

**CRITTER CREEK WILDLIFE STATION'S  
FALL OPEN HOUSE  
SEPT. 24TH SATURDAY  
11:00AM TO 2:00PM**

Gates will close at 1:30 to allow time to tour

Entrance is by donation. Field parking is free. The Open House will be unguided, so the pace is leisurely and there are more opportunities to take pictures. Our volunteers will be on hand to answer any questions that you have and to share stories about some of our permanent residents. The gift shop will be open and has many gifts for early holiday shoppers. We accept cash and checks but no debit or credit cards. We have a picnic area, so bring a lunch or the country store next door has refreshments. Call (559) 338-2415 or email at [crittercreekwildlife@hughes.net](mailto:crittercreekwildlife@hughes.net) for information.

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## Funding for Repairs

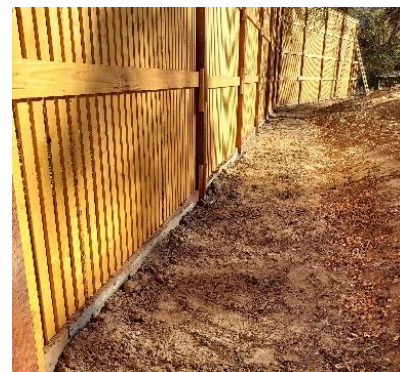
We were able to obtain funding from Fresno County Fish and Wildlife Commission to repair entries to some of our old enclosures. They were wooden screen doors that, over tens of year, have warped and fallen apart leaving the door open enough for birds to escape or for predators to enter. These enclosures house small song birds, doves and pigeons, all bird readily preyed upon in the



wild. With the help of a local business, we can get eleven metal replacement screen doors from the grant monies. These new doors will not only be safer but a lot easier for volunteers to open and latch shut. Critter Creek is now 36 years old, so we are having to spend more time and money repairing and upgrading enclosures.

## Final Touches

We continue to work on the new flight cage by setting the tree upright and placing perches at the ends. Despite the awful heat, volunteers dug the necessary trench all around the outside of the cage to bury metal that acts as a barrier to keep predators from digging in. We hope to have the cage open to the public for Open House.



## Plants and Bulbs Needed

In an effort to create a natural environment both inside and outside the enclosures, we need plants and bulbs. If you are thinning plants or dividing bulbs, consider donating them to Critter Creek. Call us at 559-304 5475 or 559-338-2415, so we can make sure we have an appropriate place for the plant/bulb.

## Meet the Graduating Class of 2022

These are some of the animals we took in this spring. Over the next few months, they will be released at locations where they will be safe until they familiarize themselves with their new home. For some, this takes less than a day; for others it may take weeks. We have already released Eastern fox squirrels, ducks, geese, some of our numerous opossums, scrub jays, mockingbirds, sparrows, finches, and many more.



Yet to be released but not pictured are crows, ravens, quail, other types of owls, hawks and falcons. Since many of these animals must be taught to hunt, their road to "graduation" is time consuming. During this time of the year, please share the joy we feel as each of these animals returns to nature.

## Inflation Hits Critter Creek

Prices are going up everywhere, for everyone. This is especially true for the food we feed the mammals at Critter Creek. Most of the mammals and the alligators are dependent on store bought chicken. We go through \$20 dollars in chicken a night, not including the alligators. We use 150 eggs a week and eggs have doubled since last year. So, when you donate, please take our increased costs into consideration. Thank you for whatever you can give.