



Least Bell's Vireo's Voice

Whittier Narrows Nature Center Associates Newsletter

June 2019

Gabrieleño Kizh Nation *Presents*

"Right Before Your Eyes"

Learn how the indigenous tribe of the Los Angeles basin has been able to survive for hundreds of years as told through a series of rare slides by tribal member, Tim Poyorena-Miguel.



**Saturday,
June 8, 2019
at 10:30 A.M.
Whittier Narrows
Nature Center
The program is FREE**

This month:

June 1. 8:00 am. Nature walk. Docent led.

June 8. 8:00 am. Nature walk. Docent led.

ALSO: 10:30 am. KIZH NATION program: "Right Before Your Eyes." Tim Poyorena-Miguel.

June 15. 8:00 am. Nature Walk. Docent led.

ALSO: 10:00 am. WNNCA regular meeting.

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

June 29. WNNCA members' 5th Saturday field trip: TBA

Web site access:

WNNCA.org

Our email: wnnca@att.net



Ranger Raccoon's

Recycling

Rally

Last Sunday
Of
Every Month
10am—2pm

FIRST ANNUAL NATURE CENTERS PICNIC



Photo
by
Charlie

All Nature Centers under the parent-chapter of the Nature Center Associates of Los Angeles County (NCA) were invited to the 1st Annual NCA Picnic on May 18th. Whittier Narrows Nature Center Associates (WNNCA) hosted the NCA's bimonthly meeting and the picnic that followed. A good time was had by all. With plenty of food and agreeable company, we think a great tradition has begun.

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL EVENT



This photo shows Ed Barajas leading a well attended night hike on April 13. The night hikes offer a different perspective for a those who skip out on our Saturday morning ones. Join us for both and judge for yourself.

Photo and article by
Charlie

A PROUD MOMENT

We were kindly invited to attend the graduation of three of our Grace Holtz scholarship recipients at the 2019 California State University Long Beach commencement exercises on May 21. We were able to join Luis Flores, Ilse Arciga and Samantha Quiroz in their moment of pride, delight and perhaps trepidation, as they take a significant step in their young lives in order to pursue further challenges. We wish them the success they deserve.



← *The Arciga family
(No need to point out their
pride and happiness.)*

*Lou and Socorro sharing Ilse's
joy at her well earned
achievement*



A RARE SIGHT!



Photo by Tom

This is Tom's comment: "I got this shot last Saturday. I didn't realize what it was until I put it on the computer. This is a pair of **female pin-tail whydas**. These are African birds and are probably escapees, but are seen in the LA area from time to time."

Added note: The male of the species (*Vidua macroura*) grows a spectacular addition to the tail at breeding time. They are "brood parasites" meaning they lay their eggs on somebody else's nest, usually finches, letting the host birds raise their young.



Photo of a male pin-tailed whyda from ebird

© 2010 Photo by Stig Nygaard Pin-tailed Whydah



**WNNC tortoises are
awake
Come say Hello!**



**Blooms Galore!
Can you recognize them?**

Send your numbered list to our email address (see first page) and you will receive unlimited free admission to our Saturdays 8:00 am Nature Walks.

BOLO

Be on the look out for the upcoming Docent-Naturalist training schedule

Come learn about our beloved area from experts in their field so you can share it with visitors. There is great satisfaction in promoting knowledge and love for this place and nature in general. It is specially rewarding when as you guide a group around our trails and you perceive a spark of new understanding and interest. **We need more docent-naturalists.**

Learn About Bees

Sunday, June 2, 2019



Eaton Canyon Nature Center

10:00 am—4:00 pm

Special presentation: 10:00 to 12:00

By Bee Biologist Hartmut Wisch

**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 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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