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*A GREAT HORNED OWL'S NEST WAS seen last spring in the managed eucalyptus grove near the Stonewall Road entrance to the Claremont Canyon Regional Preserve. In the picture to the right, a mother owl and chick are about to devour a freshly caught California vole (probably caught by the father owl). Normally nocturnal hunters, great horned owls may also hunt during the day when food requirements are difficult to meet—for example, when raising young. Two eggs were hatched in last spring's nest but after three weeks only one chick remained. Great horned owls do not build their own nests, and often use the vacated nest of a red-tailed hawk. This same nest was previously occupied in 2008, producing three owl chicks, all of which successfully fledged.*



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