How does the Los Angeles urban forest affect our resident and migrant birds? How do they use it? Do they use native and exotic trees differently? Do the trees lining our public street actually benefit our birds? These are just a few of the topics Dr. Eric Wood will address. What patterns of tree cover and diversity occur in our urban forest, especially in our public street trees? What are the patterns of public street trees preferred by birds, especially when it comes to the question of native versus exotic trees? How do our own socioeconomic differences shape our urban forest and its bird communities? All this and more.

Dr. Eric Wood is an Assistant Professor of Ecology in the Biological Science Department at California State University Los Angeles. His lab research centers on terrestrial ecosystems and avian communities. The lab uses field and citizen science data, spatial analysis and quantitative approaches to explore questions which focus on avian ecology, urban ecosystems and conservation.
CVAS Events

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Saturday, February 2, 8:00 a.m.
Santa Clara River Estuary

The Santa Clara River Estuary produces some of the most diverse observations of ducks, sandpipers, terns, gulls, plovers, and other shorebirds in the county. We’ll meet at Surfer’s Knoll and walk down to the estuary after peeking over the fence into the Ventura Settling Ponds. The estuary should be a great place to see Northern Shovelers, Buffleheads, Hooded Mergansers, Ruddy Ducks, American White and Brown Pelicans, Eared and Western Grebes, Heerman’s, California, and Ring-billed Gulls, Whimbrels, Long-billed Curlews, Avocets and Western & Least Sandpipers. We may even spot a Peregrine Falcon, Merlin or Osprey. If you wish to carpool, meet at the Las Posas Park and Ride at 7:30 am. Directions: from the 101 freeway, exit Seaward and proceed south to Harbor. Turn left and continue to Spinnaker, turning right to enter the harbor area. Drive past the Surfer’s Knoll parking area on the left and make a U-turn to double back and enter the parking lot. Trip leader: Dee Lyon (805) 499-2165

Saturday, February 9, 8:00 a.m.
Sepulveda Basin

Kris Ohlenkamp has birded this location for over 30 years, noting 240 species and averaging 60-65 on each visit. Previously spotted species include Wood Duck, Green-winged and Cinnamon Teal, Northern Pintail, Sora, Wilson’s Snipe and Belted Kingfisher.

Directions: Take Hwy 101 to the Balboa Blvd. exit. Travel north on Balboa Blvd., then east on Burbank Blvd., north on Woodley Ave., and east at the access road with signs for “Wildlife Reserve, Japanese Gardens, Archery.” Bear right at the immediate fork in the road and continue ½ mile to the end, where you will find Wildlife Reserve parking on the left. Trip leader: Kris Ohlenkamp (818) 521-8799

Wednesday, February 13, 8:00 a.m.
Rancho Sierra Vista/ Satwiwa

Contact the leader, Richard Armerding, for details (310) 301-3878

Sunday, February 17, 9:30 a.m.
Cal Lutheran University

This lovely campus at the edge of the Mount Clef Open Space property offers much to explore. Join us as we seek encounters with up to four wren, ten sparrow, ten raptor and two gnatcatcher species. Perhaps we will see the endangered California Gnatcatcher! Other possible sightings include meadowlarks, roadrunners, warblers and thrashers. We will start by birding the willows near the athletic fields. To carpool from the western part of Ventura County, meet at the Las Posas Park and Ride at 9:00 am. Otherwise take Hwy 101 to the Lynn Rd. exit and travel north 3.8 miles to Mountclef Blvd. (Lynn Rd. becomes Olsen Rd. near the campus). Travel north on Mountclef Blvd then turn west (left) onto Overton Court. Park in the northwest corner of the general admission lot next to the baseball fields Trip leader: Cia DeMartino (805) 612-1832

Saturday, February 23, 3:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. – Birds and a Beer – Arroyo Simi (Madera) + All About the Burgers

Sleep in and bird on the same day! Join us for late afternoon birding at Arroyo Simi just upstream of Madera Road. Arroyo Simi has a great assortment of shorebirds, ducks, herons, and gulls. It is easily accessed via a level bike path that runs from Madera Street to First Street and on through most of Simi Valley. We will walk slowly along the mostly natural bottomed channel scanning for birds and taking our time to learn better identification skills. Expected species include Canada goose, American Wigeon, Gadwall, Blue-winged Teal, Black-necked Stilt, Killdeer, Red-winged Blackbird and White-faced Ibis. Possible birds include Ring-necked duck, Horned Grebe and Rock Wren. Meet at the entrance to the bike path at Easy Street in Simi Valley, just east of Madera Road. If you’re hungry and/or thirsty afterward, join us at 6:00 p.m. at All About the Burgers, 1464 Madera Rd, Suite E, Simi Valley, 805-864-9348 Please RSVP by February 23 for table space to Angela at fieldtrips@conejovalleyaudubon.org Trip leaders: Bonnie Clarfield-Bylin and Stephen Bylin, (805) 405-5632
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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.

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