



June 2017 ENews!!!

Hello Fellow Wildlife Rehabilitators and friends!



Centers and home rehabilitators have full charts! The Wildlife Center of Silicon Valley just recorded over 2,500 patients coming into their care this year. The weather is warming up, and it was such a nice spring. Perhaps those injured and orphaned coming in will slow down. Many times the finders just have to be reminded to 'leave it alone!'. Small fawns are left by mothers out foraging, songbirds are left hidden under bushes while parents find food, bunnies hidden in the brush by

mothers all day, and predatory mammals left behind to stay quiet while parents find food to bring them. But the public needs lots more education on wildlife and their habits. The best advice is to 'let them be!'

We also need to take care of ourselves. It's important to remember we need rest, and some relaxation. That 10 minute break in the day, putting your feet up for 15 minutes and a warm cup of relaxing tea at the end of the day will do wonders to not only how you look at life, but how you relate to your wildlife and you!

Your ENews!!! Team, **Kathy, Ruth, Karen and Star**

Advocacy Committee Update

On Tuesday, June 6th, four members of the CCWR Advocacy Committee went to Sacramento to lobby for wildlife. Humane Lobby Day was sponsored by the California office of the Humane Society of the United States. This year there are two bills moving through the legislature that would greatly benefit wildlife rehabilitators.

Symposium Update

Please consider sharing your experience and knowledge with wildlife rehabilitators at our CCWR Symposium. CCWR invites you to participate as a lecturer, presenter, interactive workshop instructor, or round table discussion facilitator.

More information about presentation benefits and the form are linked at [Symposium Presentation Proposal](#).

Vendors are welcome to apply for a table(s) at the symposium. The first 8" table rents for \$75 for the entire symposium. Read more and [fill out the application form!](#)



[June 2017 Calendar](#)

Tours, walks, meetings and more!

California Wildlife Officers Recognized for Special Service Acts





Pictured: Susan Pfau, Kelle Macmarcik, Assembly Member Marie Waldron, Fauna Tomlinson and Rachel Avilla.

AB-1031, is authored by Assembly Member **Marie Waldron**, who is herself a songbird rehabilitator in San Diego. This bill would put a check box on your income tax form for voluntary donations to wildlife rehabilitators. The money would then be offered to wildlife rehabilitators through a competitive grant process monitored by the Department of Fish and Wildlife. CCWR has submitted a [letter of support for this bill](#). A [fact sheet about this bill](#) is also available.

AB-1617, authored by Assembly Member **Richard Bloom** is the beginning process to provide more funding to CDFW. Any help to them is a help to us.

CCWR's [Advocacy Committee](#) is working on better ways to disseminate important information about advocacy opportunities and legislation to our members in a timely fashion. Ideas are welcome as are new members.

NEWS you can use!

Rehabilitators often rely on donated materials, even food products, to offset costs. If you use donated food, you may want to check on the [Animal Food Recalls and Alerts database](#), compiled by the American Veterinary Medical Association, before using.



Animal Magnetism. Studies suggest animals have a "hidden" sense called **magnetoreception**—the ability to perceive very weak signals from the Earth's magnetic field and navigate using those cues. [Read the story](#). in Sierra, May 2017.

Stopover Habitats and What Birds Need on Migration. Migration is possibly the riskiest activity many birds undertake in their lives, and yet billions of birds representing nearly 300 species migrate between North America and tropical regions to the south every spring and fall. [Read the research](#) from the American Bird Conservancy, April 2017.

The mystery of how **Brown-headed Cowbirds**—which are raised by members of other species—learn to see themselves as cowbirds has finally been solved. The answer lies deep in the brain. [Read about the solution](#) in Audubon, May 2017.



Officers Chad Edwards and Michael Dilts received awards at the 2017 Governor's State Employee Medal of Valor Ceremony in Sacramento. [Learn more about their awards](#).



Dr. Amber Pairis, director of the Climate Science Alliance—South Coast, recently received the U.S. Department of the Interior's **Climate Adaption Leadership Award for Natural Resources**. The award recognized her inventive approaches to preparing Southern California for the effects of climate change. [Read about her award](#).

Get Involved!

USDA Seeks Nominations for National Wildlife Services Advisory Committee (NWSAC)



The NWSAC advises USDA on activities, policies, program issues, and research

needed to conduct operations for Wildlife Services, a program within USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service. The Committee also serves as a public forum enabling those affected by the Wildlife Services program to have a voice in the program's policies. Nomination deadline is June 30, 2017. [Read more and apply](#).

Just for Fun



Nadina berries are toxic to birds and other animals. You know this shrub as Nandina, Sacred Bamboo or Heavenly Bamboo, and found in many landscaping mixes. Nandina berries contain cyanide and other alkaloids that produce highly toxic hydrogen cyanide (HCN) which is extremely poisonous to all animals.

Sudden death may be the only sign of cyanide poisoning and death usually comes in minutes to an hour. [Read more about this plant](#) in the Audubon Arkansas magazine.

California State Board of Equalization offers **free seminars and workshops for nonprofit organizations** to discuss tax laws, exemptions and reporting requirements. [View the schedule online.](#)



And for Everything You Do For Wildlife, Thank You!

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