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The Official Education Newsletter of the Chino Creek Wetlands and Educational Park



A Message From Owlie the Owl:

Happy October, friends! So glad to see you back for Volume 2 of our education newsletter! In this edition, expect to see some exciting education program updates and a brand new set of activities - all treats, no tricks! Don't forget to send my friends at the Inland Empire Utilities Agency a picture of your completed activity(ies) for a prize!

I look forward to chatting with all of you again in the next newsletter, coming January 2022! Talk to you all soo(HOO)n!

-Owlie



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Question: What do you get when you throw a billion books into the ocean? Find out in January's edition!

EDUCATION UPDATES

AT-HOME ACTIVITY VIDEOS

Two new At-home Activity videos have been uploaded to our YouTube channel! Check out @IEUAWater to view our Enviroscape and Learning the Seasons videos. To download the corresponding activity sheets or view IEUA's full menu of free educational resources, visit www.ieua.org and click on Learn About Water.



VIRTUAL FIELD TRIPS

Did you know the Agency offers free virtual field trips? Celebrate back-to-school season with IEUA by scheduling a virtual field trip with your class! Our virtual field trip program follows a similar format to our in-person Water Discovery Field Trips. Teachers can choose up to three activities that fit within their current curriculum needs to teach students about water resources, water-wise practices, and the environment. Visit www.ieua.org and click on Learn About Water for more information.

WEWAC

Calling all educators! Do you want to earn FREE MONEY and a basket of school supplies for your classroom? Check out the 2021-2022 EduBucks Program through WEWAC (Water Education/Water Awareness Committee)! Applications are due by Thursday, November 18, 2021. The application and additional information is available at www.usewaterwisely.com.

SPECIES SPOTLIGHT

PLANT: CALIFORNIA SAGEBRUSH

California Sagebrush is a native species to California. This plant has a strong sweet minty smell. It can also be known as “Cowboy Cologne” because cowboys used it to make themselves smell nice. They would also carry some with them to repel fleas. This is a drought resilient plant that can be found throughout the park!



ANIMAL: SPOTTED ORB WEAVER

The Spotted Orb Weaver is one of the most commonly seen spiders in the fall! They have a triangular-oval-shaped abdomen that is mostly grayish-brown in color. The rest of their body may be orange or rusty colored, and they have brown markings on their legs.



Spotted Orb Weavers have hairy bodies that give them a spooky look, but no need to fear-they are not harmful to humans! They build incredible webs 5-8 feet high by 2 feet wide and often hang head down in the web when hunting. As Halloween approaches, keep an eye out for these amazing spiders!

ADVICE FROM OWLIE

CHINO CREEK WETLANDS BLOG

Q: Dear Owlie,

My family and I are planning another trip out to the Chino Creek Wetlands and Educational Park soon! I am so excited to spend time outside, and I love seeing all of the plants and birds in the park! What is your favorite part of the park Owlie?

Sincerely,

Eager Explorer

A: Dear Eager Explorer,

I am so happy you and your family are going to visit the Chino Creek Wetlands and Educational Park! There is always so much to see while visiting.

My favorite part of the park? That's definitely a hard one! I agree that I love seeing all my animal friends in the park and all the beautiful plants too, but I also enjoy relaxing in different areas of the park! Some of my favorite spots are the Pipe Garden, Observation Tower and Watershed Bridge. Today I am going to tell you about the Watershed Bridge.

The Watershed Bridge is a demonstration of how water falls from the top of the watershed (mountains) to the end of the watershed into the ocean (water). This is a perfect spot to stop and watch the birds and ducks from afar!

I hope you enjoy your visit, and say hi to all of my animal friends for me!

Talk to you all soo(HOO)n!

Owlie

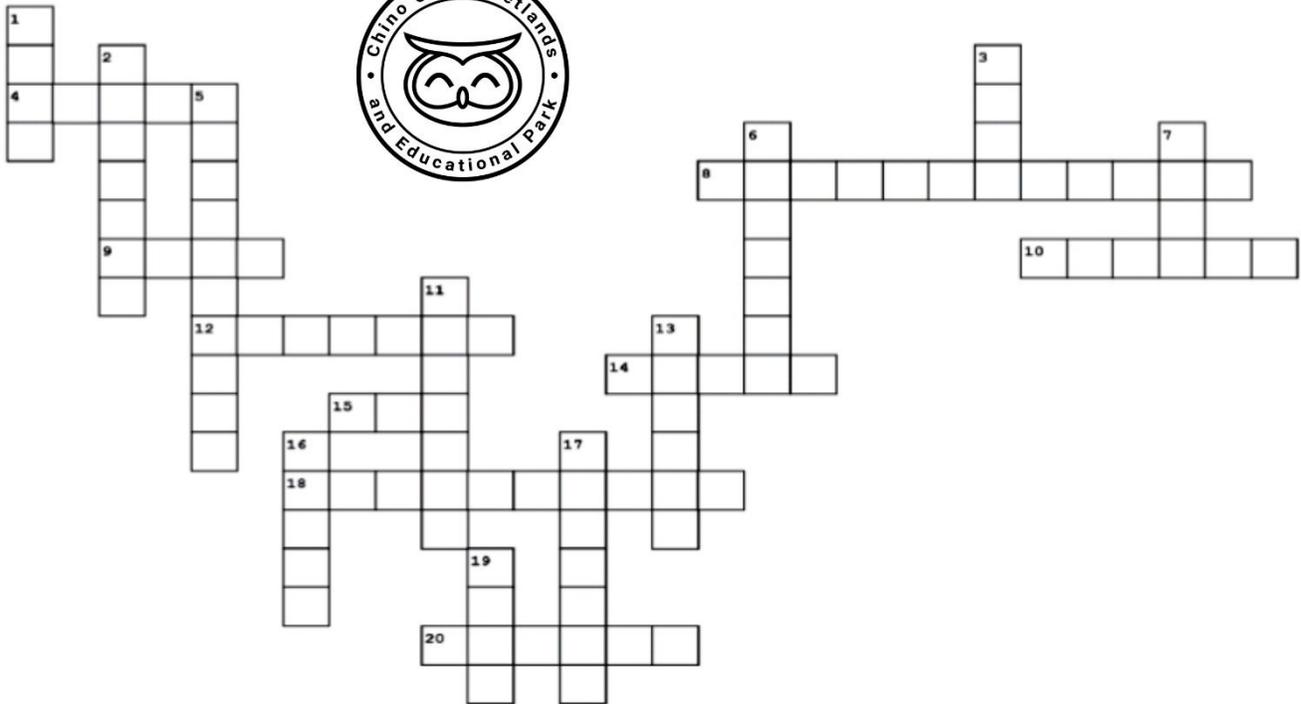


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WATER!**

WATER CONSERVATION CROSSWORD



Water Conservation Crossword



Across

- 4. Check for these around the house to save water
- 8. Appliance you can use instead of water to defrost food
- 9. Something you can plug up while washing dishes
- 10. Do not use this as a trash can
- 12. A type of toilet that saves water
- 14. A liquid that all living things need to survive
- 15. How many minutes or less should you shower?
- 18. Container that collects rainwater
- 20. How many gallons of water does the average person in the US use each day?

Down

- 1. Only run washing machines and dishwashers when they are this
- 2. Where can you take your car instead of washing at home?
- 3. Following these guidelines is a good way to do what to water?
- 5. Adjusting this device in your lawn can help avoid unnecessary leaks and **overspray**.
- 6. We can do this with water from inside to use on plants outside.
- 7. You should cover this in the winter to use in the summer
- 11. Time of day we should water lawn or garden
- 13. You can turn this off while brushing teeth
- 16. You should use this instead of a hose to clean the sidewalk
- 17. Landscape your yard with plants that are tolerant to what?
- 19. A type of irrigation you can use to water flower beds

SEND A PHOTO OF YOUR COMPLETED CROSSWORD TO @IEUAWATER ON SOCIAL MEDIA FOR A PRIZE!



OWLIE COLORING SHEET

Design a fun Halloween costume for Owlie!



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WATER WORD SCRAMBLE

P E S I P _____

T R A H E _____

A L A M I S N _____

C U O D L _____

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WATER WORD SCRAMBLE ANSWERS: PIPES | EARTH | ANIMALS | CLOUD

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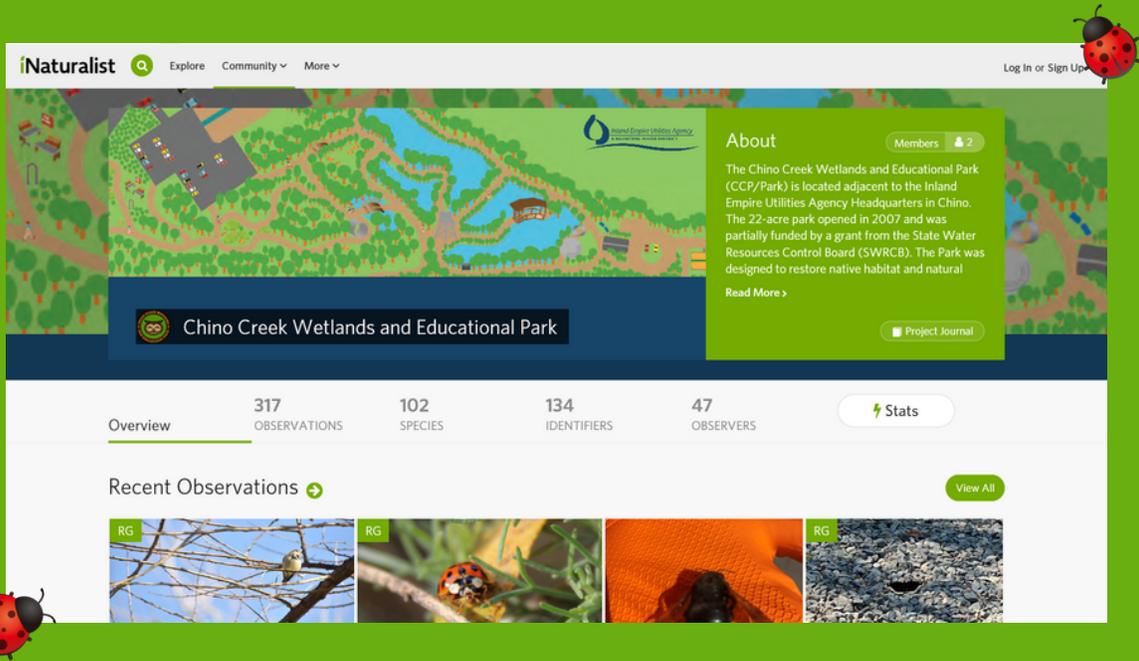
Find @ChinoCreekWetlands on iNaturalist!

How to access: Join our Project on www.inaturalist.org! iNaturalist is a platform that helps you identify and learn about different species. Our Project can be found by typing “Chino Creek Wetlands and Educational Park” in the search bar.

How to use: Observations can be added online through a computer or by using the iNaturalist cell phone app found on Google Play and the Apple App Store. When adding a new observation, scroll down to

"Projects" and type in "Chino Creek Wetlands and Educational Park" to contribute to the project.

We can't wait to see what you find!



WALLY'S WORD OF THE DAY

trib - you - tary

noun

1. A river or stream flowing into a larger river or lake.

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