



BOLSA CHICA CONSERVANCY

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Spring has (almost) sprung! by Kirsten Haltman

Although we've yet to reach the spring solstice (March 20th), signs of spring are popping up throughout the Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve.



Photo by Tee MJ

After a month of unseasonable rain storms in January, Bolsa Chica's native wildflowers, primarily California brittlebush (*Encelia californica*), exploded in bright yellow blooms across the mesa. As the cool, damp weather continues, these tiny sunflower relatives will continue to greet guests as they explore one of California's largest remaining coastal salt marshes.

In other parts of the reserve, some residents like Great Blue Herons (*Ardea herodias*), Ospreys (*Pandion haliaetus*), Belding's Savannah Sparrows (*Passerculus sandwichensis*), and coyotes have been spotted gearing up for breeding season. As the spring season progresses, we expect to see more seasonal residents, like the California Least Tern (*Sterna antillarum browni*).

If you decide to visit open spaces during the beauty of spring, please remember to always stay on trail!

Upcoming Events



Earth Day Celebration | April 22nd, 2023 | 10a-2p
3842 Warner Ave., Huntington Beach, CA 92649



Eyes on Nest Sites

Monitoring season begins May 1st!
For more info email jeannette@bolsachica.org.



Summer Wetland Explorers Program

June 26-30th (grades K-3) | July 10-15th (grades 4-7)
To register: visit www.bolsachica.org/for-youth



Youth Leadership in Environmental Action Program

July 31st-August 3rd (grades 8-12)
To register: visit www.bolsachica.org/for-youth



10th Annual Barefoot Ball

August 26th, 2023
The Waterfront Resort, a Hilton Hotel

To learn more about upcoming events, visit www.bolsachica.org.

Public Events

Scan the QR code to register for our public tours, service days, or interpretive center animal feedings!

