

## Summer 2009 Newsletter for Transition Habitat Conservancy

*for more details visit our newly updated web site [www.TransitionHabitat.org](http://www.TransitionHabitat.org)*

**Transition Habitat Conservancy- an all volunteer organization- is dedicated to preserving open space and natural wildlife habitat for passive recreation and education of our youth. Your support makes this happen! We are buying land in our Pinon Hills Project. Your donations make a difference.**

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*How many legs do you see under this quail? Photo by G Snyder*

***Once the California Budget is Signed we will push our state land acquisition grant forward!***  
**News Flash- Edison Donates \$8,500 to Transition Habitat Conservancy to support our Pinon Hills Project!**

*Southern California Edison once again demonstrates their commitment to the environment by supporting Transition Habitat's Pinon Hills Project. The primary purpose for acquisitions/conservation easements of these parcels is to provide for passive recreational uses and to conserve and enhance essential habitat for wildlife, specifically the diverse lower montane chaparral and woodland community that is unique to the western Mojave. This vegetative type is so poorly represented on conservation lands that the California Natural Diversity Database, identified semi-desert chaparral as a threatened vegetation type. This project represents an opportunity to protect an outstanding occurrence of this at-risk vegetative community in a location that:*

- + Preserves a diverse community of Desert and Mountain species including the SD Horned Lizard. Most of you remember these creatures as common members of this community when you were growing up. This project area has a healthy population and we have seen many young hatchlings in the last 2 weeks*
- + Preserves important headwaters and upstream watershed of the Mojave River Basin Watershed and preserves key areas of the upper Sheep Creek Wash where most of the infiltrate occurs into the Oeste aquifer*
- + Will be used for environmental and conservation education and passive recreation including hiking, horseback riding, birding and outdoor classrooms*

**Transition Habitat Now Purchasing 2 parcels in Pinon Hills Project- We need to raise an additional \$5,000 to pay for this land by September 21. Please help with a donation today. Any amount helps.**





**Horned Lizard Hatchlings- Help save their habitat!**

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## Successful Events-

-  We raised \$2500 at our May Events, thanks to you! Yard Sale May 23rd, and our Garden Party Memorial Day May 25th
-  Great **Land Stewardship Training Workshop** thanks to Shelton Douthit and SDC for putting on this fabulous day of training to help us learn how to set up our Conservation Easements



 **Quail Daddy Gives Ride**  
Photo by Gerry Snyder



**Shelton Douthit of Shelton Douthit Consulting Leads Workshop on Conservation Easement Stewardship**

### ***DID YOU KNOW?***

#### ***Following are excerpts from CCLT's Saving the Southern California Dreams***

Land trusts like Transition Habitat Conservancy represent a well-established and growing movement. Working with willing landowners throughout the region, land trusts are supported by hundreds of thousands of local citizens, government at all levels and philanthropic and community foundations. Offering a diversity of solutions, tailored to the needs of their local communities, land trusts share much in common. All are:

Private, nonprofit organizations \* Highly efficient and cost-effective \* Nimble and flexible \* Creative and solution-oriented \* Able to work collaboratively with a variety of partners \* Highly knowledgeable regarding land preservation and restoration \* Steadfast stewards of the land and water resources whose care is entrusted to them

**-----DONATE TO PRESERVE LAND NOW--- Urgent donations needed-  
Paypal accepted, visit our web site [www.TransitionHabitat.org](http://www.TransitionHabitat.org)**

**Help Preserve Land- We need \$5,000 more to purchase  
2 parcels in Pinon Hills by Sept. 21- anything will help!!**

#### **Transition Habitat Conservancy Donations are *TAX DEDUCTABLE***

Donate for our Land Campaign or Become a member if you haven't already joined

\$35 Individual     \$50 friend     \$100 sponsor     Donation for land

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