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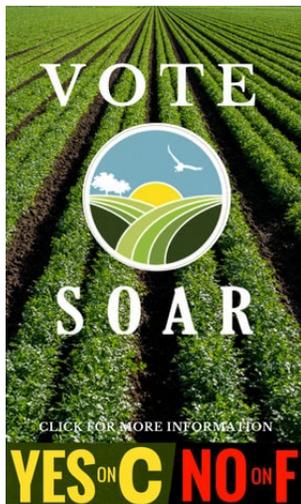
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### General Meeting, November 7 7:30 pm Western Foundation Tim Becker – Theodore Payne

Not only can native plants be water-wise, they can transform our gardens into ecological hubs which offset California's vast urban sprawl. Tim Becker, Director of Horticulture at the Theodore Payne Foundation, will be discussing key plants for attracting and sustaining wildlife in our home gardens.



The Conejo Audubon board endorses Measure C, an extension of SOAR till 2050. Measure F has loopholes, which allow much development without votes of the people. See [www.soarvc.org](http://www.soarvc.org)

### Conservation Recycle! by Dee Lyon

We are all on board with recycling. When there is question as to whether something is recyclable, waste management companies have told us to just put the item in the recycle bin and let them decide.

Keep an eye out for opportunities to recycle hazardous waste. Examples include motor oil, paint, Styrofoam, tires, batteries, cfl light bulbs, pesticides and herbicides.

Help launch sustainable packaging. Email the companies you purchase products from and ask them to switch to 100% sustainable packaging. Most companies will listen. Email Panda Express and other restaurants that use Styrofoam doggie boxes.

Buy products that are made from the highest recycled content.

Start a compost pile with yard trimmings and food scraps, keeping a compost bucket under your sink. Learn more at <http://www.howtocompost.org>

If you are traveling keep a recycle bag and pack your recyclables home with you. Buy eco-jewelry, which is recycled gold jewelry and synthetic diamonds and gemstones.

Dee

### CALENDAR

#### November

6	8:00 am	Arroyo Simi
7	5:15 pm	Pre Meeting Dinner: Ottavios
7	7:30 pm	General Meeting Western Foundation
12	9:00 am	Birdfest
13	8:00 am	Camino Real Park
20	8:00 am	Malibu Lagoon

\*\*\*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, November 6<sup>th</sup> Arroyo Simi**

The arroyo in Simi Valley has a great assortment of shorebirds, ducks, herons and gulls. It is easily accessed on a level bike path which runs from Madera Street to First Street and on through most of Simi Valley. We will walk slowly along the mostly natural bottomed channels scanning for birds and taking our time to better learn identification skills. Expected species include: Green Heron, Black-necked Stilt, Belted Kingfisher and White-faced Ibis. Possible birds include Hooded Merganser and Blue-winged Teal. Meet at 8:00 am at the entrance to the bike path at Easy Street in Simi Valley, just east of Madera Rd. If time allows we will bird other locations in Simi, such as Rancho Simi Community Park. Trip leaders are Don and Chrystal Klabunde. 805-746-0975

### **Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup> Camino Real Park**

Camino Real Park in Ventura can be a potential gold mine of warblers and other migrating species in the fall. The barrancas, eucalyptus, pines and ornamental trees entice southbound migrants to pause along their journeys. If you're lucky you might see a rarity such as a Black-throated Blue Warbler, a Black-and-White Warbler or perhaps even a Baltimore Oriole. Meet at the park at 8:30 am or at Las Posas park and Ride at 8:00 am to carpool. We'll begin at the east end of the park, in case you desire to find us and meet us around 8:30 am. Trip leader: Dee Lyon 805-499-2165

### **Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup> Malibu Lagoon**

Malibu Lagoon features channels, open river and coastline. We can expect to see waterfowl, grebes, loons, gulls, terns and shorebirds. We will also see sparrows, wrens, warblers and flycatchers. Expect as many as 60-70 species, with good weather and good luck. Carpool from Rancho Park & Ride in Thousand Oaks at 7:15 am or meet outside the lagoon on PCH at 8 am. Trip leader: Ron Barns 818-991-9967



**Yellow Warbler**  
*by David Plotkin*

### **Bird Fest of the Santa Monica Mountains Saturday November 12 (9am to 3pm\*) King Gillette Ranch**

A day to celebrate the birds! See live birds, listen to talks from local experts, take guided bird walks, meet representatives from bird-friendly agencies and more! Bring the kids for special family-friendly activities. Food vendors will be on-site.

Volunteers are needed to staff the CVAS booth. We are hosting the 9-10 am short birding walks and can use both leaders and sweeps. Most of these will be for beginning birders,

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## **Birdfest** (continued from page 2)

so we could use binoculars to loan. To volunteer please contact Bonnie at [vice-president@conejovalleyaudubon.org](mailto:vice-president@conejovalleyaudubon.org) or call 805-405-5632.

This year's speakers and subjects will include: Richard Armerding – backyard birds, Adam Sercy – Birding by Ear, Peter Sharpe – Channel Islands Eagles, Dan Cooper – Malibu Lagoon Restoration and Joseph Brandt – California Condors.

At 8 am there will be bird walks geared toward more advanced birders.

The location is King Gillette Ranch  
26876 Mulholland Hwy. Calabasas

## **Gull Identification – David Pereksta December 9<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>**

Are you ready for the challenge? Gulls are often the “last frontier” for many birders. Please join the Conejo Valley Audubon Society for our class by Avian Biologist Extraordinaire David Pereksta. On Friday December 9<sup>th</sup> there will be a class from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm in Thousand Oaks.

The December 10<sup>th</sup> field trip location will be revealed at the December 9<sup>th</sup> class.

Registration is open to Conejo Valley Audubon members only ( you can become a member at <http://tinyurl.com/hdq8uef> ) Class size is limited to 20. To register send an email with your name, email address, and phone number to Bonnie at [vice-president@conejovalleyaudubon.org](mailto:vice-president@conejovalleyaudubon.org)

## **Salton Sea Restoration**

Located about 130 miles east of San Diego, the Salton Sea is a study in contradictions. It is massive, yet practically unknown to most Californians. The landscape is barren and apocalyptic, but full of life. It is natural, but man-made. The environment puts birds at risk, but it is also vital for their survival.

More than 300 bird species rely on the deep water, shoreline, mudflats and wetlands of the Salton Sea. Perhaps the Sea's greatest value for birds is its ability to support very large

numbers of water birds during the winter months, including up to 90% of North America's Eared Grebes, 50% of its Ruddy Ducks and 30% of the American White Pelicans.

The Salton Sea has hosted two Christmas Bird Counts for decades, and the lake draws thousands to birding festivals and other events.

Beginning in 2018, thanks to a 2003 agreement between the State of California and Southern California water districts, the Salton Sea will get a lot less water from the Colorado River. Eventually there will be a 40% loss. The shrinking sea will also expose up to 64,000 acres of the lakebed and result in massive dust storms that could create the worst air pollution crisis in North America. Tens of thousand of acres of habitat will disappear.

The State of California hasn't fulfilled its promise to pay for habitat restoration and dust mitigation in advance of the 2018 deadline. But in the past year, the state named an assistant secretary for Salton Sea policy to build stakeholder support for a new management plan for the sea. Gov. Jerry Brown included \$80 million in his budget for Salton Sea restoration.

“There's just no way that you can talk about doing flyway-level bird conservation in California and not throw your weight into finding a solution for the Salton Sea,” said Audubon California Executive Director Brigid McCormack. “The challenges are daunting, but there hasn't been a better time to make real progress than right now.”

Audubon California is fully participating in the state process, offering testimony before the State Water Resources Control Board and the many subcommittees created as part of the management planning process. Audubon California is also working with Point Blue Conservation Science to provide the state with a detailed habitat map and develop a program to measure change in the Sea in bird populations.

“Ultimately, the state of California is going to need to make a substantial, sustained investment in restoring the Salton Sea,” McCormack said. “Our engagement now will help ensure this is done right --- that critical bird habitat is protected, and the toxic dust no longer threatens local communities.”

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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.

For information on joining the National Audubon Society, please go to [www.audubon.org](http://www.audubon.org)

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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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