



## CATALINA ISLAND CONSERVANCY

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### **Catalina Island Conservancy Hosts Conservation and Education Symposium *Public Invited for Annual Event Featuring Presentations on Catalina Research***

LONG BEACH – The Catalina Island Conservancy invites the public to join it for its annual Conservation and Education Symposium on Friday, Nov. 18, at the Hyatt Centric the Pike in Long Beach.

Titled “Finding the Balance,” the one-day mini-symposium begins at 10 a.m. and offers a series of short presentations by Conservancy biologists, educators and research partners. An interactive question and answer segment will follow each presentation.

Among the presentations will be discussions of several Conservancy programs, including the Catalina Island fox recovery effort; invasive plant removal; NatureWorks, the Conservancy’s education program; expanding Catalina’s trail system with a light ecological footprint, and Catalina’s first LEED certified building, The Trailhead visitors’ center. Other presentations will address biosecurity on the northern Channel Islands, the population status of the endemic Hutton’s Vireo on Catalina Island, habitat modeling for island plant conservation, and a study of Allen’s hummingbirds on Catalina.

To register, please visit the Conservancy’s website, [CatalinaConservancy.org](http://CatalinaConservancy.org), and click on the box for the Catalina Conservation and Education Symposium or call 562-437-8555 ext. 1239. The price of registration is \$40 and discounted to \$25 for Conservancy members. It includes lunch and a wine and cheese reception.

#### **About the Conservancy**

Formed in 1972, the Catalina Island Conservancy is one of California's oldest land trusts. Its mission is to be a responsible steward of its lands through a balance of conservation, education and recreation. Through its ongoing efforts, the Conservancy protects the magnificent natural and cultural heritage of Santa Catalina Island, stewarding approximately 42,000 acres of land and more than 60 miles of rugged shoreline. It provides an airport and 50 miles of biking and nearly 150 miles of hiking opportunities within its road and trail system. The Conservancy conducts educational outreach through two nature centers, its Wrigley Memorial & Botanic Garden and guided experiences in the Island’s rugged interior. Twenty miles from the mainland, the Island is a treasure trove of historical and archaeological sites. It also contains numerous rare and endangered animals and plants. The Island is home to 60 species – and

counting – that are found only on Catalina. For additional information, please visit [www.catalinaconservancy.org](http://www.catalinaconservancy.org).