

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. Some of the song bird rehabilitation is done by volunteers who are willing to feed and ultimately release them.



Begging Scrub Jays

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. Alfaro and staff at San Joaquin Veterinarian Hospital, all injured wildlife receives veterinarian care immediately.

All follow-up care is done at Critter Creek Wildlife Station’s infirmary.



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 can accidentally 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.

VISITING OPPORTUNITIES

We have a Gift Shop with hand-made crafts and other items donated by our supporters and volunteers. Most of the crafts are animal related and reasonably priced. We have souvenirs perfect for youngsters. The Gift Shop is open during Open House events and private tours. A picnic area is also available. Bring your lunch on your next visit.



EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

Critter Creek Wildlife Station no longer does off-site animal programs. Critter Creek Wildlife Station is 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. 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 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

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
Yokuts Valley, CA 93675

Thank you for your support!

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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 on our website, 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

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
- Metal Utility Poles (All Sizes)
- Stainless Steel Tables
- 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

Critter Creek Wildlife Station is a non-profit wildlife rehabilitation center licensed and permitted by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services, and the United States Department of Agriculture.



Golden Eagles and Hawks



Kinkajou

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 exhibits. 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



reptiles, etc.

the result of illegal pet confiscations, abandonment, or abuse. We have such non-native permanent residents as alligators, red fox, exotic cats, kinkajou, and various