

# Resources

SPRING 2022

## UPDATE

### Naturalist Training Course

The Riverside-Corona Resource Conservation District will be launching a new UC California Naturalist training on April 9, 2022. The course introduces students to the wonders of our local ecology and stewardship of California's natural resources. The program combines a science curriculum with guest lecturers, field trips, and project-based learning about the natural world of inland Southern California and the Santa Ana River Watershed.

The course is a college-level, adult program that includes a minimum of 40 hours of lecture and field trips, completion of a capstone project, reading *The California Naturalist Handbook*, citizen science activities, and more.

This upcoming class also offers the opportunity to become a certified Project Learning Tree (PLT) educator, upon completion of an additional three hours of training. The course fee is \$275 with some scholarship opportunities.

Find more local course information, see this video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IcLm8dnpCj4> and visit our website at <https://www.rcrcd.org/california-naturalist-program>.

More information and registration for this University of California training can be found at <https://www.rcrcd.org/california-naturalist-program> and <https://calnat.ucanr.edu/>.

To obtain scholarship and additional information, please contact Resource Educator Erin Snyder at [Snyder@rcrcd.org](mailto:Snyder@rcrcd.org) or (951) 683-7691 Ext. 207.



Bonnie Corcoran from the US Forest Service (on left) led the class field trip to the Wildlands Conservancy at Oak Glen Preserve.

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RCRCD's first UC Climate Steward graduates from August 2021 (left to right) Michele Felix-Derbarmdiker (instructor) Lizzet Pineda, William Vasquez, Marcia Castro, Vanessa Villanueva, Daysean Owens, Erin Snyder (instructor), Nicole Anderson, Citlalli Alcaraz, Alisa Slaughter (kneeling front), Gisela Alcaraz-Pina, Olga Zapata Reynolds, Jacqui Ver Loren van Themaat

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# First Saturdays

Join us at the LandUse Learning Center (LLC) on the first Saturday of each month at 10 am for free gardening education programs:

April 2	<i>All About Avocados</i>	Linda Mullins
May 7	<i>Let's Get Figgy with It!</i>	Larry Dodson
June 4	<i>Irrigation and Water Conservation</i>	Kerwin Russell

RRCRD's LandUse Learning Center is located at the base of Mt. Rubidoux at 4500 Glenwood Dr., Riverside.

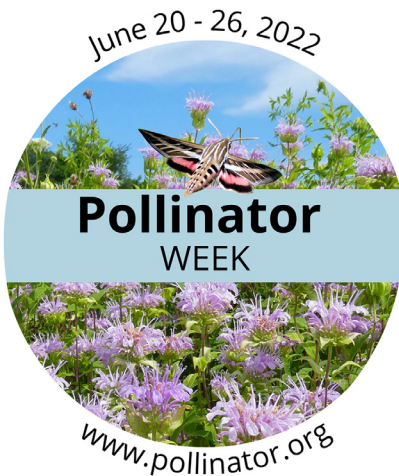
Also during First Saturdays, visit the Master Gardeners' booth to get all your gardening questions answered. Enjoy great information, door prizes, and a wonderful time in the garden.

For more information about the UCCE (University of California Cooperative Extension) of Riverside County's Master Gardener offerings, please see <https://ucanr.edu/sites/RiversideMG/> or <https://www.facebook.com/ucmgriversidecounty/>.

For questions about upcoming programs, please contact Resource Educator Erin Snyder at [Snyder@rrcd.org](mailto:Snyder@rrcd.org) or (951) 683-7691 Ext. 207.



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National Pollinator Week is an annual event to learn about and support pollinator health. Help spread the word about what we can do to protect pollinators. Download this toolkit for lots of information about resources and activities: <https://www.pollinator.org/pollinator.org/assets/generalFiles/2022-Official-Pollinator-Week-Toolkit-2.pdf> .



Western Diamondback rattlesnake

## Rattlesnake Avoidance for Dogs

Help your dog learn lifesaving skills on May 7 outdoors at the Sycamore Creek Interpretive Center, 11875 Indian Truck Trail Temescal Valley, CA 92883.

The class will be scheduled individually for private sessions with Snakeworx. To schedule a rattlesnake avoidance class for your pooch, please contact Michele at [SCIC@rrcd.org](mailto:SCIC@rrcd.org) - (951) 683-7691 Ext. 218. Cost: \$95.

# Volunteering is Fun and Educational

The Riverside-Corona Resource Conservation District (RCRCD) offers a variety of volunteer opportunities and welcomes your involvement in helping to conserve natural resources.

## Native Plant Nursery Volunteer

Nursery volunteers will gain experience in native plant propagation: sowing seeds, transplanting, and general care - maintenance of potted plants. Volunteers will also get the opportunity to work in the seed house cleaning and processing seeds for long term storage. *Second Friday and/or Saturday of each month.*

**For more information, please contact Nursery Manager Ernesto Alvarado at [Alvarado@rcrcd.org](mailto:Alvarado@rcrcd.org) or (951) 683-7691 Ext. 215.**

## Sycamore Creek Interpretive Center Site Volunteer

SCIC volunteers assist with welcoming visitors to the Interpretive Center and helping with materials and programs. *Occasional Saturdays*

## Monarch Site Volunteer

Monarch habitat volunteers help plant, weed, and collect seed for Monarch butterfly habitat at RCRCD's Greenbelt property in Riverside. *Periodic Saturdays*

## Monarch Monitoring Volunteer

Monitoring volunteers observe and report data about Monarch caterpillars and butterflies. Training is provided. *Saturdays, February through November.*

**For more information about volunteering to help with Monarchs or at SCIC in Temescal Valley, please contact Naturalist Michele Felix-Derbarmdiker at [felix-derbarmdiker@rcrcd.org](mailto:felix-derbarmdiker@rcrcd.org) or (951) 683-7691 Ext. 218.**



Volunteers planted milkweed at the Greenbelt Monarch butterfly habitat.

## LandUse Learning Center (LLC) Site Volunteer

LLC volunteers assist with site management, such as gardening, fruit tree pruning, planting, weeding. *Wednesday through Sunday opportunities.*

## LandUse Learning Center Docent

LLC docents greet and direct visitors, conduct tours, and assist with occasional field trips. Docent training is provided. *Monday through Sunday opportunities.*



## Bluebird Nest Box Monitoring

Interested volunteers can borrow nest boxes from RCRCD to hang in trees for weekly monitoring. Training for hanging, monitoring, and reporting is provided. Bluebirds nest in cavities or holes in trees or other wooden structures. Providing nest boxes increases Western Bluebird populations. *Weekly during nesting season, often February through July.*

**For more information about volunteering at the LLC, with bluebird nest box monitoring, or for group projects, please contact Resource Educator Erin Snyder at [snyder@rcrcd.org](mailto:snyder@rcrcd.org) or (951) 683-7691 Ext. 207.**

For more information about volunteer projects, please visit our website: <https://www.rcrcd.org/volunteer-opportunities>. To get started, complete this form: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc2h0qzX5YaA2UTBjq\\_DPbktjskz\\_FViB7bowdIPHC\\_Sjyggw/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc2h0qzX5YaA2UTBjq_DPbktjskz_FViB7bowdIPHC_Sjyggw/viewform).

## Wildflower Season is Here

As wildflowers start unfurling in the inland area, consider a new companion on your walks. The book *Wildflowers and Important Native Plants of the Inland Empire* will help you identify plants by the color and size of their flowers. The book provides easy to use features:

- Full color photos of each unique plant
- Park locations for seeking wildflowers
- A comprehensive glossary and drawings to help with unfamiliar terms.

This book has more than 80 species descriptions covering the plants you're most likely to see in southern California's inland valleys and foothills of western San Bernardino and Riverside counties. Plant descriptions include information about Native American, landscape, and wildlife uses of plants. Chapters include information about dangerous plants, plant communities, and plant conservation.

This beautiful, fully illustrated book was written by naturalist Barbara Iyer, with photos donated by daughter Jennifer Iyer. You may remember Barbara from her wildflower hikes and programs at the Louis Robidoux Nature Center and other wildland parks.

You can purchase the book at RCRC by completing a form at: [rcrcd.org/wildflowers-and-important-plants-of-the-inland-empire](http://rcrcd.org/wildflowers-and-important-plants-of-the-inland-empire). *Wildflowers and Important Native Plants of the Inland Empire* is second in a series to help IE residents appreciate the important native species of our inland ecosystems.

## Lookout for Backyard Birds

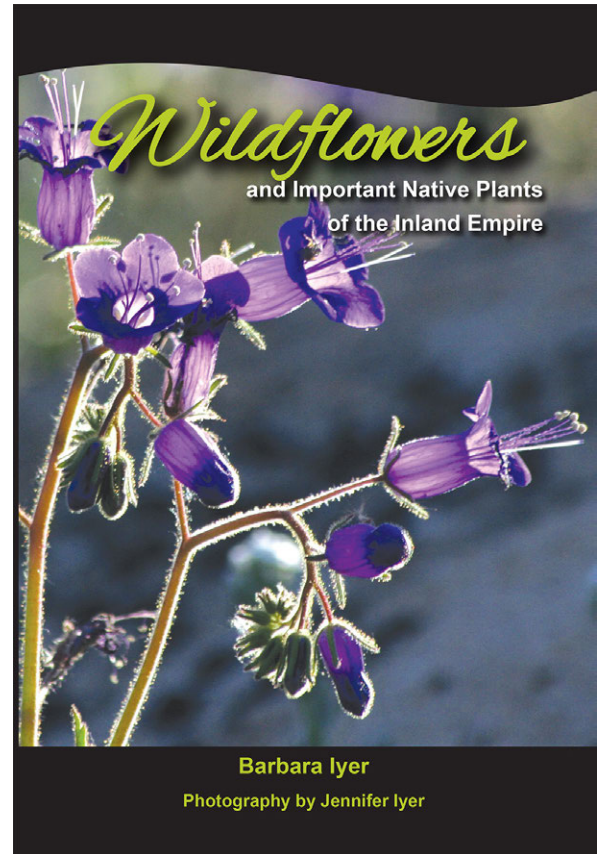
The first book, *Backyards Birds of the Inland Empire* by Sheila Kee, was last published in 2010. The author and RCRC are currently revising that second edition. We are seeking donations for the use of digital photos to replace the originals. As technology has changed dramatically, we would like to bring improved photo quality for the third edition. Photo credits will be given.

NOTE: RCRC sells books at-cost to recoup expenditures from its production. In an effort to keep book costs down and reach as many people as possible, we ask for the use of photos to be donated. If you would like to help replace the old photos, please submit your high resolution image labeled with bird name from the book to [IEBackyardBirds@gmail.com](mailto:IEBackyardBirds@gmail.com).

Find Facebook fan pages for these books:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/276411019369793> and

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/199762318119825> .



Laurie Meilke has graciously allowed us to use her photo of a Kestrel in flight.

# Uncommon Usefulness of Native Sunflowers

by Jennifer Iyer

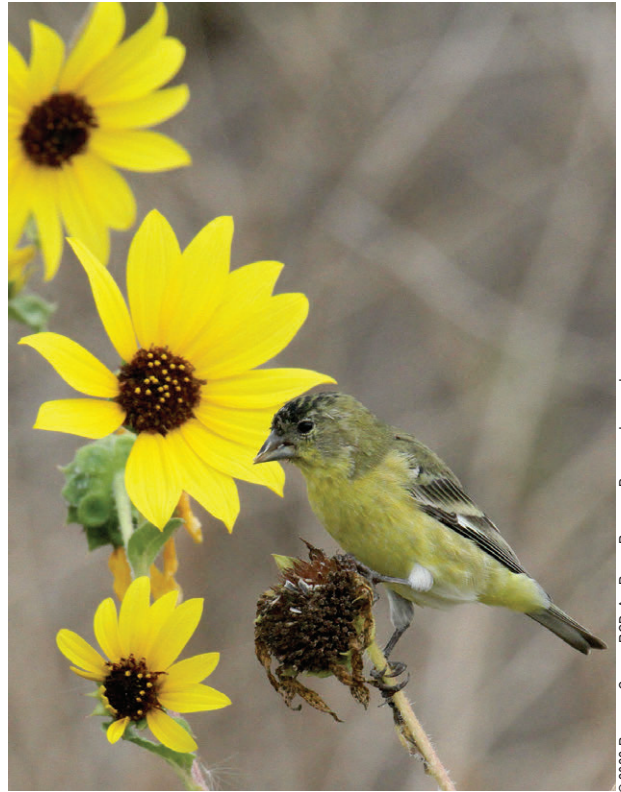
You can thank the wild common sunflower, *Helianthus annuus*, for those seeds you eat at a baseball game, the healthy sunflower oil you cook with and for providing food for birds and other wildlife.

The native annual grows wild here in the Santa Ana River bottom, and can be found across the country and beyond in open lots, along roadways and in home gardens.

Commercially grown sunflowers were derived from the native species, and are one of the few crops native to North America.

Lesser goldfinches love to eat the smaller seeds of the wild flowers, and native bees can often be seen collecting their pollen. Watch a video about these uncommonly useful plants at [youtube.com/watch?v=2bfxAxPsY4g](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2bfxAxPsY4g).

Videos about native plants and more can be found at [youtube.com/channel/UCZ9qcZKB2xePvErzAbsCZuQ/videos](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZ9qcZKB2xePvErzAbsCZuQ/videos).



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Sunflowers attract many insects and birds such as this goldfinch.

# Thank You Volunteers

RCRCD is very appreciative of all our volunteers, especially Amy Fisk and Emma Kennedy.

Amy Fisk recently assembled and displayed a nest collection for the LandUse Learning Center. She is a graduate of our 2018 California Naturalist class. Her goals include improving the quality of life around her and to keep educating herself. She says “Be waste free!”

Amy has been a fan of nature since childhood, interested in plants, insects, and rocks. She enjoys volunteering and learning about agronomy, agriculture, soil science, and ecology.

Emma Kennedy’s interest in environmental science brought her to the LandUse Learning Center this past year. As a volunteer, she has assembled educational displays, engaged visitors with hands-on activities, and curated educational materials and learning resources.

Emma set up our Leafpack Project and facilitated a hands-on macroinvertebrate activity for a Girl Scout event. She assists with site maintenance, weeding, and sign cleaning.

Many thanks to Amy and Emma. See page 3 for all the ways you can join our awesome group of volunteers.



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Amy Fisk



EMMA KENNEDY PHOTO TAKEN FROM A SPORTS BANNER

Emma Kennedy

# What's All This Talk About Monarch Butterflies?

Concerning Monarch butterfly population declines have convinced many people to jump into action to help save the species. For the Western Monarch, our native Narrow-leaf Milkweed (*Asclepias fascicularis*) is the caterpillar's host plant: it's needed for the female to lay her eggs on and for the caterpillars to eat and grow.

The Riverside-Corona Resource Conservation District (RCRCD) has been working to help save the Monarch in a variety of ways. Since much of our native milkweed was lost when habitat lands were developed to other uses, mainly cities and agriculture, we set out to plant local native milkweed.

- RCRCD's nursery manager Ernesto Alvarado collected local native seed (with permits) and propagated native narrow-leaf milkweed and a variety of native plants that provide energy-rich nectar for the adult butterfly stage.
- Over the past year, 107 volunteers have helped plant and weed a 2-acre habitat site at RCRCD's Greenbelt property. A total of 800 nectar plants and nearly 1,500 milkweed plants are in the ground, thanks to our volunteers and a grant from the Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) via the California Association of Resource Conservation Districts.



More native Narrow-leaf Milkweed (*Asclepias fascicularis*) is needed to support Monarchs.

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Ernesto Alvarado led the planting at the Greenbelt property.

Learning Center, and Ryan Bonaminio Park where 30 volunteers planted 1,240 plants donated by the Xerces Society.

RCRCD hosted a free, family-friendly Pollinator Festival with 18 partnering organizations, including the Riverside Neighborhood Partnership. That event won awards from the California Association of Public Information Officers (CAPIO) and the Public Relations Society of America Inland Empire chapter (PRSA-IE).

These activities all help Riverside fulfill the National Wildlife Federation certification program: The Mayor's Monarch Challenge. The program recommends 25 actionable steps that are organized into three categories: Communication and Events; Projects and Demonstration Gardens; Systems Change.

Riverside's prior mayor Rusty Bailey began the Mayor's Monarch Challenge in 2019. From 2019-2022 RCRCD orchestrated the city-wide initiative to fulfill the Challenge objectives. Staff conducted a variety of plantings and events, including hosting a native plant sale for the California Native Plant Society. Volunteers helped plant at three sites: Sycamore Creek Interpretive Center, the LandUse



Over 30 volunteers planted milkweed at Ryan Bonaminio Park.

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The District went on to create an online *Power of Pollinators* education program in partnership with the Southwest Resource Management Association (SRMA) that shared a grant provided by the Environmental Education Collaborative (<https://enviroedcollaborative.com/>). Learn more about the free, virtual school education program in the video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O14OKwIMOiw&t=15s> . To request a link to the class, contact Resource Educator Erin Snyder at [snyder@rcrcd.org](mailto:snyder@rcrcd.org) or (909) 683-7691, Ext. 207.

Naturalist Michele Felix-Derbarmdiker has been providing adult *Power of Pollinators* presentations, as well.

For farmers, we recommend planting field edges with hedgerows of native plants, especially milkweed. See *Planting a Hedgerow for the SoCal Inland Region* at: <https://www.rcrcd.org/files/4bab03892/Hedgerow.pdf> .

A garden committee has planned a pollinator garden for the community garden at Northside Agricultural Innovation Center. RCRCD staff assisted with the plans and will be providing milkweed starts and signage for that site. With funding from the Wildlife Conservation Board, RCRCD has created two companion Milkweed and Monarchs interpretive signs. The 36 by 24 inch signs will be installed at four demonstration gardens.

In 2021, Riverside’s current mayor, Patricia Lock Dawson, chose to continue with the Challenge and provided a Proclamation during city council meeting June 1, 2021. She is stepping up the City’s commitment with plans to install a new pollinator garden at City Hall adjacent to Mariposa Alley where gigantic butterflies have been fabricated from recycled cans. RCRCD will provide a set of the Monarch signs for her downtown landscaping demonstration.



Philip Falcone, Press Secretary to Mayor Lock Dawson, is standing in front of the planned pollinator garden at City Hall holding a printout of the interpretive signs that will be installed.

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Tom Donahue (Riverside Neighborhood Partnership) and Diana Ruiz (RCRCD) accepted the Monarch Challenge proclamation from Mayor Lock Dawson at the June 1, 2021 City Council meeting.

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## How Can You Help?

Volunteers are needed for bi-monthly Monarch caterpillar surveys from April to September, 2022. The first training for larval monitoring using the *Monarch and Milkweed Mapper* app <https://www.monarchmilkweedmapper.org/> will be held March 26, 2022.

If you are interested in volunteering, sign up at <https://www.rcrcd.org/volunteer-opportunities> or email our Naturalist Michele at [Felix-Derbarmdiker@rcrcd.org](mailto:Felix-Derbarmdiker@rcrcd.org).

To learn more about how you can help from your own home, watch the video *Monarchs and Milkweed* at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hclld6mL-vUw> and see the publication *Steps for Success with Milkweed and Monarchs* at [https://www.rcrcd.org/files/65eb89ba5/2020\\_Monarch\\_Milkweed\\_for\\_SoCal.pdf](https://www.rcrcd.org/files/65eb89ba5/2020_Monarch_Milkweed_for_SoCal.pdf) .



# The Wildcat of North America

by Michele Felix-Derbarndiker

The Bobcat (*Lynx rufus*) is the most abundant wild cat of North America, but it is very elusive, so seeing one is a rare treat. Catching a glimpse of this beautiful animal can leave one with a sense of awe or perhaps inspire a chuckle. Bobcats are stealthy predators but their bobbed tail, large ears and feet that seem in disproportion with their bodies, can give them a slightly comical appearance. Whether your encounter prompts awe, a smile or both, bobcats are an impressive animal that should be respected and better understood.

## Habitat/Feeding

Bobcats can be found in a variety of habitats in North America, as well as Canada and Mexico. Like most cats, they rely on stealth and camouflage to hunt, so thickly vegetated habitats are preferable. The cats mark their well-defined territories with urine, feces and claw marks. Several females can have territories within a male's territory but female territories do not overlap. Bobcats are at home in mountain, woodland, semi-arid, arid and even suburban environments. The cats expertly utilize the components of their territories to stalk and hunt small animals, primarily rabbits. Don't let their size fool you. Bobcats are opportunistic, crepuscular (active during twilight) hunters with long, muscular back legs capable of leaping 12 feet, excellent vision/hearing, sharp retractable claws and strong jaws, allowing them to take down prey eight times their weight. Prey will vary based on geographical location and seasonal changes.



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## Breeding

This normally solitary cat will begin to seek out a mate in late winter into early spring. Pairs are not monogamous; both males and females will mate with several partners. Females typically give birth in April or May to 1- 6 kittens. Young are born in the main den within the female's territory and raised only by the female. The kittens begin to travel and learn to hunt with their mother around 5 months old and disperse to establish their own territory by their first birthday. Most breed by their second year. Adults have few predators but kittens can be preyed upon by coyotes, owls, eagles, cougars, bears and male bobcats.

## Identification

The North American Bobcat shares similar characteristics with other members of the Lynx genus. They are often confused with the Canada Lynx but each species has its own characteristics. Some identifying characteristics include:

- **Size:** About double the size of an average house cat. Weight range: 14 – 40 pounds
- **Coloration:** Can vary depending on location. For example, cats in the mountains tend to be darker, while those in dryer regions are lighter in color. Fur is primarily tan in color with spots and dark bars on foreleg and tail, look for the short “bobbed” tail for which it gets its name. Melanistic\*, bobcats have been recorded in the wild.
- **Appearance:** Yellow eyes with black pupils, long back legs, large paws, pointed black tipped ears, ruffs of extended fur around the face





Many thanks to Gary Sandjian from the Oak Glen Preserve for the use of their beautiful bobcat photos.

## Threats

Currently, Bobcat populations are stable within their range. Localized dwindling populations can be found. Until protections were established in the 1970's, populations were steadily decreasing due to overhunting. Despite these protections, Bobcats still face several threats:

- urbanization/habitat fragmentation
- ingestion of rodenticides
- diseases from ticks and mites
- decreased genetic variation
- continued hunting for sport, fur, and livestock protection
- car collisions.

Bobcats are not a threat to humans. If you are fortunate enough to see one, do not try to follow or disturb it. Observe from afar.

\*The term melanism refers to black pigment. Melanism is the increased development of the dark-colored pigment melanin in the skin or hair.

## City Nature Challenge 2022

Take photos of nature, upload, and identify your observations from within San Bernardino and Riverside counties between April 29 and May 8.

The City Nature Challenge (CNC) is an annual four-day global *bioblitz*\* where cities or areas are in a “collaboration meets friendly competition” to see what can be accomplished when we all work toward a common goal. The competition is to see which areas can gather the most observations of nature, find the most species, and engage the most people in the event. Since 2016, CNC has grown into an international event, motivating people around the world to find and document wildlife in their cities.

The local competition is coordinated by the Cal State San Bernardino Department of Biology. For more information, see <https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/city-nature-challenge-2022-inland-empire> .



### \*What is a *bioblitz*?

“A BioBlitz is an event that focuses on finding and identifying as many species as possible in a specific area over a short period of time. At a BioBlitz, scientists, families, students, teachers, and other community members work together to get a snapshot of an area’s biodiversity.”

## Concerned About Weather Extremes?

Climate and resiliency groups and agencies convened at the LandUse Learning Center in January to meet each other and to conduct an event about adapting to weather extremes and climate. The event brought together our Climate Steward and California Naturalist graduates with local climate resiliency and advocacy groups. The organizations met to discuss ways to attack the climate challenge more efficiently.

Many ideas were generated about projects, events, and advocacy. Since then, the organizations have discussed ways to better communicate and coordinate on local initiatives. The Community Climate Connection (CCC at <https://communityclimateconnection.org>) had already created a website with nearly 100 groups, a speakers' bureau, and a calendar of events. The new collaborative asked Linda and Milan Hamilton of CCC to provide a weekly update. In turn, organizations agreed to more fully use the website and post their programs to the community calendar. Those interested in sharing local climate-related opportunities, such as events, meetings, or campaigns, should send information to Milan by each Wednesday at: [cccinlandempire@gmail.com](mailto:cccinlandempire@gmail.com). Also contact him if you would like to get on the mailing list.

The network of groups that participated included:

- UCR's Climate Action Corp
- Riverside Food Systems Alliance
- GRID Alternatives
- Great Old Broads for Wilderness
- Environmental Education Collaborative (EEC)
- Chicano Indigenous Community for Culturally Conscious Advocacy and Action (ChICCCAA)
- Riverside 350
- Riverside County Climate Reality
- Sierra Club's climate group
- Citizens Climate Lobby

## Cool Climate Café

A second outgrowth of the meeting was the creation of the Cool Climate Café, an opportunity to meet online using the Meetup app. The Cool Climate Café is a place where people who are concerned about climate can meet others, ask questions, learn about what's going on locally, and get inspired to join one, or more groups.

Shaul Rosen-Rager from Citizens' Climate Lobby-SW Riverside County hosts the Friday night online event at 7 PM. Shaul writes: "Everyone is welcome, from the climate-curious to the committed activist. It's a safe, easy-going, no-pressure place to hang out. The meetup serves as sort of a support group as sometimes we get worn out, we lose our hope, and our energy wanes. The feelings of discouragement that come up when dealing with this enormous problem are often rooted in early experiences, and can be released, so we can work from a place of hope, courage and joy."

Find the Cool Climate Café at <https://www.meetup.com/Cool-Climate-Cafe/>.



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Mary Valdemar and Jason Martinez of ChICCCAA and Jackie Gardener and Carol Kinzel of EEC hosted tables at the Climate Meetup.

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## Roy Takeno Conservation Education Champion

It is with great sadness that we said goodbye to our dear board member Roy Takeno who passed away on January 3, 2022. Roy served on the RCRC board of directors for 41 years and was a champion of conservation education. He was the kind of person who loved life and attacked adversity.

Even though his family lost everything and spent over three years in an internment camp when he was young, Roy grew up to become a veteran, a successful business owner, and a beloved leader of family and community. Roy gave back to his community in many ways and especially when it came to sponsoring sports and girls' softball.

In 2000 Roy had his first back surgery, from which he would never walk again. Although paralyzed and confined to a wheelchair, Roy continued to serve on the board, run his business, and spend lots of enjoyable time with his family and grandchildren.

At RCRC, Roy was a strong advocate for education, sponsoring the development of the native fish stream; providing plants and materials for incredible school gardens; and providing the first fruit trees to begin development at the LandUse Learning Center.

Roy demonstrated a life well-lived, and he will forever be in the hearts of those of us who had the privilege of knowing him.



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Roy with dignitaries at the Ameal Moore Nature Center Citizen Science dedication.



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Roy and family at the Alcott Elementary School garden dedication with teacher Carolyn Linderman (left).



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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**LandUse Learning Center**

Open 7 days a week, 8 am - 4 pm. Closed holidays.

**Ask a Master Gardener** 9 am - noon

First Saturdays of each month at the LandUse Learning Center,

**Speaker Series** 10 am (See article page 2)

April 2 *All About Avocados* Linda Mullins  
May 7 *Let's Get Figgy with It!* Larry Dodson  
June 4 *Irrigation and Water Conservation* Kerwin Russell

**UC California Naturalist Training** (See article page 1)

April 9 - June 4

**Riverside Public Utilities Earth Day Event**

April 23, 11 am, Free. Family activities, demonstrations.

<https://riversideca.gov/calendar/event/dig-soil-health-earth-day-event>

**City Nature Challenge** (See article page 9)

April 29 - May 2: Take photos of nature. May 3 - May 8: Upload and identify observations. Competition results will be announced Monday, May 9.

**Riverside Insect Fair**

April 30, 10 am - 4 pm, Riverside Main Library downtown.

<https://riversideca.gov/insectfair>

**Riverside Garden Tour**

April 23 & 24, 10 am - 4 pm, Free. Six gardens and craft fair.

<https://www.riversideflowershow.com/>

**Rattlesnake Avoidance Class for Dogs** (See article page 2)

May 7, Call to make an appointment, Sycamore Creek Interpretive Center

**UC Master Gardeners Plant Sale at the Grow Lab**

May 14, 9 am - 1 pm. Plant sale, info booths, free plant id, compost demo

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1506721329724171>

**North American Pollinator Week**

June 20 - 26: Lots of information and activities for all ages at

<https://www.pollinator.org/pollinator-week>

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