



# ROADRUNNER

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## CVAS Annual Picnic Saturday June 6, - Los Robles Trail



For the third year in a row, we've decided to have this year's annual picnic at this beautiful location which provides ample areas of both shade and sun and is located in front of the original Janss' house in Thousand Oaks. Go south on Moorpark Road to the end approximately one mile south of the 101 freeway. Turn right on Greenmeadow Ave. and go approximately one mile to the parking lot at the end of Greenmeadow. Carpooling is encouraged as there is limited parking.

There will be a potluck picnic at 11:00 am. Please bring these food items to share for 8. If your last name begins with:

- A to J bring a Main Dish
- K to P bring a Dessert
- Q to Z bring a Salad

Please provide your own table service, drinks and chairs.

## President's Message By Carol Langford

Changes in latitudes, changes in attitudes, nothing remains quite the same. These words by Jimmy Buffett are familiar to most of us. To me they capture the 2008-2009 year for CVAS.

As a volunteer organization our trip leaders, our Board of Directors, and so many others are the essence of our group. Bill and Jean Hulberg not only prepare our meeting room each month, they also volunteer at the Western Foundation. Once again, Marge Coler, amazed us with a stunning piece of art depicting Black-hooded Parakeets at our annual dinner and auction while Linda Reynolds surprised us with delightful Goldfinches. Nobuko McClure arranges our pre-meeting dinners each month and Tom Halpin continues to find the best birds when he leads a walk. Each of you, our members, continue to make CVAS a knowledgeable, friendly organization which welcomes newcomers into our community of bird friendly people. No change in attitude there!

This year Thelma Williams has spent many, many volunteer hours on our behalf. Along with Linda Reynolds she found 20 classrooms for the Audubon Adventure environmental education program. Thelma spent many hours on the telephone and many hours at Sierra Vista as she organized volunteers for the TREE program and introduced many students to the "wonderful world of birds" and incidentally, systematic gathering of

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### CALENDAR

#### June

6	8:00 am	Annual Picnic	Janss House
13/14	10:00 am	Field Trip	Big Bear Lake
21	7:30 am	Field Trip	Pine Mountain
27	8:00 am	Field Trip	Sierra Vista

#### September

14	7:30 pm	General Meeting	Western Foundation
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The annual picnic will be our last meeting for this year. We will resume our regular monthly meetings at the Western Foundation on Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup>. The first program of the year will be our traditional "Show and Tell".

Have a safe and happy summer!

## 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 August Board meeting will be held on Monday, Aug 17. 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](mailto: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, June 6 Annual Picnic

Held at the old Janns' House. Go to the south end of Moorpark Road, turn right on Greenmeadow and then proceed approximately one mile to the end. Bird walk will be held at 8:00 am. Potluck picnic details are provided on page 1 of this newsletter.

### Saturday / Sunday, June 13 / 14 Big Bear Lake

Meet at the Civic Center on Big Bear Blvd. at 10 am on Saturday. Search for Mt Quail, White-headed Woodpecker, Williamson's Sapsucker, Mt Chickadee, Pygmy Nuthatch, Townsend's Solitaire, and White Pelicans. Call **Dee Lyon** for directions and to make sure we meet you **805-499-2165**.

### Sunday, June 21 Pine Mountain

Meet at Las Posas Park and Ride at 7:30 am. Bring jacket, lunch and water for a trip up 33 to Pine Mountain campground. High clearance vehicle recommended. We'll look for Green-tailed Towhee, Purple Finches, Clark's Nutcrackers, White-headed Woodpeckers, Pygmy Nuthatches, other montane species. Leader is **Tom Halpin 805-746-4598**.

### Saturday, June 27 Sierra Vista

See our wonderful neotropical migrants (Lazuli Bunting, Blue Grosbeak, orioles etc). Meet at Sierra Vista at 8 am Leader is **Rich Congersky 805-558-2297**.

### Shutterbugs

by *Don Williamson*

The June 8<sup>th</sup> meeting will be in the multi-purpose room at Leisure Village at 7:30 pm. The picture theme is "Water", the educational topic will be "Infrared Photography" presented by Don Treadwell, and the Common Thread Photography presentation will also be by Don Treadwell.

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

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### President's Message

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scientific information. However, changes in attitudes and probably the school budget mean there will be no TREE program at Sequoia Middle School next year.

Changes in attitudes have occurred on the world wide web. For the past 10 years our CVAS website has been developed by, hosted by, maintained and championed by Bob Sakamoto. How times have changed. As Bob points out, at first content was limited primarily to text, now we have multiple full sized photos. Our newsletters are available online. We averaged almost 800 visits per month to our website in 2009. We thank Bob for his dedication during the past 10 years. Nothing remains quite the same and we are searching for a new webmaster.

Changes in attitudes have occurred in Ventura County during the past 10 years. Camarillo Regional Park is now a part of CSUCI with a guarantee of public access without threat of a golf course. The SOAR initiatives approved about 10 years ago provided comprehensive protection against urban sprawl. As "birders" we enjoy the open space of Ventura County more than many. We want to be aware of continued threats to bird habitat. While we recognize "nothing remains quite the same" we want to be environmentally sensitive during the upcoming year.

## ***FIELD TRIP REPORTS***

### **Sisar Canyon** **Saturday, April 11** *by Rich Congersky*

A small group of seven met on Saturday the 11<sup>th</sup> at Sisar Canyon. It was a brisk, beautiful morning in the canyon with clear blue skies and the sound of the stream bubbling beside us. We saw 36 species overall. We started our morning at the water tanks with a California Thrasher, California Quail, California Towhee, Acorn Woodpeckers and a Red Shafted Flicker. As we headed up the trail into the canyon we encountered, Junco's, Anna's and Black Chinned Hummingbirds, American & Lesser Goldfinches, White Crowned Sparrows, Bushtits, Band Tailed Pigeons, Mourning & Eurasian Collared Doves, Oak Titmouse, Turkey Vultures, American Crows, Raven, Brewer's Blackbirds, Starlings, Red Tailed hawks, Spotted Towhee, House Finch, Hooded Orioles and Nuttall's Woodpecker. Highlights of the day included, Hutton's and Warbling Vireo, Nashville, Orange-Crowned, Black-Throated Grey, Townsend's and Yellow Warblers, Hermit Thrush and House Wren. A great day was had by all!

### **Sierra Vista** **Saturday, April 18** *by Thelma Williams*

A great group of enthusiastic birders spent a beautiful morning at Sierra Vista-Satwiwa on April 18<sup>th</sup>. We were treated to 42 species, many of them the first looks of the season for most of the participants.

We had great looks at Lazuli Bunting, Blue Grosbeak, Western Bluebirds, Black-headed Grosbeaks, Anna's, Black-chinned and Costa's Hummingbirds, White-tailed Kite, American Kestrel, Red-shouldered and Red-tailed Hawk, Cooper's Hawk, Northern Harrier, Cassin's and Western Kingbird, Ash-throated Flycatcher, Bullock's and Hooded Oriole, House Finch, American and Lesser Goldfinches, Wrentit, House wren, California and Spotted Towhee, Nuttall's Woodpeckers, Starlings and Oak Titmouse all nesting in holes in one tree by the office, Cliff Swallows nesting, Black and Say's Phoebe, Bushtit, Song Sparrows, Northern Mockingbird, Mourning Dove, American Crow,

Raven, Western Scrub Jay, Brown-headed Cowbird, and Pied-billed Grebe, Mallards, and Greater Yellowlegs in the pond on the way out. It was a delightful day for all.

### **BUTTERBREDT SPRINGS** **Saturday / Sunday, May 2 / 3** *by Dee Lyon*

An epic weekend at one of the most celebrated birding spots in Southern California! John Pavelko, Babette Lawall, Bets Buchanan, Ron Barns and Dee Lyon were the lucky five to hit a spectacular migration. As Ron put it, "This is like High Island" which is huge, don't know which birds to look at. Must have been hundreds of Wilson's Warblers, big numbers of Warbling Vireos, Hermit Thrushes, Black-headed Grosbeaks, and a terrific variety of flycatchers.

Common Yellowthroat, Yellow, McGillivrays, Nashville, Townsends, Wilson's, Orange-crowned, Yellow-rumped and Lucy's Warblers, Yellow-breasted Chat, White-crowned, Golden-crowned, Savannah (gorgeous with big yellow eyebrow), Lark, Sage, Lincoln's, Chipping Sparrows, Red-tailed Hawk, Amer. Kestrel, CA Quail, Mourning Dove, Band-tailed Pigeon. The stars of the show were the 2 Great Horned Owls with 2 young! Vaux's Swift, Anna's, Costas and Rufous Hummingbirds, Ladder-backed and Acorn Woodpeckers, Cassin's Kingbird, Ash-throated and Dusky-capped Flycatcher, Olive-sided Flycatcher, Western Wood-Pewee, Black and Say's Phoebe, Gray, Dusky, Hammond's, Willow and Pacific Crest Flycatchers, Tree Swallows, American Crow, Common Raven, Red-breasted Nuthatch, House, Rock and Bewick's Wren, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Hermit Thrush, CA Thrasher, Cassin's, Warbling and Hutton's Vireos, Lazuli Bunting, Red-winged and Brewer's Blackbird, Brown-headed Cowbird, Bullock's Oriole, Western Tanager, Lesser and Lawrence's Goldfinch, Purple, Cassin's and House Finch and House Sparrow. To this list add Green-tailed Towhee and CA Towhee, making 70 species in all!

**Annual CVAS Membership Dues Reminder**  
CVAS membership dues now match our activity year. For those who last renewed or joined prior to January 2009, dues are now due and payable using the CVAS application on page 4 of this newsletter.

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Photo by Mike Templeton

This photo of three baby hawks was taken in San Diego using a Canon EOS digital camera through a Celestron 11-inch diameter telescope. The nest is in the top of a giant pine tree at a distance of approximately 100 yards.

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**

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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, P. O. Box 422250, Palm Coast, FL 32142-2250  
 Renewing memberships should be sent to National Audubon with the renewal form and envelope you receive.  
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