



California Wildlife Center

Patient of the Week

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Happy Howl-o-ween!

As the sun sets and decorations light up our neighborhoods, families head out to trick or treat. Here are some fun facts about animals often associated with Halloween, along with a few tips to make the holiday fun for both people and wildlife.

Trick: Some owls can turn their heads 270 degrees!

Treat: Owls help control rodent populations naturally!

Trick: Bats aren't blind - they use sound waves to see in the dark!

Treat: Some bats can eat over 1,000 mosquitoes in an hour!



Trick: Spider webs are easy to walk into because they're made of transparent silk!

Treat: Webs help catch insects, which in turn keep our gardens healthy!

Trick: A group of crows is called a murder - spooky, right?

Treat: Crows are social, intelligent birds who work together to solve problems!

Here are some eco-friendly and wildlife-friendly ideas:

- You can create a spooky display with decorations like pumpkins, fallen leaves and branches instead of faux spider webs that can trap wildlife.
- LED candles (instead of real flames and flashing or upward-facing lights) give jack-o'-lanterns a cozy flicker and help migrating birds enjoy the night, too.
- Enjoy your candy indoors. Wildlife might be tempted by the sweet smell, but sugar, foil, and wrappers aren't on their menu.
- Halloween brings extra little feet and paws so driving extra carefully will help both trick-or-treaters and wildlife have a spook-tacular, safe night.

Enjoy your sweet and spooky festivities and thank you for looking out for our wild friends this Halloween!

