

The Critter Chronicle

Special Edition: Living with Urban Wildlife **after the fires**

Some helpful hints for hard times

We've lost over 83% of our parkland. Our wild neighbors have lost vast amounts of habitat. It is important to keep domestic pets safe. You will probably see more wildlife in the area. The wildlife is not sick; there is no place to hide. It is important to not feed the wildlife.

Protecting Domestic Pets

Ideas:

- ⇒ Accompany your pets at dusk and dawn (large and small)
- ⇒ Ensure smaller pet are never unattended in backyards
- ⇒ Secure doggie doors to avoid unwanted guests
- ⇒ Invest in knowledge on coyote hazing and habits of our urban wildlife
- ⇒ Cats are vulnerable to attacks at any time. Keep them inside or build a cat patio or "catio" for them



For more information, check out the **Nature Neighbor Project** page: [Nature Neighbor Link](#). The Nature Neighbor project is a great resource for ideas on coexisting with our wild friends.

Chickens, Ducks, and Turkeys

Coyotes, bobcats, raccoons, mountain lions, opossums, and hawks prey on chickens if given the opportunity.

Unsupervised and "free-range" chickens are vulnerable to attacks. Please contact us for ideas on how to secure your chicken coop.

Mini horses, donkeys, alpacas, llamas, and sheep

Unprotected mini horses, goats, and alpacas are always at risk. It is recommended to have a roof that withstands 160 pounds of weight. It is also recommended these animals be placed in a fully-protected barn at night. Mountain Lions live in the Simi Hills and can venture into urban areas. **Here is a link to the Mountain**

Lion Foundation's recommended structures.

[Mountain Lion Structures](#)

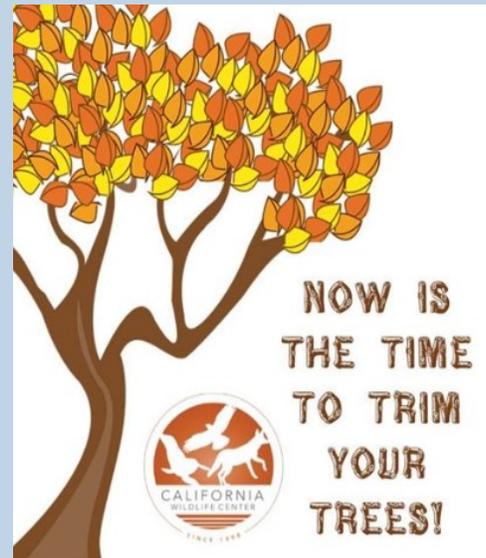
Photo source: Mountain Lion Foundation



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California Wildlife Center (CWC)

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We are fortunate to have a wildlife and rehabilitation facility near Old Agoura. Check out the CWC's FAQ page for answers to wildlife questions. The wild animal you are inquiring about may not need rescuing or it may be an animal the center does not take. [California Wildlife Center](#)

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Coexist with Returning and Remaining Urban Wildlife

Our neighbors are helping us track our urban wildlife. Join our group on Facebook! We are sharing photos of wildlife to observe what wildlife is returning and what wildlife stayed behind. Pictures are posted on PoisonFreeAgoura.com and Facebook.



Lindsay Theule, an Old Agoura resident, spotted this hawk eating a snake (L). Lindsay Theule also saw toads on the trail near her home (R).



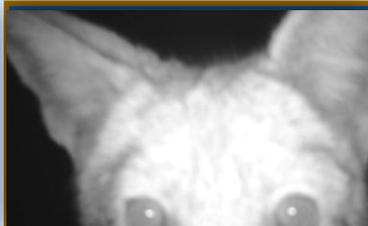
Laila Andersen Biscaldi, an Old Agoura resident, saw a Turkey Vulture taking a sip of water (L). She is also hearing a lot of coyotes in the direction of the Fran Pavley Meadow. Lindsay Theule saw this sweet bunny on the Chesebro trail (R).



I'm excited to report that our resident skunks are still around. Our Facebook group has affectionately named these two, skunks "Pepe and Penelope."



Jessica Hall Prince saw a coyote south of Old Agoura (L) and Jenni Campbell is happy her frolicking squirrels have returned to her Annandale home (R).



DON'T BE SHY! SHARE YOUR PHOTOS WITH US on our Coexisting with Agoura Hills Urban Wildlife group page!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/310295973081630/>

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Help Urban Wildlife! See RED!

Repel, Exclude, and Deter rodents. Ask us about **alternatives to rodent poisons and glue traps**. Our team at **Poison Free Agoura** is here for you! PoisonFreeAgouraToday@gmail.com <https://poisonfreeagoura.com/>



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Pets, and Pumas.