



Santa Barbara Audubon Society

Eyes in the Sky

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Hello Friends,

We are happy to report that fiscal year 2013/2014 has been Eyes in the Sky's best year to date: enough funding, wonderful volunteers, and EITS' first Open House, a collaborative venture with the Museum of Natural History.

Another highlight of the year was a generous \$10,000 educational grant from the Larson Charitable Foundation. Six first and second grade classrooms at McKinley elementary school could once again participate in our teacher and student-acclaimed 5-week science series "Meet Your Wild Neighbor" (MYWN). McKinley school teachers assisted us in creating this program back in 2001. But "No Child Left Behind" and funding issues prevented us from offering MYWN to low-income area schools between 2011 and 2014.

As always, teachers and students responded with great enthusiasm, and it's become infectious. Teachers report that the whole campus is now bird watching, with young students educating the older ones about the birds on campus.



Classroom games: matching bird cards to bird sounds, clue cards to bird pictures, and feet or beaks to birds.



For some reason, the "yuck" factor makes owl pellet dissection especially appealing to young students.



Our field trip walk around Lake Los Carneros is always a big hit with the students.

Max



Ivan



Kisa



Athene



Kachina



Kanari



Puku



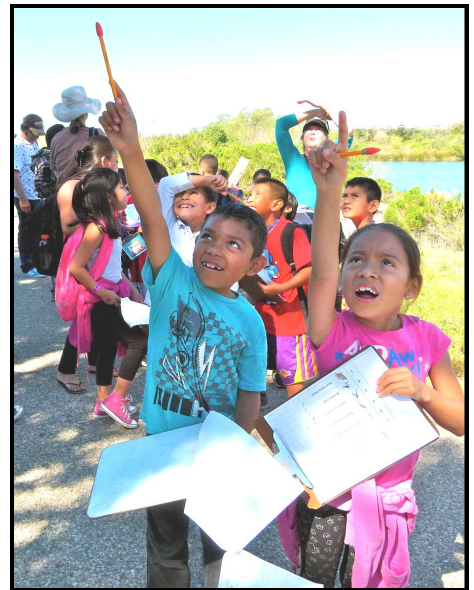


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<http://tinyurl.com/k2g566b> and

<http://tinyurl.com/khxyqu4>

Everyone likes birds. What wild creature is more accessible to our eyes and ears, as close to us and everyone in the world, as universal as a bird?

David Attenborough



Thank you all, for your support - in all of its shapes and forms!

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