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## CRITTER CREEK WILDLIFE STATION

# OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> - 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
Last tour begins at 1:30 p.m.

**Come and enjoy Critter Creek and find out how you can help support California Wildlife.**

**Admission is by donation.**

**For more information call (559) 338-2415 or email at [crittercreekwildlife@hughes.net](mailto:crittercreekwildlife@hughes.net)**



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## UNINTENDED TREE TRIMMING IN AUGUST

Early in August when there was but one person home, a cottonwood branch, looking remarkably like an entire tree, broke off landing on one end of our flight cage. Fortunately the pipe and telephone pole structure held up but not without serious damage. The wire, despite being heavy gauge, buckled, bent and tore in several places. The newly renovated roof was a shambles. No hawks were hurt but once the dust settled, they flew over to inspect the damage. A seam in the wire had been torn in two, providing a small opening. At least two hawks made good their escape before a ladder could be put in place and a make-shift "plug" used to block the opening. The birds seemed to line up to wait their turn to scoot through the hole. We immediately moved all the birds to a few alternate enclosures including one of our hunting cages. It will take some time to make the repairs on the large flight cage, so our release schedule will be delayed by weeks as a result.



Where the limb broke off



The limb came to rest on the side of the cage

Took some work to clean away the debris

Bent pipe and twisted wire remains



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Recently we were on the National Geographic Channel's "Wild Justice" program. The August 20<sup>th</sup> episode, #32, "Later, Baiter" featured baby bobcats rescued from a wood pile which was about to be chipped. The program shows their eventual release.
- If you have not been to our web page recently, there are new features: Release Videos, Volunteering Info, and Construction Projects. Also there is a link to the National Geographic Channel's "Wild Justice" program with Kanu-the genet. A link will be added for the Baby bobcat rescue/release when it is available.
- Kudos to John Klang, Director of Maintenance and Operations, Fresno Unified School District for creating, building, and donating squirrel "nest" boxes.



- We have a new golf-cart, "Big Blue" to help with animal relocations and people moving on the property. Come see it during Open House.



- A new piece of equipment was purchased, the "Hoe-Cher". It is a backhoe/trencher. It has been put to use already digging the holes needed weekly to bury our organic refuse raked from our cages. This organic material helps to fertilize the environment.



## Releases Are in Full Swing!

We have been releasing squirrels, opossums, golden eagles, duck, water fowl, and plenty of barn owls. We are beginning to release hawks in the coming weeks.



Golden Eagle



Ducks



Opossums



Black-Crowned Night Heron

Finally, a huge thank you to Dr. Ken Stocks and his staff at San Joaquin Veterinarian Hospital for their continuous support and care for the injured wildlife we bring to them.

He is located at 4333 N. Blackstone, Fresno, CA (559) 227-3596.

His web page is [www.sanjoaquinveterinaryhospital.net](http://www.sanjoaquinveterinaryhospital.net).