

## WILDLIFE POPULATIONS WE SERVE

Every spring Critter Creek Wildlife Station receives hundreds of baby birds and mammals. Some are picked up, unfortunately by mistake, while others are saved from dangers like dogs, cats, roadways, and uncaring humans.



Baby Barn Owls

## ORPHANED BIRDS

Each year we take in and release Barn, Great Horned, Screech, Burrowing, Pygmy, Saw-whet, and both Long- and Short-eared Owls. We also handle Red-tailed, Red-shouldered, Cooper's, Sharp-shinned, Swainson's and Northern Harrier hawks; Golden Eagles; Ospreys; American Kestrels; Turkey Vultures; White-tailed Kites; Peregrine and Prairie Falcons; and Merlins. These birds of prey all come in



Baby Northern Harrier Hawk



Adult and Adolescent Great Horned Owls

as babies, are raised often by foster parents, given ample room to hone their flying skills and taught to hunt rodents before they are released into the wild. In addition we deal with various water birds such as herons, egrets, geese, grebes, ducks, coots, ibis, etc.



Begging Scrub Jays

A large portion of the song bird rehabilitation is done by several tireless volunteers who are willing to feed and ultimately release them.

## ORPHANED MAMMALS

We also receive many orphaned mammals every year. These include Bobcats, Coyotes, Grey Fox, Raccoons, Ring-tailed Cats, Weasels, Opossums, Grey Squirrels,



Young Raccoons

Rabbits, Marmots, Chipmunks, and other members of the rodent family. All orphaned predatory mammals that are raised at Critter Creek are not released without being able to hunt rats, mice, fish, grubs, or whatever is their natural prey.

In addition we do take in some reptiles, turtles, and snakes.

## INJURED WILDLIFE

Thanks to the generosity of Dr. Stocks at San Joaquin Vet Clinic and Dr. Humason at Lone Oak Vet Clinic, all injured wildlife receives veterinarian care immediately. All follow-up care is done at Critter Creek Wildlife Station's infirmary.



Ring-Tailed Cat Release



Bobcat Release

## WHAT TO DO IF YOU FIND INJURED OR ORPHANED WILDLIFE

Contact us as soon as possible to receive emergency information because most wildlife can do damage to you and you accidentally can do damage to them. As a rule, we have a person answering the telephone, but occasionally you may have to leave a message. At times you may perceive the situation as an emergency when all that needs to be done is for the animal to be left alone or returned to its mother. Also by contacting us immediately we can get emergency veterinary care for the animal.

- ❖ When dealing with adult birds call us first since handling different birds requires different precautions. It is handy to have a cardboard box with air holes, a towel on the bottom and a lid. This is the safest transport container for adult birds.
- ❖ When dealing with injured adult mammals, call us first. Most injured mammals are defensive and frightened, often already in shock. As a result, they require expert handling.
- ❖ When dealing with injured or orphaned baby birds or baby mammals, you should handle them only with gloves. Call us immediately because babies need special care and minimum contact with humans to avoid imprinting.



Barn Owl Release

It is illegal to possess native wildlife for the intent of keeping them as pets or rehabilitating them without proper permits. Please call as soon as possible.

## EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Critter Creek Wildlife Station offers educational programs for the communities that we serve. Presently we offer a one-hour bird of prey program featuring a Great Horned Owl, Red-tailed Hawk, Barn Owl, Screech Owl, American Kestrel or Turkey Vulture. The charge depends on the round-trip mileage from our facility. We can do these programs for any sized group, though we prefer small groups, so the participants can see the animals up close. We conduct wildlife programs for local schools, service organizations, nursing homes, clubs, etc. To arrange an educational program call **(559) 338-2415**.



## EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

Critter Creek Wildlife Station is also available to answer wildlife questions. We encourage the public to learn to share their environment with their wildlife neighbors. We do not relocate wildlife that has become a nuisance. Suggestions for coping with wildlife intruders are available on our web site: [crittercreek.org](http://crittercreek.org). This site also provides profiles of our permanent wildlife residents and ways that the public can help our non-profit organization.

We are often asked for barn owl box construction plans, which are also on our web site. Check out [crittercreek.org](http://crittercreek.org) for lots of worthwhile information.



## DONATIONS

Individuals like you who care about native wildlife support us. Please consider becoming a member of our circle of supporters in whichever category you can afford:

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	ANNUAL DUES
Student/Senior	\$ 15
Individual	\$ 25
Family	\$ 50
Sponsor	\$ 100
Patron	\$ 250
Life	\$ 1000
Corporate	\$ 1000

For more information visit our website:

[crittercreek.org](http://crittercreek.org)

### MEMBERSHIP FORM

Please fill out the form below to receive the quarterly newsletters and announcements.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Category \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to:

#### Animals for Education

Cut along dotted line and mail this form along with your check to:

**Critter Creek Wildlife Station**  
36710 Sand Creek Road  
Squaw Valley, CA 93675

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Thank you for your support!

## WAYS YOU CAN HELP

We could never deal with the volume of work required to keep Critter Creek Wildlife Station operating



without the help of our individual volunteers and service organizations. The work ranges from regular week-end cleanup to guiding tours during open house to building new caging projects. We always need dedicated volunteers to be a “runner”, someone willing to learn how to transport animals. Landowners can also provide support by allowing us to release wildlife on their property when it is an appropriate release site. Most importantly, we appreciate any help in acquiring items on our wish list or donating funds to purchase them.



Mountain Lion Cage Being Built by Volunteers

### VISITING CRITTER CREEK WILDLIFE STATION

Open House occurs three to four times a year. The Open House offers the public an opportunity to tour the facility. The dates for each Open House are announced in the newsletter and local newspapers. We are open the rest of the year by appointment only for groups, families, and individuals. Cost is by donation. For school groups there are supervision requirements and a minimum charge.

Call (559) 338-2415 or e-mail us at [crittercreekwildlife@hughes.net](mailto:crittercreekwildlife@hughes.net)



Bobcat

## WISH LIST

- Animal Food: Fish (Fresh or Frozen) and Fruit-small amounts
- Animal Care: Cat Litter (non-scoopable), Ceramic Water Bowls, Garden Hoses, Paper Towels, Pillow Cases, Shade Cloth, Sheets (any size), and Towels
- Common Building Materials: Concrete, Electrical Supplies, Plumbing Supplies, and Standard-Sized Lumber
- Folding Utility Tables
- Fruit Bins (4' X 4') Plastic
- Generator
- Golf Cart (Multi-Seats) or Utility Vehicle
- Metal Utility Poles (All Sizes)
- Tools: Rakes, Shovels, Post Hole Digger, and Most Hand Tools
- Wheel Barrows



Baby Opossums



Baby Screech Owl

### SERVICES

- Carpentry
- Chain Link Installation
- Electrical
- Grant Writing
- Heavy Duty Equipment Work
- Plumbing



Raccoons inside a tree stump



Visit our website: [crittercreek.org](http://crittercreek.org)

Critter Creek Wildlife Station is a non-profit wildlife rehabilitation center licensed and permitted by the Department of Fish and Game,



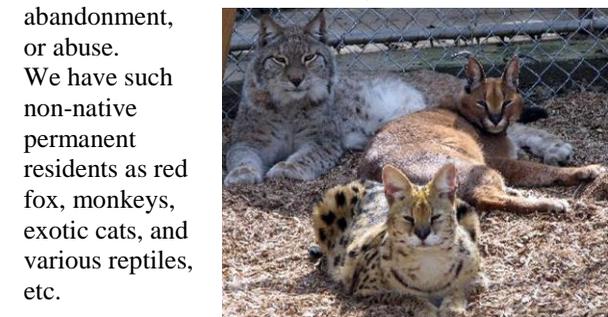
Golden Eagles and Hawks

the Fish and Wildlife Services, and the United States Department of Agriculture.

Critter Creek Wildlife Station is a centralized facility that takes in, rehabilitates, and releases back into the wild orphaned and injured California native wildlife.

Some permanently injured wildlife, once comfortable around the public, are used for educational programs. Those that remain wild are used as foster parents and surrogate companions. We also hold a prohibitive species permit, so occasionally non-native wildlife also find their way to the facility as the result of illegal pet confiscations, abandonment, or abuse.

We have such non-native permanent residents as red fox, monkeys, exotic cats, and various reptiles, etc.



Young Bobcat  
Exotic Cats: Lynx, Caracal, & Serval