

2018 SIERRA WILDLIFE RESCUE CLASS CALENDAR*

JANUARY

SWR New Volunteer Orientation

Sunday, January 28th, 1pm – 3pm
(no fee or registration required)

Meet current volunteers and discover volunteer opportunities in direct animal care as well as support services such as community education and outreach, grant writing, enclosure building, wood-working, and social media development.

RACCOONS

Individual instruction by appointment (any month)
Instructor: Marty Owen (530) 626-6518

WATERBIRDS, WATERFOWL & GAMEBIRDS

On-site training; to be announced
Instructor: Stefanie Stewart

FEBRUARY

OPOSSUMS

Saturday, February 3rd, 10pm – 12noon
Instructor: Debbie Datilio

SKUNKS

Saturday, February 3rd 1pm – 3pm
Instructor: Debbie Datilio

RAPTORS OF EL DORADO COUNTY

Saturday, February 10th 1pm – 3pm
Instructors: Judy Monestier & Vivian Gaddie

RABBITS

Sunday, February 11th 1pm – 3pm
Instructor: Lisa Stewart

EDUCATION OUTREACH RECRUITMENT

Saturday, February 17th 10am – 12noon
Instructor: Education team

WHO'S IN YOUR BACKYARD

Saturday, February 17th, 1pm – 3pm
Instructor: Judy Monestier

SQUIRRELS

Saturday, February 24th, 1pm – 3pm
Instructor: Linda Mueller

MARCH

BACKYARD HABITAT

Saturday, March 3rd, 1pm – 3pm
Instructor: Judy Thompson

RAPTORS

Thursday, March 22nd, 6pm – 8pm
Instructor: Marty Owen

AVIAN TRIAGE

Saturday, March 31st 10am – 12noon
Instructor: Education team

FOXES, COYOTES, & BOBCATS

Saturday, March 31st 1pm – 3pm
Instructor: Judy Monestier

APRIL

FAWNS

Thursday, April 5th, 6:00pm – 8:00pm
Instructor: Marty Owen

DOVES & PIGEONS

Saturday, April 7th 1pm – 3pm
Instructor: Judy Monestier

INTRODUCTION TO SIERRA WILDLIFE

Saturday, April 14th, 1pm – 3pm
Instructor: Judy Monestier

INTRODUCTION TO THE BABY BIRD NURSERY

Saturday, April 7th, 10am – noon
Tuesday, April 10th, 7pm – 9pm
Saturday, April 21st, 10am – noon
Tuesday, April 24th, 7pm – 9pm
Instructor: Cherie Sinclair

MAY

OWL PELLETS

Saturday, May 12th 10am – 12noon
Instructor: Education team

BABY BIRD NURSERY – HANDS-ON TRAINING

Wednesdays, May–July, 5pm.
Please contact Barbara at (530) 621-2650 for more information

JUNE

THE FOOD CHAIN

Saturday, June 9th 10am – 12noon
Instructor: Education team

JULY

TRACKS AND SCATS

Saturday, July 14th 10am – 12noon
Instructor: Education team

ALL CLASSES WILL BE HELD AT THE SWR WILDLIFE CENTER

(unless otherwise indicated)

777 Pleasant Valley Road

Diamond Springs

*See reverse for more detailed class descriptions

**CALL (530) 621-2650
for class information/location and to sign up for classes**

2018 SPRING CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

See reverse for class dates and times

Introduction To Sierra Wildlife: This class will introduce you to many of the avian and mammal species of wildlife you are likely to see living in El Dorado County. There will be pictures, stories and anecdotes, with plenty of time for answering questions (or trying to) you might have about Sierra Wildlife. Come and join us as we talk about the reasons many of us moved to this area.

Rehabbing Raccoons: The class on Rehabbing Raccoons will be provided through individual instruction, and will include intake information, the basics of rehabbing raccoons, and information on release procedures. Contact Marty Owen at 530-626-6518 to arrange for a convenient date and time.

Rehabbing Water birds, Waterfowl, and Gamebirds: On-site training on rehabbing these birds will be available. Contact Stephanie Stewart at pouletchalet@yahoo.com for further information.

Rehabbing Opossums: A review of the natural history, rescue and rehabilitation processes, including urgent care, feeding, housing and special considerations.

Rehabbing Skunks: A review of the natural history, rescue and rehabilitation processes, including urgent care, feeding, housing and special considerations.

Raptors of El Dorado County: El Dorado County is fortunate to have a wide variety of hawks and owls residing here. This class will describe the natural history of many of these birds, including photos, where they can be found and the unique characteristics of each to help you identify and understand them.

Rehabbing Rabbits: The class on rabbits will provide a brief overview of the three species in El Dorado County [including jackrabbits (lagomorphs)], explanations of how we receive and release orphaned and injured rabbits, and basic training in rehabbing protocols and procedures, as well as insights into rehabbing situations.

Who's in Your Backyard? Want to have a better idea of which wild animals are around your home and neighborhood, and to learn techniques to identify them? Each day and night our yards, homes and neighborhoods are visited by wild critters, many of whom you would not expect to find, or may not see. This class will give you tools to learn more about your visitors--- through sounds, observation, or maybe even scents!

Rehabbing Squirrels: The class on rehabbing squirrels will provide an overview of the six-species found in El Dorado County, and the circumstances that bring them into

our care. We will discuss the various levels of care and support required, with the goal of release back into the wild. This includes the different tasks/jobs that are involved and degrees of commitment that would be necessary.

Backyard Wildlife Habitat: Give wildlife a helping hand by learning how to provide important natural foods (e.g. growing certain plants), water, shelter and places to raise young on your property for it to become certified as a National Wildlife Federation Backyard Wildlife Habitat. This class will give you numerous ideas to help you meet the criteria set by NWF to become certified.

Rehabbing Raptors: This class will provide basic information on rehabbing orphaned or injured raptors (hawks and owls) brought into SWR, and include training in procedures, housing, feeding, health care, and special handling and safety requirements, resulting in successful release back to their natural habitat.

Rehabbing Foxes, Coyotes and Bobcats: SWR rehabs three of our largest and most fascinating predators, who are sometimes seen but rarely understood. While primarily designed for prospective rehabbers, the class will also teach you about the natural history of each of these species, and why they are so important to maintaining the balance of our ecosystem. Additional information and numerous photos will help you to learn more.

Rehabbing Fawns: SWR rescues and rehabs fawns each year through a special rehab license not granted to all rehabbing organizations in the state. This class will cover the basics of fawn rescue, housing, feeding, rehabbing and release, and special considerations due to mule deer behavior.

Rehabbing Doves and Pigeons: While this class is designed for people interested in rehabilitating doves and pigeons, we will go into the natural history of the species, as well as rehabbing techniques. These are wonderful birds and easy to rehab. Learn more about our county's most common birds, and decide if you want to give rehabbing them a try.

Introduction to the Baby Bird Nursery: These classes are designed to introduce new volunteers planning to work at the Baby Bird Nursery this summer (approximately May 1- July 31) to procedures for feeding and caring for the hundreds of orphaned or injured songbirds that are brought to our nursery each year. Volunteers may choose their own shifts of from 2 – 4 hours daily, weekly or on another schedule, and times are flexible. Only one class is required to sign up to work at the nursery.