

FREE SLIDE SHOWS ON NATURE TOPICS

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The following are introductory programs for children and adults in the hope of increasing awareness and appreciation of the natural world and fostering an interest in its protection.

ALL ABOUT BLUEBIRDS AND HOW WE HELP THEM



Did you know that in many local areas there is a bird that for over 200 years has been known as the Bird of Happiness? It is the Western Bluebird. But did you know that this bird had almost disappeared from Orange County until a group of volunteers helped it to find nesting opportunities? We will tell you about the life of this bird and its challenges, and how we are ensuring that it will remain for future generations.

[For adults and kids](#)



CLEVER CLOWNS OF THE BIRD WORLD

Woodpeckers are outright comical and fascinating. They are also uniquely designed to be carpenters for a host of other bird species and they perform other functions essential to forest regeneration. Come learn about the highly specialized birds and find out why we need to thank them for the protective helmets used today!

[For adults and kids](#)



OLD GRANNIE AND GRANDPA TREES

Now don't cringe just yet! Old trees are an unappreciated but invaluable natural resource to birds and other wildlife. We dare you to come learn why and also why we are working hard to safely retain more of them in our urban and suburban landscapes. You will leave with a new appreciation of these senior members of our parks and open spaces. We hope you will join us in wanting to hold on to more of them.

[For adults and kids](#)



OWLS IN ORANGE COUNTY

They are a mystery and a fascination for old and young. Discover how owls are unique and highly adaptive to their nocturnal lives. A couple of species likely live in your neighborhood and we hope you'll be able to identify them by sight and sound at the end of this program. You might even decide to be glad you have mice in your yard! Really!

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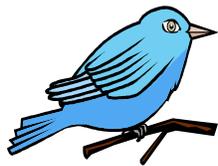


A BILL FOR EVERY JOB

Birds bills are highly diverse and provide an amazing number of live-saving functions. Get ready to be amazed at the variety of bills and the fascinating ways that birds use them. In the children's version of this program kids will select a plush bird and will have an opportunity to pair their chosen bird with suitable prey and

with the human tool that the bill best resembles.

[For Adults and kids](#)



DID YOU SAY YOU SAW A BLUEBIRD?

Did you know that a blue bird is not necessarily a Bluebird? Would you enjoy learning about their differences and becoming acquainted with all the birds that are blue in North America? Bird identification is a tricky business and this slide show will explain why and provide you with an opportunity to meet these stunning birds and even hear their diverse songs.

[For adults](#)



CAVITY NESTER COMPETITORS AND THEIR PREDATORS

Did you know that there is a housing shortage for cavity nesting birds? It's not financing that's the problem. It's availability of spaces in the right locations. This program will illustrate the competition between cavity nesting species for nesting sites and will show you just how tough it can be for nesting birds to secure and hold on to their homes. When you go home you will have a new appreciation of the value of old trees and thoughts on how we can help some of these birds. [For adults](#)



NATURE'S HOMEBUILDERS

What needs do wild animals and people have in common? What determines where a wild animal lives? How do the habits of wild animals benefit the earth? This slide show is designed to emphasize the natural resources used by birds and other creatures compared to those humans use. The goal is to encourage awareness of consumption and to promote conservation in living. Several creatures will be featured as examples. Children will have an opportunity to consider how they can make small changes in their daily habits to reduce waste and help the environment.

[For kids](#)



DARE TO CARE ABOUT THE EARTH

This topic is good on any day but during Earth Week it is ideal. This is not a slide show but a hands-on interactive experience for kids to look at everyday household items and human habits in terms of the natural resources they require. It encourages kids to think in new ways about consumption and encourages reusing, recycling and reducing waste. [For kids](#)

[In lieu of a speaker's fee, a donation to the Southern California Bluebird Club is welcome, though not required.](#)