



The Neal Taylor Nature Center at Cachuma Lake



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The **Santa Ynez groundstar** (*Ancistrocarphus keilii*), a tiny flowering plant once thought nearly extinct, was rediscovered in 2023 on **Vandenberg Space Force Base** in **Lompoc**. Measuring smaller than a penny and limited to just a few acres of sandy chaparral, the plant is incredibly rare and is only known to grow in the Santa Ynez River watershed.

“FOOD 4 THOUGHT” SPEAKERS SERIES: SANTA BARBARA'S DIVERSE WATER SYSTEM, PAST & PRESENT

with Jasmine Showers

Sunday, September 14th
Presentation at 2PM

at the Neal Taylor Nature Center

Admission: Donation



Jasmine will highlight the long history of water conservation in Santa Barbara as well as the City's diverse water portfolio. The City of Santa Barbara has invested in developing water sources and manages one of the most diverse water... [read more>](#)

LAST CHANCE TO "GO BATTY"!

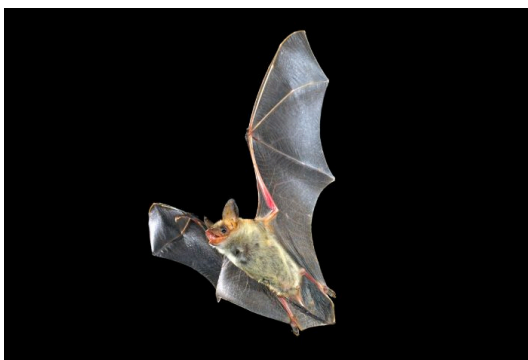
"Going Batty at the Nature Center" isn't over yet, but it will be soon! You still have one more month to join in on this special educational program. We will be hosting the bat show every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evening throughout August, with the last one planned for Saturday, August 30th.





"Going Batty" has been incredibly popular this year! So far this summer, the program raised well over \$2,000 and hosted over 3,000 attendees. We would like to extend a very heartfelt thank you to all who have come out to support the nature center and its programs.

"GOING BATTY" SCHEDULE



Meet in front of the Nature Center for a Docent led talk and Q&A. After learning about the local bats, we'll move to the Native Garden to watch as the bats drop out of the bat boxes to feed. [Learn more](#)

7:40PM on 8/14, 8/15, 8/16
7:30PM on 8/21, 8/22, 8/23
7:20PM on 8/28, 8/29, 8/30

PROGRAM CALENDAR



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The Neal Taylor Nature Center is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, located within Cachuma Lake Recreation Area, in the historic ranch house behind the Cachuma Lake Store.

The mission of the Neal Taylor Nature Center at Cachuma Lake is to encourage public understanding, enjoyment, and protection of Cachuma Lake, the Upper Santa Ynez River, and the San Rafael Mountain Range Watershed.

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Hours

Thursday - Saturday

10am-4pm

Sunday

10am-2pm

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