

Priority Wildlife



The hill is an incredibly rich wildlife habitat. Plants. Insects. Birds. Reptiles. Mammals. Dictionary Hill and its island of Coastal Sage Scrub Habitat must be protected and preserved for future generations living in Spring Valley.

The list is remarkable. We have the very rare California Gnatcatcher, the 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, Munz's 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 in non profit organizations.

Fundraising skills.

Teaching skills.

Legal experience.

Knowledge of publicity techniques.

And most valued - enthusiasm.

Support DHOSA with a donation

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

We are an all volunteer organization, but we need the generous support of our neighbors to continue our work.

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DHOSA Dictionary Hill Open Space Advocates



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

Spring Valley California

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 maybe 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 for countless 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.



Orange throated whiptail lizard

DHOSA at work



We are an all volunteer organization of local Spring Valley residents. Our mission is to spread awareness of the hill, its uniquely important habitats and the threat it's under from urban encroachment.

We work to maintain the trails and encourage people to hike the hill and treasure its wildlife .

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

We liaise with local community bodies to ensure that the effort to conserve Dictionary Hill is shared by all in Spring Valley.

We monitor the threats of urban sprawl to our hill and advocate for its 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 of all ages can learn about the stewardship of this wonderful habitat.

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

Questions? Offers of help?

Reports of vandalism?

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