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General Meeting, October 2nd 7:30 pm Western Foundation Brent Paull -- Wildlife Photography

Brent Paull, professional photographer, has spent over 800 days shooting pictures in Yellowstone, with hundreds of other days spent in Glacier National Park, the Tetons and Zion. He's become best known for his bobcat and bird photography and won the 2013 California Wildlife Photo of the Year. He says "I think my love of wildlife and photography comes through in my images."

Come enjoy Brent's presentation and learn about the behavior and habits of the birds and animals of the American West.



BRENT PAULL PHOTOGRAPHY
Green Jay - Texas Wildlife Safari amwestphoto.com

Conservation

by Dee Lyon

Tire Recycling

Tire recycling is the process of recycling waste tires that are no longer suitable for use on vehicles due to wear or irreparable damage. These tires are a problematic source of waste, due to the large number produced, the durability of the tires and the components in the tires that are ecologically problematic. Because they are highly durable and non-biodegradable, they can consume valued space in landfills. In 1990 it was estimated that over one billion scrap tires were in stockpiles in the United States.

As of 2015, only 67 million tires remain in US stockpiles. From 1994 to 2010 the European Union increased the number of tires recycled from 25% of annual discards to nearly 95%. Roughly half the end-of-use tires were used for energy, mostly in cement manufacturing. Newer technologies, such as pyrolysis and devulcanization, have made use of tires for recycling despite their bulk and resilience. End uses for tires include tire-derived fuels, new rubber products, playground surfacing, new tires and rubber-modified asphalt.



CALENDAR

October

- 1 8:00 am Cañada Larga Rd.
- 2 5:15 pm Pre Meeting Dinner: Ottavios
- 2 7:30 pm General meeting Western Foundation
- 8 8:00 am Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa
- 14 8:00 am Arroyo Simi
- 21 8:15 am Lake Casitas
- 28 8:00 am Carpinteria Salt Marsh

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, October 1st Cañada Larga Road

Cañada Larga Road is one of the more reliable spots in Ventura County to find good numbers of migrating and wintering birds in the fall. Though the road is only a few miles long, we can expect to find roadrunners, bluebirds, hawks, kestrels and perhaps even a Golden Eagle. There could be White-crowned, Golden-crowned and even Vesper Sparrows. Time allowing and at the leader's discretion, we may also bird nearby Foster Park. Meet at Las Posas Park and Ride at 7:30 am or under the Highway 33 overpass at 8:00 am. Directions: From Highway 101 take Highway 33 north to the Cañada Larga Road exit. Turn left and park on the shoulder. We will carpool to the site so as to minimize the number of cars. Trip leader is Ron Barns (818) 991-9967.

Sunday, October 8th Rancho Sierra Vista/ Satwiwa

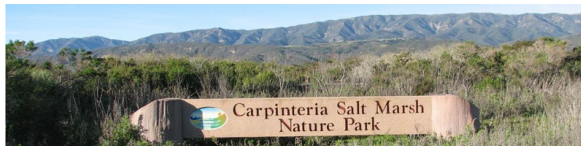
We expect to see woodpeckers, hummingbirds and swallows and at this great park. In the grassland we should be able to find gnatcatchers and California Thrashers. Raptors observed here include White-tailed Kite, Red-tailed Hawk, Cooper's Hawk and American Kestrel. Directions: From Highway 101 exit Wendy Drive and head south. Turn right on Lynn Road. Lynn Road soon becomes Potrero Road. Turn left on Via Goleta (look for the rustic arch signaling the National Recreation Area/ Sierra Vista entrance) and head to the parking lot at the end of the road. Meet at 8 am. Trip leader is Richard Armerding (310) 701-3878

Saturday, October 14th Arroyo Simi (Madera)

Arroyo Simi has a great assortment of shorebirds, ducks, herons and gulls. It is easily accessed via a level bike path that runs from Madera Street to First Street and on through most of Simi Valley. We will walk slowly along the mostly natural bottomed channel 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 am at the entrance to the bike path at Easy Street in Simi Valley, just east of Madera Road. If time allows we will bird other locations in Simi, such as Rancho Simi Community Park. Trip leader is Don Klabunde (805) 522-8023

Saturday, October 21st Lake Casitas

Meet at Las Posas Park and Ride at 7:30 am, or outside the entrance to Lake Casitas at 8:15 am. We'll carpool or walk into the recreation area together. CVAS and VAS are teaming up to explore the eastern arm of the lake, see the Bald Eagle nests and look for wintering species. We'll also look around outside the lake at Santa Ana Road. Target species include Bald Eagle, Zone-tailed Hawk (unlikely), Golden-crowned Sparrow, Lewis's Woodpecker, White-tailed Kite and other water and woodland birds. Directions to Lake Casitas: Take the 101 freeway toward Ventura, turn right on Highway 33, turn left on Highway 150 (Baldwin Rd) and then left on Santa Ana Rd. Entrance to Lake Casitas is within the first 100 yds. on the right. Trip leaders: Dee Lyon (805) 427-0987 and Kay Register (805) 258-1025 for Ventura Audubon.



Saturday, October 28th Carpinteria Salt marsh

Carpinteria Salt Marsh Nature Park is part of a critically important Southern California estuary which supports many sensitive plant and animal species. The site includes extensive wetland and channel habitats along with some uplands. It lies adjacent to a sandy beach, sub-tidal rocky reef and kelp beds. The reserve provides habitat for migratory waterfowl as well as endangered plants and animals such as salt marsh bird's-beak, Light-footed Ridgway's Rail and Belding's Savannah Sparrow.

This is a unique opportunity to have a guided tour of the private part of the salt marsh that is used by UCSB and other research affiliates to study the ecology of one of the last coastal salt marshes in southern California. ***This trip is limited to 25 people and advance registration is required. Please call Linda Easter at 818-519-2833 or email her at lindita517@yahoo.com to add your name to the list.***

We will meet at the Estero Road gate to the Carpinteria Salt Marsh Reserve (Note: this is NOT a public entrance.) Everyone must arrive on time as the gate will be locked once we enter. Directions: Take Highway 101 north to Casitas Pass Road in Carpinteria. Turn left over the freeway and proceed to Carpinteria Avenue. Turn right on Carpinteria Avenue and proceed to Estero Street, a small road on the left. Park along Carpinteria Ave or in one of the few spaces on Estero Street and walk to the Estero Street gate. Do not park in the lots of nearby commercial buildings. No potable water is available on site.

Meet at the Las Posas Park and Ride at 7:00 am or at the salt marsh at 8:00 am. Our guide will be Rob Denholtz of UCSB, assisted by Linda Easter for CVAS and VAS.

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, November 4th, from 9 am to 3 pm, CVAS will have a table at BIRDFEST at King Gillette Ranch. 1200 people came to this event last year. Speakers will present on bird-related themes. For children there will be a host of fun activities. Two live Pelicans and very possibly a live California Condor will be there. If you would like to volunteer at the CVAS table please contact Bonnie at vice-president@conejovalleyaudubon.org

AUDUBON ADVENTURES

If you are an elementary school teacher or know a teacher please be aware of the Audubon Adventures classroom learning kits. They have been created by National Audubon environmental education experts for grades 3-5. This year's topics are:

Birds on the Move: Every year, twice a year, millions of birds take to the skies on epic migration journeys.

Plants Are for the Birds: For birds, native plants are an essential food source, protection from predators and home.

The Buzz About Native Bees: North America's 4000-plus species of native bees are busy performing a vital role in healthy ecosystems.

Each Classroom Kit includes:

Printed student magazines for 32 students

Online interactive features, teacher guide with activities

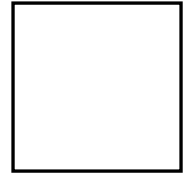
Hands-on investigations in local habitats and in the classroom

To learn more about these kits please contact:

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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 Conejo Valley Audubon Society. I have enclosed \$20 for a family membership.

Additional Gift: ___\$25.00 ___\$50.00 ___\$75.00 ___\$100.00 \$_____Other

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