

January 2025



New Year's Resolutions

So, who qualifies to be a volunteer at Madrona Marsh you might ask. Well, it is a teacher, a banker, a health care professional, or a construction worker. You can be currently employed or retired.



It is a person who enjoys talking to people both young and old.

It is someone who likes to be inside a building or outdoors being in nature.

It is someone who likes to show others about nature, perhaps you can learn to become a docent or teach a class.

THIS MONTHS EVENTS

Kids Book Sale!
Nature Center Lobby
through January

Every Friday

Friday Fun*

10:00 am - Noon

Every Saturday

Guided Nature Walk

10:00 am - Noon

Thursday, January 2nd

Tyke Hike

10:00 am - Noon

Saturday, January 4th

Star Party

6:00 - 8:30 pm

Thursday, January 9th

Nature Storytime & Crafts

10:30 am - Noon

Saturday, January 11th

Seeds to Superbloom -

South Bay Parkland

Conservancy

1:00 - 3:00 PM

Night Hike*

6:30-8:30 pm

It is someone who like to garden and learn about indigenous plants.



Wed - Fri, January 22-24
CA Anostraca and
Notostraca Identification
Class*
8:00 am - 6:00PM

Saturday, January 25th
Bird Walk PV/SB Audubon
Society
9:00 - 11:00 am

*** Registration required**

Essentially anyone can qualify to be a volunteer at the Marsh. We have a diverse of need and are adept at matching your interests to our needs.

Volunteering at Madrona Marsh provides a feeling of purpose and helps the community you live in.

And in turn it promotes mental and physical health and well-being for you.

Consider doing something new this year.

Put on your resolution list "Volunteering at Madrona Marsh."

Madrona Marsh needs YOU and your time and talent!

Remember: even what seems like a small contribution makes an impact.

Learn More About Volunteering at
Madrona Marsh



Join Us

Come join us at the Madrona Marsh visitor center for a free presentation.

SEEDS to SUPERBLOOM

Pollinators and Native Plants

presented by South Bay Parkland Conservancy

Saturday, January 11, 2025

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

[Learn More](#)

Featured Sighting

The Western Red-Shouldered Hawk (*Buteo lineatus elegans*) is a striking raptor often found visiting and nesting with its mate and offspring in Madrona Marsh Preserve. Distinguished by its rich reddish-brown shoulders and barred chest, this agile hunter specializes in catching small mammals, reptiles, and amphibians. Its distinctive "kee-aah" call often echoes through the preserve. Look for it soaring above or in its stick nest high in the trees near Sepulveda Blvd.

Photo by Jeanne Bellemin



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From the Manager



by Liz Evans
Madrona Marsh Preserve Manager

This past December was a beautiful way to end 2024. The Friends of Madrona Marsh capped off their 50th anniversary celebrations with a lovely Volunteer Luncheon in the Nature Center. There was delicious food, fun prizes, and great company, including a nice visit from Torrance Mayor George Chen. Thank you to every single volunteer that donated their time in 2024 towards making the Madrona Marsh such a beautiful place to visit.



In December, we also had a farewell celebration for Carol Craft, the volunteer who created and runs our monthly Nature Storytime program. Carol has dedicated her life to educating the young children of this region in art, science, and reading, and we thank her deeply for her years of service. December was her last go of leading Nature Storytime and it will have a new leader in the New Year.



Seven local high school students spent their December days off from school working on their science projects about the Marsh under the excellent guidance of our Sciences Coordinator, Miriam Taeubel. The Audubon held their annual Christmas Bird Count in the Preserve on December 22nd. We look forward to seeing the results of the count in early January.

This month we had several rounds of Habitat Restoration workdays in the Marsh. With the help of so many volunteers, the Preserve is ready for the winter rains. We have only had trace amounts of rain since October 1st, but we're hopeful that 2025 will bring rain to the Marsh.

My wish for 2025 is to watch the Madrona Marsh continue to flourish as habitat for local and migratory wildlife and as a center of community gathering.

Happy New Year! 🌟

