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General Membership Meetings

San Fernando Valley Arts & Cultural Center
18312 Oxnard Street, Tarzana
(818) 697-5525

SFVAS General Membership Meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of the month (except July, August, November, and December.)

EVERYONE IS WELCOME to join us at 7:00 p.m. for refreshments; program begins at 7:20 p.m. See Calendar of Events, pages 3-4, for directions.

SAVE THE DATE!



Saturday, December 14, 2019

Thank you! to all the wonderful volunteers who helped at the September 21 clean-up of the Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Reserve. We couldn't have done it without you!

Monthly Program

General Membership Meeting - Please Join Us!

Thursday, October 24, 2019, 7:00 p.m.

Speaker: Jess Morton

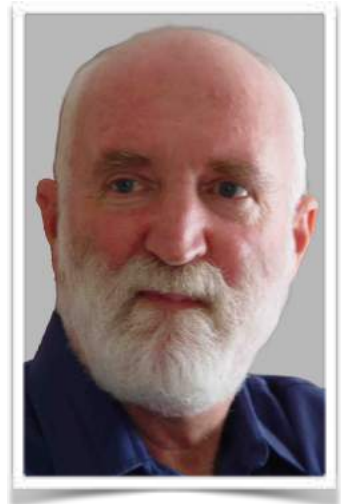
Topic: Chucantí: One Man's Quest to Save a Cloud Forest

Where: San Fernando Valley Arts & Cultural Center, 18312 Oxnard Street, Tarzana

Jess Morton's program about Chucantí is the result of two trips to Panama birding with Guido Berguido. Guido is not only an exceptional birding guide, he is also a dedicated conservation leader. His goal is to preserve a remote cloud forest, first through habitat preservation and research, and then to have it become a 50,000-acre national park. This is the story of all he has accomplished to date.

Our speaker is a naturalist who has been observing, writing about, and photographing flora and fauna since the early 1970s. His interests center on native species, particularly those associated with coastal sage scrub, our predominant native habitat. Birds, butterflies and spiders have absorbed most of his attention, but a knowledge of plants and other animals has been essential to their understanding.

Jess was founding president of Palos Verdes/South Bay Audubon and is now its treasurer. He served six years as a National Audubon board member. He is treasurer of the Endangered Habitats League and its associated Endangered Habitats Conservancy, both of which he helped to establish.



July and August Field Trip Reports *by Richard Barth*

July 20 marked our trip to Mt. Pinos in Los Padres National Forest. Only three birders joined me (one from SFVAS). We covered the Iris Meadow level at 8300 ft. and walked up the main trail to about 8600 ft. Target birds Clark's Nutcracker, Green-tailed Towhee, "Thick-billed" Fox Sparrow and Cassin's Finch were accounted for. Brown Creeper, White-breasted Nuthatch, Pygmy Nuthatch and Mountain Chickadee predictably made our list...as did some other old reliables here like Chipping Sparrow, Western Wood-Pewee, Violet-green Swallow, Western Bluebird, House Wren and Dark-eyed Junco. We saw Northern Flicker but couldn't find White-headed Woodpecker and Hairy Woodpecker. It was also disappointing to miss Dusky Flycatcher this year.

This year's field trip to Chilao, Buckhorn and Charlton Flat took place on August 17. Judy, Rose and I were the only participants but we found quite a few of the special birds expected in August in the San Gabriels. Green-tailed Towhee, White-headed Woodpecker, Mountain Chickadee, White-breasted Nuthatch, Steller's Jay, Oak Titmouse, Band-tailed Pigeon and Western Wood-Pewee are regularly seen on this trip and we added Black-headed Grosbeak, Black-throated Gray Warbler and Wrentit (heard) which we often miss. Western Bluebird, Acorn Woodpecker and Dark-eyed Junco were everywhere. Wilson's Warbler is an interesting find here while Yellow-rumped is almost a sure thing. Often seen Dusky Flycatcher, Hairy Woodpecker and Cassin's Finch did not make an appearance. 🐦

Conservation Corner—*Dave Weeshoff, Conservation Chair*

Your SFVAS Conservation Committee carefully analyses various threats to, and engages in programs for improving, the lives of our avian friends. Each year we respond to issues relating to wildlife habitat, including open space, wildlife corridors, climate change, chemical and trash pollution, invasive human activities, regulatory and legislative activities, and others.

- We advocate for legislation and regulation to preserve and expand avian habitat regionally and beyond, in person and by other communications.
- We participate in various activities to preserve open space and wildlife corridors in those geographies where we have, or might have, influence.
- We monitor new and ongoing local, state and federal projects and programs for weaknesses and impacts on wildlife habitats.
- We encourage, sponsor, and conduct wildlife habitat improvements including site cleanups and drought-resistant, bird friendly native plant propagation.
- We subscribe to the activities and initiatives of our state Audubon organization where their programs extend beyond our immediate region.
- We subscribe to the activities and initiatives of National Audubon Society to attain additional influence on our national priorities.
- We partner with other non-profit organizations where our goals coincide, including the Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Steering Committee.

We do these things with the understanding that we are acting on behalf of our 1,800 or so members of the San Fernando Valley and beyond. Therefore, we need your input and

assistance to prioritize our actions and expenditures, and to engage in activities supporting our positions. Currently we are active in:

- Protecting the International Migratory Bird Treaty Act and the Endangered Species Act
- Meeting our City, County, State, and Federal representatives, making friends and expressing our views on pending legislation
- Supporting conservation partners in our community
- Supporting National Audubon's nation-wide initiatives where appropriate, e.g., window strikes, pollution, marine monuments, oil drilling/movement
- Supporting California Audubon's state-wide initiatives where appropriate, e.g., Tri-colored Blackbirds, California Gnatcatchers, forage fisheries management
- Monitoring the effects of climate change on birds
- Participating in the continuing development of the L.A. River Master Plan
- Analyzing and acting on state and local ballot measures as they arise
- Continuing our long-term efforts at the Santa Susanna Field Laboratory
- Supporting the Chatsworth Nature Preserve

If any, or all, of these activities or programs are of interest to you, please contact Dave Weeshoff, Conservation Chair at (818) 618-1652 or dave.Weeshoff@SFVAudubon.org. We need your opinions and assistance.

Calendar of Events

OCTOBER

Sunday, October 6. Sepulveda Basin Bird Walk. 8:00—11:00 a.m.



Directions: Exit the San Diego Freeway (I-405) on Burbank Blvd. Go west about one-half mile to Woodley Avenue and turn right (north). Travel about

one-half mile to the second possible right turn (at sign for the Water Reclamation Plant and Japanese Garden). Turn right and go east about one-half mile to Wildlife Area parking at the end of the road. Leader: Kris Ohlenkamp. Contact him at kris.ohlenkamp@sfvaudubon.org or (818) 521-8799.

Saturday, October 12. Zev Yaroslavsky L.A. River Greenway Trail Beautification. 8:00—11:00 a.m. Join the Audubon Center at Debs Park, MRCA, and the Studio City community to revitalize the habitat along the Greenway. Scheduled monthly on the 2nd Saturday. Please contact Mika Perron at mperron@audubon.org to RSVP and for more information. Directions: Meet at the trail entrance on Valleyheart Drive off of Whitsett Avenue.

Saturday, October 12. Placerita Canyon Nature Center Docents' Bird Walk. 8:00 a.m. Directions: Take the 405 or 5 Freeway north to the 14 Freeway. Exit the 14 at Placerita Canyon. Turn right at the end of the off ramp and continue about 1.5 miles to the park entrance. Turn right and park at the Nature Center. Various leaders. For more information, call the Nature Center at (661) 259-7721.

Sunday, October 13. Wildwood Canyon Bird Walk, Burbank. 9:00—11:00 a.m. Directions: From the I-5/Golden State Fwy. N: Take Exit 146A toward Olive Ave., merge onto E. Angeleno Ave. and turn left onto S. 1st Street, then take the first right onto E. Olive Ave.

From I-5/Golden State Fwy. S: Take EXIT 146A toward Verdugo Ave. Turn left onto S. Front Street, which will become E. Verdugo Ave. Turn left at the first light onto S. 1st Street then take the 3rd right onto E. Olive Ave.

Continue 1.3 miles on E. Olive through downtown Burbank and up the hill. Turn left onto N. Sunset Canyon Dr. Go 0.5 miles and turn right onto E. Harvard. Drive .4 miles skirting the golf course and meet at the entry kiosk area. Extra binoculars are available. Leader: Mike Mc Horney, (818) 845-0166.

Tuesday, October 15. Weekday Walk at O'Melveny Park, Granada Hills. 9:00—11:00 a.m.

Directions: Take the 118/Ronald Reagan Freeway and exit at Balboa Blvd. Turn north, driving two miles to Sesnon, turn left going west 0.6 miles, turn right at park entrance. Meet in the parking lot. RAIN CANCELS. Contact Carolyn Oppenheimer at (818) 885-7493 (before 7 p.m.), or carolyn.oppenheimer@sfvaudubon.org.



Saturday, October 19. Monthly Field Trip: El Dorado Park in Long Beach, 8:00 a.m. Directions: Take the 405 Freeway to the Studebaker Road exit in Long Beach. Go north on Studebaker to Spring Street, then turn east (right) on Spring to the park entrance. The parking fee is \$7. Meet in the Nature Center parking lot. Leader: Richard Barth, (310) 276-0342.

Sunday, October 20. Malibu Creek State Park Bird Walk. 8:00 a.m. Meet at the second (lower) day-use parking lot. Entrance to the park is on the west side of Las Virgenes Road, just south of Mulholland Hwy. Entrance fee is \$12 per car. Leaders: Kathy Barton (818) 929-2516 and David Barton (310) 990-6896.

Thursday, October 24. SFVAS General Membership Meeting. 7:00 p.m. Speaker: Jess Morton TOPIC: Chucanti: One Man's Quest to Save a Cloud Forest. For more information, see Monthly Program, page one. Location: San Fernando Valley Arts & Cultural Center, 18312 Oxnard Street, Tarzana, CA. (818) 697-5525. Directions: Located between White Oak and Reseda Blvd. In order to park, it is recommended to go on Etiwanda Avenue and turn into the parking area up the alley behind the center. ALL are welcome!

Saturday, October 26. Hansen Dam Bird Walk. 8:00—10:00 a.m. We will walk along a dirt road at the base of the dam—exploring promising sites along the way and sometimes go in a different

direction to the lake. Meet at the lower parking lot, Dronfield Entrance. Directions: Take Osborne exit from Golden State (5) Freeway. Go northeast about two miles passing Glenoaks Blvd. Turn right on Dronfield to enter the park. Turn right at the end of Dronfield and then take a quick left and proceed downhill to the large parking lot. Alternate directions: Exit Osborne from the eastbound Foothill Freeway (210). At the off ramp, turn right onto Foothill. After a short distance, turn left on Osborne and then left on Dronfield. Follow above directions to the lower parking lot. Rain cancels. Leader: Pat Bates (818) 425-0962, pat.bates@sfvaudubon.org.



Saturday, October 26. Young Birders Group Bird Walk: Young Birders Group Bird Walk: Sepulveda Basin. 9:00 a.m.

Directions: Exit the San Diego Freeway (I-405) on Burbank Blvd. Go west about one-half mile to Woodley Avenue and turn right (north). Travel about one-half mile to the second

possible right turn (at sign for the Water Reclamation Plant and Japanese Garden). Turn right and go east about one-half mile to Wildlife Area parking at the end of the road. Leader(s) Alexander and/ or Emma. For more information on meeting location please e-mail Rose Leibowitz at roselbirds@gmail.com, or call (818) 579-4976.

NOVEMBER

Sunday, November 3. Sepulveda Basin Bird Walk. 8:00—11:00 a.m. Directions: Exit the San Diego Freeway (I-405) on Burbank Blvd. Go west about one-half mile to Woodley Avenue and turn right (north). Travel about one-half mile to the second possible right turn (at sign for the Water Reclamation Plant and Japanese Garden). Turn right and go east about one-half mile to Wildlife Area parking at the end of the road. Leader: Kris Ohlenkamp. Contact him at kris.ohlenkamp@sfvaudubon.org or (818) 521-8799.

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Continue 1.3 miles on E. Olive through downtown Burbank and up the hill. Turn left onto N. Sunset Canyon Dr. Go 0.5 miles and turn right onto E. Harvard. Drive .4 miles skirting the golf course and meet at the entry kiosk area. Extra binoculars are available. Leader: Mike Mc Horney, (818) 845-0166.

Saturday, November 16. Monthly Field Trip: Ventura Harbor and Water Treatment Ponds. 8:00 a.m. Directions: From the San Fernando Valley, take the 101 Freeway to the city of Ventura, exit Seaward Avenue, turn left over the freeway, then immediately left (south) on Harbor Blvd. to Spinnaker Drive and proceed to the end. Look for birders near the restroom building in the last parking lot on the left. Leader: Richard Barth, (310) 276-0342.



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Audubon-at-Home by Alan Pollack

E-mail Alan Pollack, our Audubon-at-Home Chair, with any questions you have with regard to creating a wildlife-friendly garden that can be used for publication. Alan offers FREE consultation/landscape design to help you make your yard wildlife friendly. He also gives a FREE, PowerPoint slide show/lecture to community groups, high school, and college classes on attracting wildlife to your garden and sustainable gardening practices. He can be contacted at (818) 340-2347 or at alan.pollack@sfvaudubon.org.

Birds-and-Nature Walks for Families and Beginners at the Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Reserve

Participants will stroll through the lovely Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Reserve with a guide, enjoying its trails and wildlife lake. Many kinds of birds are found there, along with lizards, cottontail rabbits, butterflies, fish and more. Participants will learn about the plants and birds and see them up close and discover why this is such a special place. We have binoculars to loan or you can use your own.

These **FREE** walks are for groups of ten or more such as school classes not eligible for our SBEEP program, scouting and other youth groups, community centers, religious centers, environmental groups, and clubs. Reservations are available for flexible days and times, including school mornings, weekend mornings, and after school. For reservations contact Muriel Kotin at (310) 457-5796 or muriel.kotin@sfvaudubon.org. For information only, contact Diana Keeney at (818) 998-3216.

Tuesday, November 19. Weekday Walk at O'Melveny Park, Granada Hills. 9:00–11:00 a.m. Directions: Take the 118/Ronald Reagan Freeway and exit at Balboa Blvd. Turn north, driving two miles to Sesnon, turn left going west 0.6 miles, turn right at park entrance. Meet in the parking lot. RAIN CANCELS. Contact Carolyn Oppenheimer at (818) 885-7493 (before 7 p.m.), or carolyn.oppenheimer@sfvaudubon.org.

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Monday, November 25. SFVAS Board Meeting. 7:00 p.m. San Fernando Valley Arts & Cultural Center, 18323 Oxnard St., Tarzana.

No General Membership in November. Happy Thanksgiving!

Saturday, November 30. Young Birders Group Bird Walk: O'Melveny Park. 9:00 a.m. 17300 Sesnon Boulevard, Granada Hills, CA 91344. The Young Birders Group walks are for young birders who are serious about birding, know some birds, and are willing to learn. All are welcome to join! Directions: Take the 118/Ronald Reagan Freeway and exit at Balboa Blvd. Turn north, driving two miles to Sesnon, turn left going west 0.6 miles, turn right at park entrance. Meet in the parking lot. Leader(s) Alexander and/or Emma. For more information, please e-mail Rose Leibowitz at roselbirds@gmail.com, or call (818) 579-4976.

Future Field Trips (details later):

**No Monthly Field Trip in December due to Christmas Bird Count
January 18. Upper Newport Bay and San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary**

The 2019 WFO Conference in Albuquerque, a Young Birder's Experience *Article & Photos by Alexander deBarros*

From August 22–25, I attended the Western Field Ornithologists Conference in Albuquerque. Amazing is the only word that comes close to describing the experience. From the field trips, to the science sessions, to the social gatherings, it was just a great time.



On Thursday, I attended Andy Johnson's trip to the Parajito Ski Area, a spruce-aspen forest in the mountains above Los Alamos. The place was beautiful, and the birds were incredible. We totaled 39 species on the trip, and found more



Specimen collection at U of New Mexico

Tanagers, Vireos, and Dusky Flycatchers than I have ever seen, and five life birds for me. After leaving the ski area, we drove over to the Valles Caldera, a massive meadow covering the mouth of an extinct volcano. Later that evening, the entire WFO group went to the reception at the



Greater Roadrunner in hotel parking lot

Museum of Southwestern Biology at the University of

New Mexico. They had most of the specimen collection out on display, and everyone meandered around the room chatting with grad students about their current research. The students were studying everything from

Hummingbird genetics to changes in average Golden Eagle size since the ice age.

Friday morning, I returned to the Museum to attend a workshop on specimen preparation. I got to observe three great Ornithologists make study skins of different birds. Andy (who runs the collection) did a young Prairie Falcon. Phil Unitt, who runs the San Diego



Kimball Garrett

National History Museum, did a Yellow-headed Blackbird. Kimball Garrett, who is the collection manager at our NHM, as we all know, did a roadrunner. It was fascinating watching the process, and observing the three compare notes on their different strategies. There was a lot of overlap between the three, most of the variation coming in around the wings and the skull. After that incredible experience, I participated in the sound identification challenge. And boy was it a challenge! Most of the teams could figure out the family pretty easily, but few got the species. In the end, my team won third place. Once that was done, I attended the young birders reception, where I got to speak with the 20 other kids and teens about their birding experiences. Apparently, young birders in California, Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, and even Alaska have fairly similar stories.



Phil Unitt

On Saturday, I went to the bird banding station at the Rio Grande Nature Center. That stretch of the Rio Grande is a floodplain filled with giant cottonwoods, a small lake, and a few agricultural fields for the local cranes (which had not come in yet). It actually reminded me a bit of Sepulveda. The banding station was located in this abandoned photography blind, and they catch a lot of birds. The place was bustling with college students banding Flycatchers, Towhees, and Warblers (including my lifer Virginia's Warbler). They also catch hummingbirds in great numbers, but these are usually just released at the net. While I was already familiar with the process thanks to San Fernando Audubon's banding station, it was interesting seeing it with new birds (half the species



caught that day have not been caught at our station) and talking to



other, more experienced banders. As we were leaving, the banding team caught a young female Prothonotary Warbler (*above*), which is highly unusual. Everybody was super excited to see that. It was easily the coolest bird seen during the entire conference. Following that, I returned to the hotel to watch the photo ID panel, where a group of WFO certified experts look at pictures of difficult to ID birds, and try to figure out which species is shown. I gathered in the back of the auditorium with most of the young birders, and we formed an unofficial panel to try and ID the birds as well, and we successfully identified most of the birds. We had a field guide, and the official experts actually knew what they were doing, so it was pretty evenly matched. It was interesting to see

which field marks everybody would focus on in identifying the birds. I did not know how important primary projection was in identifying sandpipers. Once that was done, we all gathered for the banquet. As usual, all the young birders sat together and spent more time chatting and bonding. We listened to Christopher Witt give his speech on confounding factors in avian evolution, which was just

fascinating. After the banquet, we went to the silent auction, and everybody went home with as many books as they could reasonably carry (or more than they could carry, in some cases).

On Sunday, the final day, I visited Bosque Del Apache National Wildlife Refuge. After stopping in some agricultural fields near the edge of the refuge and finding lots of species there, we entered the Refuge and I soon spotted a Crissal Thrasher, which was a lifer for most of the group (myself included). We then stopped by the visitor center, which had more hummingbirds than anybody could count. After that brief stop, we went out and explored the refuge. It is an area with lots of small, seasonal lakes lined with cottonwoods. It was very reminiscent of the Piute Ponds. While most of our birding was done in a van, with occasional stops, we still found 64 species. We returned to the hotel, and that was the end of the conference.

The WFO Conference was one of the best weeks of my life. I saw 122 species, 20 of which were lifers. I learned a lot about birding, and met so many great birders, young and old. I would like to thank SFVAS for sponsoring this trip. Next year's WFO conference will be in Reno, Nevada from September 9–13. Until then, if you are interested in bird banding, please contact Mark Osokow at mark.Osokow@sfvaudubon.org.

My bird lists from this trip are available here:

- <https://ebird.org/view/checklist/S59165470>, Crowne Plaza Hotel
- <https://ebird.org/view/checklist/S59179839>, Pajarito Ski Area
- <https://ebird.org/view/checklist/S59211669>, Crowne Plaza Hotel
- <https://ebird.org/view/checklist/S59212039>, Crowne Plaza Hotel
- <https://ebird.org/view/checklist/S59223063>, Rio Grande Nature Center
- <https://ebird.org/view/checklist/S59246163>, Field near Bosque Del Apache
- <https://ebird.org/view/checklist/S59254959>, Bosque Del Apache
- <https://ebird.org/view/checklist/S59257103>, Turtle Bay Park (near Bosque Del Apache) 🐦

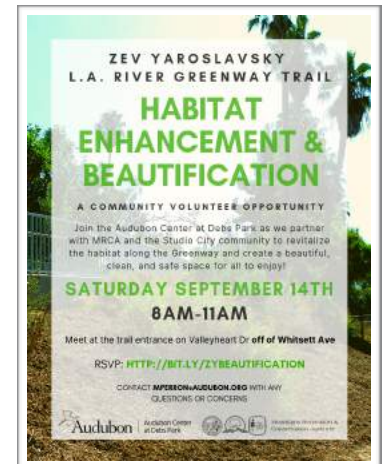


Orange-crowned Warbler

Zev Yaroslavsky L.A. River Greenway, Studio City - Submitted by Rose Leibowitz

The Los Angeles River runs through the San Fernando Valley and there is a pathway beside it for many miles. In addition to being a pleasant walk it is a great place to find birds. A few years ago the Zev Yaroslavsky Greenway was created between Whitsett Avenue and Coldwater Canyon Boulevard. It was planted with native plants and very soon became a rich bird habitat. Sadly it got neglected and overgrown. Recently the Mountains Conservancy and Recreation Association in conjunction with Audubon at Debs Park have begun to reclaim it.

The first clean up weeding event was held on Saturday, August 10. They will have a team there once a month, on the second Saturday, for the foreseeable future. Nearly 30 volunteers attended, cleared brush and weeds and put down mulch on the west side of the area. This is a great opportunity for members of the San Fernando Valley Audubon Chapter to work in our area with Audubon at Debs Park. Information about subsequent cleanups will be posted in our events page on the website, anybody who is interested is invited to come and help. Contact Mika Perron at mperron@audubon.org to RSVP and for more information. 🐦



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Articles, letters, drawings, and photographs concerning conservation, ecology, birding, chapter activities, and articles of interest to the membership are welcome for publication in the *PHAINOPEPLA*.

Material from other newsletters or newspapers should include the source and date. Copy for the *PHAINOPEPLA* should be in the hands of the editor by the 3rd of the month to be included in the following month's newsletter.

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Central Valley Birding Symposium 2019

The Central Valley Bird Club will be hosting the 23rd annual Central Valley Birding Symposium Nov. 21-24, 2019, at the Stockton Hilton Hotel in Stockton, CA. The Great Central Valley, in the heart of California and the Pacific Flyway, is uniquely situated for excellent birding. Please join us as the CVBS again celebrates the best of birding in the Central Valley!

The CVBS kicks off with a delicious hors d'oeuvres buffet & no host bar on Thursday night, followed by one of our favorite keynotes, outstanding photographer, birder, and presenter, Ed Harper, with his program, **"Simply in Awe of Birds."**

Friday night's keynote program **"The Language of Birds"** will be presented by Nathan Pieplow, author of the Peterson Field Guide to Bird Sounds.

Saturday night's keynote program, **"The Genius of Birds"** will be presented by acclaimed science and nature writer, Jennifer Ackerman. Learn how birds make and use their own sophisticated tools, teach one another new skills, exercise astonishing feats of memory, create works of art, navigate, communicate in ways that resemble language, and even pass along cultural traditions.

Informative and entertaining workshops include: **"Subspecies for Birders"** with Joe Morlan, **"I Know It When I See It"** by Jon Dunn, and an update on Central Valley bird conservation and research programs. Build your skills at workshops: Nature/Wildlife Photography and Photo Editing (Ben Knoot), Bird Sketching (René Reyes), Beginning Birding (Sal Salerno) and Carving (Jim Burcio).

Field trips, offered Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, always turn up exciting birds. Add in the entertaining and educational Bird ID Panel, the wonderful selection of optics, art and gifts at the Birder's Market plus the camaraderie of hundreds of like-minded folks, and you know you'll have a good time! There's something for everyone interested in birds. Come and join us to bird, learn, and just have fun!

To look over the schedule of events, go to: <http://www.cvbirds.org/events/symposium/>
Registration begins September 6, 2019.