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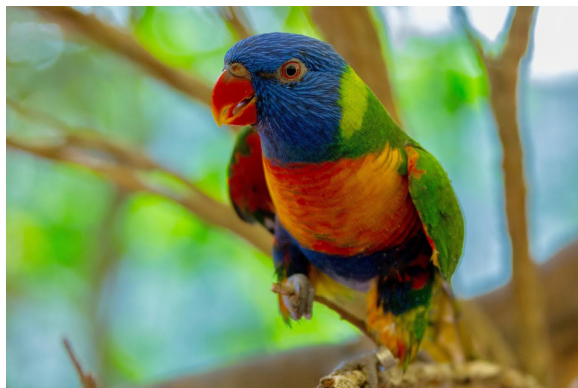
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General Meeting November 6th 7:30 pm Western Foundation Havasi Wilderness Foundation “Birds and Wildlife around the World”

Marilyn Fordney and Sandor Havasi will give a presentation including a short movie entitled “Birds and Wildlife Around the World.”

Join us on this exciting adventure as we explore plants, birds, mammals and environmental “breaking news” from eleven countries, including ten World Heritage sites. Our journey starts in North America (Florida), continues to South America (Peru, Easter Island), Australia, Polynesia (Samoa), Asia (Cambodia, Nepal, India), Africa (Tanzania, Jordan, Morocco), Europe (Azores, Portugal) and finally home again in southern California.



Conservation by Dee Lyon

Hardly a household name, the saola is an astounding recent scientific discovery. In 1992 a survey found something no biologist had ever seen before. The saola lives only in the Annamite mountains of Vietnam and Laos.

It has two backward-curving horns, which can reach twenty inches in length, and white facial markings. This ungulate seems more African than Asian. And though appearing to be an antelope, it is a primitive bovine. It is nicknamed the Asian unicorn.

Poaching has decreased the wild population below 750. Captive breeding may be attempted if several can be captured.



CALENDAR

November

4	9:00 am	BIRDFEST
5	8:30 am	Matilija Creek
6	5:15 pm	Pre meeting Dinner
6	7:30 pm	General Meeting
12	8:00 am	Krotona Institute
19	8:00 am	Malibu Creek State Park

December

1	8:00 am	Mugu Lagoon
9	9:00 am	Coal Oil Point Reserve

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 5 Matilija Creek

Matilija Creek is a major tributary to the Ventura River, located off Highway 33 a short distance from Ojai. We will explore the lake upstream of Matilija Dam, a riparian habitat with a diverse array of birds, aquatic life and native plants. The cattail marsh just behind the lake provides habitat for Least Bitterns (which breed here), and the alder/cottonwood gallery forest along the creek is an excellent place to look for migrants. The chaparral-dominated slopes and mountains above the creek will provide a scenic backdrop to our birding adventure. This hike will be easy to moderate, with very little elevation gain. There may be some areas that require walking on a dry, cobble river bed. There is little parking here, so please plan to carpool. Meet at Las Posas Park and Ride by 7:00 am, or at the gated dirt road at the upper end of Matilija Lake at 8:30 am. To get there, take Highway 33 north, turn left on Matilija Hot Springs Road and proceed to the lake. A portable restroom will be available. NOTE: Daylight savings time begins this morning --- don't forget to reset your clocks! Trip leader is Frank DeMartino (856) 906-8733.

Sunday, November 12 Krotona Institute

Jesse Grantham has arranged for Audubon members to bird the Krotona Institute of Theosophy property on the outskirts of Ojai. These private grounds comprise 115 acres of oak grasslands, sage thickets and manicured grounds with ornamental trees and shrubs. We will have access to the more formal garden areas. Krotona has produced the Field Sparrow (rarely observed in California), Townsend's Solitaire, Zone-tailed Hawk,

Red-naped Sapsucker, Red Crossbill, Steller's Jay and Pygmy Nuthatch. Other species frequently seen are Purple Finch, Lawrence's Goldfinch and Red-breasted Nuthatch. The trip will begin 8:00 am at the Library Parking lot at the Institute. To reach the Institute travel north on Rt. 33 through Mira Monte. After Mira Monte the next traffic light will be Route 150 (to Santa Barbara.) The next traffic light will be Tico Rd. After this light travel about another mile to the first road on the left, which is Hermosa Rd. Turn left on Hermosa Road and then proceed straight through the stone gates of the Institute. Follow the road to the top of the hill and at the Site Map sign on the right the road splits into three forks. Take the middle fork to the parking area. If you would like to carpool from the lowlands, meet at the Las Posas Park and Ride by 7:00 am. Trip leader is Jesse Grantham (805) 746-0975

Sunday, November 19

Malibu Creek State Park in the Santa Monica Mountains features 15 miles of streamside trails through oak and sycamore woodlands. It has also been extensively used as a movie set for many features and TV shows. While here we will look for hawks, sparrows, woodpeckers, bluebirds, finches and other winter species. There is a \$12 parking fee, so carpooling is recommended. Bring money for the entrance fee and for gas. Meet at the Rancho Park & Ride at 8:00 am for carpooling. The leader will be met at the last parking lot before the campground. Leader: Bonnie Clarfield-Bylin (805) 405-5632.

No trip the weekend of November 25-26 Happy Thanksgiving!

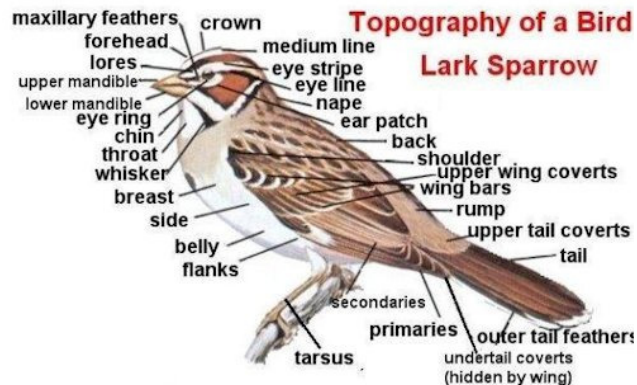
November 9, 2017 advance registration deadline for December trips (described on next page).

Mugu Lagoon
Friday, December 1, 2017 at 8:00 am

Martin Ruane of Naval Base Ventura County has generously agreed to lead an excursion at Mugu Lagoon. This location is recognized as an important Bird Area, supporting up to 10,000 shorebirds in winter! To register, please complete and sign the file "Mugu Form" and return a scanned copy to fieldtrips@ConejoValleyAudubon.org by Thursday, November 9. You can also submit a hard copy of the form to Angela during the next CVAS meeting on Monday, November 6, 7:30 pm at the Western Foundation for Vertebrate Zoology. If you are a Department of Defense civilian or military, you do not need to fill out the form, but you do need to let Angela know if you are coming (DoD contractors are required to complete the form.) This trip is limited to a maximum of 20 current CVAS members only.

Coal Oil Point Reserve
Saturday, December 9, 2017 at 9:00 am

This coastal strand property located four miles from UC Santa Barbara is part of the University of California Natural Reserve System. Its purpose is protecting native habitats to support research, education, outreach and stewardship. Another important Bird Area, this site also supports thousands of migratory birds. To register, please complete and sign the file labeled "Coal-Oil-Point_Reserve Form" and return a scanned copy to fieldtrips@ConejoValleyAudubon.org by Thursday, November 9. If there is only one in your party, you need only fill out page 1. If your party is larger, then additional folks can sign on page 2. You can also submit a hard copy of the form to Angela during the next CVAS meeting on Monday, November 6, 7:30 pm, at the Western Foundation for Vertebrate Zoology.



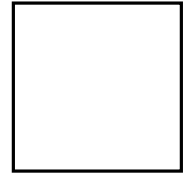
Bird Identification Class
Thousand Oaks Goebel Center

Introductory course in birdwatching as a way to connect with the community, natural and societal. Weekly programs involve lecture and hands-on teaching (using binoculars, field notebooking etc.) with brief (optional) excursions around the Senior Center. Fridays from 10 to 11 am, 10/20 through 11/17. Covers bird identification, behavior, anatomy and ecology. Contact the Goebel Senior Center at (805) 381-2744
 Instructor: Teodelina Martelli

BIRDFEST

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 a California Condor will be there. If you would like to volunteer at the CVAS table please contact Bonnie Clarfield-Bylin at vice-president@conejovalleyaudubon.org

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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.

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