A Field Guide to The Wildlife of Market Street

It’s remarkable really, how the Western Tiger Swallowtail butterfly has found a home on San Francisco’s Market Street. And it’s not alone. While some of the wild plants and animals found in these urban canyons are rare, the vast majority are so common you can see them everyday if you take the time to look.

This guide pays homage to the Honey Bees, London Plane trees, the American Robins, and so many more that have found habitat here. With this guide, we seek to connect you with the wonder of these resilient creatures in this rather unnatural environment. As San Francisco prepares for a new Market Street, the ultimate design will include wildlife.

“I love the story of the Tiger butterflies on Market Street! We welcome these beautiful butterflies and the other wild creatures to the mix. They have already made their home on the City’s grandest boulevard and at Public Works we celebrate their presence as we bring new and vital life onto Market Street sidewalks and plazas.”

-Mohammed Nuru
Director of San Francisco Public Works

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