

We at Ventana Wildlife Society (VWS) want this Website to be a safe and private place for users. VWS will do its part by not requiring you to register or provide any information at all to use most of the basic features of this Website. We also provide opportunities for greater personalization of content and offerings to enhance your experience if you choose. In turn, you can do your part by reading this policy, making your own informed decisions, and taking the precautions outlined below.

Making a donation to Ventana Wildlife Society will require you to provide personal information.

This privacy policy does not apply when you use this Website as a portal to click through to other Website links you may find on our website. Please review the new site's privacy policy to determine the treatment and collection of your information if you leave this site.

We will update this privacy policy as we deem necessary, so please be sure to reread it from time to time. By submitting your personal information to us, you are agreeing that Ventana Wildlife Society and may use the information in accordance with this privacy policy.

If you have questions regarding this privacy policy, please contact us by sending an email to info@VentanaWS.org or through the address at the end of this privacy policy below.

Personal Information You May Choose to Provide:

In order to utilize certain features of our site or receive information from VWS, you may choose to provide information. If you do submit information to us, we will use that information for the purposes for which it was submitted. We may also use your information in other ways, such as to contact you about other VWS activities and/or fundraising campaigns or as otherwise disclosed to you at the point of collection. For example:

1. **If you join our main email list by registering for On The Wild Side**, we will have a record of your email address and all other information you choose to provide. We will send you On The Wild Side and also may contact you with updated information, fundraising campaigns, and other VWS activities.
2. **If you make an online donation to VWS**, your information will be added to our donor list and database, and you may be contacted about other VWS activities, news, and/or fundraising campaigns. VWS does not rent our donor list to any outside organizations. While we do need your information for our records, some of our donors wish to not be listed in our materials. Please notify us if you wish to remain anonymous and we will not use your name when listing donors' gifts.
3. **We will receive any other information you choose to provide.** For example, if you send us stories or photos, you give us permission to use it in our newsletter, post it in the designated area on our Website, or edit it if we deem that the content is not appropriate, outdated, etc. We will give proper credit for stories or photos we use, however, if you do not wish to receive credit for your photos or stories, please notify us at the time of submission.

Other than as described in this privacy policy, or as may be necessary to protect the rights, property, and safety of our organization or others, or as may be necessary to comply with applicable law, VWS will not give, rent or sell the personal information you provide online.

Financial Information You May Choose to Provide:

If you choose to make an online donation to VWS, you will have to provide your credit card billing information. As this information is collected and transferred over the Internet to our secure server, it is encrypted using Secure Socket Layer (SSL) technology, the industry standard security technology that is designed to protect sensitive information. Our donation pages display the Verisign Secure Site Seal to assure you that our Web site is authentic and that all transactions are secured by SSL encryption. If you are making a donation, the credit card information that you provide at the time of donation is used only to process your donation and will not be used by us for any other purposes. For more information on our security policies, please see the "Security" section below.

Information We Automatically Collect and Store:

As is true of most Web sites you enter, we automatically collect and store some information about your computer and your visit and store it in log files. This information includes information such as your computer's (or your Internet Service Provider's) Internet Protocol (IP) address (this is not your e-mail address); the domain from which you access the Internet (e.g., "AOL.com" or "Princeton.edu"); the name, version, and specifications of your computer and your computer's operating system; the Internet address of the Website, if any, from which you came to our site; the date and time you arrived at our site and how long you spent on the site; and which pages you visited.

We use this information to formulate statistics that show the number of visitors to the different sections of our site and to help us make our site more useful to visitors. For example, we use the browser information to help us design our Website so that as many people as possible will be able to view the pages correctly. These statistics do not reveal personal information.

Security:

This Website has security measures in place to protect the loss, misuse, and alteration of the information under our control. The security measures used on this site include, but are not limited to, industry-standard Secure Socket Layer (SSL) technology, Verisign certificates, firewalls, and internal policies to maintain the security of stored data. While we follow generally accepted industry standards to protect the personal information submitted to us, no method of transmission over the Internet, or method of electronic storage, is 100 percent secure. Therefore, while we strive to use commercially acceptable means to protect your personal information, we cannot guarantee its absolute security.