



Spring Is Here in Full Force

Since the middle of March, we have been getting calls about baby wildlife. By now the calls cover a very wide range of animals from ground squirrels to bobcats and finches to turkey vultures. Here are pictures of just a fraction of our orphans. We are beginning to burst at the seams, so are looking forward to being able to release some of the youngsters ready to go. Can you identify all these babies? Answers below.



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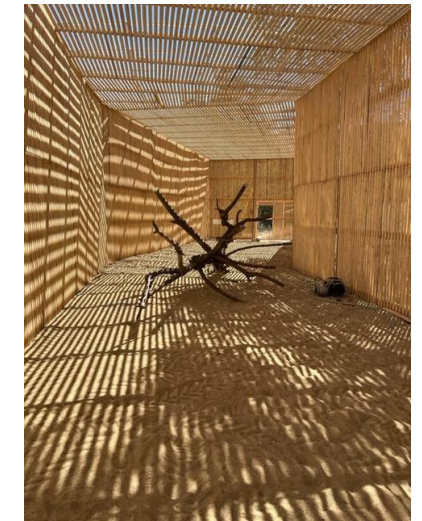
Save the Date

Fall Open House will be
Saturday, September 24th
11:00 am to 2:00 pm

Barn Owls (there are 4 of them), Bobcat, Coyote, Opossum, Great Horned Owl, Kestrel, Flying Squirrels, and Raccoon

100 Foot Cage Construction

After having to level the construction site again, we are back on track. The footings were poured and the sand brought in. In five short days, the building crew worked a miracle. Each day more of the structure was built. Day one saw a few walls up, day two, many more, day three, the trusses were put in place, day four the remaining walls were built as well as a few ceiling sections, and finally day five all the ceiling was completed. We still have “furnishings” to put in place like perches, platforms etc. The dead tree will be sunk into the ground as a perch. We also need to finish the double entries, but for the most part we are happy with the outcome. This has been a long time coming due to covid, but we were able to persevere to complete a needed additional enclosure to Critter Creek.



It's Our Own Critter Creek Murmuration

The term murmuration is commonly used to describe flocks of starlings and/or blackbirds that fly in tight formation in complex patterns, often related to predator avoidance. A murmuration is a subject in which the realms of birding, particle physics, and art collide—but the birds don't.



The murmuration at Critter Creek occurs at dusk. The flock flies around for a short time and then in an instant they land in a bush near the compound where they congregate to roost for the night. During the day, smaller numbers split off to forage. When roosting, the birds are deafening as we imagine them sharing their day's adventures with each other. Go to crittercreek.org to see a video and a recording of our flock of chatterboxes.