



CATALINA ISLAND CONSERVANCY

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Public Invited to Catalina Island Conservancy's Symposium on Nov. 14 ***Event Features Research Updates on Catalina's Plants, Animals and Culture***

LONG BEACH - The Catalina Island Conservancy will host a one-day Conservation and Education Symposium on Nov. 14 in Long Beach to provide the public with captivating discussions about research and surveys of Catalina's plants and animals, as well as the protection of artifacts of the ancient people who once inhabited the Island.

The symposium, entitled "*Exploring Research on Catalina Island: Flora, Fauna and Culture*," will feature a series of short presentations by Conservancy biologists, educators and research partners on topics ranging from the ancient mammals that once inhabited the Island to today's bird and bison populations. Each presentation will be followed by a question-and-answer period to give the public an opportunity to directly engage with the researchers and presenters.

"Catalina Island serves as a natural learning laboratory where people of all ages can gain knowledge about the environment and ecology, and this year's Conservation and Education Symposium promises to provide a quick overview of projects that delve into the challenges and successes of conservation in our unique Island environment," said Ann M. Muscat, PhD, Conservancy president and CEO. "We encourage all who love learning and Catalina to join us for this diverse and intriguing series of presentations on the Island's flora, fauna and culture."

The symposium will include presentations by Conservancy biologists and staff on the breeding birds on the Island, the impact of deer browsing on a native plant, the Conservancy's innovative bison contraception program and NatureWorks, a new program to provide ecological and environmental education for K-12 students in Avalon Schools.

Invited scholars will also describe efforts to protect ancient artifacts on Catalina and the differentiation of reptiles and amphibians on the Island. They will also discuss the methods for evaluating the arrival and dispersal of endemic species on Catalina and the recovery of the American peregrine falcon on the Channel Islands.

[Details about the Symposium](#)

Event: *Exploring Research on Catalina Island: Flora, Fauna and Culture*
Time: 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Place: [Hyatt the Pike Long Beach](#)
285 Bay Street
Long Beach, California, USA, 90802-8161
Registration: Please call 562-437-8555 ext. 239 or visit www.catalinaconservancy.org

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.