



# Least Bell's Vireo's Voice

Whittier Narrows Nature Center Association Newsletter

March 2018

## First Hummer Nest of the Year



This Anna's hummingbird nest is our first in 2018. She sat **calmly** (rare for a hummer) while a bunch of curious eyes and clicking cameras vied for a better angle. Annas nests are fascinating, recognizable by their decor.

Web site access:

**WNNCA.org**

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

### This month:

**March 3. 8:00 am.** Bird walk. Docent led.

**March 6. 9:30 am.** School tour. 12 3rd graders plus adults.

**March 10. 8:00** Nature walk. Docent led.

**March 13. 10:00 am.** NCA meeting. San Dimas Canyon Nature Center

**March 17. 8:00. am.** Bird walk. Docent led.

**ALSO: 10:00 am. Executive Board meeting.**

**March 24. 8:00 am.** Nature walk. Docent led.

**March 25. 10:00 am.** Ranger Raccoon Recycling Rally.

**Every Friday:  
Water Squad Investigators  
Program**



## Visiting dignitary

A small flock of white pelicans have been visiting Legg lake for a while now. According to some of our experts, they are ready to continue their trip to their breeding areas, as indicated by the bump of their beaks that appears when they are ready to procreate.

One of the largest birds in North America, with a 9-foot wingspan. Similar to Brown Pelican in shape but much larger, and very different in habits: Occurs far inland, feeds cooperatively in shallow lakes, does not dive from the air for fish. Despite its great size, a spectacular flier, with flocks often soaring very high in the air, ponderously wheeling and circling in unison.

## Bolsa Chica Field Trip



Early morning fog greeted us at the Bolsa Chica wetlands the last Saturday in January. These are just two of the hundred of photos taken that day. Many, many species were spotted. These two are not frequently seen: to the left, a Ridgway (no e) rail, an endangered species. To the right a beautiful tricolor heron.



Photos by Lou



## Red-tailed Hawks Convention



Photo by Charlie

It is not often we can see this many hawks flying together, so when Charlie brought this photo to the Center, the question was Why the reunion? The explanation offered was that even though hawks mate for life, the pair does not necessarily spend all year together after their parental duties are fulfilled. This congregations might be a way for mates to find each other again. How romantic is that?

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**Don't forget Ranger Raccoon's  
Recycle Rally  
Bring y our recyclables  
Last Sunday of every month.  
Meet our Ambassador animals**

# March Madness Monster Sale



*New merchandise and great prices in our Gift Shop*

*Don't forget our excellent local honey, full of good nutrients.*

*Gift shop open:*

*Saturdays 11:00 am to 3:00 pm*

*Sundays 12:00 noon to 4:00 pm*

*Closed rainy days.*

**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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