



Can you name this little guy?*

Also, see link below for National Geographic Photo winners for 2013. Reminds us why we do what we do !

<http://www.theatlantic.com/infocus/2013/05/2013-national-geographic-traveler-photo-contest/100516/>

The long awaited General Plan for the City of Carlsbad is moving forward. The Housing Element will be heard by the Housing Commission on Thursday Sept 19th. The complete Plan, including roads and Climate Action Plan is expected to be released in October. Will the plan add the open space and parks necessary for thousands of more residents? Or will it just be more density with no offsetting benefits- degrading everyone's quality of life? Go to the city website at <http://www.carlsbadca.gov/services/departments/community/envision-carlsbad/pages/drafthousingelement.aspx> for a preview of the housing planned. Then send in your comments, attend the hearings and let city staff and your elected representatives know you want to see more open space, parks, and community gardens - not just more housing, commercial buildings and roads.

Shelly Hayes Caron is getting ready for her **Save the Valley Extravaganza Sale** at the adobe. She would love donations of any good saleable merchandise (regift, new or gently used). No clothing and no large items. All proceeds will be used to help fund our on-going effort to preserve the valley. Call Shelly at 760-729-1818 to let her know you have items to drop-off by September 30th.

September Activities

Sept 11 Wed 6 PM

Bi-Monthly Preserve Calavera Board Meeting

Meetings are open to all members but RSVP required for location and gate code.

Sept 18 Wed 7 – 9 PM and Sat 21 8 AM - 4 PM

Intermediate Wildlife Tracking Class with SDTT

This course will help you expand your capabilities as a tracker/naturalist and provide you with a solid base of knowledge. The intermediate class will continue to develop your proficiency as a tracker. Previous enrollment in SDTT's Beginning Tracking for Wildlife Surveys is recommended, though not required if you have basic tracking experience. Classes are held at the Los Penasquitos Ranch House. The fee for the intermediate class is \$50, and there is a \$10 discount for SDTT donating members

(<http://www.sdtt.org/General/Membership.aspx>) . You can choose to pay by cash or check on the first day. Contact www.sdtt.org for more details. Advance registration is required.

Sept 21 Sat 10- 11 AM

Mini-tour of the Buena Vista Creek Valley and Grounds of the Marron Adobe

Here is your chance to come and see the Buena Vista Creek Valley and see why this area is too priceless to bulldoze for 656 more homes. There will be a short walk into the valley, tours of the grounds around the historic Marron Adobe and exhibits that tell about the early history of this area. We will meet at the cul-de-sac along Haymar Rd. From # 78 heading east take the College exit. Take first right onto Haymar/Plaza- this is frontage road along # 78 that goes past Mossy-Nissan. Head 7/10th of a mile west along Haymar- parking in cul-de-sac and along both sides of the street. Call 760-724-3887 for more information. Advance reservations are not required. Tour takes place rain or shine. Please **help spread the word about this and pass on to anyone you know who has not yet had a chance to visit this priceless area.**

Sept 21 Sat 9 AM – 12 Noon

29th Annual Coastal Clean-up Day

This is a great day for everyone to come out and remove the trash from our local

watersheds so it doesn't wash to the ocean and add to the Great Pacific Garbage Patch- an area of trash the size of Texas. Join us and thousands of volunteers at one of the 90 sites throughout San Diego. One special local site is behind Kohl's/Albertson's in the Quarry Creek Shopping Center (DIRECTIONS: Take I-5 to CA-78 EAST toward Escondido. Take the College Blvd exit and go right . Turn RIGHT onto Marron Road. Turn right into the parking lot for Kohl's. From 78 West, exit College Blvd and go left off the exit to be on Vista Way. Left at College Blvd. Right onto Marron Road. Right into parking lot). Please wear closed toe shoes with good tread, a hat and bring water, work gloves and a 5 gallon plastic bucket. (By bringing our own supplies we reduce the amount of trash that will end up in the landfill.) Volunteers will receive community service credits, refreshments and one free gift. Pre-register at <http://www.cleanupday.org>. For more info contact 760-435-5536.

Sept 26 Thurs 7 PM Social 7:30 PM Program

Special Lecture "Bobcats and Landscape Connectivity in Southern California"

Please join SDTT for this special event featuring Megan Jennings, PhD, who will present her work with wildlife in the San Diego Multiple Species Conservation Plan network using bobcats as a model species. The event will be held at Mission Trails Regional Park Visitor Center. Reservations are encouraged at info@sdtt.org or 760-715-4102 so we know how many to expect. Suggested donation of \$5 happily accepted at the event.

Sept 28 Sat 8:30 – 11:30 AM

National Public Lands Day at Lake Calavera

What a great way to celebrate our wonderful public lands- by visiting one of the largest preserved natural areas in all of coastal north county. Come to work or just come to enjoy one of our great local preserves. Events will include planting 300 native plants to help restore a one acre site, miscellaneous trail work, hikes – and the unveiling of the long awaited interpretive signs. Join us at the new wildlife sign where we will be supervising a Boy Scout project to add wildlife tracks to the base of the sign and teaching how to identify local wildlife tracks and sign as you hike the preserve. Meet at the dam by Tamarack. Parking available at Calavera Hills School at 4100 Tamarack in Carlsbad. Advance registration is not required. Wear gloves, long pants, hat, sun screen and closed toed shoes if you plan to work.

Future Events

Oct 5 – Sat 9 AM – 2 PM – Save the Valley Extravaganza Sale at the Marron Adobe

Oct 26 – Sat 10 AM – 12 noon Hike of the Dawson Reserve

Our all volunteer organization can't do what we do without your help. Your time, talent and donations can make a difference - right here in your own backyard. Call or email us to see how else you could get involved.

To donate online: <http://preservecalavera.org>

*Thank you to Alex Turner for this photo of a rufous hummingbird taken in the Buena Vista Creek Valley. The Quarry Creek project could replace his home with 656 much larger ones.

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