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Whittier Narrows Nature Center Association Newsletter

September 2017

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On Sale at our Gift Shop!!!

Gorgeous color, great looking logo.

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Web site access:

WNNCA.org

Our email: wnnca@att.net

This month:

September 2. 8:00 AM. Bird walk.
Docent led.

September 9. 900 AM. Volunteer
Awards at Eaton Canyon.

September 16. 9:30 am. Brief WNN-
CA Board meeting.

ALSO: 10:30 AM. Open House and
Introduction to Docent Naturalist training.
Light refreshments.

September 23. 8:00 am. Nature walk.

ALSO: 10:00 am. Docent training:
“What is Happening to the WNNCA area.” Thomas Keeney.

September 30. 8:00 am. Bird Walk

ALSO: 10:00 am. Docent training:
Geology of the Whittier Narrow Natural Area. Dr. Stephen Koletty.

WSI
Friday meetings resume
in
September

**See complete Docent
Naturalist training
schedule next page.**
**Keep alert for our
Continuing Ed. classes**

Docent Naturalist Complete Schedule

Become a docent Naturalist

Whittier Narrows Nature Center Associates Present at

1000 N Durfee Ave. South El Monte, CA 91733

(626) 575-5523

Saturday, September 16, 2017 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM Introduction, and requirements mixer includes coffee, bottled water, and snacks.

Saturday, September 23, 2017 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM "What is happening to the Whittier Narrows Natural Area", and when. "Keeney, Thomas W CIV CESPL CESPD (US)"

Saturday, September 30, 2017 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM "Geology of the Whittier Narrows Natural Area" by Dr. Stephen Koletty Ph.D.

Saturday, October 7, 2017 *8:00 AM to 9:30 AM followed by a 20 minute break, then a PowerPoint about BIRDING ending around 11: 15 AM* presented by Mickey Long BS and Pasadena Audubon Specialist.

Saturday, October 14, 2017 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM "Learn about honey bees and watch how honey is extracted from their hives by William Seoeznoff Bee Keeper.

Saturday, October 21, 2017 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM "Plants of the Whittier Narrows Natural Area" by Dr. Ann Croissant Ph.D. Professor Emeritus.

Saturday, October 28, 2017 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM "Introduction to Entomology" by our very own Terry Young BS

Recent Events

Saturday, August 5



Thanks to WNNC staffers and volunteers: Jessica, Griselda, Maritza, Andrew Juan and WNNCA members. (Apologize if I forgot anyone..)

Well organized and conducted. Well done!

International Owl Day



Every Sunday

Starting at 1:00 pm

Free exhibition of native wildlife.

Meet native species

Free admission and parking

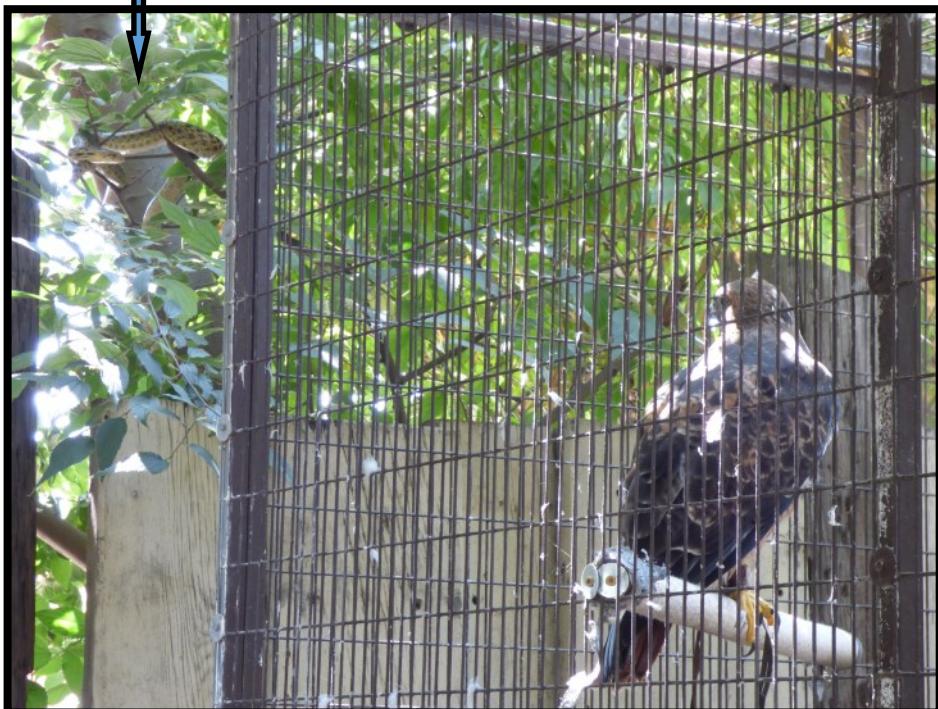
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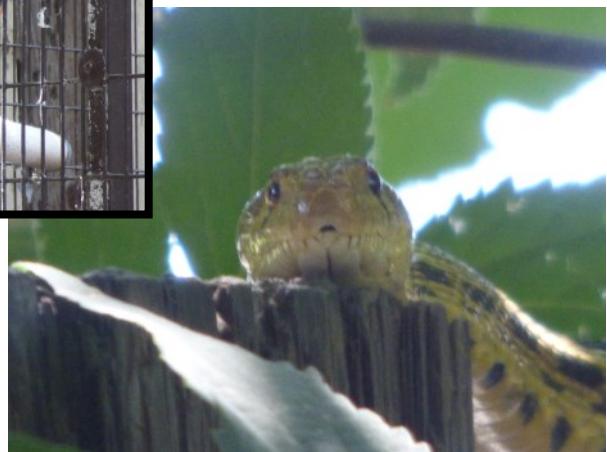
Iconic California desert tortoise

We have dedicated nature loving people everywhere! Last Saturday August 19, we were privileged to have a visit from a couple of chapters of the California Turtles and Tortoise Club with some fascinating examples of **their** dedication to the preservation of reptiles, which as you can see, extends beyond turtles and tortoises. It was very informative, we learned that a tremendous amount of information floating around is absolutely erroneous and misleading, from the way to house the animals if you choose them for a pet, to their adequate diet. One of the goals of the society is education, offering events like this and providing literature and lectures. Another goal is adoption into suitable environments. A great concern is our native desert tortoise, which in spite of its rugged exterior, can be susceptible to urban diseases, mainly a respiratory infection that they never can be cured from, some are barely able to manage it with proper care. They are always urging pet shops and reptile shows to be more responsible in educating the people that acquire these pets, and stop the irresponsible import of species that are not only natural of the area, but can impact the native species in very destructive ways.

Unexpected visitor



Naomi (our red-tailed hawk (*buteo jamaicensis*) is relaxing in her cage, but she is being observed by a neighbor, not very often seen in the area, let alone up on a tree.
What a sight!



This is a gopher snake, (*pituophis catenifer*) a very interesting specie on its own, but this is an extremely rare occasion, and we are lucky to have it captured in a photo. Come and learn more in our docent training.

Photos by Socorro



We have to thank Socorro for all the photos on this page, including these two terrific views of a red-shouldered hawk, (*buteo lineatus*) caught in the act of proclaiming its presence. Her shots are worthy of National Geographic!



Join the fun. Join the Whittier Narrows Nature Center Associates.
Membership includes our monthly newsletter and a 10% discount in our gift shop.

The Whittier Narrows Nature Center Associates is a volunteer 501(c)3 nonprofit organization actively looking for new members. WNNCA is a chapter of the Nature Center Associates, a nonprofit support organization of the natural area park system of Los Angeles County.

We were founded to help enrich educational and scientific knowledge in the community. Our primary mission is to help foster an appreciation of the natural world in children and adults and to help preserve the Whittier Narrows Natural Area and the county's other natural areas for future generations.

Our activities include leading school group tours, answering visitors' questions, arranging and leading classes, planting and maintaining plants around the nature center, helping in the nature center museum and in the gift shop, performing light office work and answering phones, and more.

The Whittier Narrows Natural Area and Nature Center are located within the unincorporated area of Los Angeles County in the Supervisory District of Gloria Molina. The natural area and nature center are operated by the County of Los Angeles, Department of Parks and Recreation, in partnership with the Whittier Narrows Nature Center Associates.



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Membership application

Date: _____

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Annual membership levels (circle one)

\$30 - Individual	\$15 - Senior (Over 62)
\$45 - Family	\$15 - Student
\$75 - Friend Associate	
\$100 - Patron Associate	
\$250 - Supporting Associate	
\$1,000 - Golden Oak Associate	

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