

The Baldy Eagle

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Southern California Birds

Sierra Club members **SHERRY ROSS** and her ornithologist husband **WALLY** will take us on an interactive, multi-media introduction to local birds from the shore to the mountains. We will get up close and personal with our winged friends through taped calls, mounted specimens, hands-on examples and field guides.

Sherry is a naturalist and has led Club outings since 1987, imparting natural history information. She is an avid hiker, backpacker and rock climber, and is a current at-large member of the Angeles Chapter Executive Committee. Husband Wally is a biologist with the California Dept of Fish and Game, US Fish and Wildlife Service, and California State Parks.



Not For Sale: Cleanly Financed Elections

Environmentalists constantly fight losing battles against developers and corporations who contribute millions of dollars to political campaigns. Environmentally friendly candidates rarely have enough money to compete against corporate-backed candidates. Until domination of campaigns by private money is changed, the environment will always be at a huge disadvantage.

Fortunately there is a solution: Cleanly financed elections, which provide competitive public funding to candidates who reject private money. Clean elections are already working in Arizona and Maine, where they are removing money as a factor in the outcome of elections.

TRENT LANGE, Vice President of the California Clean Money Campaign, and a longtime member of the Angeles Chapter, will tell us about the success of cleanly financed elections, the campaign to bring them to California, and how you can help remove the 'for sale' sign from our politicians and environment. www.CAclean.org.

DIRECTIONS (NEW!)

Use the parking lot entered from Foothill Blvd, east of the traffic signal at Dartmouth Avenue. Go to the patio on your right, and follow the buildings on your left to the Keck Building at the far side of the patio. Enter the door of the Keck Building, go down stairs, turn right and right again. Jacobs B-134 is half way down that corridor.

People with disabilities should call 624-5522 in advance to arrange access to an elevator.

The California Clean Money Campaign is a non-profit grass-roots organization working for cleanly financed state elections. Cleanly financed elections are the campaign innovation which helps to revitalize democracy by reducing the influence of special interest money and making it possible for more qualified people to run for office. The Clean Money solution provides realistic public funding to candidates who reject private money.

Most recently, we have been successful in having AB 2949, a bill to establish cleanly financed elections, introduced into the California Legislature. More information about the California Clean Money Campaign and the cleanly financed election solution can be found at our website, www.CAclean.org.

Nature Nibble

*Look here for a quote
you can chew on!*

The end of the human race will be that we will eventually die of civilization.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Angeles Chapter Awards Banquet Sunday March 28, 2004

No host reception: 5:00 pm

Dinner: 6:00 pm

Brookside Country Club, Pasadena

Once again Angeles Chapter members will gather for a festive evening as we honor and thank our dedicated volunteers, socialize, and celebrate the many accomplishments of our Chapter this past year.

A joy to many of the members is viewing and bidding for the artistic or useful items that have been donated for our Silent Auction.

With the administration in Washington being so eager to dismantle many of the environmental programs we support, our contact with others who love the outdoors is especially important.

Individual tickets are \$30 each. Mt Baldy usually has a table. When you send your check (payable Angeles Chapter) and a self-addressed stamped envelope, to reservationist Cathy Kissinger, 10541 Oro Vista Ave, Sunland CA 91040, please say you would like to join your friends at the Mt Baldy table. Call 909-621-7148 to coordinate.

The Executive Committee

of the Angeles Chapter will convene at 1 pm at the Brookside Country Club. Witness the Chapter ExComm at work, then socialize with its leaders at the Awards Banquet. Get involved!

Need a New Car? Make Sure It Has These Features

from Union of Concerned Scientists

If you are in the market for a new car, keep in mind that your choice of car or light truck is the single most important decision you can make as an environmentally conscious consumer. Cars and trucks create air and water pollution and release heat-trapping gases into the atmosphere (which contribute to global warming).

There are two major factors to consider when car shopping:

Gas mileage. Choose the most fuel-efficient car that fits your needs and budget. Gasoline-electric hybrids are currently the most fuel-efficient vehicle option, getting significantly more miles per gallon than the average vehicle. Diesel-powered vehicles get good gas mileage, but that mileage can be misleading and their higher tailpipe emissions mean that they may not be the best choice for the environment.

Emissions. The federal government sets emissions standards for cars and trucks to limit toxic and smog-forming pollutants such as particulate matter, hydrocarbons, and nitrogen oxides. California and some states in the Northeast have more stringent emissions standards than the federal government. The following emissions categories are used for passenger vehicles but are not listed on the window sticker. Ask your auto dealer for this information, and then choose the car that is the least polluting in its class.

From worst to best:

Federal Standards

Tier 1-Tier 1 is the least stringent emissions standard but is being phased out.
Tier 2-Tier 2 standards are more stringent than Tier 1 and take effect with model year (MY) 2004 cars, though they have been optional for vehicles starting in MY 2001. Tier 2 standards will be fully phased in by MY 2009. Tier 2 comprises 10 categories, or "bins," ranging from worst (Bin 10) to best (Bin 1).

Additional Standards (CA, MA, ME, NY, and VT)

LEV - Low Emission Vehicle

ULEV -Ultra Low Emission Vehicle

SULEV - Super Ultra Low Emission Vehicle

PZEV - Partial Zero Emission Vehicle

ZEV - Zero Emission Vehicle

Note: Starting in MY 2004, light trucks and SUVs fall under the same set emissions standards as cars. Standards are different for the two vehicle classes for MY 2003 and earlier.

It's also important to note that, despite advances in fuel efficiency and pollution control technology, people are driving farther and more often than ever before, leading to an overall increase in fuel consumption and making air pollution goals harder to meet. Minimize your impact when driving by planning your route so you use as little gas as possible. When possible, avoid driving altogether by walking, biking, or taking public transportation. If driving is the only option, find a friend and carpool.

A while back several of us from the Baldy Group went on an easy and beautiful hike through an oasis in the Coachella Valley. The day was just about the perfect temperature, and clear. We could see across the valley to the hills south of Joshua Tree National Park. That area, smack in the middle of undeveloped desert, between Coachella Valley Preserve and Joshua Tree National Park was where, I was told, a huge new city was to be built.

I was dumbstruck. Who would possibly plan a city in a relatively pristine desert landscape, far from existing population centers and the supporting jobs and existing services? Luckily, the Sierra Club Desert Committee has been working steadfastly against that impending disaster and there is good news.

Huge Victory in the Coachella Valley

from the Desert Report,

Newsletter of the Desert Committee of the CNRCC

Disaster for Joshua Tree National Park as well as for most of the endangered species in the Coachella Valley has now been averted. The Nature Conservancy is scheduled to buy Cathton Investments, Inc.'s thirteen-square-mile proposed new city between the Coachella Preserve and the southern boundary of the National Park.

The proposed city of Joshua Hills would have been an environmental disaster for the Coachella Valley. With 12 golf courses, a technology center, shopping center, hotels, schools and a population of over 30,000 it would have completely severed the biological corridors linking Joshua Tree National Park with the Coachella Valley Preserve. The Preserve is home to most of the endangered species of the Coachella Valley. Its viability requires the biological linkages and, importantly, the sand streams that replenish its dunes. The dunes are the habitat of the endangered Coachella fringe-toed lizard.

The developer of this ill-conceived project finally decided to throw in the towel. He cited great environmental opposition as well as a failure to secure changes in Riverside County's General Plan as his reasons for walking away from the Project. Desert Committee activists had dogged this project from its inception, attending numerous community meetings and coordinating with local residents, speaking out at the project's press conference, debating the developer at Palm Springs High School, writing articles and letters, and repeatedly testifying at the County General Plan hearings.

Sierra Club was joined in this fight by the Center for Biological Diversity, National Parks Conservation Association, Wilderness Society and Defenders of Wildlife. This ad hoc coalition was dedicated to opposing this disastrous proposal. Great thanks are due to the local Riverside County Supervisor, Roy Wilson, who stood fast against local business pressure to accommodate this project in the County General Plan. Local residents' courage in the face of this financial giant was tremendous. "Their contributions were essential to success," said Joan Taylor, Vice Chair of the Desert Committee.

Claremont Wildlands Conservancy (CWC) Still Hopes to Receive Funds To Purchase Property

reprinted from The Post

After a topsy-turvy political autumn, representatives of the Claremont Wildlands Conservancy remain hopeful that state funds may soon be awarded to enable the CWC to purchase and preserve land in the Claremont hillsides. The CWC had applied for \$8 million from the Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB), which operates under the state's Department of Fish and Game. The money would be used to acquire hillside parcels above Claremont that are threatened with development.

"We still don't know that we are not getting the money," said CWC Board Member Suzanne Thompson recently. "It just looks much less likely. The Trust for Public Land and the City are both pursuing ways to get some of the requested funds."

In late September the WCB approved allocating \$275 million to purchase Ahmanson Ranch in eastern Ventura County and the Ballona Wetlands in west LA county. That amount took up nearly all the \$300 million from Proposition 50 funds approved by voters in 2002. The California governor recall election occurred October 7.

"We don't know for sure," continued Thompson, "but several people have speculated that there was political pressure from the governor's office to fund the larger, more attention-getting projects."

What was enormously frustrating to CWC officials was the fact that the CWC proposal had been approved and was given a high priority for funding. "The appraisal we submitted to establish a price for Johnson's Pasture was approved," said Thompson. "All that was necessary was to ask WCB to release the first round of funds."

As a result, the option that the Trust for Public Land (TPL) held for the main Johnson's Pasture parcel has lapsed, and the owners have currently entered into another option with a developer—the length of which is unknown. It is highly unlikely, however, that any development could take place in the near future, since numerous hurdles exist: city regulations and committee approval, environmental impact reports, etc.

"All is definitely not lost!" promised Thompson. "TPL is working to get some of the Proposition 50 funds to buy more pieces of the foothills. It won't be as much as we originally thought we were getting, but it will help us get started. "The recent fires have made it more difficult to develop in the hillsides because of concerns about fire risks and the difficulty of getting insurance coverage. We will continue to work on ways to work with property owners to save the land."

Fire in the Foothills

*reprinted from The Post,
news of the Claremont Wildlands Conservancy*

The 2003 Grand Prix Fire swept across the hillsides from Lytle Creek to La Verne in late October. In the Claremont hillsides, the fire burned throughout the Wilderness Park and Johnson's Pasture.

A Santa Ana wind-aided firestorm swept rapidly through the Claremont hillsides on the night of October 25. Thousands of acres of hillsides burned, along with over 65 Claremont homes in Palmer Canyon, Padua Hills and Claraboya neighborhoods.

The 'Grand Prix Fire' moved westward—some reporting the fire moving over 100 miles an hour—from San Bernardino through Alta Loma, Rancho Cucamonga, Upland, and Claremont before finally stopping in La Verne when it ran into the fuel-less boundary of the 2002 Williams Fire. Thousands of Claremont residents were forced to evacuate during early morning hours, and the effects of the fire touched all of us in town. Our hearts go out to those who lost their homes in the fire.

We at the CWC do question, however, the need for any further development in the hillsides—especially when fire is such a natural part of the hillside landscape. In our local hillsides, the Johnson's Pasture area and surrounding properties burned, along with the entire 1200-acre Claremont Hills Wilderness Park. On the south edge, fire burned areas along the Thompson Creek Trail, and up to the edges of The Webb Schools.

Experts, however, predict that within three to five years, most of the animal and plant life will have returned—as long as the area receives somewhat normal rainfall amounts. Most Southern California ecosystems are specifically adapted to fire, whether that means seeds that sprout profusely in the spring after being heated by flames, or plants that regenerate from a non-affected root system. Furthermore, these plants will draw animals ranging in size from tiny insects to deer, bear, fox and bobcat back into the area.

We are confident that—in the long run—the hillsides will return in their full splendor. Indeed, many signs of life are already evident in the burned areas: sprouts of green grass are pushing up, deer make their way along a ridgeline, coyotes hustle through black manzanita branches, birds are circling overhead, and much more.

Go watch the transformation for yourself, or go to: <http://www.claremontwildlands.org/>

Grading the States on Renewable Energy

from the Union of Concerned Scientists

America's electricity system is dominated by fossil fuels. The result is a system that lacks diversity and security, threatens the health of our citizens, jeopardizes the stability of Earth's climate, and robs future generations of clean air, clean water, and energy independence.

This report assigns grades to each of the 50 states based on their commitment to supporting wind, solar, and other renewable energy sources. We measure commitment by the projected results of renewable electricity standards for electric companies and dedicated renewable electricity funds. Current state renewable energy generation is also considered. State renewable energy purchases, voluntary programs, and unenforceable goals are discussed but not considered in the grading. We also compare the total development realized from state commitments with federal legislative proposals and each state's renewable energy potential. Our analysis shows that 19 states have stepped in to fill a leadership vacuum at the federal level by taking important first steps toward developing a clean energy system.

Among our findings:

1. A mere handful of states are responsible for most of the projected gains in renewable energy. California accounts for 44 percent of all projected new development; California and Texas together account for nearly 60 percent; and the top five states account for more than 80 percent.
2. Only California and Nevada received A- grades for enacting standards that increase renewable electricity sales by one percentage point per year for at least 10 years, while covering most state utilities.
3. Thirty-four states received failing grades of D or F for their lack of commitment to renewable electricity, with six qualifying for our Hall of Shame.
4. Most states have only begun to tap their abundant renewable electricity potential.
5. Renewable energy generated through state standards and funds will significantly exceed voluntary purchases of renewable (or "green") electricity, but fall far short of what a fair, cost-effective national standard could produce.

The tremendous disparity in state programs and failing grades for 34 states illustrates the need for a national renewable electricity standard. By setting a minimum requirement on which state standards and voluntary programs could build, a national standard would prove more equitable and lead to much higher, cost-effective levels of renewable electricity generation. Studies by the federal government and UCS have shown that a national standard of 20 percent by 2020 is feasible and affordable.

Botanic Garden Celebrates Spring!

Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden is ready to explode with spring color! We have many activities planned to celebrate Wildflower Season 2004.

Details of some of the major spring happenings at the Garden are below. I would be happy to answer any questions, send pictures or provide you with a personal tour. **Contact** Ann Joslin at 909-625-8767 x251, Director of Community Relations and Botany Program Coordinator.



Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden is located at 1500 North College Avenue in Claremont and specializes in the collection, cultivation, research and display of native California plants. The Botanic Garden is open daily from 8 am until 5 pm, free to the public, except New Year's Day, the Fourth of July, Thanksgiving and Christmas. The California Garden Shop is open daily from 9 am to 5 pm Suggested donations: \$4 individuals, \$8 families. Donations to Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden are encouraged to help support the Garden's mission.

Wildflower Season 2004

Garden docents conduct guided tours of the Garden each Saturday and Sunday March 20 through May 16 2:00 pm Reservations are NOT necessary. Join the touring group at the patio of the California Garden Shop, Administrative Building. Suggested donation \$4 per person.

Spring Plant Sale — Saturday, April 3

Members Only Sale: 9 am – 10 am
General Public: 10 am – 2 pm

Featuring native Californian annuals and perennials ideal for spring planting. Memberships available at the sale entrance. Members entitled to 10% discount on plant and garden shop purchases. Complimentary shuttle service available for shoppers and their plants.

Wildflower Show — Easter Weekend:

Saturday and Sunday, April 10 & 11 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

An indoor display of hundreds of species of wildflowers will be assembled from the Garden and regional fields for public display and enjoyment. Specimens will be identified and labeled as to genus, species and general habitat. The public is invited to view the display between 10 am and 4 pm on Saturday and Sunday, April 10 and 11. There is no admission fee; suggested donations are \$4 individual and \$8 for families.

Spend a Saturday Morning in the Forest at the San Gabriel Canyon Environmental Education Center

Join a US Forest Service Ranger/Naturalist for a morning outdoor education adventure in the Angeles National Forest. Learn about the Curve and Williams fires of 2002. See the location of Eldoradoville, a 1870s gold mining camp. Look for birds and other wildlife along the San Gabriel River and surrounding canyons, study the geology of the San Gabriel Mountain Range. A new and different program will be offered every month. Hiking is not strenuous, but you will be walking over rocky and uneven terrain.

- When: Last Saturday of the month, 9:00 am to noon
- Where: The San Gabriel Canyon Environmental Education Center. Take Hwy 39 north from Azusa to the bend at the canyon mouth.
- Cost: \$5.00 per person
- Bring: Water, sturdy walking shoes, sunscreen, binoculars, camera, your lunch. Dress in layers for the weather.
- Contact Steve Segreto at 626-335-1251 x225 for more information and reservations
- An added bonus: the last Saturday of every month is a free Adventure Pass day, so you can enjoy the rest of the day in the forest for free.

ACORN is a community-based effort aiming to regenerate oak woodlands in the hills above Claremont

Years ago, the foothills above Claremont were scattered with oak trees which provided habitat for various animals, as well as a natural buffer between the fire-prone hills and the valley below. Over time, many of these oaks have disappeared, falling victim to development, grazing, and artificially altered drainage patterns. Chaparral and coastal sage scrub grew in place of these trees, presenting a very real fire danger to surrounding communities. Whereas within oak woodlands understory shrubbery (the key source of fuel to a fire) is absent, quite the contrary is true in chaparral and coastal sage scrub communities.

Restoring the oak woodlands that once stood above Claremont would serve many purposes, all beneficial to the health and future of the community — both human and natural. Not only would successful regeneration of oaks increase fire protection and biodiversity, but it would enhance the beauty and character of Claremont.

As a town with great pride in its unique identity and history, Claremont is an ideal place for such a project. Support is strong among area residents, city officials, and environmental groups. In February 2003, the Claremont Hills Conservation Corporation (CHCC) lended their sponsorship to ACORN.

Parking and Restricted Access at Manker Flat

This is a warning to those who park on the side of the road at Manker Flat (trailhead to Mt Baldy ski hut trail). Be prepared for a parking ticket from the San Bernardino Sheriff's Department; or even worse, your car could be towed!

On February 5, I parked on the side of Mt Baldy Road near the entrance to Falls Road (start of ski hut trail) as I have done numerous times before over the previous 5 years. Being that it was a Thursday, I was the only vehicle at Manker Flat at the time. I parked next to a snow bank. My car was completely off the road with the white line marking the edge of the road about 3 feet to the side of my car. A forest ranger was there, checked my Adventure Pass and stated that everything was fine (no indication that I could not park where I was). Needless to say, I was a bit surprised to find a parking ticket from the San Bernadino Sheriff's Department on my car when I returned from a daylong hike up Mt Baldy. In addition, there was a warning saying that the car could be towed for abandoning it at the side of the road. Apparently, the Sheriff's Department considers a car parked off the road near a trailhead with an Adventure Pass in clear view an abandon vehicle!

I submitted an appeal to the San Bernardino Sheriff's Department, and their reply was 1) forest rangers do not have authority over parking, and 2) three feet from a limit line was not adequate space.

Using the San Bernardino Sheriff's Dept logic that "3 feet from a limit line is not adequate space," it seems that it is virtually impossible to park along the road at Manker Flat. There is no parking lot at Manker Flat, and wide shoulders of 15 feet that exist on major freeways do not exist on mountain roads. Maybe the sheriff's department is suggesting that people drive through the plowed snow banks and park among the trees in forested areas causing great environmental impact and risking getting vehicles stuck?!

This is not just the ranting of a disgruntled hiker, rather it is a warning to all those who frequent this popular area. The sheriff's department policy of giving citations to vehicles parked on the side of the road at Manker Flat is very troubling. In effect, it restricts or even prohibits access to one of the most popular hiking and winter mountaineering areas in all of Southern California. If you receive a parking citation in this area (God help you if you have your car towed after a hard day of hiking), I suggest that you notify State Assemblyman Dennis Mountjoy, the representative for this area, and contact the Access Fund to alert them to this situation. With enough feedback from concerned hikers/mountaineers, parking and access to this popular area might return to the way that it was.

Sincerely,
Dale Wagner

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I want to help safeguard our nation's precious heritage. My check is enclosed.

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Mt Baldy Visitor Center

Located within the Angeles National Forest in scenic Mt Baldy Village, the Mt Baldy Visitor Center lies 10 miles north of Claremont. This award-winning interpretive center is an historic 1920s school house which has been renovated to include an indoor nature trail, local history room and gift shop.

On site are

- the Mt Baldy Environmental Education classroom,
- a native animal room,
- reproduction of a gold mining camp,
- reproduction of a Native American (Tongva-Gabrielino) village,
- picnic tables and restrooms.

The Visitor Center is a USDA Forest Service facility. For information call 909-982-2829

SIERRA CLUB ACTIVITIES

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The general public is welcome on almost all outings, Sierra Club membership not required, but is certainly encouraged. See Angeles Chapter Schedule of Activities for more activities in Los Angeles and Orange Counties. Call leader for info
mi rt = miles round trip, SASE = self-addressed, stamped (37¢) envelope

Sierra Club encourages ridesharing. Participants make their own arrangements and should reimburse driver.

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4TH TUE: MONTHLY PROGRAM:

See pg 1, 7:30 pm (dark Aug, Dec)

Sat Mar 20 Deadline Leadership Training Seminar.

Last day for receipt of application and payment by LTC Registrar to enroll in April 3 Seminar. Send name, daytime phone, address, email, \$25 check payable "Sierra Club" to Registrar Steve Botan, 18816 Thornwood Circle, Huntington Beach CA 92646. 714-963-0151

angeles.sierraclub.org/LTC/

Sat/Sun Mar 20-21 Carrizo Plain Carcamp with Camera Comm.

We will explore the area to find photographs of landscapes, wildlife and peak flowering blooms. Dates may be changed to get flowers at their peak. Send sase, \$15, home and work phones, rideshare info to Leader: Judy Molle 805-682-2805

Sun Mar 21 San Dimas Canyon to Wolfskill Falls. Moderately easy, 5 mi, 600' gain hike along stream area, burned in 2002 Williams Fire to tumbling waterfalls in San Gabriel Mtns foothills. Adventurous newcomers welcome. Meet 9:30 am north end San Dimas Cyn Rd. Exit 210 Fwy at San Dimas Ave, north to Foothill Blvd, east to San Dimas Cyn Rd, north 4 miles to end. Bring water, lunch, lugsoles for rocky stream crossings. Rain cancels. Leaders: David Czamanske, Elizabeth Pomeroy 626-791-7660

Sun Mar 28 Johnson's Pasture. Walk in northern Claremont. Meet 7:45 am at the park/rideshare at PFF Bank parking lot, NW corner Indian Hill and Foothill, or at 8 am at Via Santa Catarina, Claraboya.

Sun Mar 28 Chapter Awards Banquet. See Page 2 for writeup.

Sat Apr 3 Kanan Dune Backbone Trail Wildflower Extravaganza. Easy paced, 5 mi rt 600' gain hike through scenic and chaparral, which should be alive with wild flowers. Meet 9:30 am Newton Cyn Parking Lot. From Pacific Coast Hwy, take Kanan Dune Rd 4½ mi, just past the first tunnel. Bring water, lunch. Leaders: Art and Bobby Peyser 310-394-7354

Sat Apr 3 Moonlight Hike. Los Serranos Group. Hike in the foothills by moonlight. Full moon is April 5. Hikes are conversationally paced. 4-5 miles rt, 800' gain. Meet: 9 pm north parking lot PFF Bank, Claremont, NE corner of Indian Hill & Foothill Blvds. Bring: Jacket, flashlight, water, snack to share mid-hike (opt), wear sturdy shoes/boots. Rain cancels. Info: Leaders Patty and David Thorne 909-981-5813

Sat Apr 24 Powder Cyn/Wildlife Corridor. Enjoy wildflowers in Powder Cyn Significant Ecological Area. Explore trails in the Puente Hills Wildlife Corridor. 5 mi, 1000' gain hike. Meet 8:30 am, Powder Cyn entrance along Fullerton Rd, near Pathfinder just west of Harbor Blvd in La Habra Heights. Exit Fullerton from Pomona Fwy. Trailhead is 2 mi south. Rain cancels. Co-Leaders: Bonnie Sharpe 714-538-9596, Jo Sarachman 562-698-7152

Sun May 2 Plant Walk Monrovia Cyn Wilderness Park. Identify and learn about plants from botanist Bob Muns. Meet 9 am, 1st parking area inside park. From 210 Fwy in Monrovia, take Myrtle Ave N to Foothill Blvd, R 4 blocks to Canyon Blvd, N to park. Bring water, lunch, hand lens (opt), \$1 for plant list. Rain cancels. Co-leaders: Bob Muns 626-446-0303 Liana Argento 310-370-2950

Sat May 15 Puddingstone Hills. 9 am. Details in next *Eagle*. Leaders: Marian Nichols and Flora Johnson.



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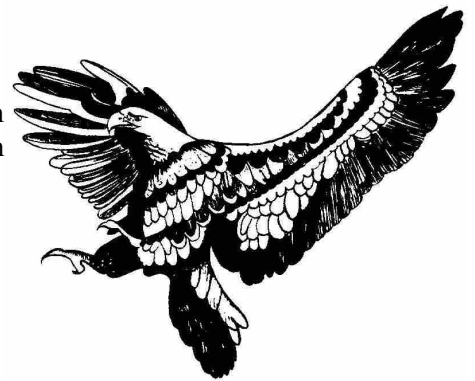
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