



Wonderfully Wild Marin
2021 CALENDAR

San Anselmo Open Space Committee & Fairfax Open Space Committee

Welcome to the 'Wonderfully Wild Marin' calendar, created by **San Anselmo Open Space Committee (SAOSC)** and **Fairfax Open Space Committee (FOSC)** which often work together to preserve, protect, and educate the community about our natural lands. Proceeds will provide financial support for these important undertakings.

We are deeply indebted to the Marin photographers who have donated use of their artwork for this cause which has made our first calendar possible. **All photos are copyrighted by the artists.**

An Online Exhibit of these works and more from our talented photographers also features maps of open spaces, recreational activities, a naturalist page with bird calls, bat sonar, etc. for identifying local wildlife, a youth corner with games, an events page, and links and lists of helpful references and resources.

The **Online Show** can be seen at **WonderfullyWildMarin.com**

A Note from Us:

Marin's nature is exceptional. Not only is it home to diverse, unique, and healthy ecosystems, but for thousands of years, Marin was home to the Southern Coastal Miwok tribes, who valued and cared for these lands while living sustainably. In 1988, UNESCO also recognized the special quality of Marin by designating part of the Golden Gate Biosphere in order to promote study and stewardship.

This legacy is a culture that values nature, believes in stewardship, and seeks sustainability. We hope that you will enjoy this calendar and the online show. They are intended as a celebration of our wild lands as well as being an educational tool for caretaking and living among them.

On Behalf of FOSC and SAOSC,
Tidings for the New Year ~

Susan Pascal Beran, Chair FOSC
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*Cover Photo Credit:
"Point Reyes National
Seashore" by Jill Zwicky*

*"Frank Egger
Redwood Preserve"
Background Redwood
Photos by Donald Kinney*

*Purchased in 2006, this
magnificent 7 acre parklike site
with over 100 first and second
growth Redwoods is located
between Meadow Way and
Canyon Road bordering the
Southside of San Anselmo
Creek. It can also be accessed
from Concrete Pipe Road off
Bolinas. The purchase was
made possible with Supervisor
Hal Brown's help, funding from
Marin County Open Space
District, FOSC fundraisers,
and donations from many
local residents.*

San Anselmo Open Space Committee (SAOSC)

The San Anselmo Town Council created the Open Space Committee in 1981. The SAOSC is a group of twelve volunteers and two student representatives who are appointed by the Town Council to four-year terms. The Committee's charge is to fulfill the Open Space Element of the Town's General Plan – to save from development over 400 acres of greenbelts and scenic ridgelines that the Town has designated as desirable open space. The committee also has responsibility for long term planning of open space, generating community support, and fundraising. Over the last 40 years the Committee has played a key role in preserving public open spaces, including Kite Hill, Bald Hill Ridge Preserve, Hawthorne Canyon, and Sky Ranch. The Committee spearheaded creation of a master plan for Sorich Park, and recently completed their vision for the Red Hill and Memorial Ridge Trail projects. Each spring, for the past 30 years, the committee has hosted an annual benefit for open space, a gala featuring diverse guest speakers, great food and beverages, and fabulous raffle prizes. The committee works closely with other public agencies, private non-profit conservation organizations to secure protection for our open spaces. For more information, please visit the website <https://sananselmoopenspace.org>

Current San Anselmo Open Space Committee Members include:

Jonathan Braun, Co-Chair	Henry Pratt
Stanley Radtke, Co-Chair	Brian Crawford
Kathleen Sanders, Treasurer	Leonard Charles
Peter Horn	Karin Ludwig
Danny Krebs, Secretary	René Voss
Paul Foxx	Nancy Grover

Fairfax Open Space Committee (FOSC)

FOSC's mission is to preserve the visual and environmental values of our community through the purchase of undeveloped land in and around Fairfax.

Our goal is to provide sanctuary for indigenous flora and fauna for future generations. FOSC is an advisory body to the Town Council and its role is to advocate for open space.

It is FOSC's responsibility to survey the lands within, and adjacent to, the Town of Fairfax in order to determine the availability of unique, threatened, or environmentally sensitive land parcels that may be appropriate to acquire to hold in perpetuity as dedicated open space for the public. FOSC is also responsible for the consideration of long term planning of open space in and near Fairfax, for the generation of community support for the implementation of that program and for the fund raising necessary to implement the plan.

FOSC may also serve as an advisory body in the consideration of long term planning for the Town and also review planning and development matters in order to formulate policy it may deem appropriate to advocate. For more information please visit our website at [townoffairfax.org /open-space-committee/](http://townoffairfax.org/open-space-committee/)

Fairfax Open Space Committee Members:

Michael Ardito, Co-Secretary
Chris Borjian
Chance Cutrano, Treasurer
Brad Handel
Ruth Horn, Co-Secretary
Jack Judkins, Vice Chair
Susan Pascal Beran, Chair
Jonathan Sicroff
Sophie Taubman, Youth Member (ex officio)

Honoring the Memory of Huey D. Johnson ~ January 6, 1933 - July 12, 2020

"He has understood that responsibility for conservation and environmental protection lies with every single member of the human community."

- Kofi Annan, the U.N.'s secretary-general, 2001



JANUARY

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At this time of year, usually 1-3 days after a rainstorm, salmon come from the ocean to Tomales Bay and up to Marin to spawn in the Lagunitas watershed.



					1 New Year's Day	2
3	4 MOST founded in 2008	5	6 ☾	7	8	9 Muir Woods created by President Teddy Roosevelt in 1908
10	11	12 Olympic State Park designated World Heritage Site in 1973	13 ●	14	15	16
17	18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	19	20 ☾	21	22	23
24 / 31	25	26	27	28	29	30



FEBRUARY

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Federally threatened **Northern Spotted Owls** nest in Marin from February through July. They keep rodent populations in balance, and are vital indicators of forest health.



Photo by Stephen Keese

	1	2 World Wetlands Day	3	4 ☾	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 ●	12	13
14 Valentine's Day	15 Presidents' Day	16	17	18	19 ☾	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 ○
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MARCH

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In 1981, the **Northern Elephant Seal** returned after 150 years of absence to the Chimney Rock area on Point Reyes. December through March are birthing and mating times for the colonies.



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7	8	9	10	11	12	13 
14  Daylight Savings Time Begins	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20 Spring Equinox
21 	22 World Water Day	23	24	25	26	27 Passover Begins
28  Palm Sunday	29	30	31 Cesar Chavez Day			



APRIL

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☾ 4 Easter	5	6	7	8	9	10
● 11	12	13 Ramadan starts	14	15 Tax Day	16	17
18	19	☾ 20	21	22 Earth Day	23	24
25	○ 26	27	SAOSC Dedication of Red Hill Trail in 2018 28	29	30	

April is a busy time for all kinds of wild babies. Remember to drive carefully, don't interfere unless absolutely necessary (a parent will often return) and, if needed, call Marin Wildcare (415) 456-7283 for direction.



Fawns by Jill Zwicky



MAY

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Marin has a large number of bats which are very beneficial to the environment. There are 13 known species of bats that reside here, all are known insectivores. A single bat usually eats 6,000 to 8,000 insects each night.



*Small Brown Bat (Myotis lucifugus)
asleep on tree bark*

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2	3 	4	5 Cinco de Mayo	6	7	8
9 Mother's Day	10	11 	12 Eid el-Fitr	13	14	15
16 Shavuot begins	17	18	19  Endangered Species Day	20	21	22 Harvey Milk Day & International Day for Biodiversity
23 / 30	24 / 31 Memorial Day	25	26  Lunar Eclipse	27	28	29



JUNE

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A few years ago, the fox population was decimated by distemper and rodenticides but they have made a comeback. June is the when young kits first venture out.



Grey Fox comes to visit
Photo by Jonathan Braun

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6	7	8 World Oceans Day	9	10 	11	12
13 Summer Solstice Father's Day	14	15	16	17 	18	19 Juneteenth
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JULY

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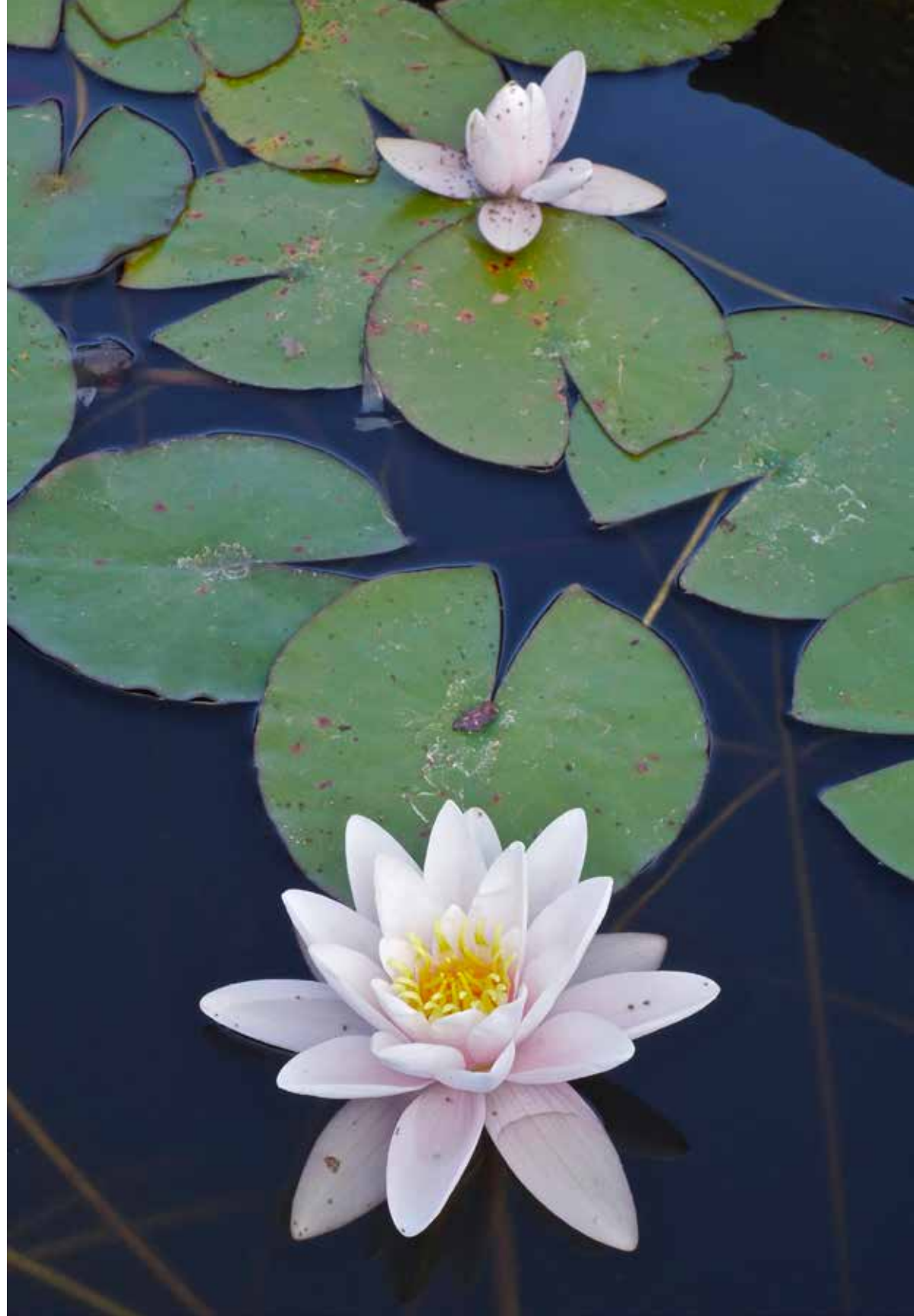
Warm weather increases local reptile activity. Look out for rattlesnakes, gopher, and king snakes while hiking and at home. All eat rodents, but the good-tempered king snake will also eat rattlesnakes. Fence lizards (below) eat Lyme disease-carrying tick nymphs.



Coast Range Fence Lizard
(*Sceloporus occidentalis bocourtii*)

Photo by René Voss

				☾ 1 MALT Founded in 1980	2	3
4 Independence Day	5	6 FOSC founded in 2004	7	8	● 9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	☾ 17
18	19 Eid al-Adha	20	21	22	○ 23	24
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AUGUST

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Marin Open Space Trust, SAOSC, FOSC, and others worked to acquire Sky Ranch, a picturesque 16.2-acre property that straddles Fairfax and San Anselmo.

This grew the Bald Hill Preserve, now owned by Marin County Parks and Open Space, to 46 acres along with connecting to 100,000 acres of public lands and hundreds of miles of trails.



Dedication on October 14th 2018

Photo by Jonathan Braun

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Sky Ranch
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At 1592 feet, Loma Alta is one of the highest points in Marin, and from its peak one can see all around the Bay Area. Its ridgelines bridge the county's four major watersheds. Migrating raptors hunt voles and other small animals. Loma Alta is also home to western bluebirds, hares, coyotes, turkeys, deer, all manner of reptiles, frogs, foxes, and, frequently, mountain lions.



Mountain lion (*Puma Concolor*) pouncing.

			1	2	3	4
5	6 ● Rosh Hashanah Labor Day	7	8	9	10 Ganesh Chaturthi	11
12	13 ☾ Point Reyes National Seashore Established 1962	14	15 Yom Kippur	16	17	18
19	20 ○ Sukkot	21	22 Autumnal Equinox	23	24 Acquisition Upper Ridgeway Trail Properties 2013	25
26 World Rivers Day	27	28 ☾	29	30		



OCTOBER

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3	4	5	6 ● Navratri begins	7	8	9
10	11 Indigenous People's Day	12 ◐	13 Founding of the SAOSC in 1981	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 ○	21	22	23
24 Halloween Blue Moon 31	25	26	27 Golden Gate Recreational Area established 1972	28 ◐	29	30

Above:
Tule Elk roamed this coast for thousands of years until the miners wiped them out during the Gold Rush. They were reintroduced in 1978 and have made a comeback.

Below:
The Cedar Waxwing returns to Marin from the North and winters here until leaving again in spring.



Photo by Jill Zwicky



NOVEMBER

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Late Fall into Winter months are when a large number of raptors migrate around Marin Headlands and Mount Tamalpais. Peregrine Falcons and other hawks frequent Marin in the fall and the early part of winter, whereas the eagles come later, in the late of winter and early spring.



Peregrine Falcon hunting

	1	2	3	4 ● Diwali begins	5	6 Marin Conservation League founded this day 1934
7 ● Daylight savings ends	8	9	10	11 ● Veterans Day	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19 ○	20
21	22	23	24	25 ● Thanksgiving	26	27 ●
28 ● Hanukkah begins	29	30				



DECEMBER

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Gray whales (*Eschrichtius robustus*) can be seen from Marin December and January, when the pregnant whales travel south to the warm waters of Mexico to give birth. Then, they can be seen again on the way back, February through May.



Mother and baby Gray Whale

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5	6	7	8	9	10	11 International Mountains Day
12 Day of the Lady of Guadalupe a-Hybrid Meteor Shower	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 Winter Solstice	22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day
26 Kwanzaa begins	27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve	



Jill Zwicky



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