

SUMMER

EVENT CALENDAR

**JUN.
15-16**

WORLD SEA TURTLE DAY

Dive into World Sea Turtle Day at the Living Coast and learn how you can help protect local sea turtle species by making small changes in your daily life.

Did you know? All seven sea turtle species are threatened or endangered. Stop by and say “Hi” to some of our most loved animal ambassadors, Sapphire the Loggerhead Sea Turtle and Emerald the Atlantis Sea Turtle.

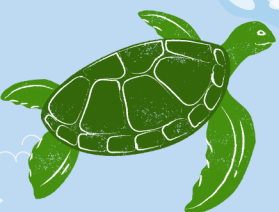
**JUN.
22-23**

POLLINATOR WEEK



What’s all the buzz about? Pollinators of course! Join us in celebrating everything pollinator; bees, birds, butterflies, bats and more during Pollinator Week. Learn about how pollinators depend on us for their survival (and vis versa).

Did you know? Pollinators play a role in producing 1 in every 3 bites of food consumed, including some of our favorite treats like berries, almonds, coffee and chocolate.



**JUL
13-14**

SHARK AWARENESS DAY

Let's make a splash about sharks! Most of us would run screaming if we saw a shark shaped fin coming towards us as we enjoy a day at the beach. But, we may forget that sharks play a key role in maintaining balance in the marine ecosystem. Join us and learn the truth about common shark myths while viewing leopard sharks, guitarfish, bat rays, and more in our 21,000-gallon shark and ray exhibit.

Did you know? A shark's gestation period can range from a few months to a few years! The frilled shark (*Chlamydoselachus anguineus*) has the longest gestation period of any vertebrate. Lasting up to 3 ½ years!

**JUL
21**

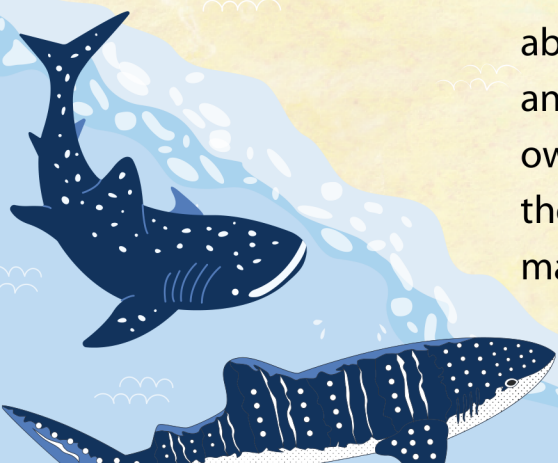
NATIONAL ZOOKEEPER WEEK

This place looks like a zoo! That's because it is, a zoo and aquarium in fact. The Living Coast is proud of the dozens of animal care keepers and hundreds of animal care volunteers, who keep our animal ambassadors happy and healthy. Join us and learn how you too can care for our local wildlife.

**AUG
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INTERNATIONAL OWL AWARENESS DAY

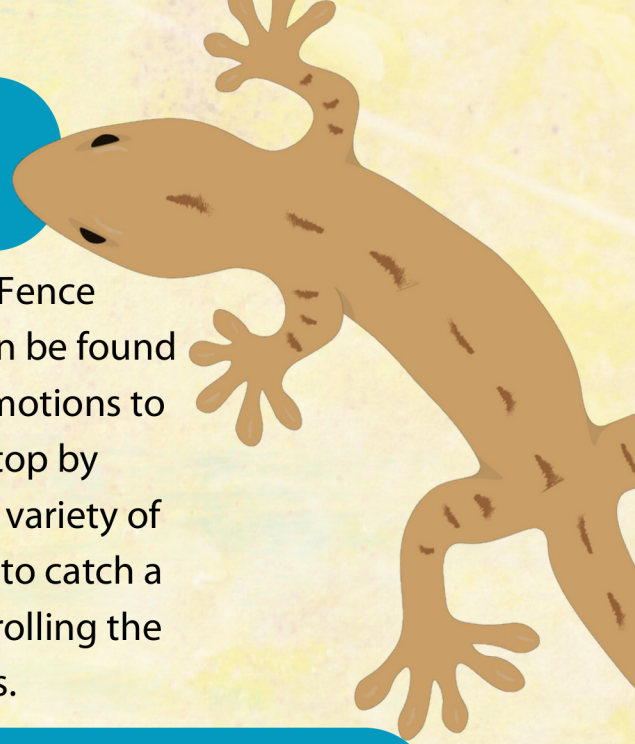
Who gives a hoot about owls? We do! Join us and learn about these majestic birds of prey. Some of our most loved animal ambassadors are not the typical hooting, nocturnal owls. Western Burrowing Owls are easily distinguished by their small size, large eyes, and "sassy personalities" which make them a guest favorite here at the Living Coast.



**AUG
10-11**

WORLD LIZARD DAY

Who's enjoying the summer? The Western Fence Lizard is for sure! This magnificent lizard can be found sun-bathing and performing push-up like motions to intimidate other males or court a female. Stop by during World Lizard Day and check out the variety of lizards and reptiles on exhibit. You're likely to catch a glimpse of their wild counterparts when strolling the trails, Compost or Native Pollinator gardens.



**SEP
7**

INTERNATIONAL VULTURE AWARENESS DAY

It's a turkey...It's a vulture...It's a turkey vulture! Vultures tend to have an unfair and bad reputation, often portrayed as villains in movies and pop culture. But, the truth is that vultures are great at cleaning up the remains of freshly dead animals. Thanks to their excellent immune systems, they can feast on carcasses without contracting botulism, anthrax, cholera, or salmonella.

**SEP
21**

INTERNATIONAL COASTAL CLEAN UP DAY

Show your commitment to caring for our coastal environment! Learn about practical ways we can beautify and remove litter from our parks and waterways to support local wildlife.

Did you know? Thanks to our wonderful volunteers and community support, we've removed over 68,000 lbs. of trash from 67 local clean-up projects since 2015.

