

SIGNIFICANT ECOLOGICAL AREA RIO HONDO COLLEGE WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

Resource Description: This area has been designated as a Significant Ecological Area because it is currently used as a wildlife sanctuary by the faculty and students at Rio Hondo College. The area possesses good examples of the riparian woodland, chaparral, oak woodland, and coastal sage scrub communities found in the west end of the Puente Hills. Its proximity to the Rio Hondo College campus makes it a highly valuable educational and resource facility.

The biotic communities here contain a variety of plant life and an abundant fauna, including over 100 species of vertebrates. The biological resources of the sanctuary are widely used by students at the college. Only minutes from campus, it is an excellent natural classroom and laboratory.