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WINGS OVER WETLANDS AT SAN ELIJO LAGOON

Annual Free Bird Migration Festival Swoops in for a Landing January 23-24

Encinitas—About 40% of North American bird species have been observed in San Elijo Lagoon Ecological Reserve. This 1,000-acre wetland hosts migrating winged visitors that wade, hover, hunt, and rest in the lagoons upon which they depend. Birds fly from as far as Canada and Chile along the Pacific flyway. Now is the best time to visit local lagoons.

Wings over Wetlands (Family Discovery Days)

- January 23-24: 1-4 p.m. (rain or shine)
- San Elijo Lagoon Nature Center

Celebrate the arrival of our feathered friends during the winter bird migration. Kids can meet live raptors and enjoy bird-themed crafts, face painting, and interactive nature activities. Conservancy naturalists will have spotting scopes for use along the salt marsh loop trail at San Elijo Lagoon, with excellent birding views. Kids can enjoy learning about bird migrations and how to recognize common birds. Free. All ages.

San Elijo Lagoon Nature Center is located at 2710 Manchester Avenue in Cardiff-by-the-Sea. Family Discovery Days is co-presented by San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy and San Diego County Parks and Recreation. The City of Encinitas and Mizel Family Foundation provide additional funding.

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San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy, founded in 1987, is the nonprofit land trust for the 979-acre San Elijo Lagoon Ecological Reserve. Its mission is to protect and restore the resources of the lagoon, its watershed, and related ecosystems for the benefit of current and future generations. The conservancy's website is www.SanElijo.org and phone is (760) 436-3944.

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