



Least Bell's Vireo's Voice

Whittier Narrows Nature Center Associates Newsletter

February 2020

NATURE SPEAKS



On a foggy morning, even the birds have decided to sleep in. That never deters our docent-naturalists and fellow members to stop and read the story of a fallen eucalyptus tree on our trail. Ed Barajas educates us about the rings of the tree and how each ring tells us about the seasons it has endured both years of wet and dry rainy seasons. *Photos and comments by Charlie*

Web site access:

WNNCA.org

Our email: wnnca@att.net

This month:

February 1. 8:00 AM. Nature walk. Docent led.

February 2. 9:00 AM. Groundhog Day Celebration.

February 8. 8:00 AM. Nature walk. Docent led.
ALSO: 10:00AM. WNNCA regular meeting.

February 15 and February 16. 8:00 to 11:00 AM. Great Backyard Bird Count.

February 22. 8:00am. Nature walk. Docent led.

ALSO: 5:30 PM. Night Hike

February 29. Fifth Saturday Field Trip. TBA

Ranger Raccoon's



Recycling

Rally

Last Sunday
Of
Every Month
10am—2pm

EXCITING RECENT SIGHTINGS



This delicate, beautiful, and nearly translucent mushroom, in a colloquial sense, is known as a "Japanese Umbrella" (*Parasola plicatilis*). It's one of the many fine specimens we come across on our morning Bird & Nature walks. This fungi is also called a Pleated Inky and will disappear in the tiny growing forest of stinging nettles in a day or two.

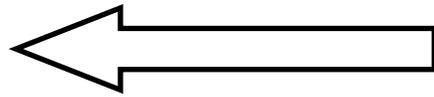


Photo and comments by Charlie



From L to R
White-crown Sparrow
(*Zonotrichia leucophrys*)
Blu-gray Gantcatcher
(*Poliophtila caerulea*)
Purple Finch
(*Carpodacus purpureus*)

Photos by Tom



40% OFF MOST PRODUCTS (excludes honey) SALE

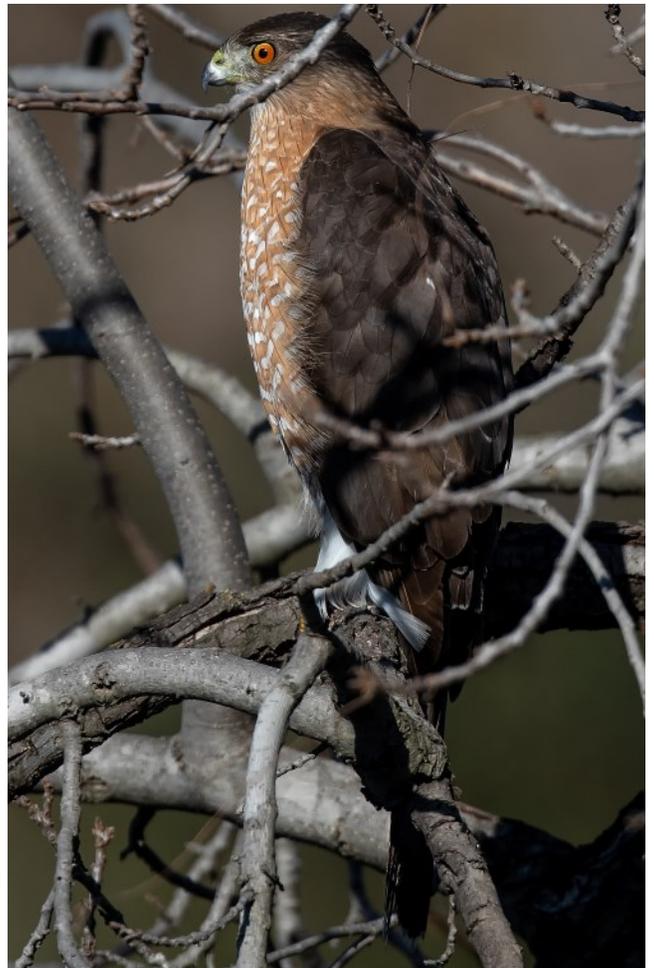
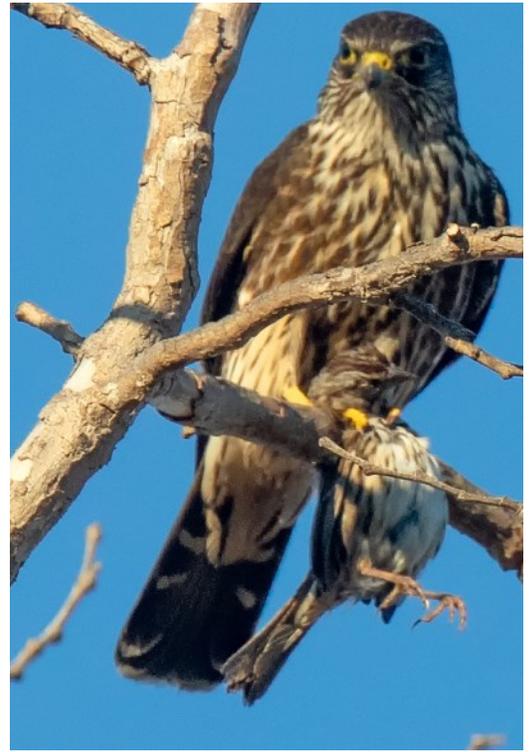


Don't Miss It!!!

CONTINUING EXCITING SIGHTINGS

The day of the raptors...

Which of these pictures doesn't belong?



Photos by Tom

NATIONAL BIRD DAY WALK at WNNC

January 5, 2020



An eager group of newcomers along with WNNCA Member Lydia Drayer and her husband John are ready for the bird walk lead by Army Corps biologist, Thomas Keeney

1/26/2020

National Bird Day Walk: possible photos for newsletter



Thomas Keeney talks about critical habitat and the many species found here at the Nature Center.

I have some other bird photos to send and ask Thomas Nord or Lou for the Merlin that was seen on Saturday, January 4th.

“Weather or Not?”

Come join Whittier Narrows Nature Center in celebrating
Groundhog's Day!

West Coast viewing party of “Punxsutawney Phil”

on February 2nd, 2020 @ 9:00am PST

Coffee and donuts will be served, families welcomed

Will he see his shadow or not? Will we have 6 more weeks of
winter, or an earlier spring. Only the shadow knows!

1000 N. Durfee Ave. South El Monte CA, 91733

For more info call (626) 575-5523



**Parks
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The Great Backyard Bird Count
at
Whittier Narrows Nature Center
1000 N. Durfee Ave., South El Monte, CA 91733

COUNT BIRDS

For as little as 15 minutes (or as long as you wish)

Sat. Feb 15 & Sun. Feb. 16

Bird checklist provided.

Share your findings.

Refreshments will be served

Call or Email to REGISTER

(626) 575-5573

or

wnnca@att.net

8:00 am - 11:00 AM



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**Join the fun. Join the Whittier Narrows Nature Center Associates.
Membership includes out 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.

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

Send with check, payable to the address below.

The Whittier Narrows Natural Area and Nature Center are located within the unincorporated area of Los Angeles County in the Supervisory District of Hilda Solis. 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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