

October 2020

Speaker: Frank DeMartino - President Conejo Audubon Society

Time: 7:00 PM

Date: Tuesday 10/13/20

Migration is one of the most amazing feats that birds perform. It is a journey made on the very edge of life and death. Humanity has been fascinated by the pattern of appearing and disappearing birds for millennia. Understanding migration is a key step to realizing the challenges and threats that birds deal with on a regular basis. We will look at some of the myths that have surrounded migration through the ages and some that persist even today. We will highlight some of the many obstacles migrating birds face and the incredible ways that they have evolved to deal with them. We also will spend time discussing how wildfires and hurricanes impact migrating birds.

Finally, we will look at current conservation issues that pertain to migration, and at conservation efforts like:

- Cornell's Seven Simple Actions to Bring Birds Back
- Wild Birds Unlimited's "Save The Songbirds"
- Other local Audubon initiatives



Our October speaker Frank DeMartino is an avid birdwatcher whose passion for birds has led him to serve on the board of directors of both the Ventura Audubon Society and Conejo Valley Audubon Society. Currently he serves as the President for CVAS and he opened a [Wild Birds Unlimited](#) store in Ventura in 2017. Frank also organizes our annual Christmas Bird Counts and compiles all the data!

