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Cardiff State Beach: A Living Shoreline

by Joan R. Simon

On April 11, at our very first general meeting held via Zoom, 100 docents flocked to their computers and tablets to watch Darren Smith's presentation on the recent renovation project at Cardiff State Beach. Darren, as many of us know, is the Natural Resources Program Manager for the San Diego Coast District, California State Parks, and has been working at the San Diego Coast District and TPSNR for 19 years. He apologized for not being able to give his originally scheduled talk on the rare plants of Torrey Pines. "That is probably my absolutely favorite subject, but conditions conspired against me from using fresh pictures from this season." We all know why.

Instead, Darren spoke about the successful renovation project that he spearheaded at Cardiff State Beach from November 5, 2018 to June 24, 2019. "I've become more of a dirt merchant than a plant guy," he joked, "moving dirt and sand all over the place." Cardiff Beach runs from the north end of Solana Beach in the south (known as Seaside Beach) to Cardiff Reef in the north. It fronts the San Elijo Lagoon, a bar-built estuary, which used to break through in several different locations before the coast



Docent General Meeting

Saturday, May 9, 9 am

Location: Online via Zoom (link to the meeting will be emailed to all docents)

Speaker: Herb Knüfken

Topic: A Photo Essay on the Peregrine Falcons of Torrey Pines

Herb Knüfken is our docent photographer *extraordinaire*. He was born and raised in Germany. Shortly after his marriage to Roswitha, he moved to London, where he worked at BOC for three years. He returned to Germany to work in a managerial position at Fairchild Semiconductor and was later transferred to the Bay Area in California. In 1980, Herb and his family moved to San Diego. After his retirement, Herb took up photography and became a TPDS docent in 2006.

Herb writes: "I took my first photo of a Peregrine Falcon at Torrey Pines in 2004 and have since then been captivated by these raptors. Out of thousands of images, I have posted over 600 on my website. I will share some of the photos and stories in my presentation."

A business meeting will follow the presentation. (Sorry, no refreshments!)

highway was built as a permanent structure. Since the installation of the road, there is now only one fixed mouth of the lagoon, located at the north end of the beach.

The physiognomy of Cardiff State Beach is strikingly similar to that of Torrey Pines State Beach, which also runs along a bar-built estuary (Los Peñasquitos Lagoon), with the same highway along its side. The Peñasquitos Lagoon is also restricted, with its fixed mouth between the north and south sections of the beach. Because of these similarities, the work done at Cardiff was of particular interest to us since it could provide an adaption strategy for the beach at Torrey Pines.

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forget to donate your ZooNooz
magazines to the Museum Shop.

President's Message

We, members of the Torrey Pines Docent Society, have an advantage during this difficult time. We are believers in the joy of volunteering. We choose to give back to our community, and support causes we care about. Volunteering gives us a sense of purpose—a feeling of satisfaction.



It is time to turn our volunteer spirit in a new direction. To help others endure this period of isolation and uncertainty. Some of you are already doing this by making face masks, delivering food, and other creative efforts. But what many folks need most now is human contact. All of us can give the gift of patient listening -- by phone, email, text, Zoom, or other platforms.

TPDS is supporting docents through Zoom meetings, events, and happy hour socials. I urge every TPDS group leader to organize online events or communication threads with your team. Let's reach out and support each other.

I am proud to serve as your volunteer president, and I'd like to remind each of you to feel proud - every time you volunteer.

Janet Ugalde, TPDS President

(Cont. from pg. 1)

Cardiff Beach, with 27 land acres, has a visitation of 2.3 million per year, with two renowned surfing breaks, dog walking, and tide pools (a rarity in North County). The Western Snowy Plover, a small, rare, threatened shorebird, winters at Cardiff but has not nested there in over 20 years, most likely because of the influx of people on the beach, predation, and the significant amount of traffic along the adjacent Coast Highway (101).

In winter, our local beaches are naturally narrower, with plentiful cobbles; in the summer they are wider and sandier. Almost all lose sand annually. Hence, "most of the North County beaches have been heavily manipulated for over 20 years," Darren commented, "with sand replenishment keeping them viable." At Cardiff State Beach the road had become particularly vulnerable to wave run-up during winter storms, with water coming up to the highway every few years during big storms, especially in El Niño years. That was one of the main reasons for embarking on the beach renovation project. Darren explained that "California State Parks is not exactly in the business of highway protection, but that's how people get to the parks and beaches." (Cont. on pg. 3)



Winter



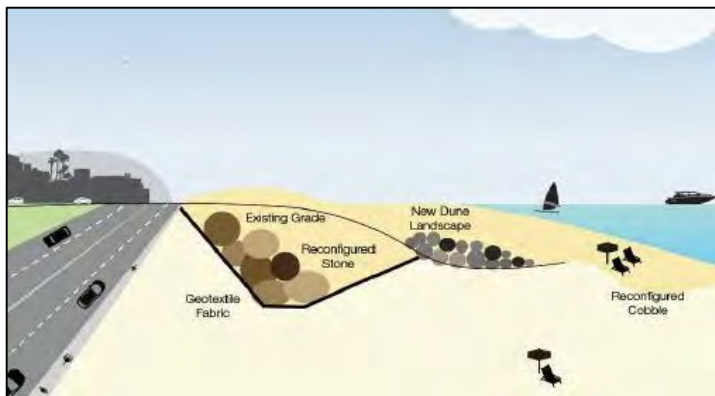
Summer

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The partners for this renovation project included the City of Encinitas, which was very interested in conserving the beach and protecting the road; the Nature Collective (formerly the San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy); State Coastal Conservancy; GHD (and Moffat and Nichol) Engineering (which designed and implemented the plan); US Fish and Wildlife Service; California Coastal Commission; SIO; UCLA; and of course California State Parks, as the landowners. In addition to the usual issues of swimming and surfing, beach walking, and parking, Darren noted that there was an important opportunity to expand the plant community on the small dunes.

Naturally, there was a lot of paper work to do, involving CEQA approval (California Environmental Quality Act), compliance permits, and partnership agreements among the different constituencies, especially with the City of Encinitas.

The project included both engineered structures and natural elements.



The plan was to build up the existing dunes and broaden the lower beach in an effort to keep the beach viable and prevent ocean surges from reaching the road. A trench was dug at the berm site, and large rocks were installed, with geo-textiles filling the air pockets so that sand would not be able to filter down and be lost from the surface.

Below the berm, the beach was underlain with cobbles, all sourced from the beach itself. Both underlying structures were then covered with sand. Fortuitously, the beach project coincided with the San Elijo Lagoon Restoration Project, which provided 330,000 cubic yards of sand. Going forward, replenishment sand should be available on a regular basis, since approximately 30,000 cu. yds. of sand is removed from the lagoon each year to keep the mouth open.

The project included establishing a pedestrian walkway, as well as more formalized parking along the highway. With fencing protecting the dunes, it was important to include access to the

beach, and several walkways (one of which is ADA accessible) were installed.

“We were able to add a whole new interesting and rare southern California habitat” on the 3.3 acres of dune that were added to the original 0.8 acre. These include three rare plants: *Acmispon prostrata*, *Nemacaulis denudate*, and *Abronia maritima* – the beach’s “signature plant,” which Darren described as a “robust species” that performs a function similar to *Carpobrotus*. They were mostly sourced from San Elijo, but some came from Torrey Pines. The Coastal Commission and the Fish and Wildlife agencies wanted extensive monitoring as proof that the plants would last. This is tricky, Darren said, because in dry years, the plants are much less abundant. However, in the last two rainy winters, “those plants have gone wild, but in normal years they probably won’t do so well.”

The cost of the project was over three million dollars, with construction taking the lion’s share of that amount (\$2,848,479) and more than \$327K earmarked to a 5-year plan for annual maintenance and monitoring. The lifespan of the project is estimated to be 30 - 50 years.

“A few people were skeptical of this project,” Darren said. “Oh, you’re just top-dressing,” they said. Darren countered the criticism saying “this is not just a seawall with sand thrown on top of it.” “One of the really big elements about this project is the science behind it, because everyone sees this as an experimental project.” A lot of modeling was done which showed that without the new dunes, storms would increasingly wash over the beach and onto the roads. The models clearly demonstrate that the renovation of Cardiff State Beach “both protects the road and protects natural resources and recreational opportunities.”

Renovated beach, June, 19, 2019



General Meeting Minutes – April 11, 2020

Meeting called to order at 9:00 am by President **Janet Ugalde**, who welcomed Torrey Pines docents to their first Zoom general meeting.

Speaker: Darren Smith, who spoke about the renovation of Cardiff State Beach. Darren's talk was of high relevance because the lessons learned from this project could potentially be adapted for North Torrey Pines State Beach. (See article on front page.)

President's Report: Janet Ugalde shared the following:

- **All State, National, and City Parks are closed:** Janet reminded all docents that TPSNR -- like all state, national, and city parks -- is completely closed.
- **Matter of Balance training (MOB): Kristine Schindler** had to cancel the MOB workshops -- originally scheduled for April -- because her certification with the Maine Health Dept. prohibits online MOB training.
- **Calendar 2021:** There will be **no** 2021 TPDS calendar, because 2020 sales and quality were disappointing.
- **Nikki Hrountas passed away:** We lost a fine, fun and very classy docent. She was 95 years young. We will miss you Nikki! (See article on pg. 8)
- **Care Team:**
 - The Care Team (**Annette Ring** and **Sally Whitlock**) is encouraging all docents to share news about a docent's passing via careteam@torreypine.org.
 - During the ongoing shelter-at-home order, members of the Care Team will suspend grocery shopping runs or drives to doctor and other health appointments.
 - The Care Team will share via the Google Group helpful tips and neighborhood/local resources (e.g. Next-Door and Facebook groups; grocery delivery options).
- **Connect via social media:** Committee leaders are encouraged to use social media and Zoom to stay connected with their members during the stay-at-home orders.
- **Roving Interpreter Training:** The training will be rescheduled once TPSNR has been re-opened.
- **Hours of Service Modification:** The service requirements for 2020 will be modified; the exact formula will be dependent on future State Parks' modification of volunteer parking pass rules.
- **Electricity for North Beach storage shed:** The TPDS Board authorized installation of electric outlets and lighting in our new North Beach storage shed. Cost \$2,000. Electricity will facilitate various docent projects, power equipment uses, and the charging of battery-operated tools. Shelving will also be installed.

- **Off-road wheelbarrow purchase:** The TPDS Board authorized \$7,000 to purchase a heavy-duty off-road wheelbarrow (toter) for use in trail maintenance by the Reserve Maintenance Department. In 2018 and 2019 TPDS received several large donations designated specifically to trail maintenance. The toter, requested by Chad Van Doren, TPSNR's new maintenance chief, will be funded from those designated donations.
- **Masks:**
 - Janet shared that Dylan has expressed gratitude to the anonymous donor who sewed masks for the entire Reserve staff. Thank you, anonymous docent!
 - Janet encouraged docents who have the skills and time to make masks to share with fellow docents.
- **Taxidermy snakes arrived:** Ingo is building a museum display.

Docent of the Month: Cresencio "Cres" Torres, Class of 2020, for his dedicated service to TPDS, including 32 hours leading public walks and 24 hours at the TIK, all since January 1. He frequently takes on our least favorite public walk time slot -- Sunday at 2 pm. Thank you, Cres! (See article on pg. 5.)

Financial Report: Gerry Lawrence informed the docents that the TPDS's financial portfolio has not been affected by the ongoing economic upheaval.

- TPDS's financial resources are safe and secure.
- The first quarter spending was aligned with the budget prediction: the total of the January through March expenditures was 25% of the 2020 budget allocation.
- Income exceeded expenses.
- The reconciliation summary shows perfect balance.

Gerry stated that the long-term financial prospects look good because all money reserves are invested in certificates, which are not hurt by the stock and bond markets' reaction to the COVID-19 crisis.

Online Docent Membership List: Roger Isaacson shared that he has created a membership roster online. The roster is designed to be available as a PDF file from the docent login site. It will be read-only. Roger will send out an e-blast to all docents asking them to indicate if they do not wish their contact information to be included in this online roster (everyone's name and class will be listed).

Z(oom-M)ingling: Over 100 docents participated. Docents gradually said their good-byes and left the Zoom meeting, which ended around 10:45 am.

Docent of the Month:

Cres Torres

I first hiked at TPNR in 1988 with my wife, Kathryn. It was a wonderful and memorable outdoor experience so close to home. The experience was unique, and the possibility of being associated somehow with the Reserve stayed in the recesses of my mind for many years.



When I retired a few years ago, I was exploring volunteer opportunities and happened on a story in the local newspaper about volunteer docents at Torrey Pines. I was intrigued and excited about the possibility of becoming one. I took the plunge and signed up for the class in 2019.

There are two values that motivate me to do what I do. The first is volunteerism and giving back to the community; the second is life-long learning and seeking intellectual challenge. Well, I found that the docent training program in 2019 provided both. Today, I'm happy and proud to be part of a unique group of people who are dedicated to preserving Torrey Pines State Natural Reserve.

I enjoy hiking, biking, both street and motorcycle, and writing. I wrote my first novel and it was published two years ago (*Striker One*); I hold a mid-level Kung Fu Sash; and I'm presently the RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Patrol) administrator for San Diego Police Department's Western Division.

I look forward to working with everyone and thank you for the honor of being selected April's Docent of the Month.

Park Aide: Jake Mumma (2010)

[This is the first in a series of profiles of long-standing park aides at the Reserve: Louis Sands (2006), Jake Mumma (2010), Joy Inton (2012) and Johnson Jou (2013). See clickable links below for profiles of park aides hired since 2017.*]

Jake Mumma grew up in Del Mar, where he started visiting the Torrey Pines Extension at the age of five, and the main part of the Reserve just a few years later. "Torrey Pines was just a part of my upbringing." He studied Tourism Management at SDSU and as part of the program completed a 6-month Internship



at Torrey Pines in 2010, where **Frank Burham** was his advisor. At the end of his Internship, he began working as park aide and has been at Torrey Pines ever since. Among his trainers was **Louis Sands**, a fellow park aide today.

You can find Jake at the Reserve on Tuesdays where he now serves as coordinator of the Seabees. The rest of the time he works as a realtor (since 2010) and in Property Management (since 2017). In his spare time, he enjoys spending time with his dog, Torri, as well as finding new walking and hiking spots around San Diego.

*Active park aides, who joined the staff over the past three years, have been profiled previously in the *Torreyana*:

Cheryl Biernacki ([June 2017 Torreyana](#))

Krista DeBusschere ([November 2017 Torreyana](#))

Shawn Jacobs ([June 2018 Torreyana](#))

Ingo Renner ([April 2019 Torreyana](#))

Monthly Rainfall at Torrey Pines Visitor Center Weather Station. September 2018 to date

2018-19	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL
inches	0.03	0.63	1.02	1.12	1.72	3.07	1.15	0.22	0.06	0	0	0.01	0.08	0.04	2.94	3.69	15.78
						8 mo. total		8.96									
2019-20	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
inches	0.08	0.04	2.94	3.69	0.25	0.4	2.79	3.64									
						8 mo. total		13.83									

A Restored Reserve

by Mark Embree

With the 2019 discovery of Samuel Clemens's signature in Hannibal, Missouri's Mark Twain Cave, the long-sought identity of Tom Sawyer's hideout had been solved. Throughout time, travelers and adventurers alike have discovered identifiable marks, scribbled into the sides of every imaginable surface, to shed light on specific moments in history. Recent travels have placed my wife and me at Register Cliff, Wyoming, where the names of pioneers, struggling across the American continent in the 1800's, were etched in rock surfaces. A trip to Mammoth Caves National Park in Kentucky revealed the names and dates of cave explorers navigating their way through a labyrinthine maze of darkness. Last year's trip to Europe found us in Berchtesgaden, Germany, where a French freedom fighter scribbled the date and his company's abbreviation inside an underground tunnel before helping to stop the last vestiges of the Third Reich.

But when do these marks cross over the line of historical significance and enter the realm of unsightly graffiti? As a junior high student, I used my number-two pencil to lightly create a crossword puzzle out of a girl's name whom I was hopeful would become my first girlfriend. She, on the other hand, barely knew I existed. The evening custodian made certain she would never stumble upon my thoughts; her name was gone the next day along with muddy shoe prints, small pieces of discarded paper that failed to find the trashcan, and several pieces of gum that had dried out sufficiently to detach themselves from the underside of classroom desks. Like a classroom custodian, docent **Guy Lawrie** and his legion of assistants, including **Don McGuire**, **Thomas Stehlik**, **Khai Truong**, and **Mark Embree**, have chosen to address one piece of the Reserve's preservation puzzle. Armed with scrapers, brushes, and brooms, these guardians of the bluffs have not only attempted to restore the aforementioned cliffs as nature intended, but have also taken the time to educate individuals who ask, "What are you doing?" A forty-seven-million-year-old geology lesson provided by Guy explains the reason for erasing the romantic symbols of love created by over-charged adolescents, the unique cause of a single-minded zealot, or an abstract piece of art that only the artist understands. Typically, Guy's explanations are met with, "Thanks for your efforts," as the visitors continue down the beach. In his 1824 poem, "A Forest Hymn," William Cullen Bryant notes the forest, in all its grandeur, is a more majestic and holy shrine than the cathedrals made by men, who ironically used the trees of the forest to create the foundations for their temples. It is man's continuing effort to improve upon nature's design that Guy and his cohorts set out to eliminate and discourage. A job well done, Guy.



Don McGuire scraping away graffiti



Small portion of frequent defacing



Guy Lawrie admiring the cleaned cliffs

What I Did During the Shutdown

In our monthly call for docent contributions to the *Torreyana*, we asked the question: “What is one thing you have been doing during the park closing that you had always wanted to do or had postponed doing?” Here are some of the responses:

Jeannie Smith: I went through a couple folders of old letters – some from the 80’s, 90’s and so on; I threw a couple away, most I stuffed back into the same folder. So much for deep cleaning.

Carol Hunt: I’m going through a box filled with 100+ year old family correspondence that had been tucked in a closet for years. It includes my grandmother’s diary from 1919 & 1920.

Tsaiwei Olee:
Picked up
watercoloring
again.
(photo right)



Selma Torres:
For the first time
in my life I have
been going to
bed without
setting an alarm. I'm loving it but won't mind getting back to my old routine.

Ken King: I’ve set up five Zoom recurring meetings, but the brand-new activity that I’m a little embarrassed to admit is lifting weights. The last time I exercised with weights was 20 years ago when I took a class at the YMCA.

Debi Buffington:
I have finished 11 oil
paintings, mostly
Anza Borrego desert
landscapes (photo
right), but also a
36"x36" painting
called “Kelp
Visitors” and
sculpted a 6-gauge
copper wire stand for
a copper enameled
bowl.



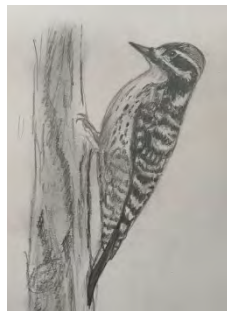
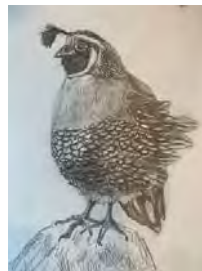
Dan Hammer: I’m reading *War and Peace*. Shelley and I are walking every inch of our neighborhood, cooking more, and weeding a bumper crop of *Ehrharta* in our back yard.

Sandy Levin: Besides starting a vegetable garden, I’ve had more time to work in my fused glass studio. (photo right)



Kristine Schindler: I have been helping at Ocean Knoll Elementary to support meals+groceries+games/books/etc. distribution to Encinitas Union School District families. I am able to witness first-hand generosity and it fills me up with hope every week.

Donna Close: I have been working on bird illustrations for a possible bird brochure for visitors. Thought I would share completed ones to date... Feel free to offer some suggestions for other birds to include. And see how many you can identify!



Joan Simon: While cleaning out a closet (yes, I’ve been doing that, too), I came across an unopened 1000-piece jigsaw puzzle. I can’t remember when or why I bought it, but I’ve always loved doing jigsaw puzzles and haven’t had the time or opportunity to do one in decades. It is sprawled out on my dining room table and I am having a lot of fun (although it is **hard**).

In Memoriam: Nikki Hrountas

by Ann Walker

It is with great sadness that we note the passing of longtime docent **Nikki Hrountas** (Class of 2011). I was called on to write about my wonderful friend and colleague. Where to begin?

Here are a few scattered words that may best describe a bit about Dora Hrountas – better known as Nikki and fondly known to her many grandchildren as *Yia Yia* or *Yia Yia Nikki*.



First and foremost, these past few years, Nikki was devoted to the Torrey Pines Docent Society, the Reserve, and all the many interesting people connected with the Reserve. She was a Whacky Weeder and could often be seen off trail sitting on her little stool and working diligently to maintain the natural flora of Torrey Pines Reserve. Nikki enjoyed volunteering in various capacities and especially in the last few years in the Lodge Museum.

Nikki was a kindergarten teacher at Chesterton Elementary School in Linda Vista, and that is where we became great friends. Every one of her students was an extension of her own family and knew that Mrs. Hrountas loved each and every one of them unconditionally. Here is an anecdote about Nikki that we often chuckled and laughed about. It was early in her teaching career when she was teaching kindergarten/first grade. Our kindergarteners were only in school in the morning, which left only 10 first graders in the afternoon. Nikki had the bright idea that it would be fun to invite her students to spend the afternoon visiting her house and having afternoon tea with cookies and punch. She enlisted several parents to help. Well, these children were so fascinated with the house and going upstairs and downstairs and even sliding down the banisters that they ignored the table all set up with the cookies and punch on the dining room table. The children delighted in doing all the things that curious 5- and 6-year olds are wont to do. Needless to say, this type of field trip was not repeated even though it was fondly remembered by Nikki and those of us who were her colleagues.

My list of fun and touching stories continues and my fond memories go on and on and on. I am sure that everyone has many, many good memories of my dear friend Nikki Hrountas. In conclusion: To Know Nikki was to Love Her.

Torrey Pines Book Club

We will continue to meet via **ZOOM** at our regularly scheduled time. Please notify **Ken King** if you plan to participate and if you need any extra help getting connected.

When: Tuesday, May 8, 1:00 pm

What: *Circe* by Madeline Miller

Where: remotely via Zoom

Amazon says:

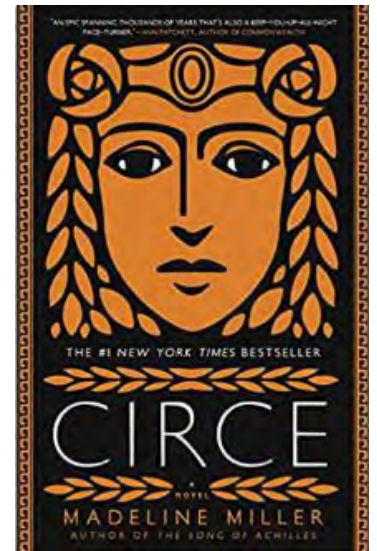
In the house of Helios, god of the sun and mightiest of the Titans, a daughter is born. But Circe is a strange child -- not powerful, like her father, nor viciously alluring like her mother. Turning to the world of mortals for companionship, she discovers that she does possess power -- the power of witchcraft, which can transform rivals into monsters and menace the gods themselves.

Threatened, Zeus banishes her to a deserted island, where she hones her occult craft, tames wild beasts and crosses paths with many of the most famous figures in all of mythology, including the Minotaur, Daedalus and his doomed son Icarus, the murderous Medea, and, of course, wily Odysseus.

But there is danger, too, for a woman who stands alone, and Circe unwittingly draws the wrath of both men and gods, ultimately finding herself pitted against one of the most terrifying and vengeful of the Olympians. To protect what she loves most, Circe must summon all her strength and choose, once and for all, whether she belongs with the gods she is born from, or the mortals she has come to love.

With unforgettably vivid characters, mesmerizing language, and page-turning suspense, *Circe* is a triumph of storytelling, an intoxicating epic of family rivalry, palace intrigue, love and loss, as well as a celebration of indomitable female strength in a man's world.

June 9: *The Botany of Desire: A Plant's-Eye View of the World* by Michael Pollan.



Bird of the Month: Hooded Oriole

by Jack Friery; photo by Herb Knüfken

Our featured bird this month is the **Hooded Oriole**, *Icterus cucullatus*. The male Hooded Oriole is bright yellow to orange, with a distinctive black mask and bib. The female is a duller yellow, without the black markings. This oriole is robin-sized — seven to eight inches long; despite its size, it weighs only 0.8 ounce. The word “oriole” aptly comes from the Latin word for gold.

Hooded Orioles winter in Mexico, and come north to our area in March to nest. After breeding, adults will depart in August, and the young of the year largely depart during the second week of September. (A few stray individuals may overwinter in our area.)

Watch for Hooded Orioles atop palm trees, where they nest. In fact, the range of the Hooded Oriole has expanded in California as we have planted more palm trees in our gardens and developments.

To attract these colorful birds to your garden, nail a half orange to a backyard tree. Or set out feeders with grape jelly, a favorite food. (Some birding pros insist it has to be Welch's.)

Sources: Allaboutbirds.org/guide/Hooded_Oriole/overview

[Unitt, San Diego Bird Atlas](#)

Audubon.org/field-guide/bird/hooded-oriole

Choate, *The Dictionary of American Bird Names*



Torrey Pines Docent Society Bird Survey: April 2020

Number of species: 84
(+4 other taxa)

Northern Shoveler 1
Gadwall 5
Mallard 6
Green-winged Teal 7
Lesser Scaup 9
Surf Scoter 8
Bufflehead 6
Red-breasted Merganser 1
California Quail 15
Pied-billed Grebe 3
Western Grebe 270
Eurasian Collared-Dove 1
Mourning Dove 31
White-throated Swift 14
Anna's Hummingbird 46
Rufous/Allen's Hummingbird 26
hummingbird sp. 3
Ridgway's Rail 1
American Coot 20
Black-necked Stilt 1
Killdeer 2

Whimbrel 6
Long-billed Curlew 4
Willet 4
Heermann's Gull 1
Ring-billed Gull 6
Western Gull 20
Royal Tern 34
Red-throated Loon 1
Common Loon 2
Brandt's Cormorant 16
Double-crested Cormorant 7
Brown Pelican 26
Great Blue Heron 2
Great Egret 9
Snowy Egret 7
Northern Harrier 1
Cooper's Hawk 3
Red-shouldered Hawk 1
Red-tailed Hawk 7
Belted Kingfisher 2
Nuttall's Woodpecker 3
Pacific-slope Flycatcher 2
Black Phoebe 16
Say's Phoebe 2
Cassin's Kingbird 8
Western Kingbird 15

yellow-bellied kingbird sp. 3
Hutton's Vireo 4
Warbling Vireo 2
California Scrub-Jay 20
American Crow 45
Common Raven 46
Northern Rough-winged Swallow 38
Tree Swallow 8
Bushtit 50
Wrentit 108
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher 2
California Gnatcatcher 11
House Wren 9
Marsh Wren 4
Bewick's Wren 22
wren sp. 2
European Starling 1
California Thrasher 16
Northern Mockingbird 8
Western Bluebird 1
Hermit Thrush 3
Scaly-breasted Munia 1
House Finch 79
Lesser Goldfinch 35
White-crowned Sparrow 39

Golden-crowned Sparrow 6
Song Sparrow 36
Lincoln's Sparrow 3
California Towhee 79
Spotted Towhee 17
Yellow-breasted Chat 5
Hooded Oriole 2
Red-winged Blackbird 13
Brewer's Blackbird 1
Orange-crowned Warbler 30
Nashville Warbler 1
Common Yellowthroat 27
Yellow-rumped Warbler 35
Black-throated Gray Warbler 6
Wilson's Warbler 3
Black-headed Grosbeak 5

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