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# Press Release

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## **ENVIRONMENTAL NATURE CENTER PRESENTS HUMMINGBIRD WALKS**

***Guests will walk the Center in Search of Hummingbirds, Learn how to Contribute to Hummingbird Research***

**NEWPORT BEACH, Calif., January 26, 2017** – The Environmental Nature Center (ENC) is hosting a Hummingbird Walk on February 4, 2017. Two Hummingbird Walks will occur, starting at 10AM and 12PM. The 10AM walk is for adult participants only; the 12PM walk is open to children and their families.

ENC Naturalist Leslie Helliwell will lead guests on a walk in the ENC to search for hummingbirds and their nests. Hummingbirds, called “flying jewels” by the early Spanish explorers, hover in space, power dive, and fly backwards and sideways. Participants will learn where these tiny bits of non-stop energy get their fuel, discover how they “broadcast” their color, and learn which plants depend on them for pollination. Cost is \$10 per guest (\$5 for ENC members). Registration is mandatory; tickets can be purchased at [encenter.org](http://encenter.org). Guests are encouraged to register early as only twenty places are available and the ENC’s hummingbird walks have sold out quickly in the past.

Knowledge and skills picked up during the hummingbird walks can be put to practical use. In its effort to study how hummingbirds interact in an urban environment, The Cornell Lab of Ornithology is now accepting data from citizen scientists. Skills learned at the ENC’s Citizen Science or Hummingbird Walk events can be directly applied to this project.

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### **About the ENC**

Founded in 1972, the ENC is a fascinating combination of 15 California native plant communities, wildlife habitat, walking trails, and sustainably designed, LEED Platinum certified learning center. For 40 years, the ENC has been shaped and caressed into a 3.5 acre landscape for learning, a sanctuary from life’s pressures and a place of preservation and instruction. Serving over 21,000 students and thousands of visitors annually, the ENC is recognized as a leader in science and social science education providing opportunities for increasing our community’s knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the natural world.

The ENC recently purchased property to develop a nature play area, and construct our community’s first nature based preschool. With a mission of providing quality education through hands-on experience with nature, the ENC inspires all generations to protect the natural world by serving as our community’s foremost authority on

ecological responsibility, sustainable practices and environmental education. The ENC is a non-profit 501(c)-3 public benefit corporation. For more information call 949-645-8489, or visit [www.ENCcenter.org](http://www.ENCcenter.org). The ENC is located at 1601 16th Street in Newport Beach.

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