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## Annual Picnic, June 3<sup>rd</sup> Los Robles Trail



For the eleventh year in a row, our CVAS Annual Picnic will be held at Los Robles Trail, located adjacent to the original Janss' House in Thousand Oaks. This beautiful location provides ample areas of both shade and sun. Go south on Moorpark Road to the end, approximately one mile south of the 101 freeway. Turn right on Greenmeadow Ave and proceed approximately one mile to the parking lot at the end of Greenmeadow. Carpooling is encouraged as parking is limited.

There will be a potluck picnic at 10:30 am. Please bring these food items to share for eight. If your name begins with:

- A to I bring a Dessert
- J to Q bring a Salad
- R to Z bring a Main Dish

Please bring your own table service, drinks and chairs. Come early and join the pre-picnic birdwalk which starts at 8:00 am.

### CALENDAR

June 3	8:00 am	(Pre-Picnic) Birdwalk
June 3	10:30 am	Annual Picnic at Janss House
June 13	8:00 am	Beginner Birdwalk (Satwiwa)
July 11	8:00 am	Beginner Birdwalk (Satwiwa)
Aug 8	8:00 am	Beginner Birdwalk (Satwiwa)

## Conservation Proposition 68

Our CVAS board is joining Audubon California and a broad coalition of conservation organizations in supporting Proposition 68 on the June 5<sup>th</sup> California ballot. These groups have cited numerous potential benefits to California's birds and other national treasures and the state's residents. Called the California Clean Water & Safe Parks Act, Proposition 68 is a \$4 billion bond measure that will fund a number of important priorities for Californians, including local, regional and state parks, clean drinking water projects, flood protection and habitat projects that are vital to the state's diverse wildlife.

Audubon California was joined by many organizations working closely with lawmakers during the 2017 legislative session to craft this proposition. This critical opportunity comes at a time when millions of Californians don't have access to safe parks, trails and recreation areas. Moreover, the cycle of drought and extreme weather is already taking a toll on California's natural treasures and threatens our communities with flooding and ecological degradation.

"Audubon California has long fought to protect California's birds and natural landscapes --- and that is why our organization organization emphatically supports Prop. 68," said Sarah Rose, executive director of Audubon California.

"This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to invest in safe parks, clean water and vibrant wildlife that are so important for Californian's quality of life. "

For the birds of the Pacific Flyway and the roughly one million people living around the Salton Sea, Prop. 68 has profound importance. The bond measure includes \$200 million for vitally important dust mitigation

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and habitat restoration at the Salton Sea, where water diversions are creating a public health disaster and destroying habitat.

Proposition 68 includes funding for a broad array of conservation priorities:

**\$2.83 billion for parks and natural resources**

- Investments in park-poor neighborhoods
- Much-needed maintenance for state parks
- Trails and creek restoration
- Funding for critical restoration at the Salton Sea

**\$1.27 billion for water reliability**

- Clean drinking water projects
- Groundwater clean-up and sustainability
- Flood protection, including multi-benefit flood projects

**\$767 million for state conservancies**

- Vital landscape-scale conservation work
- Ocean, bay and coastal protection

**\$442 million for climate adaptation**

- Projects to ensure habitat connectivity
- Collaborations on climate-smart farm practices
- Rivers and waterways restoration



**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.

**Wednesday, June 13, 8:00 am**  
**Wednesday, July 11, 8:00 am**  
**Wednesday, August 8, 8:00 am**  
**Rancho Sierra Vista/ Satwiwa**

Conejo Valley Audubon invites birders of all experience levels to attend our monthly Beginner Bird Walks at Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa. These walks are held on the second Wednesday of each month and will continue throughout the summer. We will meet at 8:00 am at the main parking lot. If interested, please contact the trip leader Richard Armerding (310) 701-3878 to learn all of the details for the trip.



*Stellar's Jay by Don Klabunde*

**Message from the Editor**

The editor would appreciate any articles of interest, photographs or field trip reports from members. Please give them to me by the 5<sup>th</sup> of the month with articles in plain text and pictures in JPEG format.



**Pygmy Nuthatch** *by Don Klabunde*



**Mountain Bluebird** *by Don Klabunde*



**Mourning Doves**

*by Don Klabunde*



**California Condor** *by Don Klabunde*

### **Friends of the California Condors**

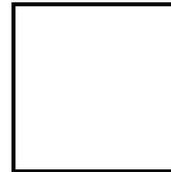
The Friends of the California Condors, Wild and Free, is an all volunteer organization dedicated to the recovery of this endangered species. Our area of Southern California has 80+ birds and we are hoping for a successful breeding season with many confirmed nest sites.

We have opportunities to become involved with the program in a number of different ways, including nest watching, manning information kiosks, refuge onsite work projects, etc. We also host a very limited number of tours each year at both Hopper Mountain and Bitter Creek Refuges. Tours are only offered to those on the Friends of Condors membership list. Please join us at [membership@friendsofcondors.org](mailto:membership@friendsofcondors.org) In order to have a chance of joining a tour, members should apply by sending an email to [tours@friendsofcondors.org](mailto:tours@friendsofcondors.org). Tours are limited to a maximum of 24 people and demand far outstrips supply.

We are fortunate to have this wonderful bird right in our backyard. Thanks for any support and we look forward to hearing from you!

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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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