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General Meeting September 14 7:30 pm Western Foundation

Our general meeting, normally held on the first Monday of the month, will be held this month on the second Monday, September 14th, due to the Labor Day holiday.

The program for this first meeting of our 2009 – 2010 season will, as in previous years, be a “**Show and Tell**” program. This is the evening when we can gather once again after our long summer break and renew our old friendships and hopefully make new ones as well.

All members are encouraged to bring photos, movies, slides or anything you would like to share to the meeting. Chrystal Klabunde, our programs chair will coordinate the presentations and will setup the necessary computer and projector to show your pictures.

Be sure to call **Chrystal** at **805-522-8023** well in advance of the meeting to get information on presentation media formats and presentation times available.

It’s been a long summer break and at last we have an opportunity to share our experiences over the past few months as well as our birding plans for the upcoming season. Please try and attend this first meeting of the season. You’ll surely be missed if you don’t!

Conservation Column By Dee Lyon

CONSERVATION: The act of preserving, guarding and protecting our environment, wildlife and habitat. A wise use of natural resources.

We all know the current conservation buzzwords, “reduce, reuse, and recycle” or the old Puritan words, “**MAKE DO, DO WITHOUT and WEAR IT OUT**“. So how does all of this help our birds?

Birds, and humans, can not survive without the life support system we call Earth. Global warming, using up our resources and loss of habitat are problems that need our attention and our actions. Let’s figure out what can be our first steps on the road to sustainability.

1. We can each help reverse the loss of habitat (our birds biggest problem) by taking out grass and planting part of your yard in California Native Plants. I will be bringing plants to the Sept ember meeting for you to see how they might work as bird feeders in your yard.
2. Using up our resources can be fought by recycling and buying recycled goods; keeping things longer; simplifying our lives by not buying unnecessary things.
3. Helping prevent global warming starts with lots of little actions, like turning off the lights when leaving a room; using compact fluorescent

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CALENDAR

September

5	8:00 am	Field Trip	Santa Clara River Estuary
10	9:00 am	Field Trip	Beginner’s Bird Walk
13	8:00 am	Field Trip	Tamarisk Trees & Sod
14	7:30 pm	General Meeting	Western Foundation
19	7:00 am	Field Trip	Mt. Pinos
27	7:30 am	Field Trip	Carpinteria Salt Marsh

Save That Date

**Fifth Annual
Monterey Bay Birding Festival**

September 24 – 27, 2009

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 September Board meeting will be held on Monday, September 21. 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, September 5th Santa Clara River Estuary

Meet at Surfer's Knoll parking lot at 8 am. If lot is full, park in lot across Spinnaker Drive at Ventura Harbor. Bring scope if possible. Leader is **John Pavelko (805) 640-9040**.

Thursday, September 10 Beginner's Bird Walk

Second Thursday of each month. Call **Angie Kobabe (818) 991-4055** between 9 am and 9 pm to let her know you are coming and to find out where it will be held. Rain or temperatures above 90 degrees will cancel.

Sunday, September 13th Tamarisk Trees & Sod Farms

Leave Las Posas Park & Ride at 8 am. The Hueneme and Laguna "tam" are some of the best local places to see migrating warblers. Leader is **Bets Buchanan (805) 482-0063**.

Saturday, September 19th Mt. Pinos

Leave Janss Park & Ride at 7 am. Escape the September heat and hopefully see some mountain birds (Clark's Nutcrackers, White-headed

Woodpecker, Brown Creeper). Bring day pack with food, water and wind breaker. Leader is **David Person (805) 469-6806**. Janss Park & Ride is located on the east side of the 23 freeway at the Janss Road Exit by the soccer fields.

Sunday, September 27th Carpinteria Salt Marsh

Leave Las Posas Park & Ride at 7:30 am. We have not had a trip here in a long while. Bring scopes. Leader is **Linda Easter (805) 482-7537**.

Annual CVAS Membership Dues Reminder

As a reminder to all members, CVAS membership dues now match our activity year. The current membership year runs from July 2009 to June 2010. So for most members – those who last renewed or joined prior to January 2009 – your dues for our next activity year are now due and payable using the CVAS Membership Application on page 4 of this newsletter. If you have questions about when your membership ends, please contact the membership secretary at (membership@conejovalleyaudubon.org).

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bulbs; using a bicycle, public transport or low mileage car, (all highly fuel efficient cars would be like finding Saudi Arabia under Detroit); turning down the thermostat in the winter and up in the summer; planting trees to shade your house; buying food that is locally grown.

**WE NEED A BREAKTHROUGH MENTALLY!
CHANGE SOMEONE'S ATTITUDE THIS
WEEK!**

Shutterbugs *by Don Williamson*

There will be **no meeting** in September. The first meeting of the Shutterbugs for this season will be in October.

Editor's Column by Charlie Lucas

At this point in time – the start of my second year as editor of your Roadrunner Newsletter -- I would like to thank and to recognize all of the contributors that made last season's Roadrunner editions as comprehensive and interesting as they were. I know that I do this at the risk of inadvertently omitting some individual's contribution and for this I apologize in advance for I truly was appreciative of each and every submittal that I received.

Each month we go with a fixed four or six page format and once that decision has been made my task becomes one of trying to compress – or amplify – all the material I've received into that month's issue. Not being able to publish a submitted article in a timely manner is always my biggest concern.

I'd first like to thank the previous editor, **Cheryl Williamson**, and publisher, **Don Williamson**, for being so generous with their time and advice to me and in particular for imparting their emphasis of the importance that the Roadrunner has for our membership.

For eight of our ten issues I'm indebted to **Chrystal Klabunde** for her timely submittal of the material used for informing and promoting the scheduled speaker that she has arranged for the next month's general meeting.

For each of our issues I'm indebted to **Dee Lyon**, our past Field Trips chair, for her effort in initially scheduling and organizing each month's **Field Trips** and for providing the Roadrunner with pertinent details on meeting place and designated Leader for each scheduled trip.

Field Trip Reports, I believe, are an important and popular section of each Roadrunner issue and I would like to thank the following individuals for their submittals this past season: **Rich Congersky, Linda Easter, Tom Halpin, Don Klabunde, Dee Lyon, David Person, Thelma Williams and Cheryl Williamson.**

As part of our **Education Program**, I would like to thank **Thelma Williams** and **Linda Reynolds** for their columns reporting on the TREE Program,

the Matching Grant Scholarship Awards and the Ventura Science Fair.

I'd like to recognize David Pereska for the significant effort he made in both coordinating our **CVAS Christmas Bird Count** and in promoting that activity in his article in the Roadrunner.

My thanks for the **Conservation** columns goes to Laurie Van Stee.

And finally, I'd like to thank **Carol Langford** for her **Share The Journey** column recognizing the 40th anniversary of CVAS and for her **President's Message** column recognizing the contributions that many of you have made to insure the continuing success of CVAS this past season.

For two delightful Book Reviews, I'd like to thank **Cheryl Williamson.**

Faithful Roadrunner readers who are also members of the **Shutterbugs**, have Don Williamson to thank for his concise announcement of speakers and topics for each month's Shutterbug meeting.

For **Photos**, I am indebted to **Don Klabunde** our CVAS Photographer as well as to each of the following whose photographs were published this past season: **Lavonne Eden, Tom Halpin, Chrystal Klabunde, Cheryl Williamson, Don Williamson, and Michael Zarky**

At The CVAS Annual Picnic, June 2009

Chrystal Klabunde listens carefully as Tom Halpin describes his popular three-bean salad.

Photo by Don Klabunde



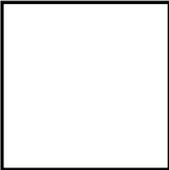
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Guess the Mystery Bird?



Dee Lyon reports this bird was seen on the shore of Big Bear Lake on July 4th of this year. Both Rich Congersky and Chrystal Klabunde guessed correctly. Can you?

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.

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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.

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