



Least's Bell's Vireo's Voice

Whittier Narrows Nature Center Associates Newsletter

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An advertisement for local honey. The background is a close-up of a wooden honey dipper dripping with golden honey. In the foreground, the top of a glass jar filled with honey is visible. The text is overlaid on this background.

Small \$3.50
Large \$8.50

 **Cash Only** 

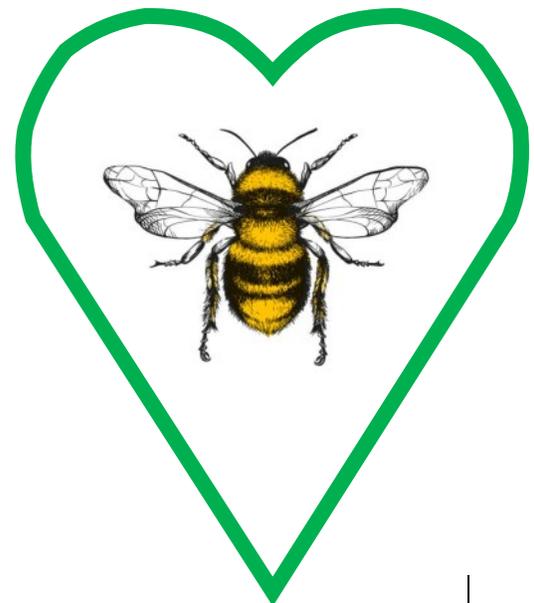
Get your honey, tear off
Red Ticket and
drop
Red Ticket & Money
in the Safe.

WHITTIER NARROWS NATURE CENTER
LOCAL HONEY
For Sale

**Contactless
Purchase**

**Our world
famous
local
honey
is
still
available.**

**You don't
have to be
without!!!**



Web site access:

WNNCA.org

Our email: **wnnca@att.net**

**Looking for a safe, rewarding and healthy activity?
Come volunteer at the Native Garden
Mondays or Tuesdays, 8:30am to 11:00am.
Just call the WNNC (626-575-5523) to gain access.
Only 6 volunteers at a time.
As you can see, plenty to do.**



**It is expedient to bring your
own tools and plenty of water.**



**And then you can take a break in our new meditation spot, a
bench recently donated and installed under the oaks.**





**COLLEEN
PROVIDES
PRAISE-
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CREATURE**

In her own words:

Hi all, this hawk was a brief visitor this past week. Monday August 17- Wednesday August 19th. It was first noticed on Monday, approximately 2:30 at the picnic table on the Durfee Ave side of the Nature Center. We had had the sprinkler on and water had gathered in a puddle and we watched it drink from the kitchen area window. It looked very thin and an injured wing. I placed a rat on the table and the hawk went for it. It took a very long time for the bird to eat. It then lifted to the fence and on to South El Monte High school, where it rested in a tree in the football stadium. There I saw the ravens circle the tree and chase out the hawk. It rested on a telephone line across from the nature center, but soon flew away due to the ravens.

The next day, Tuesday around 11:00 the hawk returned to the picnic table. Once again drinking water from the same place. I placed another rat on the table and once again the hawk ate. But ate very slowly. It lifted and landed on the fence. It sat there for a long period of time, then flew towards the picnic area. At that point I lost visual contact. Later in the day I spotted it flying after a squirrel.

Thursday August 19th It was on the table once again. Wing drooping but a bit more energetic, but still slow to go. It ate again, drank a bit sat on our fence, then departed. I hope it continues to visit. The wing has me concerned. If anyone sees the hawk, please do not approach. As long as it can fly there is no need to capture. We have left water out so in this heat it can drink and rest in a safe place.

I will try and keep everyone updated on the hawk. I do hope to see you soon visiting soon.

Thank you,
Colleen



SOCORRO'S PHOTO PAGE



At a camping trip. With family

← Red-shouldered hawk
(*Buteo lineatus*)

At Garvey Ranch Park

Western fence lizard
(*Sceloporus occidentalis*)

Pair of American kestrels
(*Falco sparverius*)

Red-shouldered hawk and raven
(*Corvus corax*) in the same tree. Stalking?



Thanks, Socorro



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AAH! This was a mystery bird that took several experts to identify, including Lou and Mickey Long. If you have a guess, please email it in and you might receive a free subscription to our ZOOM monthly meetings.



A rare visitor. Tom's planets were all aligned that day while visiting Legg Lake. This Mountain Bluebird (*Sialia currucoides*) is rarely seen in these parts. What a treat, Tom! 



These are photos taken at Legg Lake by Lou playing with his newest lens, with great results. The red squirrels action shots are delightful and the avian model is a Greater White-fronted goose (*Anser albitrons*)

