

Photos: Baby owl on Berkeley trail is growing up fast

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The Great Horned Owl chick in its nest in a Eucalyptus tree on Berkeley's Claremont Canyon trail is maturing rapidly. Photos: prettiphotos

The Great Horned Owl nest on the Claremont Canyon fire trail has been a source of great interest for hikers, birders and, yes, Berkeleyside readers.

We [first reported on the nest](#) on March 12 when we received reports of the parent owls diving down on unleashed dogs on the trail. In early April we [published photos of a new arrival](#) in the Eucalyptus tree: a fluffy white owl chick, being zealously guarded by its parents.

Now we have the privilege of sharing these wonderful photographs posted onto our Flickr pool by [prettiephotos](#). As is clear, the young owl is developing rapidly, getting bigger by the day and sprouting grown-up feathers. And — squeamish alert — nourishment is being brought in by the ever nurturing parents.



The mother (or father?) owl has been known to swoop down on unleashed dogs to protect its young. Photo: prettiephotos



A parent owl provides take-in lunch at the nest on the Claremont Canyon fire trail. Photo: prettiephotos



The Great Horned Owl chick is sprouting "grown-up" feathers under its white fluffy down. Photo: prettiephotos