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AmeriCorps Has Crumbled. What Are Nature-Oriented Young People to Do?

Last week, AmeriCorps volunteer fellows stopped doing essential nature work across the Bay Area and beyond—leaving a hole that agencies, nonprofits, and

universities can't afford to fill. Aspiring young environmental professionals say they are struggling to figure out what's next. **Free Read »**

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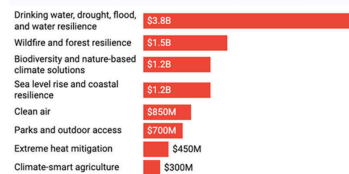


A Day Out with Civicorps

This local youth training program is modeled after the federal Civilian Conservation Corps from the 1930s. Civicorps' crews work across conservation, trailbuilding and maintenance, wildfire mitigation, and habitat restoration. *Fall 2023*. **Free Read »**

Where \$10 billion is going

Broad strokes, that is—the CA Legislature is debating the details.



Get In On Climate Bond Money

After Trump cutbacks, Prop 4's big money for climate adaptation in California is more important than ever. Here's what it can and can't fund, and how to get started. (TL;DR: start now!) *Spring 2025*. **Free Read »**

This Spring | Signs of the Season



Survival of the Flittest

One year ago, scientists schlepped some silvery blue butterflies from the central coast to the Presidio's dunes, hoping they could stand in, ecologically, for the extinct Xerces blue. Some of them stuck around long enough to reproduce! *Spring 2025*. **Free Read »**

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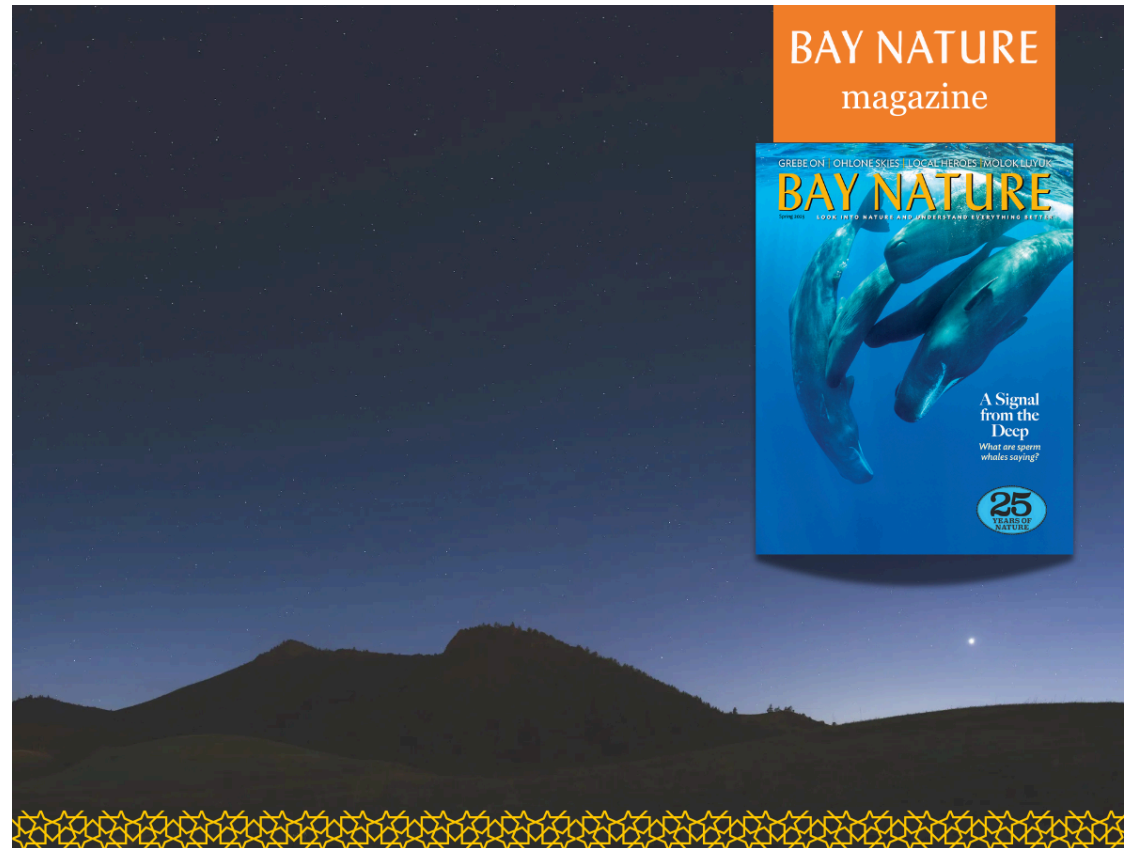


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mur taraaxtak—Ohlone Skies

“Last spring, after more than a year of development with our Ohlone people and our fantastic partners at the Chabot Space and Science Center in Oakland, history was made.” Vincent Medina writes about creating the first-ever Ohlone planetarium show, and what it meant to see its premiere. *Mur taraaxtak*, in Chochenyo, means “the night sky.” **Free Preview »**



The Mating Rituals of Grebes

Clark's and western grebes are known for the "rushing ceremony," a paired dance that Sonya Bennett-Brandt describes as "part love song, part divine manifestation." But for all the attention these birds command, the secrets of their lives are well-guarded. **Free Preview »**



How Molok Luyuk Got Its National Monument Designation

At first it was labeled a wind resource area. Then all the wind energy companies walked away. Now, President Trump has directed federal agencies to open up public lands for energy development. **Free Preview »**

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Explore Mount Diablo with Civicorps

Join Bay Nature and Civicorps for a hike at Mount Diablo State Park on **Saturday, May 17 from 9–11:30am**. Learn about Civicorps, a nonprofit organization training young people for conservation jobs, and the work their corpsmembers do to mitigate fire risk, improve climate resiliency, and keep communities safe. **Free for Members. Sign Up »**

Researchers Bruce Baldwin and Sarah Gordon will offer an online seminar about endangered plants in California and how scientists are working to conserve them on **Wednesday, May 14, from 12–1pm**. Learn about native plant hotspots that support their ecosystems and provide for a network of other species. **Free for Members, \$5 for Non-Members. Sign Up »**

Join researcher Floyd Hayes to learn about the behavior and ecology of grebes on **Tuesday, May 20, from 12-1pm**. This talk builds on our Spring 2025 story "Behold the Flamboyant Mating Rituals of Grebes" (see above). Floyd will dive deeper into the internal lives of grebes, looking at their behavior through his research on these much-loved birds. **Free for Members, \$5 for Non-Members. [Sign Up »](#)**

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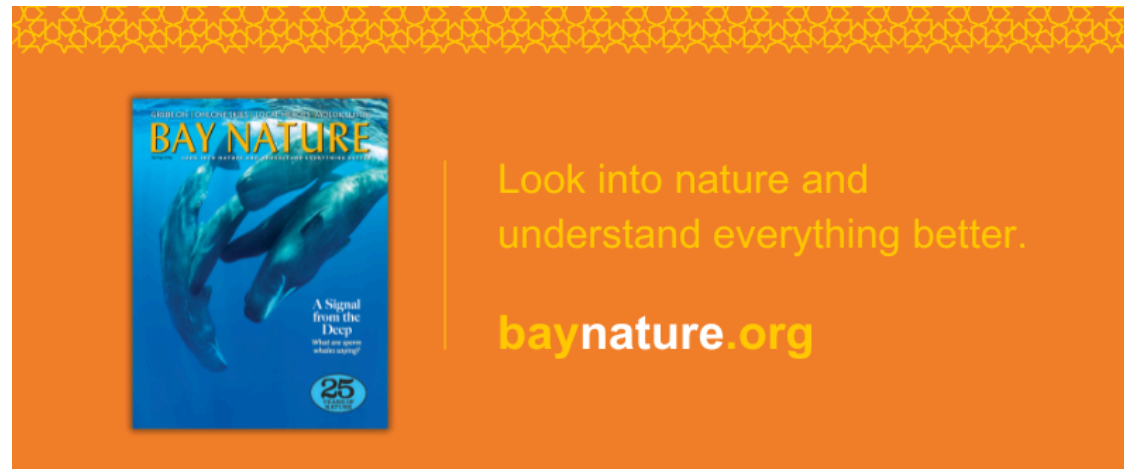
A Bay Nature dispatch from the field



Celebrating the Spring Issue in Palo Alto

Thank you to the 45 Bay Nature supporters who attended our Spring 2025 Issue Release Party in Palo Alto on April 30! We were grateful to gather with our Peninsula and South Bay friends at Susan Rosenberg's beautiful home and garden. It was an engaging evening spent meeting and mingling with fellow nature lovers—and we all got a good look at George the 27-year-old tortoise! Interested in attending a future issue release party? Consider joining the Bay Nature Publisher's Circle! [Learn More »](#)

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