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General Meeting March 1 7:30 pm Western Foundation

Lisa Hemenway Presents Habitat Restoration at Simi Valley Landfill

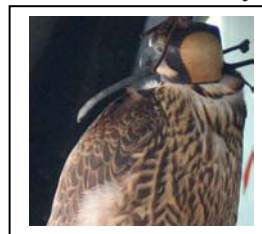
In 2007, Waste Management's Simi Valley Landfill and Recycling Center received wildlife habitat certification from the Wildlife Habitat Council, for restoration, creation, protection and enhancement of native habitat and management of individual species.

Increased rodent populations can be a problem at a landfill, so they installed five raptor perches and eight owl boxes, and the Ojai Raptor Center placed three rehabilitated Barn Owls into the habitat area to encourage nesting in the boxes. This successful program has controlled the rodents in a safe and natural manner without the use of rodenticides.

Since large flocks of gulls and other flying scavengers can transfer pollutants and pathogens from a landfill to surrounding waterways and reservoirs, this facility has adopted a sustainable solution to mitigate that problem. For the past eight years, a master falconer has been using trained falcons to patrol the landfill and scare the gulls and other birds away without harming them or the environment. The falcons cost more to use, but unlike mechanical "bird bombs" or other solutions, are silent and humane. (See photo above.)

In addition to restoration of native habitats impacted by their operations, WM has opened to the public a two-acre pollinator garden for

butterflies and hummingbirds. The garden serves as an outdoor education area and visitors can walk the trails and learn more about the five native ecosystems existing onsite, native plants, insects and pollination, as well as environmental awareness and recycling.



Join Lisa Hemenway, WM Community Relations Manager, and learn more about how the impact of your trash is being mitigated.

(Photo by Chrystal Klabunde)

Conservation Column by Dee Lyon

What do you say to someone who says "I'm sorry, but I just do not believe in Global Warming"? **Thomas L. Friedman** in **HOT, FLAT, AND CROWDED** explains it along these lines and I paraphrase his words: For starters, we need to differentiate between weather and climate change. Climate changes because it is forced to change, and this is caused by natural forces or by forces introduced by mankind. Natural changes can be caused by volcanic eruptions which release so many dust particles into the air that they act as an umbrella and shield the earth from some of the sun's radiation, leading to a cooling period. Another natural cause would be massive releases of greenhouse gases from beneath the earth's surface, or a change in the earth's orbit.

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CALENDAR

March

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| 1 | 5:15 pm | Pre meeting Dinner: Ottavio's |
| 1 | 7:30 pm | General Meeting Western Foundation |
| 7 | 8:00 am | Field Trip Paramount Ranch |
| 11 | 9:00 am | Field Trip Beginner's Birdwalk |
| 14 | 8:00 am | Field Trip Conejo Valley Botanic Gardens |
| 20 | 8:00 am | Field Trip Camarillo Regional Park |
| 27 | 8:00 am | Field Trip Hill Canyon |

*** Pre meeting Dinner ***
Ottavio's in Camarillo at 5:15 pm

Call **Nobuko McClure**
For Reservations
24 hours in advance of 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, March 15. 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!

Sunday, March 7th Paramount Ranch

Meet at 8 am at main parking lot off of Cornell Road. Take Kanan Rd south from Hwy 101. Cornell is 1st left after crossing Agoura Road. Follow to the park entrance on the right. Leader is **Ron Barns (805) 341-3983**. Expect to see many varieties of chaparral birds, raptors, woodpeckers.

Thursday, March 11th 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 to find out where it will be held. Rain will cancel.

Sunday, March 14th Conejo Valley Botanic Garden

Meet at 8 am at parking lot accessed off of Gainsborough Road. From Hwy 101 take Lynn Rd north to Gainsborough. Right on Gainsborough and right on Jeanine (access road to parking lot). Leader is **David Person (805) 469-6806**.

Saturday, March 20th Camarillo Regional Park

Meet at 8 am at Las Posas Park & Ride. Leader is **Carol Langford (805) 987-2721**.

Saturday, March 27th

Hill Canyon

Meet at 8 am at Hill Canyon Rd entrance south off of Santa Rosa Road. Leader is **Jean Hulbert (805) 491-2666**.

SAVE THESE DATES: April 23, 24, 25

Big Morongo Trip Planning

We plan to arrive on Friday, April 23. We can all meet for dinner at the Sizzler in Yucca Valley (a tradition). We will spend most of Saturday, April 24, at Big Morongo Preserve. On Sunday morning we will bird in areas that the group wants to try, e.g., Black Rock Canyon campground, Yucca Valley golf course, etc. We don't plan on driving all the way through Joshua Tree National Park to Cottonwood Springs as the area has not been productive in recent years. People need to reserve motel rooms or camping sites. Best Western in Yucca Valley (760-365-3555) serves continental breakfast with rooms in the \$70 to \$80 range. There is also a Super 8 in Yucca Valley. For additional information contact **Linda Easter** at **805-482-7537** or dleaster17@gmail.com

Conservation Column by Dee Lyon (Continued from Page 1)

The new and unnatural force driving climate change is, of course, the burning of fossil fuels, the cultivation of rice and livestock, and the burning and clearing of forest by mankind. Ice-core research stations analyze air bubbles and water trapped in the ice from 200,000 years ago revealing, that we now have more CO₂ in the atmosphere than ever before. The effects of thickening the greenhouse blanket around the earth will be cumulative and will not dissipate for thousands of years. This is already doing significant harm by intensifying storms and beginning to raise ocean levels as the ice sheets melt.

Unfortunately, many folks say 'you are wrong'; then they say 'ok, it's changing and humans are playing a role, but it won't do much harm'; then they say 'Yes, climate disruption is going to do some real damage, but it's too late, too difficult, or too costly to avoid so we'll just have to hunker down and suffer'. All three positions are seriously wrong.

In Friedman's words, "Because so many people want so badly not to have to worry about temperatures rising when their retirement funds are falling, they will cite any uncertainties as reason not to act. But beware. We delay at our peril."

You are cordially invited to join
Conejo Valley Audubon Society

on

March 20, 2010

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 3/7/09)

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 rcongersky@ConejoValleyAudubon.org

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
- (4) 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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Dennis and Lynn Allen, while helping their son move, picnicked at the Franklin Canyon reservoir (off Coldwater Canyon, south of Ventura Blvd in the hills.) At the little pond on the north side they were initially surprised to see a Wood Duck, then a few more, and then...about 15 males and 15 females who seemed to have decided to vacation there.

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.

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

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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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.

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