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General Meeting October 4 7:30 pm Western Foundation

Richard W. Halsey Presents: Grizzly Bears, Condors, and Chaparral - Preserving what's left of California's biodiversity

Once home to the California grizzly bear and the California condor's last refuge, the chaparral remains one of the most misunderstood and underappreciated ecosystems on earth. Threatened by fire and habitat fragmentation, chaparral represents one of our last opportunities to preserve biodiversity and wildness in the state. Join us as we explore the chaparral's unique natural history, discuss its fascinating wildlife populations, and reveal some of the major misconceptions many hold about California's most characteristic ecosystem.



Photo of R. W. Halsey from CVAS Site

Richard W. Halsey is a chaparral ecologist, writer,

and director of The California Chaparral Institute, a non-profit research and educational organization focusing on California's shrubland ecosystems.

Conservation Column

By Dee Lyon

PRESERVING OUR BIRDS AND WILD SPACES

In order to protect our wild birds and save the wild spaces for the future generations, we will have to get political. There are many ways to help accomplish our goals. Ben & Jerry's ice cream put out a flyer (on recycled paper) that had interesting suggestions, which they got from the editors of *In Context*.

1. Don't get mad, get involved. If you don't like something, work with others to change it.
2. Boycott companies or products that violate your principles, and write to those companies.
3. Grow a garden - it makes you less dependent on agribusiness and more aware of your dependence on the earth.
4. Broadcast the message of sustainability; spread empowering information.
5. Write to your representatives in government; let them know that you care about the environment.

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CALENDAR

October

2	8:00 am	Field Trip: Malibu Lagoon
4	5:15 pm	Pre meeting Dinner: Ottavio's
4	7:30 pm	General Meeting Western Foundation
10	7:30 am	Field Trip: Cañada Larga Road
14	9:00 am	Beginner's Bird Walk
16	7:30 am	Field Trip: Camino Real Park
24	8:00 am	Field Trip: Hill Canyon
30	7:45 am	Field Trip: Ventura Settling Ponds

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

Call **Nobuko McClure**
For Reservations **(805) 482-0411**
Reservation Deadline: 9:00 am
Day of General Meeting

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 October Board Meeting will be held on Monday, October 18. 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 locations varying monthly. Please contact CVAS Secretary, **Gary Evans** at (805) 231-5692 or GaryE@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, October 2nd Malibu Lagoon

Meet at 8:00 am at Rancho Road Park & Ride or at 8:30 am in the Malibu Lagoon parking lot (ocean side of Hwy 1). Shorebirds, Herons, Gulls, Ducks, and marsh birds make this oasis a great spot. Rarities are often seen. Trip Leader is **Carol Langford (805) 987-2721**.

Sunday, October 10th Cañada Larga Road

Carpool at 7:30 am at Las Posas Park and Ride or meet Trip Leader at the start of the road after the exit from Hwy 33 at 8:00 am. Bring water and lunch. Birds we will look for include Black-headed and Blue Grosbeaks, Warblers, Orioles, Costa's Hummingbird, Lewis Woodpeckers, Lazuli Buntings, Western Bluebirds and Barn Owls. Trip leader is **John Pavelko (805) 649-9040**

Thursday, October 14th 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

Saturday, October 16th Camino Real Park

Lots of great birds in previous years. Never know what you might find! Meet at Las Posas Park and Ride at 7:30

am. Trip Leader is **Linda Easter (805) 482-7537**.

Sunday, October 24th Hill Canyon

Meet at 8:00 am at Santa Rosa Park, over the bridge and into the Park at Hill Canyon on Santa Rosa Road. Trip Leader is **Jean Hulberg (805) 491-2666**

Saturday, October 30th Ventura Settling Ponds

Meet at 7:45 at the Las Posas Park & Ride. These ponds are always good for many Duck species plus Gulls, Sora, Moorhens, Grebs, Herons, Common Yellowthroats, Swallows, and Wrens. Trip Leaders are **Don & Cheryl Williamson (818) 889-4498**.

2010-2011 Field Trips MARK THEM ON YOUR CALENDAR BUT CHECK THE NEWSLETTER

Please call the trip leader in advance to learn of any changes to the field trip plans. Volunteer trip leaders are needed to lead trips marked with an (*). Please call Dee at (805) 499-2165. Trips alternate Sat and Sun.

- Nov 6, Sat. Mugu Rock & Mugu Lagoon (*)
- Nov 12, Fri Pt Mugu Navy Base (Must reserve)
- Nov 14, Sun Saticoy Ponds
- Nov 27, Sat Conejo Valley Botanic Garden
- Dec 4, Sat CLU & Surrounding Open Areas
- Dec 12, Sun Paramount Ranch
- Dec 18, Sat Chesebro Canyon (*)
- Jan 1, Sat ? Christmas Bird Count
(Exact date yet to be confirmed)
- Jan 8, Sat Sierra Vista
- Jan 16, Sun Santa Clara River Estuary (*)
(Note: Morro Bay - Jan 14-18)
- Jan 21, Fri Pt. Mugu Navy Base (Must Reserve)
- Jan 30, Sun Gillette Ranch (*)
- Feb 5, Sat. Carrizo Plains
- Feb 13, Sun Lake Casitas
- Feb 19, Sat Santa Barbara Hotspots (*)
- Feb 27, Sun Malibu Lagoon
- Mar 5/6, Sat/Sun Wind Wolves
- Mar 13, Sun Flower Walk (*)
- Mar 19, Sat Rustic Canyon/Happy Camp (*)
- Mar 27, Sun Private Property (*)
- April 2, Sat Tejon Ranch (*)
- April 10, Sun Sierra Vista
- April 16, Sat Camarillo Regional Park
- April 23, Sat Soule Park (*)
- April 30(Sat)/May 1(Sun) Salton Sea
- May 7, Sat Wheeler George
- May 15, Sun Malibu Creek State Park (*)
- May 21, Sat Sisar Canyon (*)
- May 29, Sun Mount Pinos (*)

Conservation Column
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6. Compost, save water, conserve energy, car pool - all of these help shift the political center of gravity in a green direction.
7. Adopt a creek, park, tree or hillside and learn to care for it and document the birds and wildlife that use it.
8. Travel - see how things are done in different places - or don't travel - it wastes energy that could be used to improve your own habitat.
9. Reduce consumption - show your grandchildren "The Story of Stuff" on You Tube.
10. Carry a camera - Video and photographs can document problems and solutions.

**Annual CVAS Membership Dues,
2nd Reminder**

As a reminder to all members, CVAS membership dues now match our activity year. The current membership year runs from July 2010 to June 2011. So for most members – those who last renewed or joined prior to January 2010 – 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). Economize: Why not bring your check to our next general Meeting and save the postage?

**"Introduction to Ornithology"
Class to Be Offered
September 27 – November 21, 2010
2nd Reminder**

An 8-week course on the diversity, ecology, evolution, and taxonomy of the birds of North America, with an emphasis on identifying the birds of Southern California, will be taught by **Dr. Linnea Hall** and **Mr. Rene Corado**. One 1.5-hour lecture and one 3-hour museum or field trip weekly. Individual classes also may be taken; contact WFVZ (805) 388-9944 for more information and pricing. Whole course price: \$420 for currently enrolled college students and WFVZ Volunteers; \$560 for WFVZ Members; \$750 for non-members.

Editor's Column
By Charlie Lucas

Once each year I write a column in which I try to thank all of the CVAS members for their contributions to the previous season's Roadrunner Newsletter. As I pointed out in last year's column, I do this at the risk of inadvertently omitting some individual's contribution and for this I apologize in advance, for I am truly appreciative of each and every submittal that I receive.

I'll start by acknowledging the contribution of **Michael Zarky**, who has volunteered this past year and has vigilantly proofread the material I assemble for each month's Newsletter, correcting and improving its grammar and readability when needed.

I'm indebted to **Dee Lyon** for contributing her Conservation Column to each and every issue of the Newsletter.

I would also like to recognize **Chrystal Klabunde** for her timely submittal of material used to inform us about the scheduled speaker and promoting the scheduled speaker that she arranges for each month's general meeting.

For each of our issues I'm indebted to **David Person**, our past Field Trip chair, for providing the Roadrunner with pertinent details on meeting place and a designated Leader for each schedule trip.

I would like to thank **David Pereska** for his column promoting our annual Christmas Bird Count; **Thelma Williams** for her Education Column; and **Linda Reynolds** for her Ventura County Science Fair Column.

I would like to thank the following for their Field Trip Reports this past season: **Dee Lyon, David Person, Linda Easter, Cheryl Williamson, Rich Congersky, Thelma Williams and Jean Hulberg**.

For their beautiful photos – each worth at least a thousand words – I am indebted to **Don Klabunde** our CVAS Photographer as well as each of the following whose photographs were published this past season: **Dee Lyon, Jean Hulberg, Chrystal Klabunde, Cheryl Williamson, Don Williamson, Dennis Allen and Bill Anderson**.

Special request: Please consider volunteering for one of our open positions: **Vice President** or **Field Trip Chair**.

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Message from the Editor

The Editor would appreciate any articles of interest, or Field Trip Reports from members for publication in the CVAS Newsletter.

Please get them to me by the 5th of the month. I prefer them in electronic form with articles in plain text or rich text format (RTF) and pictures in jpeg format.

Pictures of birds from local birding areas are of particular interest to other CVAS members

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

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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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