

East Bay   
Regional Park District

# 2012 Calendar

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## Creatures



Healthy Parks   
Healthy People





# January 2012

This reclusive, primarily nocturnal native **gray fox** (*Urocyon cinereoargenteus*) is an excellent tree climber. It is common in most Regional Parks, including Carquinez, Coyote Hills, Crockett Hills, Sycamore Valley, and Tilden. *Photo by Jen Joynt.*

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# February 2012

Morning dew cloaking a spider's web reveals the beauty of the web's structure and texture. After constructing a web, some spiders lie at the center in wait for their prey. Other spiders attach a line to their web and hide; if the prey touches the web, the line vibrates and alerts the spider! *Photo by Lee Greengrass.*

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# March 2012

Protecting open spaces allows wild creatures such as the elusive and adaptable **bobcat** (*Lynx rufus*) to thrive. The felines live in the woodlands of Black Diamond, Del Valle, Diablo Foothills, Las Trampas, Pleasanton Ridge, Round Valley, and Sunol/Ohlone Regional Parks. *Photo by Jen Joynt.*

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# April 2012

The **gopher snake** (*Pituophis catenifer*) is sometimes mistaken for a rattlesnake, and this similarity may help it to ward off potential predators. Its general coloration and behavior mimic the venomous rattlesnake, but the gopher snake is harmless. Found in nearly all Regional Parks, it is beneficial to the environment and should be left alone. *Photo by Steve Bobzien.*

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Easter Sunday						<b>14</b> Tartan Day Scottish Fair, Ardenwood Wildflower Festival <i>Sunol</i>
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	 NEW
<b>21</b>						Alameda Earth Day Event <i>Crown Beach</i>
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# May 2012

Look for the **American painted lady** (*Vanessa virginiensis*) in late spring or early summer. Here one rests at the Regional Parks Botanic Garden in Tilden. Visit this nationally recognized garden for advice on planting California natives to attract butterflies to your garden. *Photo by Jen Joynt.*

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# June 2012

Each summer the endangered **California least tern** (*Sterna antillarum browni*) migrates from Baja California to the Bay Area to breed. Volunteers created a "tern island" at Hayward Regional Shoreline to compensate for the shorebirds' habitat loss. *Photo by Isa Polt-Jones.*

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# July 2012

The **blue-eyed darner** (*Rhionaeschna multicolor*), common in California, is one of five dragonflies native to the United States. Look for them in early summer near lakes, ponds, and marshes. It is usually the male seen near the water; males forage and patrol for females near water while females range more widely. *Photo by Lee Greengrass.*

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# August 2012

The cold-blooded **western pond turtle** (*Actinemys marmorata*) can be seen atop rocks or old snags basking in the summer sun. This is California's only native turtle and is listed as a Species of Special Concern. *Photo by Sally Kimmel.*

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A healthy ecosystem provides habitat for the **coyote** (*Canis latrans*), endemic throughout North America. It lives in small family groups in parks such as Coyote Hills, Diablo Foothills, Dublin Hills, Mission Peak, Sobrante Ridge, Sycamore Valley, and Tilden. *Photo by Jen Joynt.*

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The booming hoot of the great horned owl (*Bubo virginianus*) is a reminder of the protected wildness that can be found in the East Bay Regional Park District. These owls can sometimes be seen in the daylight hours, hidden in treetops awaiting nightfall – their prime hunting hours. *Photo by Jen Joynt.*

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The Park District manages shoreline parks that provide habitat for native shorebirds. This **black-necked stilt** (*Himantopus mexicanus*) stands in contrast against **American white pelicans** (*Pelicanus erythrorhynchos*), some of the largest birds in North America. *Photo by Jerry Ting.*

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The **California newt** (*Taricha torosa*), found throughout the west coast, produces a toxin in its skin to ward off predators. Some garter snakes exhibit a resistance to the toxin, resulting in the newts producing a more potent toxin. In turn, garter snakes develop an even greater resistance, leading to a newt/snake “evolutionary arms race.”

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The larvae of the Isabella tiger moth (Pyrrharctia isabella) are called "woolly bears" because of their long, thick, fur-like hairs or bristles. Common folklore holds that the severity of a coming winter can be predicted by the amount of black on the caterpillar. In truth, the color on the caterpillar determines its age and how close it is to metamorphosis, which results in the emergence of the Isabella tiger moth.

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On the Cover: The long-billed curlew (Numenius americanus) – the master of the mudflats—uses its 9.5-inch bill to probe for crabs and clams along the shoreline. This is the largest of our North American shorebirds, and can be seen from August to April along East Bay Regional Park District shorelines. Photo by Jerry Ting.

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The muskrat (*Ondatra zibethicus*) is most active at night or near dawn and dusk. They feed on cattails and other aquatic vegetation, helping to maintain open areas in marshes that are habitat for aquatic birds. Photo by Davor Desancic.

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