

## Museum of Natural History Weekly Buzzz... (July 10-16, 2010)



**California Wild with Wildlife Associates** It's time for the final Super Summer Saturday of the year! Meet a live porcupine, red fox, great horned owl, opossum, and red-tailed hawk. Learn about these intriguing animals and gain insights into the secret lives of the animals that live around us. Join us on July 31, shows at

10:30am and 12:00pm.

<http://santacruz museums.org/whatsnew/events/supersummersaturday2010.htm>

**Celebrate Urban Birds** There was a flurry of feather-friendly activity here at the Museum last Saturday as we planted a hummingbird garden, then enjoyed two shows by the Banana Slug String Band. Visit the Museum's Facebook page to see more great photos and a special video of staff member Peter Wampler making his sea star debut!



<http://www.facebook.com/SantaCruzMuseumOfNaturalHistory>



**Discover Schwan Lake** Looking for a great place to hike, play, and birdwatch? This former lagoon is bordered by a 1.1 mile trail through beautiful habitat that is home to plenty of interesting plants and wildlife. Check out staff member Kristen Van Kley's latest article in the Sentinel for more information about this hidden local gem!

[http://www.santacruzsentinel.com/localnews/ci\\_15611231](http://www.santacruzsentinel.com/localnews/ci_15611231)

**Prometheus**, the Museum's California Kingsnake, shed his skin this week! This normal, healthy process is known as ecdysis, and he now looks shiny and new. The "old" skin is up at the front desk for visitors to see. Thanks to dedicated volunteers Tristan Loofbourrow and Matt Taylor, Prometheus is a happy and healthy resident of the Museum.



**Docent training is coming soon!** Do you have a desire to learn about the natural world? Do you enjoy sharing your knowledge with others? Become a docent at the Santa Cruz Museum of Natural History! Training is on Mondays from September 13 to October 4. For more information visit:

<http://www.santacruz museums.org/whatsnew/events/docenttraining.htm>