



Of all the birds, our Creator chose the Eagle to be the leader

SKY HUNTERS

Raptor Education and Rehabilitation

NOTES FROM THE NEST

FALL 2016

Greetings Fellow Bird Lovers!

Wow! We had yet another busy spring and summer—boy, did we get in the birds!

We had over 90 owls in rehab at one time! Great Horned Owls totaled 28 and Barn Owls another 60 - the babies ranged in age from just hatched to fledglings. Some days we were getting five birds in a day— we've worked with Screech Owls, American Kestrels, Red Tailed, Red Shouldered, and Cooper's Hawks, a Peregrine Falcon, and one Bald and one Golden Eagle.

Babies were falling out of tree nests and cavities, and nest boxes, ending up down on the ground. The public was heroic in getting them into boxes this year and transporting them to our two veterinary offices for us.

Our arrangement with the Fund for Animals in Ramona came in handy—they pitched in to take care of our hawks if we would take care of their owls. Fund for Animals has a brand new flight cage and you can't put hawks and owls in the same cage, so it was a win-win for the birds and both organizations.

We also took in 49 hawks, owls and falcons that are trapped to keep them from preying on the Least Tern, an endangered species. The tern nesting season is over, so our work to hold these birds until they are relocated is over for this year. Caring for all these birds this season was a big hit



Enie, Meenie, Miney and Moe—just four of the baby Screech Owls taken to Skyhunters!

for our food budget. Please see inside this newsletter for a ***SPECIAL DONATION REQUEST***.

Please check the calendar inside and come see us at upcoming events, and ***THANK YOU SO MUCH*** for your support of raptor rehabilitation and education!

*Wishing you a wonderful fall!
Blessings, Nancy and John Conney*

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EDUCATION PROGRAMS MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Education about raptors is a vital part of our mission and our education programs have been keeping us busy! For eleven weeks this summer at Escondido's Daley Ranch, we worked with students who come there to learn about Native American culture, reptiles, raptors and enjoy a hike to the historic ranch house.

Our education programs are welcomed all over the San Diego County, as far north as San Clemente and south to San Ysidro! The campground-style programs are enjoyed by families who learn all about our wildlife, why they don't live very long in the wild, and what to do and NOT do if you find a sick, injured or orphaned wild animal, especially who to contact for help.



Lara Webster spoke at the event in this photo at the San Diego National Wildlife Refuge. Kids from County of San Diego Recreation programs in Spring Valley and Lakeside, as well as the Refuge's Youth Conservation Corps, learned all about hawks and owls, and got close up looks at a Barn Owl and American Kestrel. The kids asked great questions and some really knew their wildlife facts.

Engaging young people and their families about raptors and other wildlife is so important. This great nature experience will help to ensure that, in the future, there are people who care about wild animals and the wild habitats that are their home.

SKY HUNTERS EVENTS CALENDAR — YOU ARE WELCOME!

DATE and TIME

October 2 — 6 pm
 October 8 — 1-3 pm
 10/29 — 6 pm
 11/19 — 3 pm
 12/17 — 3 pm

LOCATION

William Heize County Park
 Tecolote Canyon Nature Center
 William Heize County Park
 William Heize County Park
 Agua Caliente County Park



EVENT ADDRESSES

William Heise County Park — 4945 Heise Park Drive, Julian CA 92036
 Tecolote Canyon Nature Center — 5180 Tecolote Road, San Diego, CA 92110
 Agua Caliente County Park — 39555 Great Southern Overland Stage Route, Julian, CA 92036 (Location is 33 miles east of the town of Julian)

SPECIAL DONATION REQUEST

Skyhunters Needs Your Help!

Skyhunters is seeking additional monetary donations due to our very busy season. With over 100 owls alone, caring for ill and injured hawks and falcons, and ensuring a proper diet for our education birds, our food budget has taken a big hit!

Your donations allow us to purchase the needed meals of mice and rats (that's what raptors eat!).

Your support now will help us continue the work to help orphaned, ill and injured raptors and give them a second chance to live as they should out in nature!

See one release success story below!

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This adult Great Horned Owl in this x-ray was found in San Ysidro in early July.

Dr. Todd Cecil, one of our amazing veterinarians, reviewed the x-ray and determined that the bone's break was lined up well and surgery, would not be needed.

After intensive care for over a month, the wing healed, and the bird was flying well in our flight cage. This owl was released at the end of August near where it was found, as required by our permits.

A Skyhunters success story!

Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers! Your care ensures that these beautiful birds given medical attention, appropriate nutrition and exercise, and the best chance at living their life back in nature!

Do you want to volunteer? Call 619-445-6565 to discuss opportunities!

THANK YOU to all our members and supporters!

Sky Hunters RAPTOR EDUCATION & REHABILITATION

Member and Sponsor Application

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_____ \$100 _____ Great Horned Owl _____ Barn Owl

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