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May Newsletter

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CTEPO Updates!

Hello, May! After such a busy month we can't wait to see what May entails.

We hope that you enjoyed spending time celebrating the planet this last month! Mountain Cahuilla Tribal Earth Day had to be postponed due to concerns in regard to weather. The event will now take place on June 6th. More information is attached below.

As we head into the warmest months of the year, it is so important to be mindful of droughts, extreme heat, and wildfire season. These all have significant impacts on the environment and human health.

Please stay hydrated and avoid overheating.

April featured two amazing environmental celebrations: Earth Day and Arbor Day. Part of CTEPO's celebration included planting around thirty oak tree sprouts throughout the Two Thousand Acres. The majority of these little trees were planted as part of the restoration of the burn scars.

We also had the ability to participate as part of La Jolla's Intertribal Earth Day. We are so appreciative attend this event every year and see so many familiar faces.

Overall, April was an amazing month dedicated to honoring and celebrating the planet. We can't wait to see what is in store for May!

2ND Annual Mountain Cahuilla Tribal Earth Day



New Date

June 6, 2026

Food * Vendors * Raffles * Cake walks

Location: Sewia Park Santa Rosa Reservation

Time: 10am - 2pm

**65200 State HWY 74
Mountain Center, CA 92561**



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Spring Calendar

May 2026

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2 Flower Day
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 Memorial Day	26	27	28	29	30
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June 2026

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6 MCTED
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
						Juneteenth
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

Fruitful Fun Facts

- The full moon in May is referred to as the Flower Moon. It will be the first of two full moons to make an appearance this month.
- The Purple Owl's Clover is related to the Indian Paintbrush.
- Carl Linnaeus was born on May 23rd. He created the system we use today for naming organisms.

May Flowers of Calhulla

- Scarlet Bugler
- Rock Bush
- Purple Owl's Clover
- Indian Paintbrush
- Golden Yarrow
- Desert Dandelion
- Fringed Linanthus
- Blue Elder
- California Aster
- San Bernardino Larkspur

DARLING, IT'S ALREADY MAY!



Project Pollinator



What are pollinators?

Pollination is the way in which plants reproduce. A pollinator often refers to any insect or animal which helps facilitate the pollination process for plants.

Pollinators are incredibly important to ensuring many plants continue to exist, as an estimated 80% of flowering plants rely upon pollinators for reproduction!

How Pollination Works

Flowering plants are like a buffet for many species of pollinators. The pollinator will visit a flowering plant often to feed on the plant, or in some cases to lay its eggs. When it makes contact with the flower, the plant's pollen will transfer to the pollinator's body.

Then, that same creature will journey to another plant of the same species and transfer the pollen while feeding upon that plant.

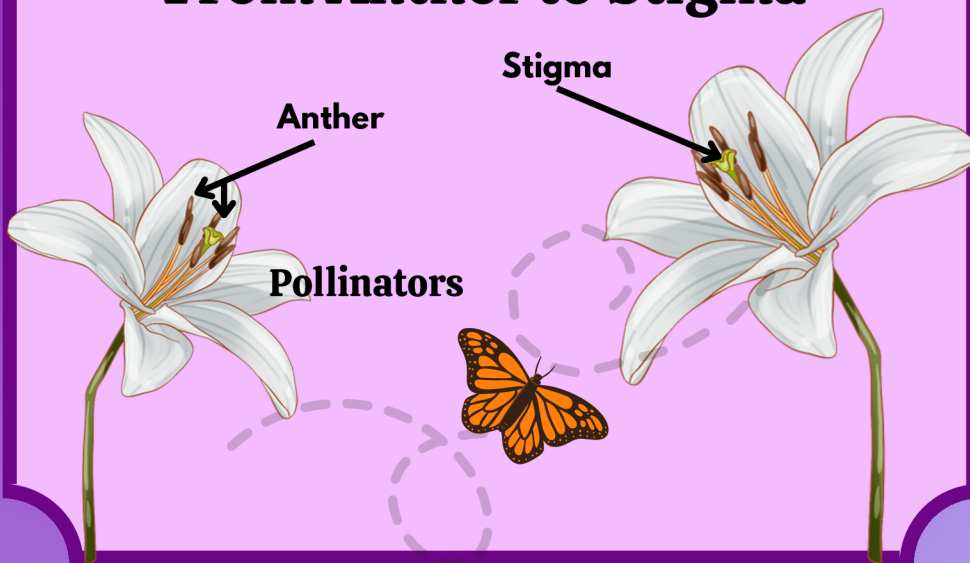
This helps the plant create seeds which in turn will become a new generation of plants.

Cahuilla's Pollinators

Here is a list of some of the most notable pollinator species.

- Acmon Blue
- Anna's Hummingbird
- Behr's Metalmark
- Brown Elfin
- Cabbage White
- California Yucca Moth
- Costas Hummingbird
- Painted Lady
- Potter Wasps
- Sandhill Skipper
- Quino Checkerspot
- Butterfly
- Western Honeybee
- Yellow-faced Bumble Bee

From Anther to Stigma



Why Pollinators are Important

Without pollinators, many plants would not be able to reproduce. Plants and pollinators are both integral components to the makeup of the ecosystem. Without them, Cahuilla's environment would suffer greatly and it certainly would not be home to such a robust array of wildlife.

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