

A vibrant, stylized illustration of a natural landscape. In the foreground, there are various flowers like sunflowers, purple and yellow blossoms, and a grey squirrel. A large orange and white tiger is on the right. In the background, there are green hills, a city skyline, and a green parrot on a tree branch on the left. The text 'L.A. NATURE FEST' is written in large white letters across the center.

L.A. NATURE FEST

March 17 & 18

DISCOVER L.A.'S WILD SIDE

Schedule of Activities

TOURS and HUNTS

Bird Life in Urban L.A. | 9:45 am

Join a 45-minute exploration through Expo Park with NHMLA's bird expert, Kimball Garrett

SLIME Hunting | 11 am

Slow down and learn how to find and photograph snails and slugs for science. Come learn that there is so much more to these fascinating animals than you ever suspected.

Bug Hunting | 2 pm

How many insects live in our nature garden? A lot! Put your nature eyes on and help us find and photograph them for our L.A. Nature Map.

NATURE LAB

Rat Chat | 10:00 am

Watch our animal keepers train and feed our Norway rats in the Nature Lab

BioSCAN Project | 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Chat with volunteers sorting insect materials for the Museum's BioSCAN project

NATURE NOOK

10:30 am *Mushrooms of Los Angeles*

11:30 am *Live Animal Presentation: Come visit one of your wild neighbors!*

12:30 pm *Get the inside scoop on L.A.'s famous Hollywood Mountain Lion, P-22!*

1:30 pm *Get the inside scoop on beautiful and local hikes with author Casey Schreiner.*

2:30 pm *Bugs and Botany: What's all the buzz about habitat gardening?*

3:30 pm *Hiking the Pacific Crest Trail: Southern California with author Shawnte Salabert*

* seating available on a first come first served basis.

STAGE PERFORMANCES

11:00 am *Storytelling Puppet Show.* We invite you to listen to an enchanting story about local wildlife friends, with puppets

12:00 pm *Taxidermy Demo:* Observe a step-by-step demonstration on preserving an animal

2:00 pm *P-22 Performance:* Come catch a live interview with P-22, the elusive mountain lion of Griffith Park, in this hilarious mask performance.

3:00 pm *Snake Feeding!* Come watch one of our (live) snakes have a (dead) snack!

ONGOING ACTIVITIES

9:30 am – 5:00 pm

- *Keep an eye out for our “Keeper Chats” hosted by our Live Animal Program Team and Tracy Alden! Meet a variety of animals and hear stories about how we care for them. Throughout the day in the Nature Lab, Insect Zoo, and Butterfly Pavilion!*
- *Join the museum’s garden staff in the Pollinator Meadow as we hunt for bugs, birds, and blooms.*
- *Hands on activity stations include making of Nature Journaling, Nature Bookmarks, Animal Ears and We Heart P-22*
- *Look out for special pop-up performances in the Nature Gardens*
- *Nature Scavenger Hunts*
- *Ask a Garden Expert*
- *Rock Stacking*
- *Look through the Spotting Scope*
- *Explore the LADWP Green House and learn about the many ways to save energy inside this fun, educational and interactive home!*

NHMLA RESEARCH & COLLECTIONS

Talk to scientists and nature experts on site to answer all your questions.

Participating NHMLA staff:

- Urban Nature Research Center
- Rancho La Brea
- Taxidermy
- NHMLA Library
- Invertebrate Paleontology
- Echinoderms
- Marine Biodiversity Center
- Crustacea
- Paleo Mammalogy
- Polychaetes
- Malacology
- Garden Staff
- Ornithology
- DISCO

PARTNERING ORGANIZATIONS

- Face Painting with Robin Cohen
- Chaparral Mountain Honey Company
- Mineralogical Society of Southern California
- Farm Fresh to You
- LA Zoo & Botanical Gardens
- Los Angeles Mycological Society
- California Native Plant Society
- California Tortoise and Tortoise Society
- City of LA Stormwater Program
- LA Green Grounds
- Southwestern Herpetological Society
- Los Angeles Audubon
- Aquarium of the Pacific
- Cabrillo Aquarium
- Kimura Bonsai and Landscape Nursery
- Southern California Paleontological Society
- Dishrag Studio
- Modern Hiker + Hiking Pacific Crest Trail: authors Casey Schreiner & Shawnte Salabert
- Citizens for Los Angeles Wildlife (CLAW)
- National Park Service –La Troca Truck
- Tree People
- Art of Tea
- Narrated Objects – Publisher of We Heart P-22 coloring book
- LA County Department of Public Works
- Nature of Wildworks
- 1st Class Animals
- Rattle Snakes with Tracy Alden

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