Owl Boxes... what a hoot.

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This year, I have two students who built an owl box. It isn’t installed (awaiting approval from admin), but it would represent including biodiversity on campus. If a pair of owls take up residence, it would help with rodent control*. And we hope to install an owl cam to spy on them in a blatant display of an invasion of privacy (what kind of sick people would do that? - yeah EAST kids, and one occasional adult). Other similar projects include Western Bluebird nesting boxes, bat boxes and of course the Native Rain Garden.

*Rodent control at Pali High (and many other high schools) is a problem. The rodents also pose a threat to the health of the crops in the Rain Tank Project’s organic community garden.

Left: Great Horned Owl in Griffith Park. Right: Western Bluebird, Placerita Canyon, Los Angeles

Field Trip Destinations:
- Any hike in a natural area - Temescal, Malibu Creek, Malibu Lagoon, etc.

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