General Meeting, Nov. 5
Western Foundation
A Birder's Journey to the last Frontier

Join seasoned educator, birder, author and LA native Benny Jacobs-Schwartz for a unique presentation on his summer as a guide in Alaska.
This presentation features fabulous bird photos, vibrant videos and captivating stories from the Kenai Peninsula.
We will also explore where many of our local residents spend their breeding season.

Juvenile Bald Eagle by Benny Jacobs-Schwartz
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Conservation
by Dee Lyon
Lawns to Habitat
(or Planting for Wildlife)

#1 Take a look at http://www.laspalitas.com and http://theodorepaynefoundation.org

#2 You'll find lots of plants that will appeal to you. You can check which will grow best in your yard, whether they grow in shade or sun, how large they grow and whether they will stay green.

#3 Plan your yard on paper. Put taller plants in the back. Allow space for the plants to grow.

#4 Kill your lawn

#5 Dig a hole the size of the plant pot and plant slightly higher than the surrounding soil. Do not add amendments or fertilizers!

#6 Water lots and lots (especially if you plant during hot times)

#7 Place mulch around the plants, but not touching the stems.

***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.

Saturday, November 3, 3:00 – 5:00
Birds and Beer
Concejo Creek Park North + Draughts

Have you ever found it difficult to decide between birding and sleeping in on your precious weekend mornings? Now you can do both! Join us for late afternoon birding at Concejo Creek Park North, 1379 E Janss Road, Thousand Oaks. We will meet by the pond near the southwest end of the park, where we will scan the water for shorebirds, ducks, geese, herons, egrets, gulls and kingfishers. From there we will stroll along Concejo Creek, searching the trees for a variety of gems, including White-and Red-breasted Nuthatch, Acorn and Nuttall’s woodpecker, Yellow-rumped and Townsend’s Warbler, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Hermit Thrush and Western Wood-pewee. We’ll also check the open areas for Lark, White-crowned and Chipping Sparrow as well as Say’s Phoebe, Western Bluebird and American Pipit. Perhaps we’ll spy an owl as sunset approaches. If you’re hungry and/or thirsty afterward, join us at 6:00 p.m. at Draughts Restaurant and Bar, 398 N Moorpark Rd, Thousand Oaks, 805-777-7883 (to ensure enough table space, please RSVP at http://bit.do/birdsandbeer). The walk is free, but each person will need to pay for their own meal/drinks. Trip leaders are Bonnie Clarfield-Bylin and Stephen Bylin, (805) 405-5632.

Wednesday, November 14, 8:00 am
Rancho Sierra Vista/ Satwiwa

Conejo Valley Audubon invites birders of all experience levels to attend our monthly Beginner Bird Walks at Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa. These walks are held on the second Wednesday of each month. We will meet at 8:00 am at the main parking lot, which is accessible off Lynn Road at Via Goleta in Newbury Park. Rancho Sierra Vista is an excellent place to see many of the oak woodlands birds that are common in the Conejo Valley area. We will take time to introduce beginning birders to these species and will teach the best techniques for locating and identifying them. If you have binoculars please bring them. A few pairs of loaner binoculars will be available. Wear comfortable walking shoes. No sign-up is needed; just show up. In the event of heavy rain, we will cancel the walk. The walk leader will be Richard Armerding (310) 701-3878.

Sunday, November 19, 8:00 am
Malibu Creek State Park

Malibu Creek State Park in the Santa Monica Mountains features 15 miles of streamside trails through oak and sycamore woodlands. It has also been extensively used as a movie set for many features and TV shows. While here we will look for hawks, sparrows, woodpeckers, bluebirds, finches, and other winter species. Perhaps we will encounter a Phainopepla, Loggerhead Shrike (continued on page 3)
Volunteers Needed

Volunteers needed for Birdfest on Saturday, Nov. 10, at King Gillette Ranch. This fun festival runs from 9 am to 3 pm. Shifts are available between 8 am – 4 pm to help set up, break down, staff our booth or give beginner bird walks. If you have a preference, let us know. To sign up, contact Don Klabunde at photographer@conejovalleyaudubon.org

SAVE THE DATE

Friday, January 11, 2019, 7:45 am
Mugu Lagoon

Martin Ruane of Naval Base Ventura County has generously agreed to lead an excursion at Mugu Lagoon. This location is recognized as an important Bird Area, supporting up to 10,000 shorebirds in winter! To register, please complete and sign the attached file “Mugu Form” and return a signed, initialed, and scanned copy to fieldtrips@ConejoValleyAudubon.org by Monday, December 3 (the Base requires that the two forms of identification provided on the form be a driver’s license/California I.D. and a social security number). You can also submit a hard copy of the form to Angela during the CVAS meeting on either Monday, November 5, or Monday, December 3. Both meetings are at 7:30 pm, Western Foundation for Vertebrate Zoology. If you are Department of Defense civilian or military personnel, you do not need to fill out the form, but please let Angela know if you are coming (DoD contractors are required to complete the form.) This trip is limited to a maximum of 20 current CVAS members only.

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Horned Puffin by Benny Jacobs-Schartz

Malibu Creek State Park
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Red-breasted sapsucker, and Lincoln’s Sparrow. There is a $12 parking fee, so carpooling is recommended. Bring funds for the entrance fee and for gas. Meet at the Rancho Park & Ride at 7:30 am for carpooling. Leader: Dee Lyon (805) 427-0987.

Snowy Egret by Don Klabunde

Black-necked Stilt by Don Klabunde
Regular meetings are held on the first Monday evening of each month (except June, July, August) 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 Gary Evans, 29 Sabra Ave., Oak Park, Calif. 91377-1126 or by E-mail: GaryE@ConejoValleyAudubon.org.

For information on joining the National Audubon Society, please go to www.audubon.org