

Technical Memorandum

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Introduction

Trileaf Corporation is involved in a cell phone tower relocation project at 1236 Cleveland Avenue in Santa Rosa, California (hereafter "Project:"). The City of Santa Rosa ("City") Planning Department believes that the proposed relocation site falls within a migratory bird migration route. The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Appendix G Checklist, Section IV. (Biological Resources) requires that a project proponent consider whether a project will "*interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery.*" The Planning Department has requested that Trileaf provide an analysis of Project impacts (if any) on avian migration routes to support the Project's CEQA document and future Project permitting. The purpose of this Assessment is to provide information necessary to support the determination that the Project would not result in a significant impact to the environment.

Proposed Project

The proposed Project involves the relocation of an existing cell phone tower site (i.e., decommissioning) from 135 Ridgway Avenue, Santa Rosa, California to 1236 Cleveland Avenue in Santa Rosa, California (see Appendix A, Figure 1). Concurrent with the site relocation, the Project will involve updating the existing cell tower structure (existing communications tower at the Ridgway Avenue location is 105 feet tall [AntennaSearch 2009]; see Image 1 below) to an 83-foot monopine cell tower (see Image 2 below). No lighting sources are currently proposed for the monopine tower.

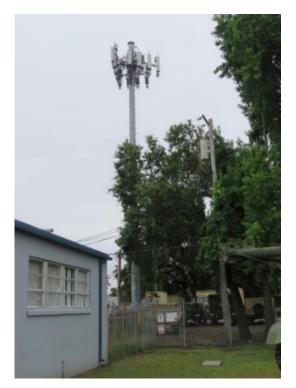
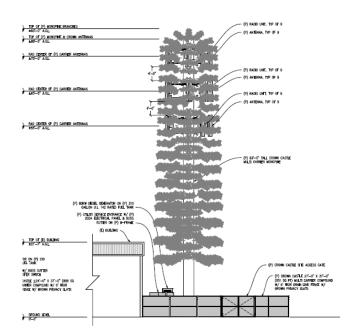


Figure 1 – Existing Communications Tower at 135 Ridgway Avenue, Santa Rosa, California





Relevant Environmental Regulations

As described above, the CEQA Guidelines require an analysis of Project impacts on wildlife corridors and migration routes, including those used by migratory birds. The following federal and state environmental regulations also provide additional protections to migratory birds in the Project area.

Federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA)

The MBTA of 1918 (16 USC 703-712) as amended, established federal responsibilities for the protection of nearly all species of birds, their eggs, and nests. A migratory bird is defined as any species or family of birds that live, reproduce, or migrate within or across international borders at some point during their annual life cycle. The MBTA prohibits the take, possession, buying, selling, purchasing, or bartering of any migratory bird listed in 50 CFR Part 10, including feathers or other parts, nests, eggs, or products, except as allowed by implementing regulations (50 CFR 21). Only exotic species such as Rock Pigeons (*Columba livia*), House Sparrows (*Passer domesticus*), and European Starlings (*Sturnus vulgaris*) are exempt from protection.

In February of 2020, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) proposed a new rule to redefine the scope of the MBTA (85 FR 5915). The rule specified that "the Service proposes to adopt a regulation defining the scope of the MBTA's prohibitions to reach only actions directed at migratory birds, their nests, or their eggs" and essentially codifies M-37050 (i.e., incidental take not prohibited) (85 FR 5915) The final rule was published on January 7, 2021 (86 FR 1134). However, on May 7, 2021, the USFWS issued a proposed rule (86 FR 24573) to revoke the January 2021 rule and revert to the previous (i.e., pre-2017) MBTA protections, with incidental take being prohibited. As of now (May 2021) however, the January 2021 rule remains in effect.

California Fish and Game Code (FGC)

Birds of Prey and Native Nesting Birds

Sections 3503 and 3513 of the FGC prohibits the take, possession, or needless destruction of the nest or eggs of any bird. Subsection 3503.5 specifically prohibits the take, possession, or destruction of any birds in the orders Falconiformes (hawks and eagles) or Strigiformes (owls) and their eggs or nests. Non-native species, including the European Starling, Rock Pigeon, and House Sparrow, are not afforded protection under the MBTA or FGC.

Fully Protected Species

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) enforces the FGC, which provides protection for "fully protected birds" (Section 3511), among other taxonomic groups. As fully protected species, the CDFW cannot authorize any Project or action that would result in "take" of these species, even with an incidental take permit.

Migratory Bird Protection Act (MBPA)

The California Migratory Bird Protection Act (MBPA; FGC Section 3513, as amended) was introduced in the California State Assembly 2019 by Assembly Member Ash Kalra and co-sponsored by the National Audubon Society. The text of the Act specifies that it is unlawful to take or possess any migratory nongame bird as designated in the federal MBTA (16 USC 703-712) before January 1, 2017. This upholds the interpretation of the MBTA under President Clinton's EO 13166, where "take" was defined as both "unintentional as well as intentional." Governor Gavin Newson signed the Act into law on September 27, 2019. The MBPA effectively closes the federal MBTA loophole on incidental take of migratory birds in California.

Santa Rosa General Plan

The Santa Rosa General Plan also includes conservation goals for wildlife, including the following for birds.:

"Ensure local creeks and riparian corridors are preserved, enhanced, and restored as habitat for fish, birds, mammals, and other wildlife"(City of Santa Rosa 2009).

Baseline Environmental Conditions

The Project relocation site is within the developed City limits. Surrounding land use consists of commercial properties and single-family homes. With the exception of landscaped residential yards and a few large conifers, deciduous trees, and ornamental trees bordering paved roads and within residential yards, natural habitat at the site and in the immediate vicinity is non-existent. Based on Google Street View imagery (Google Street View 2019), several of the largest trees in the immediate Project vicinity appear to be redwoods (*Sequoia semperivens*) (heights estimated as 60 to 80 feet or taller; compared with adjacent 40-foot-tall utility poles on imagery). While these trees are extremely isolated habitat features (individual redwoods or in small clusters of two to three trees), they likely provide some avian roosting and nesting habitat.

The closest large, undeveloped (non-hardscape) areas in the vicinity appear to be a vacant lot just south of Range Avenue and Briggs Avenue (approximately 0.2 miles to the west of the relocation site) and a vacant lot just south of Bear Cub Way and east of Ripley Street (0.28 miles to the northeast). No riparian corridors, creeks, wetlands, or natural features that would attract significant avian activity are visible on aerial imagery within 0.75 miles of the Project relocation site (Google Street View 2019, Google Earth Pro 2020). The closest water feature is an unnamed, highly channelized drainage that borders Guerneville road just west of Briggs Avenue (0.25 miles to the north), and the closest high-quality avian habitat appears to be located around Santa Rosa Creek (eBird 2021). Santa Rosa Creek splits into northern and southern tributaries west of the relocation site; tributaries are located approximately 1.5 miles to the north and south of the relocation site, respectively.

Methods

Database Searches and Literature Review

A database search for sensitive and migratory avian species that may occur in the Project vicinity was conducted by GHD on May 19th and 20th, 2021. Database searches included the California Natural Diversity Database (CNDDB) RareFind 5 online application (CDFW 2021b), BIOS (CDFW 2021a), and the USFWS Information for Planning and Consultation (IPaC) tool (USFWS 2021c). The search encompassed one U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) quadrangle (quad) centered on the Project area (Santa Rosa). In addition, citizen science databases were reviewed for additional avian information (eBird 2021, iNaturalist 2021). These database searches are included as Appendix B.

In addition, information and sources that pertain to avian resources within the Project vicinity were reviewed during this analysis. Sources include but are not limited to:

- Sonoma County Bird Watching Spots (Talcroft 2021);
- Madrone Audubon Society, Birding in Sonoma County (Madrone Audubon Society 2021a);
- Madrone Audubon Society, Sonoma County Breeding Bird Atlas (Madrone Audubon Society 2021b);
- Sonoma County Birdwatching Parks (Sonoma County Tourism 2021);
- Migrating birds fill Sonoma County skies (Johnson 2016);
- The Avian Richness of Sonoma County (Mast 2021);
- About the Laguna (Laguna de Santa Rosa Foundation 2020).

Results

Migration Routes and Habitat Connectivity

The USFWS and conservation partners manage migratory bird populations and their habitats in North and Central American through four flyways: the Pacific Flyway, the Central Flyway, the Mississippi Flyway, and the Atlantic Flyway (see Figure 3 below). The Project area falls within the Pacific Flyway management unit. In the U.S., the Pacific Flyway also encompasses the following other states: Alaska, Arizona, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and western Colorado, Montana, New Mexico, and Wyoming (Pacific Flyway Council 2021). Although the Project is within a federally designated migratory bird flyway (i.e., management unit), this does not indicate that any high-density migratory movements occur through the Project site itself, as discussed further below.

No large-scale mapping of specific high use migratory bird corridors has been completed at a federal level for the US (although some are available for certain species, particularly those that are federally listed under the Endangered Species Act). However, the CDFW has developed an Essential Connectivity Map for California, which highlights "a network of 850 relatively intact Natural Landscape Blocks (ranging in size from 2,000 to about 3.7 million acres) connected by 192 Essential Connectivity Areas" (CDFW 2021a). An analysis of this GIS data indicates that there are no landscape features in the Project vicinity mapped as Essential Connectivity Areas, Natural Landscape Blocks, or Natural Areas by the CDFW (CDFW 2021a).

Within the Project area itself, there are no known migration routes or intact habitat corridors that would support wildlife movement across the landscape (i.e., the Project area is hardscape, surrounded by commercial and private residences). At greater landscape scales, the primary movement corridor in the Project vicinity is likely the riparian corridor associated with Santa Rosa Creek (Talcroft 2021). There are no other habitat features in the immediate Project vicinity that would facilitate a bottleneck in terms of avian movement.

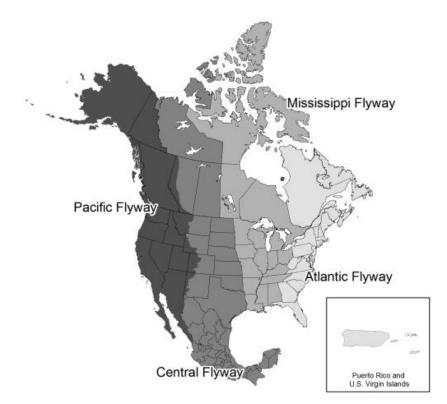


Figure 3 – Administrative Flyways in North and Central American (USFWS 2021b)

Sonoma County Avian Hotspots

The locations with the greatest bird diversity (240 or more species recorded) in the county of Sonoma are primarily clustered around Bodega Bay (eBird 2021). Within Santa Rosa proper, the top avian hotspots include the Santa Rosa Creek Trail (approximately 4.5 miles to the west of the Project area; 210 species reported), Spring Lake Region Park (approximately four miles to the east of the Project area; 205 species reported), and the Laguna de Santa Rosa Trail -- including Kelly Pond and Laguna Wetlands Preserve (approximately six miles southwest of the Project area; 193 species reported), among others (eBird 2021).

Of these locations, the Laguna de Santa Rosa is the most well-known, not only for avian diversity, but also the sheer density of birds present during migration. As the largest freshwater wetland complex on the California North Coast, the Laguna de Santa Rosa serves as an important stopover site for migratory birds moving along the Pacific Flyway during fall and spring (heading to breeding grounds in the north and wintering grounds in the south) (Laguna de Santa Rosa Foundation 2020, California Water Boards 2021). The Laguna also serves as an important wintering and breeding site for many avian migrants (Laguna de Santa Rosa Foundation 2020).

As the Project is located several miles from any of these hot spots and is not connected by any habitat features (e.g., riparian corridors) or landscape features (e.g., ridges or water courses) that would channelize avian movement or flight paths, Project activities will not impede avian access or habitat connectivity to these locations.

Avian Hotspots Within One Mile of the Project Site

There is a known heron and egret rookery along West Ninth Street in Santa Rosa (approximately 0.85 miles to the southwest of the Project (Talcroft 2021). Species at this location typically include Blackcrowned Night Herons (*Nycticorax nycticorax*), Great Egrets (*Ardea alba*), Snowy Egrets (*Egretta thula*), and Cattle Egrets (*Bubulcus ibis*). Of these species, Cattle Egrets are seasonal migrants (and breeders). The rest are year-round residents. Highest activity levels at the rookery are during the breeding season, from March through June. As with the other avian hot spots described above, there are no habitat or landscape features that would direct avian movement from this rookery to or through the Project area.

Review of Threats to Migratory Birds from Communication Towers

According to the USFWS, approximately 7 million migratory birds collide with and are killed by communication towers in the United States every year (USFWS 2021a). The majority of these collisions occur during spring and fall migration, when birds are moving between wintering and breeding grounds. The greatest number of mortalities are of night-migrating passerines (USFWS 2021a, 2021d). There are several reasons why these collisions may occur. For example, there is evidence that birds are attracted to steady-burning nighttime lights on these communication towers and fly toward them, colliding with structures and guy wires in the process (Cochran and Graber 1958, Erickson et al. 2005, Gauthreaux and Belser 2006, Gehring et al. 2009). In addition, collisions may occur during periods of low visibility such as fog, during low-cloud ceilings, or other inclement weather conditions (Ball et al. 1995). Mortality is also known to increase exponentially with tower height (i.e., taller towers may extend into the typical flight altitude of many neotropical passerine migrants) (Longcore et al. 2012).

The USFWS (2021a) and American Bird Conservancy (2021) consider communication towers that meet the following characteristics to be of the highest risk to migratory birds.:

- Towers are taller than 300 (ABC 2021) or 350 (USFWS 2021a) feet in height.
- Towers are supported by guy wires.
- Towers use steady-burning nighttime lights.
- Towers are sited in areas of high bird concentrations and along major migratory routes (e.g., ridgelines, wetlands, and coastal areas.

• Inclement weather conditions that reduce visibility are common in the tower vicinity (e.g., fog).

Recommended Best Management Practices (BMPs)

To minimize potential mortality ("take" under the federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act) of migratory birds in association with communications, the USFWS recommends that project proponents implement BMPs in *Recommended Best Practices for Communication Tower Design, Siting, Construction, Operation, Maintenance, and Decommissioning* (USFWS 2021d). A select few BMPs related to this Project are reprinted below.

Siting and Construction

- "Towers should not be sited in or near wetlands, other known bird concentration areas (e.g., state or federal refuges, staging areas, rookeries, and Important Bird Areas), or in known migratory bird movement routes, daily movement flyways, areas of breeding concentration, in habitat of threatened or endangered species, key habitats for Birds of Conservation Concern..."
- "Towers should avoid ridgelines, coastal areas, wetlands or other known bird concentration Areas..."
- During construction, "[s]chedule all vegetation removal and maintenance (e.g., general landscaping activities, trimming, grubbing) activities outside of the peak bird breeding season to reduce the risk of bird take... When vegetation removal activities cannot avoid the bird breeding season, conduct nest clearance surveys... Surveys should be conducted no more than five days prior to the scheduled activity to ensure recently constructed nests are identified...Timing and dimensions of the area to be surveyed vary and will depend on the nature of the project, location, and expected level of vegetation disturbance... If active nests are identified within or in the vicinity of the project site, avoid the site until nestlings have fledged or the nest fails. If the activity must occur, establish a buffer zone around the nest and no activities will occur within that zone until nestlings have fledged. The dimension of the buffer zone will depend on the proposed activity, habitat type, and species present. The buffer should be a distance that does not elicit a flight response by the adult birds and can be 0.5 1 mile for hawks and eagles."

Tower Design

- "It is recommended that new towers should be not more than 199 ft. above ground level (AGL). This height increases the mean free airspace between the top of the tower and average bird flight height, even in weather conditions with reduced cloud ceiling..."
- "We recommend using free standing towers such as lattice towers or monopole structures."
- "Lights are a primary source of bird aggregation around towers, thus minimizing all light is
 recommended... No tower lighting is the preferred option if Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)
 regulations and lighting standards...permit...Security lighting for on-ground facilities, equipment,
 and infrastructure should be motion- or heat-sensitive, down-shielded, and of a minimum intensity
 to reduce nighttime bird attraction and eliminate constant nighttime illumination while still allowing
 safe nighttime access to the site."

Tower Operation

 "If birds are nesting on communication towers that require maintenance activities, contact the state natural resource protection agency and/or the USFWS for permits, recommendations, and requirements. Schedule construction and maintenance activities around the nesting and activity schedule of protected birds. Minimize excess wires and securely attach wires to the tower structure to reduce the likelihood of birds becoming entangled on the tower. Consider installing a bird nest exclusion device on the towers where birds frequently nest."

Discussion

At 83 feet in height, the proposed Project's monopine communication tower will blend in with existing habitat conditions in the immediate Project vicinity (i.e., will be similar visually to the few 60 to 80+ foot tall isolated redwoods trees on adjacent streets and private properties). In addition, tower specifications including height as well the lack of guy wires and lighting features (specifically no steady-burning lights), are in line with current USFWS and FAA guidance on safe tower design for birds (FCC 2017, USFWS 2021d). Eighty-three feet is well below the average migration height for most avian species, therefore minimizing the potential for collisions during night flights or low visibility (e.g., fog) conditions (Nowak 2005, USFWS 2021d). The lack of guy wires will further minimize the potential for any collisions and eliminate the potential for avian entanglement. Finally, the lack of any lighting in association with the monopine tower will prevent birds from congregating or being attracted to the structure in any great numbers.

In addition, while the proposed location of the monopine communication tower falls within the general Pacific Flyway, is not in or near any natural habitat or topographic features that would result in high-density, channelized avian movement across or immediately adjacent to the Project site. Further, there are no known avian hot spots, roosts, or breeding locations in the immediate Project vicinity (i.e., within 0.25 miles or less) that would lead to dispersal movement through the Project area (eBird 2021, Madrone Audubon Society 2021b, Talcroft 2021).

Conclusion

Based on the analysis herein, with the incorporation of the BMPs listed above, the proposed Project is not expected to "*interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery*" per the Appendix G Checklist. The Project will have no impact on avian migratory movements and migration corridors.

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Author Qualifications

Genevieve is a senior wildlife biologist and project manager with over 13 years of national and international experience in her field. Her expertise includes endangered species, impact analysis, environmental compliance, and biological monitoring, with a taxonomic focus on birds (particularly raptors). She serves as the company's expert advisor on ornithological issues in North America and is frequently called upon ensure project compliance with federal, state, and local regulations on migratory birds (though surveys, development of BMPs, legal interpretations, stakeholder presentations, etc.).

As a technical lead, she is frequently involved in all stages of a project, from initial planning and biological investigations to post-construction monitoring. This involves meeting a wide variety of client needs such as managing field efforts and budgets, coordinating with regulatory agencies and stakeholders, writing technical reports, and serving as an expert advisor on environmental regulations. She supports clients in impact assessment, project permitting, and construction on everything from transportation, mining, agriculture, and tourism to remediation and restoration projects. She has managed environmental contracts and projects (municipal, federal, and private clients) throughout Northern California and the Midwest and has served in key technical roles on over 70 projects.

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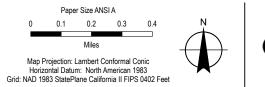
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Appendices

Appendix A – Figures

Sonoma County







Trileaf Corporation Migratory Bird Migration Corridor Assessment

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Vicinity Map

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Appendix B – Database Searches

IPaC resource list

This report is an automatically generated list of species and other resources such as critical habitat (collectively referred to as *trust resources*) under the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's (USFWS) jurisdiction that are known or expected to be on or near the project area referenced below. The list may also include trust resources that occur outside of the project area, but that could potentially be directly or indirectly affected by activities in the project area. However, determining the likelihood and extent of effects a project may have on trust resources typically requires gathering additional site-specific (e.g., vegetation/species surveys) and project-specific (e.g., magnitude and timing of proposed activities) information.

Below is a summary of the project information you provided and contact information for the USFWS office(s) with jurisdiction in the defined project area. Please read the introduction to each section that follows (Endangered Species, Migratory Birds, USFWS Facilities, and NWI Wetlands) for additional information applicable to the trust resources addressed in that section.

Location

Sonoma County, California



Local office

Sacramento Fish And Wildlife Office

└ (916) 414-6600**i** (916) 414-6713

Federal Building 2800 Cottage Way, Room W-2605 Sacramento, CA 95825-1846

Endangered species

This resource list is for informational purposes only and does not constitute an analysis of project level impacts.

The primary information used to generate this list is the known or expected range of each species. Additional areas of influence (AOI) for species are also considered. An AOI includes areas outside of the species range if the species could be indirectly affected by activities in that area (e.g., placing a dam upstream of a fish population even if that fish does not occur at the dam site, may indirectly impact the species by reducing or eliminating water flow downstream). Because species can move, and site conditions can change, the species on this list are not guaranteed to be found on or near the project area. To fully determine any potential effects to species, additional site-specific and project-specific information is often required.

Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act **requires** Federal agencies to "request of the Secretary information whether any species which is listed or proposed to be listed may be present in the area of such proposed action" for any project that is conducted, permitted, funded, or licensed by any Federal agency. A letter from the local office and a species list which fulfills this requirement can **only** be obtained by requesting an official species list from either the Regulatory Review section in IPaC (see directions below) or from the local field office directly.

For project evaluations that require USFWS concurrence/review, please return to the IPaC website and request an official species list by doing the following:

- 1. Draw the project location and click CONTINUE.
- 2. Click DEFINE PROJECT.
- 3. Log in (if directed to do so).
- 4. Provide a name and description for your project.
- 5. Click REQUEST SPECIES LIST.

Listed species¹ and their critical habitats are managed by the <u>Ecological Services Program</u> of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the fisheries division of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA Fisheries²).

Species and critical habitats under the sole responsibility of NOAA Fisheries are **not** shown on this list. Please contact <u>NOAA Fisheries</u> for <u>species under their jurisdiction</u>.

- Species listed under the <u>Endangered Species Act</u> are threatened or endangered; IPaC also shows species that are candidates, or proposed, for listing. See the <u>listing status page</u> for more information. IPaC only shows species that are regulated by USFWS (see FAQ).
- 2. <u>NOAA Fisheries</u>, also known as the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), is an office of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration within the Department of Commerce.

The following species are potentially affected by activities in this location:

Mammals

NAME

Salt Marsh Harvest Mouse Reithrodontomys raviventris Wherever found No critical habitat has been designated for this species. <u>https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/613</u> Endangered

Birds

NAME	STATUS
Northern Spotted Owl Strix occidentalis caurina Wherever found There is final critical habitat for this species. The location of the critical habitat is not available. <u>https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/1123</u>	Threatened
Yellow-billed Cuckoo Coccyzus americanus There is final critical habitat for this species. The location of the critical habitat is not available. https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/3911	Threatened
Reptiles	STATUS
Green Sea Turtle Chelonia mydas No critical habitat has been designated for this species. <u>https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/6199</u> Amphibians	Threatened
NAME	STATUS
California Red-legged Frog Rana draytonii Wherever found There is final critical habitat for this species. Your location overlaps the critical habitat. <u>https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/2891</u>	Threatened
California Tiger Salamander Ambystoma californiense There is final critical habitat for this species. Your location overlaps the critical habitat. <u>https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/2076</u>	Endangered
Fishes	

NAME

STATUS

Threatened

Delta Smelt Hypomesus transpacificus Wherever found There is final critical habitat for this species. The location of the critical habitat is not available. <u>https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/321</u>

Insects

NAME	STATUS
San Bruno Elfin Butterfly Callophrys mossii bayensis Wherever found There is proposed critical habitat for this species. The location of the critical habitat is not available. https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/3394	Endangered
Crustaceans	10.
NAME	STATUS
California Freshwater Shrimp Syncaris pacifica Wherever found No critical habitat has been designated for this species. <u>https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/7903</u>	Endangered
Flowering Plants	STATUS
Burke's Goldfields Lasthenia burkei Wherever found No critical habitat has been designated for this species. <u>https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/4338</u>	Endangered
Clara Hunt's Milk-vetch Astragalus clarianus Wherever found No critical habitat has been designated for this species. <u>https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/3300</u>	Endangered
Kenwood Marsh Checker-mallow Sidalcea oregana ssp. valida Wherever found No critical habitat has been designated for this species. <u>https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/1622</u>	Endangered
Many-flowered Navarretia Navarretia leucocephala ssp. plieantha Wherever found No critical habitat has been designated for this species. <u>https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/2491</u>	Endangered

Pitkin Marsh Lily Lilium pardalinum ssp. pitkinense Wherever found	Endangered
No critical habitat has been designated for this species. <u>https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/570</u>	
Sebastopol Meadowfoam Limnanthes vinculans Wherever found	Endangered
No critical habitat has been designated for this species. <u>https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/404</u>	
Showy Indian Clover Trifolium amoenum Wherever found	Endangered
No critical habitat has been designated for this species. <u>https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/6459</u>	N
Sonoma Alopecurus Alopecurus aequalis var. sonomensis Wherever found	Endangered
No critical habitat has been designated for this species. <u>https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/557</u>	TAT
Sonoma Spineflower Chorizanthe valida Wherever found	Endangered
No critical habitat has been designated for this species. <u>https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/7698</u>	
Sonoma Sunshine Blennosperma bakeri Wherever found	Endangered
No critical habitat has been designated for this species. <u>https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/1260</u>	
Vine Hill Clarkia Clarkia imbricata Wherever found	Endangered
No critical habitat has been designated for this species. <u>https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/7044</u>	
White Sedge Carex albida Wherever found	Endangered
No critical habitat has been designated for this species. <u>https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/3063</u>	
Yellow Larkspur Delphinium luteum Wherever found	Endangered
There is final critical habitat for this species. The location of the critical habitat is not available. <u>https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/3578</u>	

Critical habitats

Potential effects to critical habitat(s) in this location must be analyzed along with the endangered species themselves.

This location overlaps the critical habitat for the following species:

NAME	TYPE
California Red-legged Frog Rana draytonii https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/2891#crithab	Final
California Tiger Salamander Ambystoma californiense https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/2076#crithab	Final

Migratory birds

Certain birds are protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act¹ and the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act².

Any person or organization who plans or conducts activities that may result in impacts to migratory birds, eagles, and their habitats should follow appropriate regulations and consider implementing appropriate conservation measures, as described <u>below</u>.

- 1. The Migratory Birds Treaty Act of 1918.
- 2. The Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act of 1940.

Additional information can be found using the following links:

- Birds of Conservation Concern <u>http://www.fws.gov/birds/management/managed-species/</u> <u>birds-of-conservation-concern.php</u>
- Measures for avoiding and minimizing impacts to birds <u>http://www.fws.gov/birds/management/project-assessment-tools-and-guidance/</u> <u>conservation-measures.php</u>
- Nationwide conservation measures for birds <u>http://www.fws.gov/migratorybirds/pdf/management/nationwidestandardconservationmeasures.pdf</u>

The birds listed below are birds of particular concern either because they occur on the <u>USFWS Birds</u> <u>of Conservation Concern</u> (BCC) list or warrant special attention in your project location. To learn more about the levels of concern for birds on your list and how this list is generated, see the FAQ <u>below</u>. This is not a list of every bird you may find in this location, nor a guarantee that every bird on this list will be found in your project area. To see exact locations of where birders and the general public have sighted birds in and around your project area, visit the <u>E-bird data mapping tool</u> (Tip: enter your location, desired date range and a species on your list). For projects that occur off the Atlantic Coast, additional maps and models detailing the relative occurrence and abundance of bird

species on your list are available. Links to additional information about Atlantic Coast birds, and other important information about your migratory bird list, including how to properly interpret and use your migratory bird report, can be found <u>below</u>.

For guidance on when to schedule activities or implement avoidance and minimization measures to reduce impacts to migratory birds on your list, click on the PROBABILITY OF PRESENCE SUMMARY at the top of your list to see when these birds are most likely to be present and breeding in your project area.

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NAME	BREEDING SEASON (IF A BREEDING SEASON IS INDICATED FOR A BIRD ON YOUR LIST, THE BIRD MAY BREED IN YOUR PROJECT AREA SOMETIME WITHIN THE TIMEFRAME SPECIFIED, WHICH IS A VERY LIBERAL ESTIMATE OF THE DATES INSIDE WHICH THE BIRD BREEDS ACROSS ITS ENTIRE RANGE. "BREEDS ELSEWHERE" INDICATES THAT THE BIRD DOES NOT LIKELY BREED IN YOUR PROJECT AREA.)
Allen's Hummingbird Selasphorus sasin This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) throughout its range in the continental USA and Alaska. <u>https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9637</u>	Breeds Feb 1 to Jul 15
Bald Eagle Haliaeetus leucocephalus This is not a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) in this area, but warrants attention because of the Eagle Act or for potential susceptibilities in offshore areas from certain types of development or activities. <u>https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/1626</u>	Breeds Jan 1 to Aug 31
Black Swift Cypseloides niger This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) throughout its range in the continental USA and Alaska. <u>https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/8878</u>	Breeds Jun 15 to Sep 10
Burrowing Owl Athene cunicularia This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) only in particular Bird Conservation Regions (BCRs) in the continental USA <u>https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9737</u>	Breeds Mar 15 to Aug 31
California Spotted Owl Strix occidentalis occidentalis This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) throughout its range in the continental USA and Alaska. <u>https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/7266</u>	Breeds Mar 10 to Jun 15

California Thrasher Toxostoma redivivum This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) throughout its range in the continental USA and Alaska.	Breeds Jan 1 to Jul 31
Clark's Grebe Aechmophorus clarkii This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) throughout its range in the continental USA and Alaska.	Breeds Jan 1 to Dec 31
Common Yellowthroat Geothlypis trichas sinuosa This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) only in particular Bird Conservation Regions (BCRs) in the continental USA <u>https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/2084</u>	Breeds May 20 to Jul 31
Golden Eagle Aquila chrysaetos This is not a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) in this area, but warrants attention because of the Eagle Act or for potential susceptibilities in offshore areas from certain types of development or activities. <u>https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/1680</u>	Breeds Jan 1 to Aug 31
Lawrence's Goldfinch Carduelis lawrencei This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) throughout its range in the continental USA and Alaska. <u>https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9464</u>	Breeds Mar 20 to Sep 20
Lewis's Woodpecker Melanerpes lewis This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) throughout its range in the continental USA and Alaska. <u>https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9408</u>	Breeds Apr 20 to Sep 30
Long-billed Curlew Numenius americanus This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) throughout its range in the continental USA and Alaska. <u>https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/5511</u>	Breeds elsewhere
Marbled Godwit Limosa fedoa This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) throughout its range in the continental USA and Alaska. <u>https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9481</u>	Breeds elsewhere
Nuttall's Woodpecker Picoides nuttallii This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) only in particular Bird Conservation Regions (BCRs) in the continental USA <u>https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9410</u>	Breeds Apr 1 to Jul 20

Oak Titmouse Baeolophus inornatus This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) throughout its range in the continental USA and Alaska. <u>https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9656</u>	Breeds Mar 15 to Jul 15
Rufous Hummingbird selasphorus rufus This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) throughout its range in the continental USA and Alaska. <u>https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/8002</u>	Breeds elsewhere
Song Sparrow Melospiza melodia This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) only in particular Bird Conservation Regions (BCRs) in the continental USA	Breeds Feb 20 to Sep 5
Spotted Towhee Pipilo maculatus clementae This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) only in particular Bird Conservation Regions (BCRs) in the continental USA <u>https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/4243</u>	Breeds Apr 15 to Jul 20
Tricolored Blackbird Agelaius tricolor This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) throughout its range in the continental USA and Alaska. <u>https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/3910</u>	Breeds Mar 15 to Aug 10
Wrentit Chamaea fasciata This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) throughout its range in the continental USA and Alaska.	Breeds Mar 15 to Aug 10

Probability of Presence Summary

The graphs below provide our best understanding of when birds of concern are most likely to be present in your project area. This information can be used to tailor and schedule your project activities to avoid or minimize impacts to birds. Please make sure you read and understand the FAQ "Proper Interpretation and Use of Your Migratory Bird Report" before using or attempting to interpret this report.

Probability of Presence (

Each green bar represents the bird's relative probability of presence in the 10km grid cell(s) your project overlaps during a particular week of the year. (A year is represented as 12 4-week months.) A taller bar indicates a higher probability of species presence. The survey effort (see below) can be used to establish a level of confidence in the presence score. One can have higher confidence in the presence score if the corresponding survey effort is also high.

How is the probability of presence score calculated? The calculation is done in three steps:

1. The probability of presence for each week is calculated as the number of survey events in the week where the species was detected divided by the total number of survey events for that

week. For example, if in week 12 there were 20 survey events and the Spotted Towhee was found in 5 of them, the probability of presence of the Spotted Towhee in week 12 is 0.25.

- 2. To properly present the pattern of presence across the year, the relative probability of presence is calculated. This is the probability of presence divided by the maximum probability of presence across all weeks. For example, imagine the probability of presence in week 20 for the Spotted Towhee is 0.05, and that the probability of presence at week 12 (0.25) is the maximum of any week of the year. The relative probability of presence on week 12 is 0.25/0.25 = 1; at week 20 it is 0.05/0.25 = 0.2.
- 3. The relative probability of presence calculated in the previous step undergoes a statistical conversion so that all possible values fall between 0 and 10, inclusive. This is the probability of presence score.

To see a bar's probability of presence score, simply hover your mouse cursor over the bar.

Breeding Season (=)

Yellow bars denote a very liberal estimate of the time-frame inside which the bird breeds across its entire range. If there are no yellow bars shown for a bird, it does not breed in your project area.

Survey Effort ()

Vertical black lines superimposed on probability of presence bars indicate the number of surveys performed for that species in the 10km grid cell(s) your project area overlaps. The number of surveys is expressed as a range, for example, 33 to 64 surveys.

To see a bar's survey effort range, simply hover your mouse cursor over the bar.

No Data (–)

A week is marked as having no data if there were no survey events for that week.

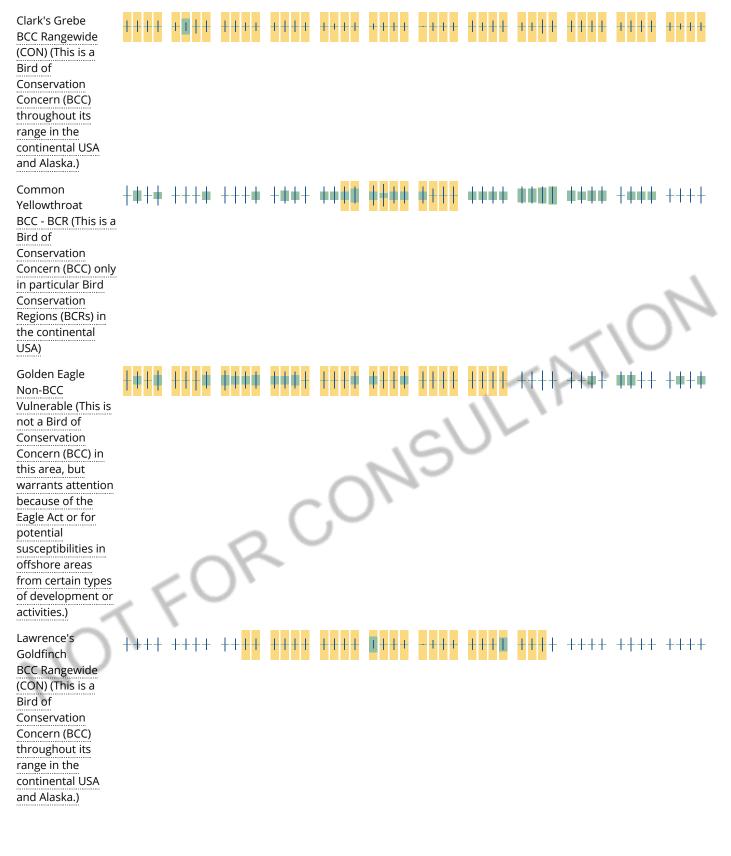
Survey Timeframe

Surveys from only the last 10 years are used in order to ensure delivery of currently relevant information. The exception to this is areas off the Atlantic coast, where bird returns are based on all years of available data, since data in these areas is currently much more sparse.

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Tell me more about conservation measures I can implement to avoid or minimize impacts to migratory birds.

<u>Nationwide Conservation Measures</u> describes measures that can help avoid and minimize impacts to all birds at any location year round. Implementation of these measures is particularly important when birds are most likely to occur in the project area. When birds may be breeding in the area, identifying the locations of any active nests and

avoiding their destruction is a very helpful impact minimization measure. To see when birds are most likely to occur and be breeding in your project area, view the Probability of Presence Summary. <u>Additional measures</u> or <u>permits</u> may be advisable depending on the type of activity you are conducting and the type of infrastructure or bird species present on your project site.

What does IPaC use to generate the migratory birds potentially occurring in my specified location?

The Migratory Bird Resource List is comprised of USFWS <u>Birds of Conservation Concern (BCC)</u> and other species that may warrant special attention in your project location.

The migratory bird list generated for your project is derived from data provided by the <u>Avian Knowledge Network</u> (<u>AKN</u>). The AKN data is based on a growing collection of <u>survey</u>, <u>banding</u>, <u>and citizen science datasets</u> and is queried and filtered to return a list of those birds reported as occurring in the 10km grid cell(s) which your project intersects, and that have been identified as warranting special attention because they are a BCC species in that area, an eagle (<u>Eagle Act</u> requirements may apply), or a species that has a particular vulnerability to offshore activities or development.

Again, the Migratory Bird Resource list includes only a subset of birds that may occur in your project area. It is not representative of all birds that may occur in your project area. To get a list of all birds potentially present in your project area, please visit the <u>AKN Phenology Tool</u>.

What does IPaC use to generate the probability of presence graphs for the migratory birds potentially occurring in my specified location?

The probability of presence graphs associated with your migratory bird list are based on data provided by the <u>Avian</u> <u>Knowledge Network (AKN)</u>. This data is derived from a growing collection of <u>survey</u>, <u>banding</u>, <u>and citizen science</u> <u>datasets</u>.

Probability of presence data is continuously being updated as new and better information becomes available. To learn more about how the probability of presence graphs are produced and how to interpret them, go the Probability of Presence Summary and then click on the "Tell me about these graphs" link.

How do I know if a bird is breeding, wintering, migrating or present year-round in my project area?

To see what part of a particular bird's range your project area falls within (i.e. breeding, wintering, migrating or year-round), you may refer to the following resources: <u>The Cornell Lab of Ornithology All About Birds Bird Guide</u>, or (if you are unsuccessful in locating the bird of interest there), the <u>Cornell Lab of Ornithology Neotropical Birds</u> <u>guide</u>. If a bird on your migratory bird species list has a breeding season associated with it, if that bird does occur in your project area, there may be nests present at some point within the timeframe specified. If "Breeds elsewhere" is indicated, then the bird likely does not breed in your project area.

What are the levels of concern for migratory birds?

Migratory birds delivered through IPaC fall into the following distinct categories of concern:

- 1. "BCC Rangewide" birds are <u>Birds of Conservation Concern</u> (BCC) that are of concern throughout their range anywhere within the USA (including Hawaii, the Pacific Islands, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands);
- 2. "BCC BCR" birds are BCCs that are of concern only in particular Bird Conservation Regions (BCRs) in the continental USA; and
- 3. "Non-BCC Vulnerable" birds are not BCC species in your project area, but appear on your list either because of the <u>Eagle Act</u> requirements (for eagles) or (for non-eagles) potential susceptibilities in offshore areas from certain types of development or activities (e.g. offshore energy development or longline fishing).

Although it is important to try to avoid and minimize impacts to all birds, efforts should be made, in particular, to avoid and minimize impacts to the birds on this list, especially eagles and BCC species of rangewide concern. For more information on conservation measures you can implement to help avoid and minimize migratory bird

impacts and requirements for eagles, please see the FAQs for these topics.

Details about birds that are potentially affected by offshore projects

For additional details about the relative occurrence and abundance of both individual bird species and groups of bird species within your project area off the Atlantic Coast, please visit the <u>Northeast Ocean Data Portal</u>. The Portal also offers data and information about other taxa besides birds that may be helpful to you in your project review. Alternately, you may download the bird model results files underlying the portal maps through the <u>NOAA NCCOS</u> <u>Integrative Statistical Modeling and Predictive Mapping of Marine Bird Distributions and Abundance on the Atlantic Outer Continental Shelf</u> project webpage.

Bird tracking data can also provide additional details about occurrence and habitat use throughout the year, including migration. Models relying on survey data may not include this information. For additional information on marine bird tracking data, see the <u>Diving Bird Study</u> and the <u>nanotag studies</u> or contact <u>Caleb Spiegel</u> or <u>Pam</u> <u>Loring</u>.

What if I have eagles on my list?

If your project has the potential to disturb or kill eagles, you may need to <u>obtain a permit</u> to avoid violating the Eagle Act should such impacts occur.

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The migratory bird list generated is not a list of all birds in your project area, only a subset of birds of priority concern. To learn more about how your list is generated, and see options for identifying what other birds may be in your project area, please see the FAQ "What does IPaC use to generate the migratory birds potentially occurring in my specified location". Please be aware this report provides the "probability of presence" of birds within the 10 km grid cell(s) that overlap your project; not your exact project footprint. On the graphs provided, please also look carefully at the survey effort (indicated by the black vertical bar) and for the existence of the "no data" indicator (a red horizontal bar). A high survey effort is the key component. If the survey effort is high, then the probability of presence score can be viewed as more dependable. In contrast, a low survey effort bar or no data bar means a lack of data and, therefore, a lack of certainty about presence of the species. This list is not perfect; it is simply a starting point for identifying what birds of concern have the potential to be in your project area, when they might be there, and if they might be breeding (which means nests might be present). The list helps you know what to look for to confirm presence, and helps guide you in knowing when to implement conservation measures to avoid or minimize potential impacts from your project activities, should presence be confirmed. To learn more about conservation measures to migratory birds at the bottom of your migratory bird trust resources page.

Facilities

National Wildlife Refuge lands

Any activity proposed on lands managed by the <u>National Wildlife Refuge</u> system must undergo a 'Compatibility Determination' conducted by the Refuge. Please contact the individual Refuges to discuss any questions or concerns.

THERE ARE NO REFUGE LANDS AT THIS LOCATION.

Fish hatcheries

THERE ARE NO FISH HATCHERIES AT THIS LOCATION.

Wetlands in the National Wetlands Inventory

Impacts to NWI wetlands and other aquatic habitats may be subject to regulation under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, or other State/Federal statutes.

For more information please contact the Regulatory Program of the local U.S. Army Corps of Engineers District.

Please note that the NWI data being shown may be out of date. We are currently working to update our NWI data set. We recommend you verify these results with a site visit to determine the actual extent of wetlands on site.

This location overlaps the following wetlands:

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FRESHWATER EMERGENT WETLAND
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  PEM1Fx
FRESHWATER FORESTED/SHRUB WETLAND
  PFOA
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FRESHWATER POND
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  PUBH
  PUBHh
  PUBHx
LAKE
  L1UBH
  Lh
RIVERINE
  R4SBC
  R5UBF
  R5UBFx
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A full description for each wetland code can be found at the National Wetlands Inventory website

Data limitations

The Service's objective of mapping wetlands and deepwater habitats is to produce reconnaissance level information on the location, type and size of these resources. The maps are prepared from the analysis of high altitude imagery. Wetlands are identified based on vegetation, visible hydrology and geography. A margin of error is inherent in the use of imagery; thus, detailed on-the-ground inspection of any particular site may result in revision of the wetland boundaries or classification established through image analysis.

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The accuracy of image interpretation depends on the quality of the imagery, the experience of the image analysts, the amount and quality of the collateral data and the amount of ground truth verification work conducted. Metadata should be consulted to determine the date of the source imagery used and any mapping problems.

Wetlands or other mapped features may have changed since the date of the imagery or field work. There may be occasional differences in polygon boundaries or classifications between the information depicted on the map and the actual conditions on site.

Data exclusions

Certain wetland habitats are excluded from the National mapping program because of the limitations of aerial imagery as the primary data source used to detect wetlands. These habitats include seagrasses or submerged aquatic vegetation that are found in the intertidal and subtidal zones of estuaries and nearshore coastal waters. Some deepwater reef communities (coral or tuberficid worm reefs) have also been excluded from the inventory. These habitats, because of their depth, go undetected by aerial imagery.

Data precautions

Federal, state, and local regulatory agencies with jurisdiction over wetlands may define and describe wetlands in a different manner than that used in this inventory. There is no attempt, in either the design or products of this inventory, to define the limits of proprietary jurisdiction of any Federal, state, or local government or to establish the geographical scope of the regulatory programs of government agencies. Persons intending to engage in activities involving modifications within or adjacent to wetland areas should seek the advice of appropriate federal, state, or local agencies concerning specified agency regulatory programs and proprietary jurisdictions that may affect such activities.



California Department of Fish and Wildlife



California Natural Diversity Database

Query Criteria: Quad IS (Santa Rosa (3812246))
>br /> AND Taxonomic Group IS (Birds)

Map Index Number:	55394		EO Index:		55394		
Key Quad:	Santa Rosa (38	812246)	Element Code:		ABNKC06010		
Occurrence Number:	77	,	Occurrence Last U	Jpdated:	2004-05-10		
Scientific Name: Elanus leucurus			Common Name:	white-taile	ed kite		
Listing Status:	Federal:	None	Rare Plant Rank:				
	State:	None	Other Lists:	BLM_S-S			
CNDDB Element Ranks	s: Global:	G5		CDFW_FP-Fully Protected IUCN LC-Least Concern			
	State:	S3S4					
General Habitat:			Micro Habitat:				
ROLLING FOOTHILLS AND VALLEY MARGINS WITH SCATTERED OAKS & RIVER BOTTOMLANDS OR MARSHES NEXT TO DECIDUOUS WOODLAND.			OPEN GRASSLANDS, MEADOWS, OR MARSHES FOR FORAGING CLOSE TO ISOLATED, DENSE-TOPPED TREES FOR NESTING AND PERCHING.				
Last Date Observed:	2003-05-20		Occurrence Type:	Natural/I	Native occurrence		
Last Survey Date:	2003-05-20		Occurrence Rank:	Good			
Owner/Manager:	PVT		Trend:	Unknow	n		
Presence:	Presumed Extar	nt					
Location:							
SOUTH OF HEARN AV	ENUE AND 0.4 M	IILE WEST OF HIGHWAY 101, S	OUTHERN SANTA ROSA				
Detailed Location:							
Ecological:							
		SHIP ACTIVITY INDICATED NES HABITAT CONSISTING OF ANNI			OW-DENSITY RESIDENTIAL WITH	MATURE	
Threats:				IL WEOI.			
THREATENED BY FUT		IENT TO THE WEST WHICH WI	LL ELIMINATE THE FORA	GING HAB	BITAT.		
General:							
2 ADULTS OBSERVED	IN COURTSHIP/	NESTING ON 20 MAY 2003.					
PLSS: T07N, R08W, S	Sec. 34 (M)	Accuracy:	80 meters		Area (acres): 0		
UTM: Zone-10 N425	1675 E524207	Latitude/Longitude:	38.41299 / -122.72272		Elevation (feet): 12	20	
County Summary:		Quad Summary:	Quad Summary:				
Sonoma		Santa Rosa (3812246)					
Sources:							
				2002 05 20	0		

CUR03F0001 CURLETTE, J. - FIELD SURVEY FORM FOR ELANUS LEUCURUS (NEST SITE) 2003-05-20



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Map Index Number:	B1287		EO Index:		113183	
Key Quad:	Santa Rosa (3	3812246)	Element Code:		ABNKC12040	
Occurrence Number:	Occurrence Number: 138		Occurrence Last U	pdated:	2018-10-31	
Scientific Name: A	ccipiter cooperii		Common Name:	Cooper's	hawk	
Listing Status:	Federal:	None	Rare Plant Rank:			
	State:	None	Other Lists:	_	VL-Watch List	
CNDDB Element Rank	s: Global:	G5		IUCN_LC	C-Least Concern	
	State:	S4				
General Habitat:			Micro Habitat:			
WOODLAND, CHIEFLY	Ó OF OPEN, INTE	ERRUPTED OR MARGINAL TYPE			ARIAN GROWTHS OF DECIDU N RIVER FLOOD-PLAINS; ALS	
Last Date Observed:	2014-XX-XX		Occurrence Type:	Natural/	Native occurrence	
Last Survey Date:	2014-XX-XX		Occurrence Rank:	Good		
Owner/Manager:	PVT		Trend:	Unknow	'n	
Presence:	Presumed Exta	ant				
Location:						
NORTH SIDE OF SUN	SET AVE JUST E	EAST OF BURBANK AVE, SANTA	ROSA.			
Detailed Location:						
MAPPED TO PROVIDE	D COORDINATI	ES.				
Ecological:						
	LLY PLANTED F	REDWOOD TREE IN RESIDENTI	AL NEIGHBORHOOD.			
Threats:						
General: NESTING PAIR WITH	YOUNG BEGGIN	IG FOR FOOD SEEN AND HEAR	D IN MAY 2009. BIRDS WE	ERE HEAR	D OR SEEN NESTING AT THI	S SITE UNT
2014.						
PLSS: T07N, R08W,	Sec. 27, NW (M)	Accuracy:	80 meters		Area (acres):	5
UTM: Zone-10 N425	3180 E523196	Latitude/Longitude:	38.42658 / -122.73425		Elevation (feet):	133
		Quad Summary:				
County Summary:						
County Summary: Sonoma		Santa Rosa (3812246)	1			

TAT09F0020 TATARIAN, T. - FIELD SURVEY FORM FOR ACCIPITER COOPERII 2009-05-03



Occurrence Report

California Department of Fish and Wildlife

California Natural Diversity Database



Map Index Number:	A5239		EO Index:		106953	
Key Quad:	Santa Rosa (3812246)		Element Code:		ABNME01010 2017-07-10	
Occurrence Number: 9			Occurrence Last U	pdated:		
Scientific Name: C	Coturnicops novel	boracensis	Common Name:	yellow rai	il	
Listing Status:	Federal:	None	Rare Plant Rank:			
	State:	None	Other Lists:		SC-Species of Special Concern	
CNDDB Element Rank	s: Global: G4			IUCN_LC-Least Concern NABCI RWL-Red Watch List		
	State:	S1S2		USFS_S-Sensitive USFWS_BCC-Birds of Conservation Concern		
General Habitat:			Micro Habitat:			
SUMMER RESIDENT I	N EASTERN SIE	RRA NEVADA IN MONO COUNT	Y. FRESHWATER MA	RSHLAND	S.	
Last Date Observed:	1912-11-17		Occurrence Type:	Natural/I	Native occurrence	
Last Survey Date:	1912-11-17		Occurrence Rank:	Unknow	'n	
Owner/Manager:	UNKNOWN		Trend:	Unknow	'n	
Presence:	Presumed Exta	ant				
Location:						
VICINITY OF RINCON	VALLEY.					
Detailed Location:						
	Y AS "RINCON Y	VALLEY, NEAR SANTA ROSA." E	XACT COLLECTION LOC	ATION UN	KNOWN, MAPPED GENERALLY TO	
RINCON VALLEY.						
RINCON VALLEY. Ecological:	ION CONDUCTE	ED ON SPECIMEN; CONTENTS W	VERE 18 CLOVER SEEDS	AND GRA	ASS.	
RINCON VALLEY. Ecological: STOMACH EXAMINAT Threats:	ION CONDUCTE	D ON SPECIMEN; CONTENTS W	VERE 18 CLOVER SEEDS	AND GRA	ASS.	
RINCON VALLEY. Ecological: STOMACH EXAMINAT Threats: General:		D ON SPECIMEN; CONTENTS V	VERE 18 CLOVER SEEDS	AND GRA	ASS.	
RINCON VALLEY. Ecological:		D ON SPECIMEN; CONTENTS V	VERE 18 CLOVER SEEDS	AND GRA	ASS.	
RINCON VALLEY. Ecological: STOMACH EXAMINAT Threats: General:	NOV 1912.	ED ON SPECIMEN; CONTENTS W Accuracy:	VERE 18 CLOVER SEEDS 1 mile	AND GRA	ASS. Area (acres): 1,987	
RINCON VALLEY. Ecological: STOMACH EXAMINAT Threats: General: 1 COLLECTED ON 17 I PLSS: T07N, R07W,	NOV 1912.			AND GRA		
RINCON VALLEY. Ecological: STOMACH EXAMINAT Threats: General: 1 COLLECTED ON 17 I PLSS: T07N, R07W,	NOV 1912. Sec. 6 (M)	Accuracy:	1 mile	AND GRA	Area (acres): 1,987	
RINCON VALLEY. Ecological: STOMACH EXAMINAT Threats: General: 1 COLLECTED ON 17 I PLSS: T07N, R07W, UTM: Zone-10 N425	NOV 1912. Sec. 6 (M)	Accuracy: Latitude/Longitude:	1 mile 38.47906 / -122.66776	AND GRA	Area (acres): 1,987	