



# Evolution, Ecology, and Biodiversity Newsletter

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## Special points of interest:

- Welcome back students!
- Check up on your degree checklist!
- Exposing the World to Herpetology
- Getting Ready for Grad School

## Look for these topics in future Newsletters:

- Interviews with professors, grad students, and peers.
- GRAD SCHOOL
- JOBS?
- Places on campus you never knew existed.



## Welcome back my fellow students!

Hello past, present, and future EEB students!

Welcome back to another (or your first) year here at U.C. Davis! Hope your summer was everything you hoped it would be!!!

I just want to let you know that this is going to be a short Newsletter with some brief important information for the start of Fall Quarter. Hopefully there will be a more extensive Winter Quarter Newsletter to come!

In case you don't already know me, my name is Nicole Carbone. I am your

Evolution, Ecology, and Biodiversity Peer Advisor. My office hours are posted in the EVE office,



*Spring time at the Bodega Marine Lab offers many beautiful colors.*

2320 Storer and outside my office, 2202 Storer. Questions are always welcome, so stop by my office. You can also visit Sherri Mann,

our Undergraduate Advisor, in 2320 Storer.

*Some important things that are coming up in the next newsletter:*

...Look for articles and interviews from professors, graduate students, and your fellow peers... More information about graduate schools... Job possibilities for EEB majors. I will also tell you about some cool places on campus you may or may not know about that you can explore and find all sorts of interesting living things.

*Have a good Fall Quarter!*

## Check up on your degree checklist!

Are you planning on graduating soon? Well you better make sure you have all the courses required for your diploma. EEB majors should request a degree check from the College of Biological Science Deans Office via their website:

<http://biosci.ucdavis.edu/undergrad/graduation.htm>. You should also stop by during EEB advising office hours. Your major advisor and peer advisor can help you make sure you are on the right track to graduation.

EEB students can check out the EEB graduation info at <http://www.eve.ucdavis.edu/undergrad/gradchk.html> or contact Sherri Mann at: [smmann@ucdavis.edu](mailto:smmann@ucdavis.edu) for a check of their EEB degree requirements.



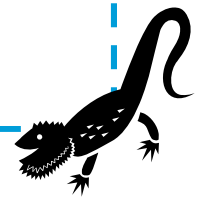


## Exposing People to the Wonders of Herpetology: One Bearded Dragon at a Time

If you haven't already met this fascinating creature... then let me introduce you to him. This is Zephyr, my 5 year old Bearded Dragon. Zephyr often accompanies me to classes, school events, and even to my office hours.

My goal is to expose as many people as possible to the wonder that is Herpetology (the study of Reptiles and Amphibians) through exposing them to Zephyr. He is very amiable and the perfect pet to introduce new and hesitant people to reptiles.

So the next time you see Zephyr around campus, feel free to come up and say "Hi" to him... he won't bite! :)



## Getting Ready for Graduate School

For those of you who are thinking about applying to graduate school, here are some important things to remember:

- Take your GREs
- Edit your Resume/CV and



*Professor Shaffer identifies a snake in the Mojave Desert as his students observe.*

- develop a professional email format for emailing professors
- Find out the requirements for each program you are applying to (they differ depending on the school)
- Find schools and graduate groups where you are interested in studying
- Initiate contact with professors in those programs, sharing your interest in their labs
- Visit the UCD Advising Services Pre-Graduate

School website and advisors for helpful information: <http://bunny.ucdavis.edu/advising/grad/>.

- Ask questions of your Evolution and Ecology Faculty Advisor. If one has not been assigned to you, please see Sherri or Nicole.

