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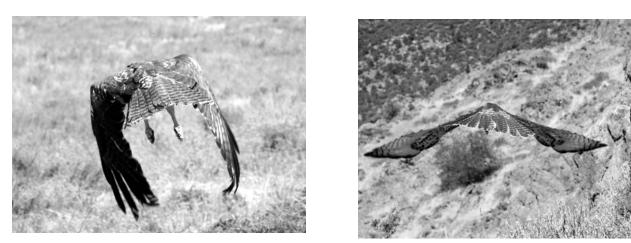
- Saturday, October 14
- 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Map inside

- Come and see our progress on Web-Foot Wash and Coyote Gulch
  - Kiyu is in his new habitat Coyote Gulch

The pond has been placed in Web-Foot Wash

## Early Fall Activities



Red-Tailed Hawk releases are in full swing. The young hawks that have successfully hunted are then released back into the wild. These are photos of two successful releases of Red-Tails.

Barn owls are being trained to hunt and released as well.

See if you can find the coyote in the picture below:



Answer is on the back page.

This is a snapshot of life at Critter Creek. I am lucky in this life. I am given the opportunity to live and work at the Creek during my teaching vacations from Los Angeles. Here, I have done things that some only hope for; also, things that no one in their right mind would want to experience. Shoveling out cages; cleaning food dishes; holding bleeding, starving, and/or dying wildlife during treatment; getting covered with muck, water and dirt; and crying when death takes its part balanced with laughing at the band of young raccoons playing in their pond looking for food in the depths; hunting the ducks with the resident bobcat (she will never get them—they are in a separate enclosure, but she hunts them just the same); watching the bottle feeding young mature into the fierce, release ready youth; and crying when the just released animal pauses after release, looks back, and then takes off for the great outdoors.

This is an incredible place. The amount of work it takes to keep this place running is amazing. In addition to the two people who live here, there are two volunteers who arrive to assist with clean up every Saturday (sometimes other volunteers come to help), and occasional groups of volunteers who help with special projects.

During this time of year, the young and healed are being trained to hunt prior to their release. The injured are still being transported in to be cared for and the daily care and feeding of the permanent residents is happening twice a day. Those who have successfully hunted prey are being released back to their native habitats. It is an endless cycle here.

There are several new caging projects in various stages of progress. Coyote Gulch is nearly complete; Web-Foot Wash is moving along; and Fox Haven is just starting. At the Open House you will be able to see the projects' progress and visit with the permanent residents. Stop by and see what we are up to; we'll be looking for you.

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