BOGGY CREEKSIDES

In the preserve, broad, flat creekside areas bordered by trees offer a special kind of habitat. The plants that thrive in these moist soils are working to purify the slow-moving water, promoting aeration and the success of healthy microscopic soil life. This in turn welcomes all sorts of animals that sneakily sunbathe among the low leaves or flit through the fresh, open air above.

Yerba Mansa Anemopsis californica



Black Phoebe Sayornis nigricans

Western Tiger Swallowtail Papilio rutulus

PONDS

Wetland habitats in Southern California are both diverse and endangered, so each is important to protect. The preserve's ponds are man-made but now part of the natural system. Healthy standing water is essential for countless native organisms, both local and migratory, that live, drink, eat, rest and raise young in its thermal layers, on its quiet surface or around its muddy edges.

American Coot Fulica americana



Arroyo Willow Salix lasiolepis

Common Raccoon Procyon lotor

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COASTAL SAGE SCRUB

Out of San Diego County's hundreds of special plant communities, the most commonly seen are the scrub and chaparral communities. These are dominated by shrubs and bushes adapted to tolerate our Mediterranean climate of hot, dry summers and cool, wet winters. Coastal Sage Scrub, or Soft Chaparral, provides 'elfin forests' perfect for many native animals to live or shelter in.



OAK WOODLAND

With their deep roots, evergreen canopies and protein-rich acorns, oaks form the backbone of several key Southern California habitat types. Keep your eyes peeled in our Habitat Garden's developing oak woodland: the oaks and their many supportive understory plants invite in a cornucopia of wonderful wildlife species.





OS JILGUEROS PRESERVE was the very first acquisition of newly-founded Fallbrook Land Conservancy in 1990. This former farm is restored through active being management and the natural resilience of our native ecosystems. It's always growing and changing, offering new surprises and happy reminders on every visit: a piece of land dedicated solely to the preservation of our regional ecology and local rural character. protected due to continuous work and generosity of our community members.



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