

**WE ARE PRESERVING NATURAL HABITAT FOR CAVITY NESTING BIRDS!
WILL YOU JOIN US?**



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THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BLUEBIRD CLUB (a 501 (c) (3) organization) has begun a conservation project for the benefit of cavity-nesting birds and all wildlife that depend on snags. The project is **The Cavity Conservation Initiative (CCI)**. Its goal is to change public perception about snags and to persuade property managers, especially those in highly developed areas, to retain snags when it is safe and beneficial to do so. **It is our belief that habitat preservation is the long-term solution to the challenges faced by cavity nesting species. We believe this conservation effort is a vital adjunct to the provision of nesting boxes.** In development are communication tools for educating decision-makers and the general public about the natural history and ecological value of healthy cavity-dwelling natural communities as well as educational programs to encourage youth advocates and related projects. **These materials will eventually be downloadable to any non-profit organization in North America that wishes to implement a local program supporting the principles of the CCI.**

ENDORSEMENTS AND PROGRESS

“This initiative is fabulous...In an ideal world, nest box programs should be thought of as a ‘stop gap’ measure. The ultimate goal should be habitat restoration such that many of these species have natural cavities to use without having to rely on the continued vigilance of human volunteers.” Dr. Eric Walters, founder and moderator of CAVNET.

The Pasadena Audubon Society has generously provided a grant for the project. Smaller contributions have been received. Endorsements from other organizations have been enthusiastic and additional partnerships are in development. An education program for elementary schools is already in action. It incorporates classroom instruction, field observation and a conservation project. A similar program for high school youth is slated. We have created Power Points on relevant topics, a brochure, helpful guidelines for land managers and other materials. Presentations to organizations and to our County Park senior officials are scheduled.

HOW YOU CAN PARTICIPATE

The total budget for this project is \$8,440. If the products and services of this initiative would be of value to you we ask you to contribute your experience and funds to its development.

To sponsor the project:
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