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WHITTIER NARROWS NATURE CENTER ASSOCIATES NEWSLETTER June 2020

MEMO

TO: WNNCA MEMBERS & VOLUNTEERS
FROM: CHARLIE B VALDEZ
RE: HEALTH & SAFETY AT THE NATURE CENTER

Dear Friends,
As expected, visiting Whittier Narrows Nature Center while adhering to the health and safety rules set in place by the Department of Public Health & the L.A. County Parks & Recreation is important. When parking at the nature center, masks/face-coverings are required. Maintaining a (6)-feet physical distance from others is also required. Kindly remind those that are stepping a little to close to you to maintain a safe distance.

While on the trails with others, masks/face coverings must be worn at all times. If you're alone on the trail, you may take off masks/face-coverings as long as there is no one else around. If you encounter others on the trail, you must put your mask back on. Only (4) four volunteers are allowed at any given time. If you plan to volunteer at the nature center, you must schedule your activity with park superintendent (Colleen Mac Kay) in advance and sign in using your own pen/pencil in the green binder in the museum. The green binder is used to track volunteer hours and as a way to contact-trace in the event one is tested positive for COVID-19. Thank you for doing your part and protecting each other. Please ask questions if you need clarification.

Sincerely,

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One of Charlie's wonderful collages. There was an inquiry about the blue flower. Editor and staff did not agree. Any clarification will be appreciated.

Another professional looking collage by Charlie. Enjoy the scarlet larkspur's photo because they are not very long-lived. The quail was really a photographer's lucky shot.

Quoting Charlie: "A not very native garden."

This California poppy was right on the trail. Hopefully it will not disappear with the clearing of the trails.

These photos were taken at the Spreading grounds, just before water was released by the Army Corps, so this is our only possible view.

This is a black-necked stilt, (Himantopus mexicanus) sitting dutifully on her eggs. Alas!

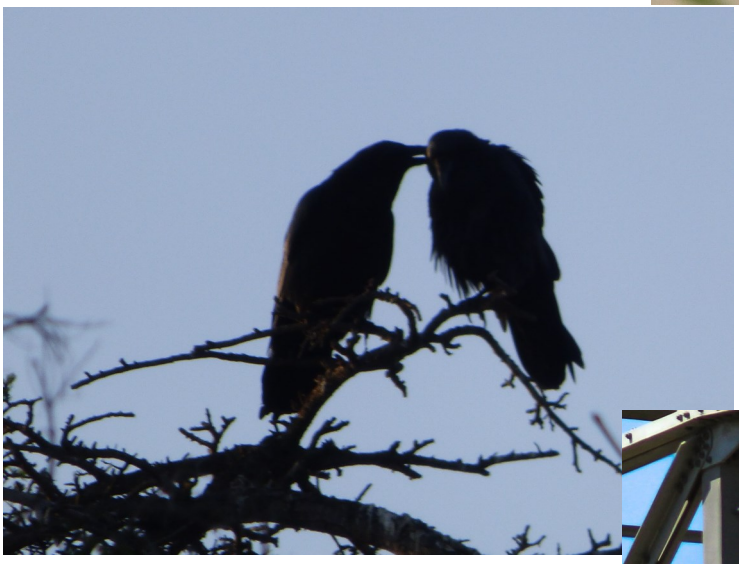
Phot by Lou

This is the larvae of a salt-marsh moth, (estigmene acrea.)

Not destined to become an adult.

(The scientific name is just to make us sound smart.)

Photo by Lou



These are our resident ravens, we'd like to think reinforcing their bond.

Photo by Socorro

Feeding their chicks.
They have been breeding in the area for several years, usually using the same tower.

Photo by Charlie