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February 2021



Farewell, Joan Griffin



In Memory of Joan Griffin

Sept. 30, 1933 - Nov. 27, 2020

Our mom spent much of her life in service. She always said she enjoyed being a mother. She volunteered and donated to many causes including The Nature Conservancy, The San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy, the North Park Committee, the new Downtown Library and Camp Fire most of all! Camp Fire brought her many precious memories including all the years with the girls in her three daughters' groups, backpacking with Highlighter's at Renée's request, and even more so the friendship of other supportive and committed women.

The daughters of Joan Griffin sent us this lovely remembrance. People like Joan and Monty Griffin, whose passion for our mission is effective and infectious, make our accomplishments possible. We send our deepest sympathies.

Campaign for Del Dios



94% of funds raised!



Thanks to your generosity, the Campaign for Del Dios has reached 94 percent of its goal. Can you help push it over the top?

Our target is \$322,000. In less than two months, we have raised \$302,443. We need less than \$20,000 to reach the finish line. Let's get there!

Your response to the campaign to cover our share of this 117-acre acquisition tells us how much you care about nature. You have shown you understand that conservation is permanent and that natural habitat plays a critical role for wildlife and people alike.

To all of our donors, thank you so much!

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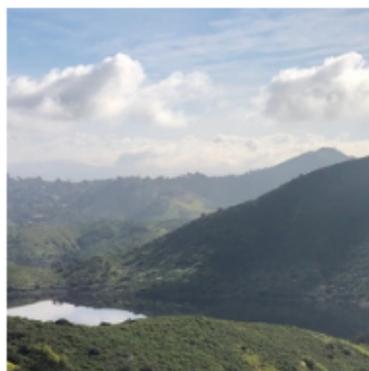
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Coast to Crest Trail Challenge



Bonding: Milo Lustig and Monica Fernandez.



Beaming: Aleida Wahn.



Bouncing: Mark and Rhodora Neu.

Challengers said...

"My 13-year-old son, Milo Lustig, and I finished the challenge today. It was his Christmas gift for me to do the hikes together. It was the best Christmas gift a mom could get from a teen boy." — Monica Fernandez

"It was a great way to get out on the trail and disconnect from thought." — Fritz Steen

"I thoroughly enjoyed myself on the five hikes. I am now working my way through the previous years' challenges." — Brian Morgan

"So much beauty." — Thanh Coss



CTC 2020-21 Details







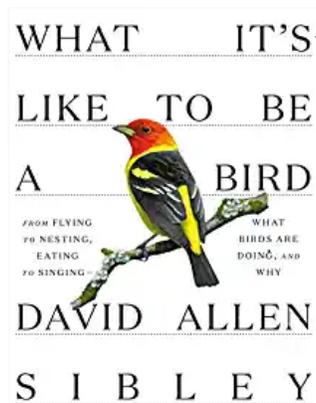
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Current

Most of us have wondered what it's like to be a bird.

David Allen Sibley explores that question in a new book for birders and non-birders alike.

One of our advisory board members, Phil Pryde, praises the book in a review he shared with the Conservancy.



[Read Book Review](#)

Senate Leader Toni Atkins understands the importance of habitat conservation and gives us a nice shout-out in her newsletter.

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Video Vault

Floods of '78

Do you remember the floods of 1978? On Super 8 film, Dwight Worden captured footage of the swollen San Dieguito River between Chino Farms and the El Camino Real bridge.

[Watch Video](#)



Bobcat vs. Rattlesnake

Our friends at the Southwest Field Herping Association shared this showdown between a bobcat and rattlesnake.

"What's interesting to me is that most people believe that rattlesnakes are so dangerous that all other wild animals fear them," says the Association's Steve Bledsoe. "That is so not true as rattlesnakes are common prey for a number of carnivorous predators like bobcats, coyotes, foxes, badgers, roadrunner, hawks, owls and of course a number of other snake species. About the only animals that fear rattlesnakes are small rodents and humans!"

[Watch Video](#)



River Park News



The Great Backyard Bird Count

Mark your calendars: Feb. 12-15 is the Great Backyard Bird Count!

Every February, the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and National Audubon Society encourage participation in this online, citizen science project. During the four-day count, people around the world dedicate at least 15 minutes to document the birds they observe in their environs. The San Dieguito River Park encourages you and yours to participate within the park or anywhere else.

Send us a screenshot of your Great Backyard Bird Count findings and we will set aside an owl pellet dissection kit for you to pick up at the Sikes Adobe Historic Farmstead.

During the past 11 years, the San Dieguito River Park has conducted monthly bird counts and surveys. For details, visit the SDRP Archives for Bird Surveys.

[Great Backyard Bird Count](#)

[Owl Pellet Dissection Kit Entry Form](#)

[SDRP Archives for Bird Surveys](#)

Valentine's Tea is off, Mother's Day Tea is on for May 8-9.

It's a heartbreak, but the pandemic has forced the Friends of Sikes Adobe to cancel the annual Valentine's Tea.

But be of good cheer. The Friends look forward to welcoming you for Mother's Day Tea May 8 and 9.

You can delight in tea, sandwiches, delicious pastries, tours of the farmstead and other surprises. Reservations will open April 1.



Eagle Scout Project Done and Done!

Check out the fine work by Herman Malik of Boy Scout Troop 685. In Herman's words:

"For my Eagle Project, I built two garden beds at the Sikes Adobe Historic Farmstead. These boxes will help protect crops grown here from pests and animals, and their design is based on similar boxes in Rancho Penasquitos. I started construction in late September with a team of scouts from my troop, and I finished at the end of December, with only my dad and me working on the project because of the coronavirus lockdown. It was definitely a lot of work, but it was a very rewarding experience and I learned a lot along the way. Doing this service project really opened my eyes to the impact one person can have (although I had a lot of help) and I'm definitely going to be thinking about how I can make more change in the community in the future. For now, I'm looking forward to seeing the garden beds being used by the volunteers at Sikes."

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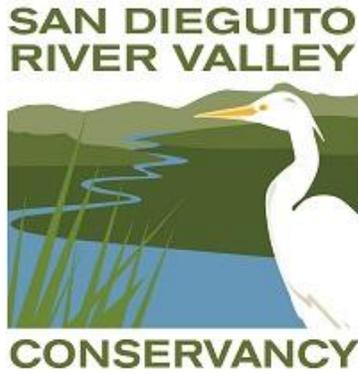
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