

# Stanislaus Flyer

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Stanislaus Wildlife Care Center

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The Mission of SWCC is to promote respect for wildlife and increase the public's awareness of the importance of preserving wildlife through the care of injured and orphaned California native wild animals and community education.

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## Creature Feature

### Hummingbirds

*Hues flashing in a blur  
Zip zoom pause, zig,zag.sip  
Hummer in my blooms*

*By Nancy Haydock*

What a pleasure it is to watch tiny, truly remarkable hummingbirds in my garden. They flit from flower to flower, flashing green and red as the sun glints off their feathers. The most common hummingbird in this area is Anna's hummingbird, but many other species visit backyards.

Hummingbirds can hover, stop instantly, fly in different directions, and fly even upside down briefly. Some make round-trip migration flights of close to one thousand miles. If the wind is right, they can fly up to fifty miles per hour.

It is well known that hummingbirds live on flower nectar., but they also eat lots of insects. Watch them as they perch on a branch, then dart out and back, catching gnat sized flying bugs. These are a vital source of protein.

Hummers live short, fast lives, averaging life span is three to six years. The oldest recorded hummingbird lived nine years. Their wings beat eighty times per second. They breathe 250 times per minute, and their heart beats 1,260 times per minute.

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To attract hummers to your yard, plant plants they feed on and hang feeders out of the reach of cats. The recipe for the feeders: boil one cup sugar in four cups water for four minutes. Cool before adding to the feeder. Coloring is not necessary. Keep in the refrigerator while not in use. Be sure to clean feeders every time they are refilled or every few days.

See the last page for a list of plants that hummingbirds love.

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Female Anna's Hummingbird Veronica Sandow

# Baby Animal Shower



Baby Animal Shower

Kate Evans

## Thank You Raffle Donors

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Tractor Supply, Turlock  
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Waterford Vet  
West Turf Nursery

By Cindy Manning

For weeks we checked the weather predictions for April 6, 2019, the day of our annual Baby Animal Shower. For several days before that Saturday, the weather forecast predicted rain on Saturday. We would not cancel Baby Animal Shower but were prepared to buy more shelters.

The weather turned out beautiful!

Our docents gave animal presentations throughout the day. The Stanislaus County Library had a book giveaway and storytelling time. Other activities included rock painting, a fishing game, face painting, and crafts for the kids. The sixty plus raffle items included a Yeti cooler, Weber BBQ grill and many beautiful gift baskets.

Hopper, our resident raven, is over 24 years old and blind. He is retiring to a smaller cage for safety reasons. He is doing fine and gets lots of attention from our staff. Hopper was in his old cage for the Baby Animal Shower, and people signed a guest book wishing Hopper a happy retirement.

Over 1200 people attend the 2019 Baby Animal Shower, which beat our record of 1100 the previous year. We raised about \$9000 and received lots and lots of supplies for the baby animal season.

A big thank you to the girl scout troops 3365, led by Heather Woodard; Troop 2247, led by Karen Clendenin; and the girl scout troop led by Kristi Rizotto, which spent the day helping us.

The event committee members, Linda Weidman, Kate Evans, Kian Tobin, and Dorothy Tuggle all did a great job getting raffle prizes donated. It made a huge difference. Thank you to all of the volunteers.

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## Supplies We Need

Paper Towels  
Toilet Paper (for bird nests)  
Kleenex (for bird nests)  
Puppy Pads  
13 gal plastic garbage bags  
Dishwashing Gloves (S & M)

**Volunteers & Money**

**This is the busiest time of the year. We are admitting ten to twenty animals per day. More than anything else, we need money.**

# Raptor Complex

By Donna Burt

It's up!

The long-awaited raptor complex is built. It passed final inspection. It is hard to judge by looking at the outside, but inside, there are eight spacious aviaries.

Construction almost went as planned. The county mandated concrete footings not required by the manufacturing. That required a lot more cement, digging, and forms. And cost an additional \$10,000, leaving us short of funds right in the middle of our busy season.



Raptor Complex

Donna Burt

As I write this, we are plumbing water into each aviary. However, we have to buy hoses, sprayers, and hose hangers. And, we still need to put the dirt back into the irrigation trenches, level out the floors, and plant grass seed. Last, we still have to hang perches. That sounds so simple, but there are eight cages, and each one needs at least three perches – a minimum of twenty-four perches to make and hang. Some of these perches are 2" x 4" lumber covered with plastic grass or other similar materials and hung by chains sheathed in old lawn hoses. Some of the perches are tree branches that we have collected from our landscaping. They all have to be hung from the ten-foot-high roof.

By the time you read this, birds should be inside the aviaries getting ready for release. Then we can start on the exterior landscaping. There are shade trees to plant, walkways to build, and a plaque honoring our funders to design.

Thank you, everyone, who contributed to this project. Special thanks to Drew Kohen, our general contractor. I doubt he has ever built anything like this before, but he went out of his way to make sure the construction was successful.

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## Moving??

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SWCCenter@StanislausWildlife.org

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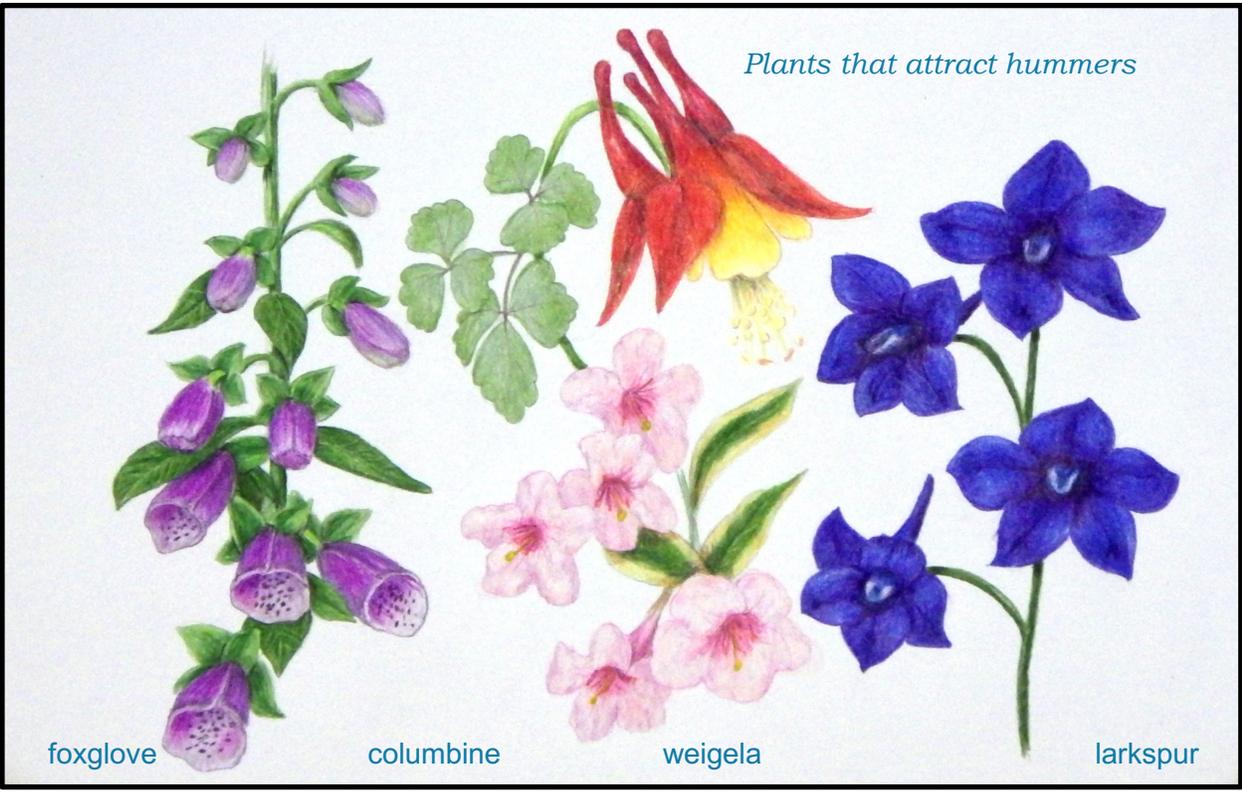
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