



Irvine-Laguna Wildlife Corridor

Connecting Habitats
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CAUGHT ON CAMERA



THE NAT: SAN DIEGO NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM

By Giovanni Di Franco
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Opening November 18, 2022, a curation of camera trap study images across Southern California will exhibit the elusive lives of our local species. Bobcats, mountain lions, coyotes and more roam the night landscape, many times without our knowledge. To gain insight on their behaviours, The Nat will host an exhibit that features photos provided by Laguna Greenbelt, Inc. from our 2017/2018 camera study. Some of those images are featured in this article.

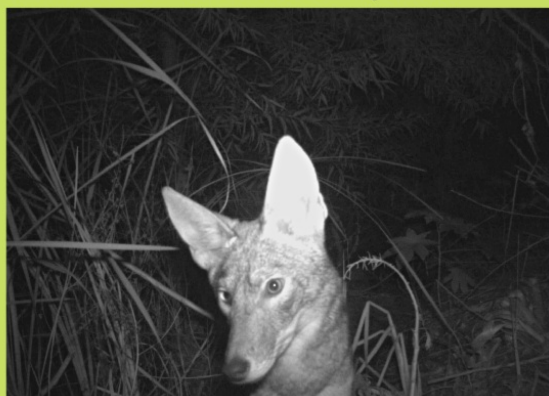
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Additional images from scientists, photographers, and other nature lovers are also displayed from other camera traps.

Camera traps are not traps at all, but devices that use motion- or heat-detecting sensors to snap photos as animals run, jump, or fly by—not unlike a hidden camera on a roller coaster. The photos provide a rare glimpse into unseen activities of local wildlife and clues that help us protect them.

The exhibit is part of the Museum's strategic plan to forefront conservation science and inspires people about the biodiversity of our binational region. Presented in English and Spanish, it will remain on view for close to two years.



Caught on Camera is located on Level 4 of the San Diego Natural History Museum; it is free for members and included with general admission (\$22 adults; \$18 seniors/students/military; \$12 youth; children 2 and under free).

GET INVOLVED

SEND IN YOUR IMAGES OF WILDLIFE!

If you are fortunate enough to capture an image of our native wildlife, feel free to share them with us! With hundreds of members on our mailing list, we can crowd source a huge inventory of wildlife in our area and highlight them in our future Newsletters.

Send images to
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a small description.

We look forward to
your submissions.
Thank you in
advance!





RECENT TRIP TO WILDLIFE CORRIDOR PROVES GREAT PROGRESS

By Giovanni Di Franco

Members of the Laguna Greenbelt, Inc. Board of Directors were recently guided through segments of the Irvine-Laguna Wildlife Corridor project constructed by FivePoint as part of their Great Park Neighborhoods development. Progress has been impressive, with construction on schedule to complete the Wildlife Corridor portion north of the I-5 freeway prior to 2026.

Segments of the Wildlife Corridor north of Barranca Parkway have been planted and are potential healthy habitats for native wildlife species. South of the intersection at Alton Parkway and Muirlands Boulevard an impressive underpass has been constructed to ensure that the Corridor is easily accessible for wildlife.

Keep an eye out for additional Wildlife Corridor news in our future newsletters.





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