

UCI-Nature is a campus program that seeks to advance understanding and stewardship of the natural environment by promoting the University's natural areas and field-based assets through operational and programmatic support for **research, education and public engagement.**



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San Joaquin Marsh Reserve



A remnant wetland from an extensive historical estuary, the marsh provides habitat to over 250 species of birds, an estimated 237 species of vascular plants, and is home to the largest population of South Western Pond Turtles in the county. The reserve also serves an outdoor freshwater classroom and research lab for thousands of students each year.

Ecological Preserve



The preserve is a mosaic of two rare and threatened ecosystems of California-Coastal Sage Scrub and grassland. These 60 acres provide critical nesting habitat for threatened birds like the California Gnatcatcher and the Coastal Cactus Wren. It is an invaluable open space for the University Hills community as well, and for conducting ecological research & education.

Classrooms without walls



A network of campus-adjacent open spaces provide unparalleled opportunities for field research and place-based learning. While field based internships on these natural lands train the next generation of ecological stewards.

Engaging the community



Through volunteer events, citizen science projects, and partnerships with community organizations, we invite the community to join us in learning about, and stewarding, our natural heritage.

Become a partner.

By giving to support UCI Nature, you become more than just a donor. You are a fellow visionary helping us to capitalize on the shared human and biological heritage of our region. With your help, we can enrich our campus community and continue cutting edge ecological research, education, and programming.

Partnership gift levels:

- \$1000+ Bobcat
- \$1000 Coyote
- \$500 Cactus Wren
- \$250 Monarch
- \$100 Mariposa Lily

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