



# Least Bell's Vireo's Voice

Whittier Narrows Nature Center Associates Newsletter

January 2019

## A BRILLIANT VISITOR



This vermilion flycatcher (*Pyrocephalus rubinus*) has captured our hearts. His rare visit to Legg Lake of nearby Whittier Narrows Recreation Area is a marvelous reward to those lucky enough to behold the color it is named after. Our very own Associate Member and skilled birder, Armando Abedoy II first reported the stunning red bird while on horseback near the Pico Rivera Sports Arena on December 8, 2018. This flycatcher's story is just getting started. It's quite possible he was caught in this season's first heavy storm and was thrown off course further north of his usual range of the Mojave Desert and southeastern part of Southern California. Birds can be quite mysterious and it's OK to not have an answer about their behavior unless they truly need our help. But this stouthearted visitor is happy to be here for now. We also know it's been at least ten years since a vermilion flycatcher has been recorded in our neck of the woods. Nature knows why this visitor is here. Not only is it inspiring to be curious about the birds that tour the surrounding wild-life habitat, it's essential to carry on learning about them. A special thank you goes to Associate Member and expert bird photographer, Lou Orr, for his astonishing photographs.

Web site access:

[WNNCA.org](http://WNNCA.org)

Our email: [wnnca@att.net](mailto:wnnca@att.net)

This month:

**January 5.** 8:00 AM. Nature walk. Docent led.

**January 9.** 10:00 AM. NCA meeting.

**January 12.** 8:00 AM. Nature walk. Docent led.

**January 19.** 8:00 AM. Nature walk. Docent led.

**ALSO:** 10:00 am. Monthly meeting.

**January 26.** 8:00 AM. Bird walk. Docent led.

**DON'T FORGET:**

**DUES**

**ARE**

**DUE!!!**

Ranger Raccoon's

Recycling

Rally

Last Sunday  
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Every Month  
10am—2pm



# ANNUAL HOLIDAY WREATH MAKING



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### REMINDER

If you are disposing of Christmas ornaments, decorations or frippery that we can use for our 2019 wreath making, please bring them to the Nature Center. They will be put to good use next December. Thanks.

# RANGER RACCOON JOINS THE FESTIVITIES



*Raccoons lack opposable thumbs. But that's not stopping Ranger Raccoon for thanking our helpful volunteers for their support with our annual wreath making event.*

**Family fun during the Holidays is what our events are all about.**



**Someone has learned to shake hands. But who?**

**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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