



### Priority Wildlife

The hill is an incredibly rich wildlife habitat. Plants. Insects. Birds. Reptiles. Mammals. Dictionary Hill and its island of coastal sage scrub must be protected and preserved for future generations.

The list is remarkable. We have the very rare California Gnatcatcher, the Coastal Cactus Wren, the San Diego Horned Lizard, the Orange Throated Whiptail Lizard, the Rosy Boa Snake, Coastal Barrel Cactus, Variegated Dudleya. Then there are the hawks: Coopers, Red Shouldered, Red Tailed. And among the mammals there are Coyotes, Grey Foxes and Bobcats.

To list all the endangered plants on Dictionary Hill would take a whole page. Indian Paintbrush, Coyote Bush, Golden Yarrow, Owl's Clover, Munzs Sage, San Diego Golden Star, San Diego Sun Flower—the list goes on. All need our protection.

### How can you help DHOSA?

Do you have skills, experience, or knowledge that you think could help us?

- Knowledge of wildlife—maybe you're a birder or know your wild flowers.
- Experience running a non profit.
- Fundraising skills.
- Teaching skills.
- Legal experience.
- Knowledge of publicity techniques.
- And most valued—enthusiasm.

**DHOSA:**

1 (619) 461-1586

[www.dictionaryhill.info](http://www.dictionaryhill.info)

We meet 9:30 am on the third Saturday of each month at Hatfield Park Club House, at 10050 Austin Drive. Join us.

We'd love to meet you and share our love of the hill—and our coffee and donuts.

**Sheriff: 1 (858) 565-5200**

**County Parks: 1 (619) 644-5492**

**Support DHOSA with a donation**

Your support will help DHOSA preserve our beautiful hill for generations to come.

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# DHOSA

## Dictionary Hill Open Space Advocates

*Preserving the beauty  
and wildlife of Dictionary Hill  
for generations to come.*







Dictionary Hill

Dictionary Hill in Spring Valley rises to 1,059 feet just to the east of the city of San Diego in Southern California. It is not the most spectacular peak in the area, but it is a crucially important island of rare Coastal Sage Scrub Habitat amid the sprawl of urban development.

The hill has hiking trails where local residents can drink in the peace and be at one with the wildlife and dramatic 360-degree views.

Native Americans lived on our hill centuries before European settlers arrived. We are custodians of the hill and surrounding canyons—a link between the Native Americans and Californians for generations to come.



DHOSA at work

We are an all-volunteer organization. Our mission is to spread awareness of the hill and its uniquely important habitats that deserve preservation.

The County of San Diego saved most of the hill in December, 2017, creating the 175-acre Dictionary Hill Open Space Preserve. Adjacent private land with the same natural resources could be added later to enhance the preserve.

DHOSA members organize regular hikes which explore the hill and help everyone identify the plants, birds, insects and reptiles.

We work with the San Diego County Parks Department to maintain the trails and encourage people to hike the hill and treasure its wildlife. We interact with community groups to ensure that the conservation of Dictionary Hill is shared by all.

We are partners with County Parks in making the preserve a role model for environmental education and natural open space preservation.



Our Vision

The designation of an ecological preserve in the heart of Spring Valley that protects valuable habitat for the shared enjoyment of everyone. This reserve will be a sanctuary where endangered species are protected, and damaged areas restored with native plants. It will have trails where residents and visitors can hike and be with nature. Programs will be developed for local schools so students can learn about and become stewards of this wonderful habitat.

Generations to come will enjoy the wildflowers and butterflies and birds and mammals and reptiles.

