



Least Bell's Vireo's Voice

Whittier Narrows Nature Center Association Newsletter

November 2017



**Whittier Narrows Nature Center
will be open
November 23 and 24
For your enjoyment**

Web site access:

WNNCA.org

Our email: wnnca@att.net

This month:

November 4: 8:00 am. Bird walk. Docent led.

November 11 8:00 am. Short Nature walk. Docent led.

ALSO: 9:00 am. WNNCA board meeting. Be on time!

ALSO: 10:00 AM. Class on native uses of medicinal plants with Matt Teutimez.

November 14. 10:00 am. NCA board meeting at Placerita Canyon.

November 18. 8:00 am. Bird walk. Docent led. .

ALSO: 5:30 pm. Night hike.

November 25. 8:00 AM. Nature walk. Docent led.

**November 4 and 18
Water Squad Investigators
Program**

Docent training class:

Birding with Mickey Long



Hard to distinguish because of poor lighting, but this is a meadowlark, seen in this area for the first time in a long while.



These two photos are the same falcon. In the bottom one, he is being stalked by a cheeky scrub jay.



A surprise owl! First spotted by Mario a few days ago, and present for our distinguished teacher. We hope it stays.

(Photos OBVIOUSLY not by Lou, but it gives you an idea of a good birding day.)

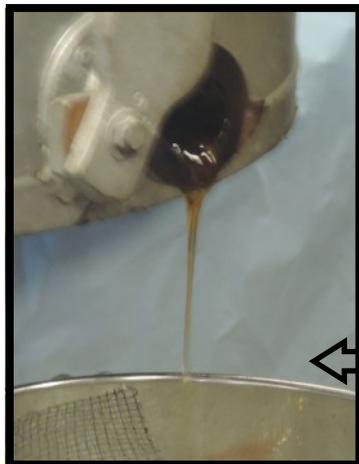
Docent training
class:

THE MIRACLE OF HONEY



William, our local beekeeper, gave us a delightful and instructive demonstration of his beekeeping skills. Did you know that a bee lives approximately 60 days and produces one single teaspoon of honey in that time? Think of that the next time you enjoy the goodness of a golden drop of this amazing product. We all followed his explanations attentively, and lots of questions were asked, particularly by our young audience.

William's honey is available for purchase in the gift shop.



All attending received a sample of the honey collected in front of our eyes.

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Docent training class:

Introduction to Entomology with Terry Young



Terry put her teaching hat on (Sorry, lab coat) and entranced us all with the mostly ignored world of insects, which plays a significant role in nature, as well as being fascinating on their own right. We learned a great deal and perhaps gain new respect for our small neighbors, that make more than half of all living things on Earth.



A gall is a very interesting nursery for a variety of insects.

Although some are destructive, and may cause damage on cultivated plants or stored food as well as transmit disease, insects are indispensable to food production, are a vital part of the food chain, and can keep noxious species under control. Undeniably, insects are worth more attention and study. Thanks, Terry for giving us a look.



**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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