

## MEMBERSHIP AND DONATIONS

The WFVZ relies on charitable donations, grants, and research contracts. We also have a MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM. Members can take our tours for free, have free and/or reduced costs for seminars and classes, and discounts on items in our gift store. For more information about how you can join, or how to donate, please visit our website ([www.wfvz.org](http://www.wfvz.org)) or call 805-388-9944.



## VISIT US

ALL VISITS ARE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY  
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**WFVZ**  
**BIRD MUSEUM &  
RESEARCH CENTER**

A Place for People to Learn  
About Birds!



**THE WFVZ BIRD MUSEUM AND RESEARCH CENTER**  
**A 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Public Charity**

A natural history collection specializing in bird materials from around the world, and a research and education institution dedicated to bird conservation.

Founded in 1956 by Ed N. Harrison and several other prominent southern California naturalists, the WFVZ Bird Museum and Research Center hosts one of the world's most comprehensive collections of birds' eggs and nests.

Our Mission: To study, conserve, and educate about the birds of the world!

**OUR COLLECTIONS**

The WFVZ houses:

- Eggs: more than 275,000 sets
- Nests: approximately 20,000 specimens
- Bird Study Skins: more than 57,000 specimens
- Mounted Specimens: More than 1,800 birds mounted in life-like postures
- Teaching Specimens: 1,500 study skins, 100 sets of wings, 2,000 sets of eggs, and approximately 100 nests available for use by local educators, and used in our own presentations and classes.
- Library and Archives: more than historic 8,000 books, 400 serials, and unpublished historical papers

We curate and maintain our collection materials so they will be available to researchers in perpetuity. Data from our egg, nest, and study skin collections are available via our website ([collections.wfvz.org](http://collections.wfvz.org)). We also loan specimens to researchers and educators; contact [Rene@wfvz.org](mailto:Rene@wfvz.org) for more information.

**CONSERVATION RESEARCH**

We conduct field research and management projects studying bird responses to habitat restoration, and conducting long-term monitoring to detect changes in their populations. In California we work on the Santa Clara River, the Santa Monica Mountains, and the Channel Islands. We also study egg contamination and physiology, and historical changes in breeding biology due to impacts such as climate change. Contact [Linnea@wfvz.org](mailto:Linnea@wfvz.org) for more information.



**EDUCATION**

On a by-appointment basis we provide guided tours and other visits of the museum, and we teach bird identification classes several times each year. We also have courses for professionals to deepen their avian knowledge. Contact [Education@wfvz.org](mailto:Education@wfvz.org) for more information.

