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General Meeting January 4 7:30 pm Western Foundation

Blake Massey Will Discuss California Condor Recovery Program

Blake Massey, a US Fish and Wildlife Service biologist, will discuss the current status, management, and research efforts of the California Condor Recovery Program. (See photo right.) Blake will compare the historic and current range, population size, and demographics of the species. He will explain the recent successes of the nest-guarding program in southern California and share video footage and first-hand accounts of nest entries. He will present maps with the latest GPS transmitter data and explain how this information provides key insights into seasonal foraging patterns, reproductive efforts, and on-going range expansions.

Lastly, he will describe the Program's research into potential future habitat needs for condors and predicted changes in their landscape. Blake earned a B.A. in Biology from Vanderbilt University and a M.S. in Wildlife Conservation from the University of Massachusetts - Amherst. He has worked on wildlife research projects on a variety of species including Black Bear, Northern Harrier, Gyrfalcon, Island Fox, Golden Eagle, and Mariana Crow. He has worked with California Condors in both northern Arizona and southern California, and he is currently a field crew leader on the Condor project at Hopper Mountain National Wildlife Refuge Complex.



Photo by Blake Massey

Conservation Column

By Dee Lyon

WALK THE WALK! Ten things you can do to help the environment:

1. Plant a tree. Just to offset your breathing, it takes seven trees to take in your CO2. Please plant a native tree, such as a Black Walnut, a Redbud, one of the native oak trees (used by more birds than any other plant.), a Madrone, a Pinon Pine, a Bigleaf Maple, a Sycamore or check Laspilitas.com for more trees. You can also send a check to Treepeople or the National Forest Foundation and have them plant a tree.

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CALENDAR

January

3	Field Trip	Christmas Bird Count
4	5:15 pm	Pre meeting Dinner: Ottavio's
4	7:30 pm	General Meeting Western Foundation
14	9:00 am	Field Trip Beginner's Birdwalk
17	8:00 am	Field Trip Saticoy Ponds
22	7:45 am	Field Trip Pt. Mugu Navy Base
30	7:00 am	Field Trip Carrizo Plain Nat'l Monument

***** 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 January Board meeting will be held on Monday, January 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 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, January 3 Christmas Bird Count

We need everyone to come out and help locate our birds! Call **David Pereksta** at **805-659-5740** or email him at Pereksta@packbell.net

Thursday, January 14 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 will cancel.

Sunday, January 17 Saticoy Ponds

Meet at Las Posas Park & Ride for 8:00 am departure. Many species of ducks, hawks, sparrows and some shorebirds. Leader is **Rich Congersky** (805) 558-2297.

Friday, January 22 Pt. Mugu Navy Base

This trip requires pre-signup at least 3 weeks prior to trip and is limited to 25 people. Contact **Don Williamson** at (818) 889-4498 to check on availability. US citizenship required as well as a picture ID. No cameras or video equipment permitted. Meet at base parking lot (corner of Mugu Rd and Navel Air Road) at 7:45 am. Trip

Coordinators are **Don & Cheryl Williamson** (818) 889-4498.

Saturday, January 30 Carrizo Plain Nat'l Monument

Meet at Las Posas Park & Ride for 7:00 am departure. Will travel over Hwy 33, stopping at various points along the way. Will spend most of the day exploring the Carrizo Plain via Soda Lake Rd. Possibility for Sandhill Cranes. Lots of raptors. Bring lunch and warm clothes. This is a day trip. Leaders are **Carol Langford** 987-2721 and **Dee Lyon** 499-2165.

Conservation Column by Dee Lyon (Continued from Page 1)

2. Conserve water. Most of us are now running the washer and dishwasher with full loads, and many of us are planting yards that use little or no additional water, but there are other things to consider, like trying not to rinse the dishes before putting them into the dishwasher and letting them air dry.
3. Use cloth bags to bring home the groceries from the store. If you forgot to bring it in, make yourself go back out to the car. Buy locally grown produce; go veggie at least one day a week.
4. No more paper Kleenex; use handkerchiefs; no more paper towels; it costs little to toss the cloth towel into the laundry and buy a dozen dishcloths at the 99 cent store and dump those sponges.
5. Don't throw your magazines and newspapers away - pass them on to a friend. Get your name off of lists by contacting Direct Marketing Association Mail Preference Service, 11 W 42nd St, P.O. Box 3861, N.Y., N.Y. 10163-3861
6. Buy things that will last; keep your car 10 years.
7. Change your light bulbs to CFLs (compact fluorescent light). If every U.S. family replaced just one hot incandescent bulb with a CFL, it would eliminate 90 billion pounds of greenhouse gases, which is the same as taking 7.5 million cars off the road.
8. Stand up for NATURE; stay informed: write to our leaders and support candidates who want to take care of our world.
9. Think before you drive; every gallon of gas you save helps your budget and it keeps 20 pounds of carbon dioxide out of the atmosphere.
10. Raise the thermostat in summer and use a ceiling fan; lower the thermostat in winter.

You are cordially invited to join
Conejo Valley Audubon Society

on
March 20, 20010

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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Photo by Don Williamson

The above picture of a Juvenile Tundra Swan was taken at the Ventura Settling Ponds on November 17, 2009 at about 10:20 am.

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 _____

Phone _____ E-mail address _____

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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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