

The Critter Chronicle

This issue is for the “birds.”

COEXISTING WITH BIRDS

- ◆ Recommended food for hummingbird feeders: four parts water to one part white sugar
- ◆ Clean hummingbird feeders every couple of days
- ◆ Place floating pool toys in your pool to discourage ducks and cover your pool during duck migration
- ◆ Keep cats inside so they will not disturb fledglings
- ◆ Place a chimney cap over your chimney to avoid owl and hawk nesting

Find our how to attract birds: <https://www.nwf.org/Garden-for-Wildlife/Wildlife/Attracting-Birds>

Bird Checklist for the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area: https://www.nps.gov/samo/learn/nature/upload/SAMO_Birds.pdf

Prevent birds from hitting windows via the use of decals, bird tape, and screens. It is best to keep your bird feeders away from windows.

If you find a “stunned” bird, all hope for recovery is not lost. I found one while I was running and carried it home on my iPhone. I placed it in a cardboard box and let it rest. I ensured predators could not reach the box. The stunned bird survived.

If you do not see recovery, contact the California Wildlife Center **310.458.9453**

Please visit the California Wildlife Center webpage for do’s and don’ts regarding taking care of injured songbirds.

http://50.87.249.149/~cawildli/?page_id=3830#tab-id-13



Hints for your bird feeders

Keep birds healthy by cleaning your seed feeder on a regular basis. Molds can make birds sick. It is essential to place a tray under your feeder so seeds will not attract rodents. Here is a link that contains information on seed feeders and hummingbird feeders.

<https://www.allaboutbirds.org/how-to-clean-your-bird-feeder/>



Taped windows

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Poison Free Agoura Update

AB 1788 Update:

AB 1788 is a bill introduced by Assemblymember, Richard Bloom to prohibit the use of Second Generation Anticoagulant Rodenticides (SGARS) in the state of California, and the use of First Generation Anticoagulant Rodenticides (FGARS) on state-owned property. The bill was introduced in February and passed through three committees. It is now at the California Senate level for review.

https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/billHistoryClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB1788

Protect Our Wildlife Signs

Thank you, neighbors, for using alternatives to rat poisons and displaying the Santa Monica Mountains Fund Break the Poison Chain signs. Take the pledge today!



<https://samofund.org/stewardship/break-the-poison-chain/>

Here are the numbers of houses in **Old Agoura** displaying the signs: **Chesebro (4), Foothill (3), Fairview (8), Colodny (11), and Driver (1).**

PoisonFreeAgoura.com	PoisonFreeMalibu.org
Keep pets and wildlife safe by using alternatives to rodent poisons.	
ANTICOAGULANT RODENTICIDES	
Second Generation: Not available in stores - advanced and dangerous	
Brodifacoum Difenacoum Difethialone Bromadiolone	
First Generation Available in stores - dangerous	
Diphacinone Clorophacinone Warfarin	
OTHER RODENT POISONS	
Zinc Phosphide Bromethalin (neurotoxin)* Cholecalciferol (Vitamin D3)*	
*No antidote	



Raptors and Rodent Poisons

DID YOU KNOW?



One poisoned rat can wipe out a family of barn owls.

If your neighbors are using rat poisons, **DO NOT** put up owl boxes.

HOW CAN WE HELP YOU?

Our postcards are a way we can help members of our community and local businesses with alternatives to rodent poisons.

Our first postcard provides tips on how to repel, exclude, and deter rodents.

Our second postcard offers suggestions on how to keep rats from eating car wires.

Our third postcard focuses on the identification of poisons and tips on how to keep your pets safe.



No poison is safe.



Poison Free Agoura had a great time providing education at the Topanga Banjo and Fiddle contest. Our educational “spin the wheel” game was a success! It was a wonderful event and we were happy to be a part of it.

Poison Free Agoura

A team of dedicated Agoura residents who are passionate about people, pets, and urban wildlife!

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Please contact us if you need help with identifying alternatives to rodent poison. We thank you for choosing wildlife!