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General Meeting September 12 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 12th, due to the Labor Day holiday.

The program for this first meeting of our 2011 – 2012 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 set up 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 to attend this first meeting of the season. You’ll surely be missed if you don’t!

Conservation Column By Dee Lyon

Barter Revisited. It’s time we all started swapping all our extra fruit and vegetables. We have all seen orange trees or apricot trees with most of the fruit fallen on the ground. This makes us want to make a midnight visit to those trees. Quite a few of us do share our excess, but now we have Ventura County Swappers. Go to their Facebook page at VC Swappers or email vcswappers@hotmail.com. The Ventura Produce Cooperative can be reached by calling Maureen Durkin at 805-340-8756.

CVAS can have its own swapping system, with emails to those who have something that they want to swap. Sometimes services, like babysitting, weeding, driving an elderly person to appointments, golf or tennis lessons, computer advice, photography advice, cooking or art lessons, can all be bartered if folks knew they were available.

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(New Series) of Bird Walks Announced

CVAS is proud to announce a new series of walks designed for people new to birding! These walks will be held during the later morning or early afternoon hours and feature local hotspots in the Ventura-Oxnard-Camarillo area. They will range from 1 to 2 hours long based on activity and will frequently involve a picnic or trip to a local eatery for lunch or dinner. Beautiful California scenery, colorful birds, good company, and even a bit of exercise. If anyone is looking for a good reason to leave the house, get exercise, or an easy date activity, this is it! Birders of all experience levels are welcome.

CALENDAR

September

3	8:00 am	Santa Clara River Estuary
8	9:00 am	Beginner’s Bird Walk
10	10:00 am	(New Series) Camino Real Park
11	8:00 am	Laguna Tams
12	5:15 pm	Pre meeting Dinner: Ottavio’s
12	7:30 pm	General Meeting Western Foundation
18	8:00 am	Camino Real Park
24	8:30 am	Ventura River Estuary / Emma Wood
25	2:00 pm	(New Series) Ventura Settling Ponds/ Water Treatment Plant

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 September Board Meeting will be held on Monday, September 19. 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, September 3rd Santa Clara River Estuary

Meet at the Las Posas Park & Ride at 8:00 am. Look for ducks, herons, sandpipers, terns, plovers, phalaropes, turnstones, moorhens, pipits, ospreys, etc. A spotting scope is very helpful. Trip Leader is **Dee Lyon** (805) 499-2165.

Thursday, September 8th 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 or temperatures above 90 degrees will cancel.

(New Series!) Saturday, September 10th Camino Real Park

Our New Series Beginner Birdwalk begins with one of the most popular migrant locations in Ventura County. Every year this spot hosts a variety of warblers, orioles, raptors, and more! This is a great location to begin your birding adventures. We'll have a picnic after our stroll through the park. If you plan to attend the picnic, just bring your own meals, drinks, utensils, etc. We'll provide the charming company and sparkling conversation. Meet in the parking lot at 10 am. Leader is **Frank DeMartino** (856) 906-8733

Sunday, September 11th Laguna Tams

Meet at Las Posas Park & Ride at 8:00 am. The Laguna and other nearby "tams" are some of the best local places to see migrating warblers in the fall. This trip will be **self-directed**.

Sunday, September 18th Camino Real Park

Meet at the Camino Real Park Parking Lot at 8:00 am. Lots of great birds in previous years. Never know what you might find! Trip Leader is **Eric Waian** (805) 630-0100.

Saturday, September 24th Ventura River Estuary / Emma Wood

Meet and park on Main Street down by Ventura Beach RV Resort to get to the trail at 8:30 am. Trip Leader is **John Pavelco** (805) 640-9040.

(New Series!) Sunday, September 25th Ventura Settling Ponds/Water Treatment Plant

The ducks are coming! We'll be checking to see which of our migrant friends have arrived early. This is an afternoon walk so bring sunscreen and a hat. Meet at the Surfer's Knoll parking lot at 2 pm. Leader is **Frank DeMartino** (856) 906-8733.

2011-2012 Field Trips MARK THEM ON YOUR CALANDAR BUT CHECK THE NEWSLETTER TO BE SURE

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 Lyon** at (805) 499-2165. Trips alternate Sat and Sun. January – June trips in next month's newsletter.

Oct 1, Sat	Hill Canyon
Oct 9, Sun	Canada Larga Road (*)
Oct 15, Sat	Build Your Bird Habitat Workshop at Carol and Bill Langfords
Oct 22, Sat	Nature Day at Sierra Vista
Oct 29, Sat	Ventura Ponds (*)
Oct 30, Sun	Build your Bird Habitat Workshop at Linda and Darryl Easters
Nov 5, Sat.	Mugu Rock, Mugu Lagoon and Sycamore Canyon (*)
Nov 11, Fri	Pt Mugu Navy Base (Must reserve)
Nov 19, Sat	Saticoy Ponds - Beginning Birder's Workshop (*)
Nov 27, Sun	Conejo Valley Botanic Garden
Dec 3, Sat	Sepulveda Basin (*)
Dec 11, Sun	Paramount Ranch (*)
Dec 18, Sun	Camarillo Regional Park (*)
Dec 30, Friday	Christmas Bird Count

Field Trip Reports

Saturday, May 21st
Sisar Canyon
by Dee Lyon

We should have been here two weeks earlier; most of the birds seem to be nesting. Two Anna's Hummingbird nests and two House wren nests; lots of Warbling Vireos and Yellow Warblers; Pacific Slope Flycatchers, Ash-throated Flycatchers, Quail, Canyon Wren, Western Wood Peewee, CA and Spotted Towhees, large numbers of Lesser Goldfinch, Nuttall's and Acorn Woodpeckers, Flickers, Red-tails, TV's, Phainopepla, Western and female Summer Tanager, CA Thrasher, Oak Titmouse, Bushtits, Wrentits, Scrub Jays, House Finch, Black-headed Grosbeak, Wilson's and Orange-crowned Warblers, and a Junco. Beautiful day with five of us enjoying the lush scenery and flowers; then on to Bocalli's for strawberry shortcake and a Hooded Oriole.

Conservation Column

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Besides saving money and gas to move fruits and vegetables from country to country, bartering and swapping give a satisfying community feeling. However, it is important to remember that when you are bartering professional services, tax questions arise.

Putting all our birding information online is a form of swapping and we all love finding out about the Clapper Rails and the warblers that arrive in the Fall.

Anyone want to organize the swapping for us? All we need is a list of swappers, their emails and what everyone wants to swap. Email Dee Lyon if you are willing to act as coordinator.

Message from the Editor

The editor would appreciate any articles of interest, photographs, or field trip reports from members. Please give them to me by the 5th of the month in electronic form with articles in plain text or rich text format (RTF) and pictures in JPEG format.

Letters Column



Dear Conejo Valley Audubon Society Members,

I would like to thank you all so much for the check. Your generous donation will make a great contribution for my future career and I am truly grateful. I hope all of you enjoyed my presentation for I loved getting the chance to show my project. That was an amazing opportunity and I hope my study will encourage others to begin informing themselves about birds more. All of you are such amazing people and you truly make an impact in our community. I hope you have a fantastic day and good luck with finding more species. Thank you!

Sincerely,
 Joelle Saute

Editor's Note: Joelle was a recent recipient of a CVAS award in honor of Dr. Elliot McClure for her Ventura County Science Fair project entitled "Mist Net Vegetation Densities and its Affects on Encounters with Chamaea fasciata (Wrentits)".

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 September 2011 to August 2012. So for most members – those who last renewed or joined prior to January 2011 – 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).

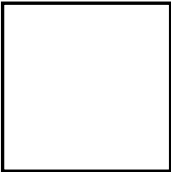
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**Yes, You Can Help CVAS
This Season.
Please Volunteer!**

If you look to your immediate left, you'll see our list of Officers and Committee Chairs. Once again, we have openings that we hope you will consider volunteering for. The three openings include: Vice President, Field Trip Coordinator and Special Events.

If you can help why not let **Carol Langford** know of your interest.

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 **C1ZC230Z**

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

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Please enroll me as a member of Conejo Valley Audubon Society. I have enclosed \$20 for a family membership.

Additional Gift: ___\$25.00 ___\$50.00 ___\$75.00 ___\$100.00 \$_____ Other _____

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Mail to: CVAS, P.O. Box 4782, Thousand Oaks, CA 91359 Newsletter will be sent by E-mail.

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