the Labor Day holiday.

The program for this first meeting of our 2016-2017 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 friendships and discuss all of our interesting excursions.

All members are encouraged to bring photos, movies, slides or anything they would like to share to the meeting. **Chrystal Klabunde**, 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 Chrystal (805-522-8023) programs@conejovalleyaudubon.org by Friday, September 9th, to sign up for a time slot and learn about presentation media formats.



Conservation by Dee Lyon

Green Eco Tips for the next year!

#1 Reduce: Watch “The Story of Stuff”
(<http://tinyurl.com/mt5tjxs>)

Simplify your life. Only keep things that you use or enjoy. You will naturally purchase less in the future.

When you are thinking of buying something, wait 30 days. This avoids impulse buys.

Observe an eco-Sabbath. One day, one afternoon or at least one hour a week, don’t buy anything, don’t use machines & don’t switch on anything electric. Don’t cook. Don’t even look at your phone and in general don’t use any resources. Go zero waste. The links below can help assess your environmental impact:

www.watercalculator.org

<http://tinyurl.com/6j6vot>

<http://tinyurl.com/27gvg5b>



CALENDAR

September

3	8:00 am	Marina Beach
11	8:00 am	Santa Clara River Estuary
12	5:15 pm	Pre Meeting Dinner: Ottavios
12	7:30 pm	General Meeting Western Foundation
17	8:00 am	Arnold Road / Ormond Beach
24	9:00 am	Warbler ID Class
25	8:00 am	Warbler ID Class bird walk

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 3rd Marina Park

Join us as we start off our 2016-2017 field trips with something different. We will be inviting players of the popular mobile app, **Pokémon Go**, to join us and learn about the birds as they play the game. Experienced birders can learn about the new augmented virtual reality game that millions of people are playing, while gamers can learn about the vibrant and exciting world of birds. We will venture to Marina Park and set up our scopes to scan the breakwater for cormorants, gulls, terns and migrating shorebirds. Black Oystercatchers, Wandering Tattlers, Surfbirds and both types of turnstones are likely. Meet at the Las Posas Park & Ride at 7:30 am or meet Frank at the Marina Park parking lot at 8:00 am. Trip Leader: Frank DeMartino (856) 906-8733

Sunday, September 11th Santa Clara River Estuary

The Santa Clara River Estuary (SCRE) produces some of the most diverse observations 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 & Least Sandpipers. Directions: From the 101 freeway, exit Seaward 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. Meet at 8:00 am. Trip leader: Richard Armerding (310) 701-3878

Saturday, September 17th 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. Please bring a scope if you have one. Directions: Exit Hwy 101 at Rice Avenue and go south. Continue to Hueneme Rd and turn right. 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 at the Las Posas Road Park & Ride at 7:30 am. Trip starts at 8 am. Leader: Thelma Williams (805) 492-2796

Saturday, September 24th Warbler ID Class

(see Warbler News)

Saturday, September 25th Warbler ID Class Walk

(see Warbler News)

Warbler News

August is here already. That means the fall migration is heading our way in only a matter of weeks, bringing with it flocks of those amazing warblers! This year CVAS will be having a pair of events focused on learning about and celebrating warblers.

First, we will be having our fourth year of our annual Warbler Bingo contest! For those of you who haven't played before here's how it works. As you go birding during the fall migration, you mark off the species on your card that you have seen. If you get five in a row, then you have gotten a bingo!

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The first person to report a confirmed bingo to webmaster@conejovalleyaudubon.org will win the tickets. Visit our website to pick up your card and enter for your chance to win tickets to our annual dinner and auction next spring. There will also be a limited amount of pre-printed cards at our first meeting of the year in September. However, the game begins on September 1st, so getting your card from the website will get you started on time!

Second, Frank DeMartino will be giving a Warbler Identification class on September 24th from 9 am until around noon. The class will cover migration, how to find warblers, how to **SEE** warblers, and tricky local warbler IDs. If that's not enough, it will also include a hot breakfast! The cost is \$10 for CVAS members and \$30 for non-members and will be held at Cal Lutheran University. Frank will send directions to the classroom when you register.

There will also be a class walk on September 25th, where we hope you will get to put your new warblers ID tricks to good use! Class size will be limited to 30 people and will be on a first come, first serve basis. Visit our website to sign up online. You can also sign up at our first meeting in September if there are any spots still available.



Yellow Warbler by Don Klabunde



Vermillion Flycatcher by Jean Kohut



Blue Grosbeak 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.

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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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