



The Bird Rescue Center
of Sonoma County

One of these things is not like the other

Look DEEP into my eyes....

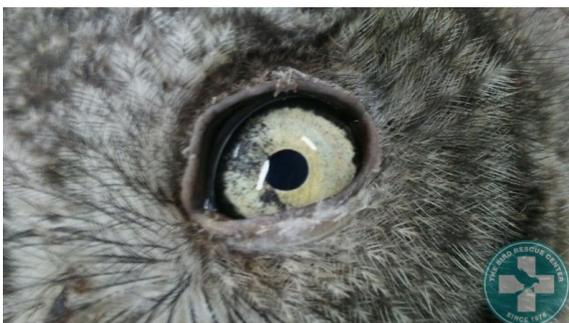
This young Screech Owl (*Megascops kennicottii*) on the left was found in grape vines on the side of a house. Not knowing if the little one was injured, the Good Samaritans brought it in for evaluation. No injuries were noted, but the eyes were not the normal color for a Screech Owl. While it was working up to passing hunting tests, it visited our ophthalmologist, Dr. Burwell, to be sure nothing was affecting the vision. Everything was perfectly normal and just a month after entry, this little one was released... just with a very dazzling eye color.



Not normal colored eyes for a Western Screech Owl.



Normal colored eyes for a Western Screech Owl.





Snow White



This Northern Mockingbird came to BRC through Petcare emergency. Unfortunately, no information was left so this fledging couldn't be assessed for possibly returning it to its family. She was added in with a few of our other mockingbirds and assessed if there would be any rejection or bullying due to her unique color. There hasn't been and we've been able to continue a plan for potential soft release. Though all white, she's not a true albino since she does have color in her eyes and her wing bars and tail feathers that are supposed to be white are even lighter on her. There are naturally occurring variations of [leucism](#) and [melanism](#) and at the moment we're still evaluating her ability for release.



Snow white in both left side pictures. Starting from left in the above photo is an American Robin, a Northern Mockingbird and the leucistic Northern Mockingbird.



Optical Illusion



Here is an American Crow (left) and a Common Raven (right). Your mind isn't playing tricks on you, they are roughly the same age! Ravens are roughly 2-3 times larger than crows, especially whilst growing but both have the signature blue eyes when they are babies.



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