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LEARN ABOUT CALIFORNIA'S ENDANGERED WILDLIFE AT FREE FAMILY EVENT

Wildlife experts are teaming up with The California Museum in Sacramento for a free family event showcasing the states native and endangered species.

The Department of Fish and Game (DFG) will participate in the *Target Family Saturday: California Critters and Crawlers* event at The California Museum in Sacramento. The event is scheduled for April 25 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 1020 O Street. Admission is free.

DFG's featured event speaker will bring a pair of Mexican free-tailed bats to provide an up-close look at some of nature's most fascinating animals. There are 25 species of bats that are native to California. Many of them are considered Species of Special Concern because of their sensitivity to human disturbance, loss of habitat and degradation of habitat quality. Learn about some simple steps you can take to share your neighborhood with these gentle creatures of the night.

Wild animals from the Sacramento Zoo will make appearances to highlight the need to protect California's natural inhabitants. The event will also feature arts and crafts, educational booths, face painting and entertainer Francie Dillon. Visitors to the DFG display booth can glimpse a desert tortoise, which is designated as a threatened species and is also the official state reptile. Games and activities will help demonstrate why habitat is so important for the survival of our native wildlife.

California, the most biologically diverse state in the U.S., is home to 5,000 native plant species and more than 1,000 native animals. More than 300 are designated by the state as rare, threatened or endangered.

Other organizations present at the event will be the Monterey Bay Aquarium, Sierra Club, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, California Department of Parks and Recreation, Save Our Sandhill Cranes and the Cosumnes River Preserve.

For more information about Target Family Saturday, visit The California Museum's Web site at CaliforniaMuseum.org, or call (916) 653-7524.

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About The California Museum

The California Museum – home of the California Hall of Fame and California Legacy Trails – engages, educates and enlightens people about California's rich history and its unique contribution to the world through ideas, innovation, art and culture. Through captivating, interactive and innovative experiences, the Museum seeks to inspire men, women and children to dream the California dream and dare to make their mark on history. Open Mon.-Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. Noon-5 p.m.; Adults \$8.50, Students/Seniors (with valid I.D.) \$7, Children 6-13 \$6.00; Free for Children 5 and Younger. Parking is free on the weekends. CaliforniaMuseum.org

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