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I hope you enjoy the East Bay Regional Park District's 2012 Creatures calendar. The Park District has worked for over 75 years to preserve a priceless heritage of natural and cultural resources and open spaces. The result is a healthy habitat for a diverse population of wild plants and animals, and unique outdoor enjoyment for our human visitors. Thanks to the generous support of East Bay residents we have preserved land and maintained ecosystems in over 110,000 acres throughout Alameda and Contra Costa counties while offering interpretive and recreation programs for everyone.

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The larvae of the Isabella tiger moth (Pyrrharctia isabella) are called "woolly bears" due to the insect's long, thick, fur-like hairs or bristles. Common folklore holds that the severity of a coming winter can be predicted by the amount of black on the caterpillar. In truth, the color on the caterpillar determines its age and how close it is to metamorphosis, which results in the emergence of the Isabella tiger moth.

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On the Cover: The long-billed curlew (Numenius americanus) – the master of the mudflats – uses its 9.5-inch bill to probe for crabs and clams along the shoreline. This is the largest of our North American shorebirds and can be seen from August through April along East Bay Regional Park District shorelines. Photo by Jerry Ting.