Do you enjoy learning about the natural world? Would you like to learn about the amazing and unique ecology of California? If so, consider becoming a California Naturalist!

The Dominguez Rancho Adobe Museum in Rancho Dominguez is hosting a California Naturalist training. Participants complete a 40+ hour hands-on course with expert instructors and fellow learners-studying natural history, environmental interpretation, and conservation stewardship.

These classes cover the natural and cultural history of California, with an in-depth look at our South Bay ecology. Through field trips, classroom instruction and hands-on exercises, participants will observe and learn about the variety of plant and animal communities of our region. Through the course, participants will learn tools to hone their observation skills and will improve their communication skills by sharing knowledge with other participants and by working on a group project.

**Meeting Days & Times:** September 10 to December 10. The classes will be held every Saturday from 10:00am to 1:00pm. The days include three Saturday field trips which will be held for extended hours on October 1st, November 5th, December 3rd. All classes will be held at the Dominguez Rancho Adobe Museum.

**Fee:** The cost for the course is $325. Students must purchase The California Naturalist Handbook (2013, UC Press). Four UC academic credits available upon completion for an additional fee.

**Course Benefits Include:**
- Classroom sessions & hands-on field trips with local expert lecturers, field biologists, and UC curriculum.
- UC California Naturalist Certificate awarded upon completion of course requirements.
- Optional 4 UC academic credits for an additional fee.
- Future discounts on unique training opportunities.
- Opportunities to develop your CV and skill set.
- A lifetime membership to a growing statewide network of certified UC California Naturalist.

For more info & registration, visit [www.dominguezrancho.org](http://www.dominguezrancho.org) or [calnat.ucanr.edu/Take_a_class/Dominguez/](http://calnat.ucanr.edu/Take_a_class/Dominguez/)

You can also contact Luis Fernandez at (310) 603-0088 or at luis.fernandez@dominguezrancho.org

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**Education**

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Do you wish to receive UC academic course credit (additional fee required)?:

**Registration Fee for the Course is $325.00 for all classes and field trips. Method of payment:**

Cash/ Credit Card/ Debit Card/ Check, made payable to “Friends of Rancho San Pedro.”

Account Type: Visa ____ MasterCard____ AMEX____ Discover____

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Registration must be paid before classes start on September 10, 2022.

**COVID-19 Update:** The Dominguez Rancho Adobe Museum (DRAM) is planning on hosting a traditional in-person course for the Fall 2022. Should state officials issue another stay-at-home order and/or it is deemed unsafe to meet in person due to COVID-19, DRAM will be shifting the Cal Nat course to an online format with weekly meetings taking place over Zoom, self-guided field experiences (conditions permitting), and participants will deliver a virtual capstone presentation. We appreciate your patience with this dynamic situation. As we plan for reopening, we reserve the right to modify our schedule and our meeting locations to adjust our course delivery as the situation dictates.

**If you have questions or to submit your application please use the contact information below.**

Email: luis.fernandez@dominguezzrancho.org / Fax: (310) 603-0009

Mail: Dominguez Rancho Adobe Museum, Attention: Luis Fernandez, 18127 South Alameda Street, Rancho Dominguez, CA 90220.

Registrants that can successfully refer another student to replace their spot in the course prior to the first day of class will receive a full refund. Registrants that experience a verifiable medical emergency personally, or in their family, within the first two weeks of class before and after instruction has begun may re-enroll in the following year’s course at a 50% discounted rate, with priority for early registration. No other cancellations, for any other reason, will result in a refund unless otherwise stated. Please note, there is a $10.00 transaction fee for any credit card refund.

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