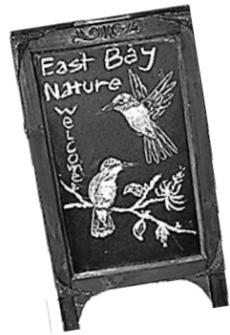


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1. Please keep your feeders clean.

Dirty feeders can spread disease. Clean your tube feeders easily with long bottle brushes and warm, soapy water.

2. Keep bird baths clean and full.

You can use Fountec or an enzyme cleaner to keep algae out. If you refill your baths daily or every other day you don't need to worry about mosquitoes. If you can't refill it often enough use a mosquito treatment in the water. It is safe for everyone. Or, use the Water Wiggler. It is battery operated and causes the water to ripple enough to keep mosquitoes from landing on the surface. We have solar water wigglers, too.

3. Be on the lookout for baby birds.

If you find baby birds that cannot be returned to their nest (you can pick them up and put them back into the nest) call the Lindsay Wildlife Hospital for advice - 925-935-1978. Don't relocate the nest unless it's just a foot or two. The parents cannot find it even if it's fairly close to its original location. If you must prune your trees or bushes be sure to check for nests first. Hummingbird nests are very tiny and hard to spot. Best time to prune is in Oct., Nov. and Dec. for both the trees and wildlife!

4. Keep your cats indoors!



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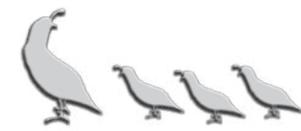
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East Bay NATURE NEWS



Spring 2018

A Conversation with a the Moon...

On a recent warm night, I went out on the back porch to look for an owl hooting close by. I couldn't really find it, but I did enjoy sitting there listening to another owl answering in the distance. "What's so interesting?" a male voice said. I jumped a foot in the air and looked around. Not seeing anyone I quickly headed for the back door. "Whoa, whoa, come back here! Just curious is all," said the voice.

I looked everywhere and still couldn't find where the sound was coming from. "Up here," the voice said impatiently. I looked up at the full moon and suddenly saw a face take shape. "You're the...man in the moon?" I said. "Oh, for Pete's sake," he said. "I'm not 'in' the moon, I AM the moon." "What do I call you?" I asked. "Name's Dave," he said. "Dave?" I said incredulously. "Short for David," he said. Just then my daughter, Annie, stepped outside. "Who're you talking to, Mom?" she asked. "To the moon," I said excitedly. She looked up at the moon, then back at me and patted my head. "Okay," she said a little sadly. "Good night, Mom".

"So, Dave, why can't other people hear you?" I asked. "Because," he said. "They aren't *listening*." "Here's a question for you then," I said. "Why don't we ever see your backside?" "I beg your pardon?" Dave said, chuckling to himself. "I don't think I know you well enough." "You know what I mean," I said. "Well," said Dave. "The pull of your tides have locked me in place, so the periods of rotation on my axis and revolution around the earth are identical to yours. When this happens I show only my handsome face to earth. That's the story I tell, anyway."

"Do you think we could ever live on the moon?" I asked. "Well," Dave said. "You won't find any water here." "Of course not, there isn't water on any moon," I said matter-of-fact. "Oh, contraire. Let me share with you some facts that I'm guessing you probably aren't aware of," Dave said in a slightly condescending tone. "Jupiter's moon,

Europa, not only has water, but a warm ocean under that ice.

Why? Its proximity to Jupiter and its other moons stresses it enough to keep its interior rocks molten. If you were to live on any moon that would be the one." "Hey," I said. "If aliens lived on Europa, would that make them Europeans?" I laughed until I fell over. "Very funny," Dave said dryly. "And, yes."

"Here's a question for you," he said. "Why do I look like I'm the exact same size as our sun?" "Because," I said slowly. "The distance from the earth to you is so much shorter than the distance from the earth to the sun?" "Yes," he said. "But, the interesting part is that I'm 1/400th the diameter of the sun and 1/400th as far from the earth making us the same size in the sky. No other planet/moon combination exists in our solar system. This makes for especially photogenic solar eclipses."

"So, why do you call yourself 'Dave'?" None of the other moons have a name like that. They have much more sophisticated sounding names," I said, regretting saying that as soon as it came out. "Because I like the name 'Dave'," he said. "It's friendly sounding. Who wants to be called Ilo or Charon or Callisto? What kind of names are those, anyway?"

"Those are the names of Greek personalities," I said knowledgeably. "All the moons in our solar system are named after them except for the moons of Uranus. They were named after notable characters in British literature. Among its 27 moons are names like Ariel, Cordelia, Juliet, Puck and Ophelia. Although, the first person to discover a planet beyond the naked eye was going to name Uranus after his king. So, the list of our planets would have been Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn and George." "That's pretty interesting," Dave said. "To you. But, do you know that what their real names are?" "What do you mean," I said. "Those are their real names." "Not really," Dave said. "Cordelia's name is

actually Sue. Puck's is Dan. Really, can you blame him?" "Oh," I said. "And, how do you know this?" "We moons talk," he said.

"Ok, well, here's something you may not be aware of," I said smugly. "Do you know how you were originally formed?" "No," he said. "But, I'm afraid you're going to tell me." "Yes, I am," I said. "After the formation of the sun and our planets, a lot of junk rained down on the earth, like rocks, ice balls and pebbles. One significant piece, probably the size of Mars, collided and glanced off the earth dislodging pieces of debris combining into what you are today."

"Here's something else I know about you," I continued, unstoppable now. "Have you ever heard of a trifecta? That's when three events occur roughly at the same time. A super, blue, blood moon is what we experienced recently. First, a super moon is when your orbit is closest to the earth, called the perigee, and you appear to be about 14% larger than normal. Second, a blue moon is when we see two full moons in the same month. Although, as it turns out the original meaning just meant something that is rare, but, what the heck, we'll go with the current thought. Thirdly, a blood moon is the reddish color you become during a total lunar eclipse. And, all this happened on the same night," I said, feeling pretty satisfied with my lunar knowledge. "Well," Dave said. "The first and third events are significant. The second doesn't mean much to me and quite honestly, shouldn't to you, either."

"Let me show you a bifecta," Dave said. "A bifecta?" I said scratching my head. "I've never heard of that." Dave suddenly turned around. And, there it was. Two white circles mashed together at the center. Dave mooned me.

Bless the cosmos ~

Joanie and Annie



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This is a one-day only sale! All merchandise (except optics) will be 20% off, no limits! That includes seed, suet, feeders, houses, hardware, baths, gifts, etc. No rain checks, though. We'll have stuff to eat and drink, too. One word of caution—don't store too much seed over the summer. Moths love hot, dry weather. Birds like moth larvae, people don't.

Pillows by Manual Woodworkers and Weavers



We just got in new pillows! We've added a labradoodle, Maltese, pit bull and French bulldog to the dog collection. The dog pillows have a vibrant background color that complements the color of the dog. What's really cute are the llama and donkey 3D pillows with ears that stand out from the pillow. The llama has a little daisy in her mouth. Some are indoor/outdoor types made of a material called Climaweave that can handle the weather...

...\$22.95 to \$31.95.



Naked Bee

We just got in Naked Bee's new fragrance, Citron and Honey. It's a beautiful citrusy scent. The hand and body lotion in the 6.7 oz. size goes for \$9.99 and the smaller 2.25 oz. tube is \$4.99. Remember their ingredients contain "All the good stuff...none of the bad stuff"! Also new from Naked Bee is their Naked Zinc disappearing sunscreen. Rated broad spectrum SPF 30 UVA & UVB. It is paraben-free, fragrance-free, biodegradable, non-nano mineral crystal, reef safe with absolutely no chemical absorbers (whew). Goes on white, then disappears!...\$14.99.



Felt Products by dZi Handmade

You may have seen our felt bird ornaments before, but these new felt cactus and coin purses are new and super cute. There are several types of "cactus" in paper pots that look real from a distance. Up close, you'll see they are actually made of felt and don't hurt at all if you touch them! Several cactus plant styles and sizes...\$16.95 to \$17.95. We've added new coin purse designs. All hand-felted 100% wool and embroidered with raccoon, humming, panda and a bird house. Made in Nepal and fair trade...\$16.95. There's also a new wool bird house that looks like a camper. It is totally functional as a nest box and comes with a clean out opening on the bottom. The inside is stuffed with recycled newspaper from Kathmandu...\$33.95.



New Products...

More SPI Products

You're going to be needing a thermometer soon for sweltering summer days. This elegant thermometer not only gives you're the temperature, but looks beautiful as well. The décor is all metal with a bronze hummingbird feeding from verde flowers. It can be hung inside or out...\$42.95. The matching metal birds would look nice with the thermometer. They are solid metal as well in the same verde color and can go outside. One bird has a slightly different pose than the other...\$9.99 each. Let's not forget the little metal cricket in the same color, all metal. He'd look good with all the SPI products. Oh, and he'll also bring you good luck...\$24.95.



Hats by Wallaroo

There are new styles for summer! The hat in the photo is the Sedona with a weave that resembles a straw hat (but, much more soft and elegant). It has a multi-colored band of warm southwest colors. It can be worn as either a women's or men's hat. Also, new is the Riviera, a very stylish two-tone, smooth, straw-type material with a wide brim. The crown is tan, the brim black. The Amelia is light tan in color, very simple style with a dark brown cord band. All the hats have a UPF 50+ rating which blocks 97.5% of the sun's ultraviolet rays and all are packable...\$53.95 to \$58.95.

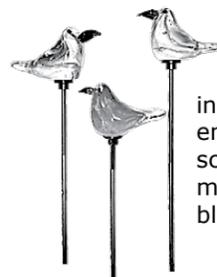


Seed/Suet Log Feeder by Songbird Essentials



This new feeder can hold a 28 oz. seed log or large cylinder suet. It's ready to hang, easy to fill and clean and allows multiple birds to feed at the same time. Made of durable metal construction with a copper-colored roof...\$19.95.

Bird Stakes by SPI



These pretty little devils can be stuck in the ground or a planter, indoors or out. The birds are made entirely out of solid glass and the screw-on stake is black metal. They measure 18" high and come in red, blue or green...\$12.99 each.

Bird Baths by Evergreen

These vibrantly colored glass baths are gorgeous! The poppies in the photo are bright pink, yellow and orange. We also have a hibiscus and butterfly bath that is orange, blue and green. The baths are about 20" in diameter...\$44.95 for the bowl only.



Mushroom Bells by SPI



These pretty-sounding bells are made of ceramic with a jute hanger. The five little bells hang in a row, each bell is a different color resembling a mushroom...\$15.99.

Mosquito Repellents by Murphy's Naturals

Summer is almost here and so will the mosquitoes! Enjoy more time outdoors, mosquito-free, with Murphy's mosquito candles and sticks. They are 100% DEET free and made in the USA. The candle will burn up to 30 hours. Active ingredients are citronella, lemongrass and rosemary oils...\$12.50 each.



Ganz Seahorses

We've now got quite a collection of acrylic critters from Ganz. The latest are different colored seahorses. They are actually ornaments that you could hang from your car rear view mirror or in a sunny window. The colors are pale green, blue, orange and clear (which isn't really a color, is it?)...\$6.25.



Update on "dead" Crows

In our last newsletter I wrote about the "dead" crows we sell. They are actually life-size Styrofoam crows with black chicken feathers that are used by the floral industry around Halloween. I can now say I have personal experience using them. The local crows outside our store decided they were going to use our bird bath to wash their food. That's fine, I thought, I'll just make sure we keep the bath clean. It was fun to watch them come and go. Then, I discovered they were using the bath to clean freshly killed birds! Can't have that at the bird store!!! So, I put out one of our "dead" crows and laid it next to the bath. In less than a minute, those crows were raising hell cawing back and forth from the roof tops staring down at that fake crow. That lasted for 15-20 minutes, then they left. Period. It's been a few weeks and they still haven't returned even though I can see them flying around the area. I'm sure they're smart enough to try again at some point. I'm also sure they know it is not really a dead crow, but it leaves a doubt in their clever little minds. If they return we'll put the zombie out again.



Lindsay Wildlife Experience Events

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Free Friday

Lindsay is free and open to the public every third Friday of the month, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free Fridays allow over 1,500 visitors to experience Lindsay—some for the first time.

Summer is coming! Register for camp at Lindsay

Keep your kids busy with summer camp at Lindsay. From digging up dinosaurs to natural explorers, the mini-camps and workshops offer a real chance to learn about animals, science and nature—all while having tons of FUN! Camp sessions start at 9:30 a.m. and end at 12:30 p.m. Register at <https://lindsaywildlife.org/events/camp-lindsay-2018>.

Hummingbird Bell by SPI

This hummingbird bell/mobile is simply beautiful. The mother hummer hovers over the bell watching over her two young hummers. The birds and bell are bronze in color and the leaves are a verde wash. The bell gently rings in the breeze. Everything is made of metal...\$44.95.



Bird Bath by Grassland Roads

Just in is a beautiful black and gold bird bath. The bowl is a textured gold color, the base is black with an etched leaf design. Very striking. The bath stands about 36" high and the bowl is removable. It is made of a lightweight resin material...\$165.00.



Gift Cards

If you're totally out of ideas for Father's Day, how about a gift card? Gift cards come in any denomination and can be used for virtually any product in the store. How about a gift card and a bottle of local honey?

Annie's Reading Corner...

There's an interesting new book out called *The California Field Atlas* written and illustrated by Obi Kaufmann, an author from the east bay. He is a poet, writer and painter. The watercolor illustrations are expertly done. It's not the type of atlas you may be used to, but maps of various parts of the state depicting wildlife, geology, trails, ecosystems, plants, state parks and counties—research the author has collected and compiled from his life wandering the state. From the deserts to the mountains to the forests, to the ocean, California is truly an amazing place.

