Things That Go BUMP in the Night

Scavenger Hunt October 3 - October 31 | 8am - 6pm

Come explore the Garden with a nocturnal themed visit: put on your detective hat, and solve our Things that Go Bump scavenger hunt riddles to find the stations hidden throughout the Garden. Can you solve these riddles and find all the Things That Go Bump in the Night? Clues with an orange box will be found in the SoCal Gardens; clues with a green box will be found in the Mesa Gardens and bonus finds can be found all throughout the Garden.

☑️ Along the west path where wildflowers bloom
Is where I release my fragrant perfume
My flower is like a small moon
But you won’t see it ‘til late afternoon
Opening for the creatures of the night
Are the ones that I delight

☐ In the desert, there’s a lush place to stay
In the skirts of fan palms, I sleep during the day
You may not hear the sounds I make
But I can hunt in the dark, and find insects to take
Although I might just want the nectar of a flower
To find some I still use my echolocation superpower

☐ Come over to the Outdoor Gallery
To watch bugs lose their vitality
Flies step right into my trap
And all their nutrients I’ll sap
I can’t chase my prey
But they still come my way

☐ You’ll find me in the desert, but I’m seen all over
Sometimes people mistake me for Rover
But I’m no pet dog, I run wild and free
I can jump so high, no fence can stop me
I eat almost anything, from rabbits to fish
A meal can be anything that I wish

☐ Take the Sensory Loop Trail
see where little bugs fail
They blunder into my webs
then their life slowly ebbs
and they’ll be the dinner I eat
I thank them for visiting, what a treat!

☐ On the Mesa Loop, north of the Wildlife Pond
My wings call out and the plants respond
These primroses stay closed for most of the day
but when I’m out they open right away
Surprisingly large, I look more bird than bug
I come out at dusk to sip from my flower mug

☑️ Take the path west of Reflecting Pond,
you might see evidence of our bond
We perched on the branch of a tree,
in a nest, my little owlet and me
We waited there for small prey,
like rabbits who had lost their way

Bonus Finds!
As you walk through the Garden, keep your eye out for the items below. How many can you check off the list?

☐ a spider web ☐ a scurrying squirrel
☐ a dragonfly ☐ a lizard
☐ a rabbit ☐ a pinecone

California BOTANIC GARDEN