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General Meeting February 2 7:30 pm Western Foundation

Jordan Karubian Addresses CVAS On His Work On Ecuador's Chocó Rainforest

The Chocó, a region of humid tropical forest in western Colombia and northwestern Ecuador, is one of the world's biodiversity hotspots with high levels of endemic species but large-scale habitat loss. In a recent interview with Dr. Karubian on mongabay.com, Chocó is identified as one of Conservation International's original 17 'Conservation Hotspots' and is among the 5% top areas in the world in terms of biodiversity, endemism and threat. The situation is particularly dire in Ecuador where more than 90 percent of the Chocó has been cleared for agriculture. But hope is not lost. A dedicated team of researchers is working with local communities to ensure that Chocó will be around for future generations.

The Center for Tropical Research (CTR), a research and conservation group based at UCLA's Institute of the Environment runs a program that combines research, training, education and grassroots sustainable development to conserve and expand Ecuador's endangered Chocó forests. The project, headed by Dr. Jordan Karubian, is improving rural livelihoods, preserving biodiversity and helping slow the country's deforestation rate, which is one of the highest in Latin America.

Traditional CVAS Social Firms Up Our Christmas Bird Count

A group of about twenty-five gathered at Nobuko McClure's home on the evening of the Christmas Bird Count to tally up the totals, compare notes and socialize. Don Klabunde, our photographer, recorded this enjoyable evening. Two of his photos of this event are reproduced below.



David Pereksta, our CBC Leader, tallies up the identified species on the composite Christmas Bird Count Checklist before announcing a grand total.



Roger Swanson documents the Bullock's Oriole he recorded earlier that day in Dover-Hendrix park in Thousand Oaks.

PLEASE SAVE THIS DATE

CVAS's Annual Dinner/Auction will be held at Sterling Hills Golf Club on Saturday, March 21, 2009. Fill out the form on page 3 and mail to Rich Congersky before March 8th for the early bird special.

CALENDAR

February

2	5:15 pm	Dinner	Pre meeting Dinner: Ottavio's
2	7:30 pm	General Meeting	Western Foundation
7	7:30 am	Field Trip	Camino Real Park
12	9:00 am	Field Trip	Beginner's Bird Walk
15	7:30 am	Field Trip	Lake Casitas
21	7:30 am	Field Trip	Santa Barbara Hotspots

*** Pre meeting Dinner ***

Ottavio's in Camarillo at 5:15 pm

Call **Nobuko McClure**

For reservations

24 hours in advance of the monthly
general meeting (805) 482-0411.

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.

Board Meeting Notice

The February Board meeting will be held on Monday, February 16. All CVAS members are invited to attend monthly CVAS Board Meetings. Meetings start at 7:00 pm and are held in the home of a board member with meeting location varying monthly. Please contact CVAS Secretary, **Linda Reynolds** at **805-386-4062** or secretary@ConejoValleyAudubon.org for meeting location and directions.

Field Trips

The times specified are departure times – **be sure to arrive 15 min earlier**. Try to carpool whenever possible and don't forget to offer the driver gas money!
RAIN CANCELS!

Saturday February 7 Camino Real Park

Lots of great birds there this year - Canada Warbler, Worm-eating Warbler, Williamson Sapsucker - never know what you might find! Meet at Las Posas Park and Ride at 7:30 or at the Park, where **Tom Halpin** will be. **(805) 746-4598**

Thursday, February 12 Beginner's Bird Walk

Second Thursday of each month. Call **Angie Kobabe (818) 991-4055** between 9:00 am and 9:00 pm to let her know you are coming and find out where it will be. Rain cancels.

Sunday, February 15 Lake Casitas

Many waterbirds, hawks, shorebirds, bluebirds, woodpeckers, etc. Meet at 7:30 at Las Posas Park and Ride or 8 am at the parking outside the gate. Leader is **John Pavelko (805) 640-9040**

Saturday, February 21 Santa Barbara Hotspots

Where we go depends upon the Hotline. Meet at Las Posas Park and Ride at 7:30 am. Leader is **Linda Easter (805) 482-7537**

Shutterbugs by Don Williamson

The February 9th meeting will be in the multi-purpose room at Leisure Village at 7:30 pm. The picture theme is Action Blur, the topic will be "Filters" presented by Jim Gross, and the Common Thread Photography presentation will be by Bill Robinson.

If you are interested in attending the Shutterbugs meetings, contact **Jerry Spector at (805) 384-9039** or jerbear007@yahoo.com to be put on the access list for Leisure Village.

FIELD TRIP REPORTS

Paramount Ranch By Dee Lyon

Saturday, Dec 13, about 15 of us wandered around Paramount Ranch, enjoying the Yellow-rumps, flickers, Kestrel, White-crown, Savannah, Lincoln's, Song and Lark Sparrows, with a Hooded Merganser in the creek. Lots more to explore there.

Bird Festivals

March 5 – 8, 2009

13th Annual San Diego Bird Festival
www.sandiegoaudubon.org/birdfest.htm
Keynote Speaker: David Allen Sibley

April 4 – 6, 2009

**Godwit Days: California's North Coast
Spring Migration Bird Festival**
www.godwitdays.com

May 8-10, 2009

12th Annual Spring Wings Bird Festival
Fallon, Nevada
www.springwings.org

You are cordially invited to join
Conejo Valley Audubon Society

on

March 21, 2009

at

Sterling Hills Golf Club
901 Sterling Hills Drive
Camarillo, CA 93010

Exit the Ventura Freeway (101) at Central Avenue in Camarillo.
Go north on Central (0.8 mi) to Beardsley Road and turn RIGHT.
Continue on Beardsley (0.75 mi) until you reach Sterling Hills Drive and turn RIGHT.
On the left you will see the golf course parking lot.

For

Cocktails, Dinner and Auction

No-host cocktails 5:30 PM - Dinner 6:30 PM

Ticket price per person \$40.00 (early-bird special \$35.00 - before 3/8/09)

5-FREE raffle tickets for each 1st time guest

We ask that everyone kindly bring an item for the raffles.

All types of donation items are acceptable and are not limited to those with an avian theme.

Anyone interested in donating items for the silent or live auctions please contact Rich Congersky at:
(cell) 805-558-2297 or (work) 805-381-2691

All are tax deductible!

Dinner selections: All plated and served with Camarillo Baby Greens Salad, Rolls and butter, and Dessert.

- (1) Sautéed Breast of Chicken served with Lemon Herb Sauce and Rice
- (2) Poached Salmon with Mashed Potatoes & Vegetables
- (3) Filet Mignon with Cabernet Sauce, Roasted Potatoes and Vegetables
- (3) Veggie Stack – Garlic mashed potatoes topped with Delicious Fresh Grilled Vegetables

Please fill out this reservation form, tear it off, and mail it with your check (payable to CVAS) to:

Rich Congersky, 5807 Topanga Canyon Blvd. # I-306, Woodland Hills, CA 91367

Print your name(s) as you would like it to appear on your place card and select an entrée by number

Name _____	Dinner # _____	Phone # _____
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Thanks for your support!!!

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Photos below are by Don Klabunde taken during the Christmas Bird Count:
 Top: Blue-Grey-Gnatcatcher
 Bot.: Red Tailed Hawk in flight



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 Charlie Lucas, 465 Havenside Ave., Newbury Park, CA 91320, or by E-mail: newsletter@ConejoValleyAudubon.org.

NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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.

Mail it to: National Audubon Society, Membership Data Center, P. O. Box 52529, Boulder, CO 80322-2529

Renewing memberships should be sent to National Audubon with the renewal form and envelope you receive.

For questions regarding national membership status call: National Audubon Customer Service 1-800-274-4201

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Please enroll me as a member of Conejo Valley Audubon Society. I have enclosed \$20, payable to CVAS, for a family membership. Mail to: CVAS, P.O. Box 4782, Thousand Oaks, CA 91359 __ Please send my newsletter by E-mail.

Name _____

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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail address _____