# Appendix C

Special-Status Species List

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### Special-Status Plants Known to Occur in the Project Region and their Potential to Occur on the Project Site

Name	Federal Status <sup>1</sup>	State Status <sup>1</sup>	CRPR	Habitat	Potential to Occur in the Project Site		
Big-scale balsamroot Balsamorhiza macrolepis	None	None	1B.2	Ultramafic. Chaparral, valley and foothill grassland, cismontane woodland. Sometimes on serpentine. 115–4806 feet in elevation. Blooms March–June.	Not expected to occur: The project site is outside of the current known elevational range of this species.		
Hispid salty bird's-beak Chloropyron molle ssp. hispidum	None	None	1B.1	Alkali playa, wetland. Meadows and seeps, playas, valley and foothill grassland. In damp alkaline soils, especially in alkaline meadows and alkali sinks with Distichlis. 3–509 feet in elevation. Blooms June–September.	Not expected to occur: The project site does not provide wetland habitat suitable for this species.		
Dwarf downingia Downingia pusilla	None	None	2B.2	Wetland. Valley and foothill grassland (mesic sites), vernal pools. Vernal lake and pool margins with a variety of associates. In several types of vernal pools. 3–1,608 feet in elevation. Blooms March–May.	Not expected to occur: The project site does not provide wetland habitat suitable for this species.		
Boggs Lake hedge-hyssop Gratiola heterosepala	None	None	1B.2	Wetland. Marshes and swamps (freshwater), vernal pools. Clay soils; usually in vernal pools, sometimes on lake margins. 33–7,792 feet in elevation. Blooms April–August.	Not expected to occur: The project site does not provide wetland habitat suitable for this species.		
Northern California black walnut Juglans hindsii	None	None	1B.1	Riparian forest, riparian woodland. Few extant native stands remain; widely naturalized. Deep alluvial soil, associated with a creek or stream. 0– 2100 feet in elevation. Blooms April– May.	Not expected to occur: No walnut trees were observed within the project site.		
Ahart's dwarf rush Juncus leiospermus var. ahartii	None	None	1B.2	Valley and foothill grassland. Restricted to the edges of vernal pools in grassland. 98–328 feet in elevation. Blooms March–May.	Not expected to occur: The project site does not provide vernal pool edge habitat suitable for this species.		
Red Bluff dwarf rush Juncus leiospermus var. leiospermus	None	None	1B.1	Chaparral, valley and foothill grassland, cismontane woodland, vernal pools, meadows and seeps. Vernally mesic sites. Sometimes on edges of vernal pools. 98–3363 feet in elevation. Blooms March–June.	Not expected to occur: The project site does not provide vernally mesic habitat suitable for this species.		
Legenere Legenere limosa	None	None	1B.1	Vernal pools, wetland. In beds of vernal pools. 3–2,887 feet in elevation. Blooms April–June.	Not expected to occur: The project site does not provide vernal pool or wetland habitat suitable for this species.		
Pincushion navarretia Navarretia myersii ssp. myersii	None	None	1B.1	Vernal pools, wetland. Clay soils within non-native grassland. 148–328 feet in elevation. Blooms April–May.	Not expected to occur: The project site does not provide vernal pool or wetland habitat suitable for this species.		
Slender Orcutt grass Orcuttia tenuis	FT	SE	1B.1	Vernal pools, wetland. Often in gravelly substrate. 82–5,758 feet in elevation. Blooms May–September (October).	Not expected to occur: The project site does not provide wetland habitat suitable for this species.		

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Sacramento Orcutt grass Orcuttia viscida	FE	SE	1B.1	elevation. Blooms April–July	Not expected to occur: The project site does not provide wetland habitat suitable for this species.
Sanford's arrowhead Sagittaria sanfordii	None	None	1B.2	standing or slow-moving freshwater ponds, marshes, and ditches. 0–2,133	Not expected to occur: The project site does not provide perennial wetland habitat suitable for this species.

Notes: CRPR = California Rare Plant Rank; CNDDB = California Natural Diversity Database

#### <sup>1</sup> Legal Status Definitions

Federal:

FE Endangered (legally protected by ESA)

FT Threatened (legally protected by ESA)

State:

SE Endangered (legally protected by CESA)

#### California Rare Plant Ranks:

- 1B Plant species considered rare or endangered in California and elsewhere (protected under CEQA, but not legally protected under ESA or CESA)
- 2B Plant species considered rare or endangered in California but more common elsewhere (protected under CEQA, but not legally protected under ESA or CESA)

#### Threat Ranks:

- 0.1 Seriously threatened in California (over 80% of occurrences threatened; high degree and immediacy of threat)
- 0.2 Moderately threatened in California (20-80% occurrences threatened; moderate degree and immediacy of threat)

#### <sup>2</sup> Potential for Occurrence Definitions

Not expected to occur: Species is unlikely to be present within the project area due to poor habitat quality, lack of suitable habitat features, or restricted current distribution of the species.

May occur: Suitable habitat is available within the project area; however, there are little to no other indicators that the species might be present. Likely to occur: All of the species life history requirements can be met by habitat present on the site, and populations/occurrences are known to occur in the immediate vicinity.

Sources: CNDDB 2021; CNPS 2021.

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#### Special-Status Wildlife Known to Occur in the Project Region and their Potential to Occur on the Project Site

Name	Federal Status <sup>1</sup>	State Status <sup>1</sup>	Habitat	Potential to Occur in the Project Site		
Invertebrates						
Valley elderberry longhorn beetle Desmocerus californicus dimorphus	FT	None	Riparian scrub. Occurs only in the Central Valley of California, in association with blue elderberry ( <i>Sambucus nigra</i> ssp. <i>caerulea</i> ). Prefers to lay eggs in elderberries 2-8 inches in diameter; some preference shown for "stressed" elderberries.	Not expected to Occur: No elderberries are present on the project site.		
Vernal pool fairy shrimp Branchinecta lynchi	FT	None	Valley and foothill grassland, vernal pool, wetland. Endemic to the grasslands of the Central Valley, Central Coast mountains, and South Coast mountains, in astatic rain-filled pools. Inhabit small, clear-water sandstone-depression pools and grassed swale, earth slump, or basalt-flow depression pools.	Not expected to Occur: The project site does not support vernal pool or wetland habitat suitable for this species.		
Vernal pool tadpole shrimp Lepidurus packardi	Not expected to Occur: The project site does not support vernal pool or wetland habitat suitable for this species.					
Fish						
Delta smelt Hypomesus transpacificus	FT	SE	Aquatic, estuary. Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. Seasonally in Suisun Bay, Carquinez Strait and San Pablo Bay. Seldom found at salinities > 10 ppt. Most often at salinities < 2ppt.	Not expected to Occur: The project site does not support aquatic habitat suitable for this species.		
Steelhead - Central Valley DPS pop. 11 Oncorhynchus mykiss irideus	FT	None	Aquatic. Sacramento/San Joaquin flowing waters. Populations in the Sacramento and San Joaquin rivers and their tributaries.	Not expected to Occur: The project site does not support aquatic habitat suitable for this species.		
Amphibians	•		•			
California tiger salamander Ambystoma californiense	FT	ST	Cismontane woodland, meadow and seep, riparian woodland, valley and foothill grassland, vernal pool, and wetlands. Central Valley DPS federally listed as threatened. Santa Barbara and Sonoma counties DPS federally listed as endangered. Need underground refuges, especially ground squirrel burrows, and vernal pools or other seasonal water sources for breeding.	Not expected to Occur: The project site does not support aquatic habitat suitable for this species.		
Western spadefoot Spea hammondii	None	SSC	seasonal water sources for breeding.  Cismontane woodland, coastal scrub, valley and foothill grassland, vernal pool, and wetlands. Occurs primarily in grassland habitats, but can be found in valley-foothill hardwood woodlands. Vernal pools are essential for breeding and egg-laying.  Not expected to Occu project site does not s aquatic habitat suitabl species.			

Name	Federal Status <sup>1</sup>	State Status <sup>1</sup>	Habitat	Potential to Occur in the Project Site
Reptiles				
Giant garter snake Thamnophis gigas	FT	ST	Marsh and swamp, riparian scrub, wetland. Prefers freshwater marsh and low gradient streams. Has adapted to drainage canals and irrigation ditches. This is the most aquatic of the garter snakes in California.	Not expected to Occur: The project site does not support aquatic habitat suitable for this species.
Western pond turtle Actinemys marmorata	None	SSC	Aquatic, artificial flowing waters, Klamath/north coast flowing waters, Klamath/north coast standing waters, marsh and swamp, Sacramento/San Joaquin flowing waters, Sacramento/San Joaquin standing waters, South coast flowing and standing waters. A thoroughly aquatic turtle of ponds, marshes, rivers, streams and irrigation ditches, usually with aquatic vegetation, below 6,000 feet elevation. Need basking sites and suitable (sandy banks or grassy open fields) upland habitat up to 0.5 km from water for egg-laying.	Not expected to Occur: The project site does not support aquatic habitat suitable for this species
Birds				
Tricolored blackbird Agelaius tricolor	None	ST/SSC	Freshwater marsh, marsh and swamp, swamp, wetland. Highly colonial species, most numerous in Central Valley and vicinity. Largely endemic to California. Requires open water, protected nesting substrate, and foraging area with insect prey within a few kilometers of the colony.	Not expected to Occur: The project site does not support marsh habitat suitable for this species.
Burrowing owl Athene cunicularia	None	SSC	Coastal prairie, coastal scrub, Great Basin grassland, Great Basin scrub, Mojavean desert scrub, Sonoran desert scrub, and valley and foothill grassland. Open, dry annual or perennial grasslands, deserts and scrublands characterized by low-growing vegetation. Subterranean nester, dependent upon burrowing mammals, most notably, the California ground squirrel.	Not expected to Occur: The project site does not support habitat suitable for this species.
Swainson's hawk Buteo swainsoni	None	ST	Great Basin grassland, riparian forest, riparian woodland, valley and foothill grassland. Breeds in grasslands with scattered trees, juniper-sage flats, riparian areas, savannahs, and agricultural or ranch lands with groves or lines of trees. Requires adjacent suitable foraging areas such as grasslands, or alfalfa or grain fields supporting rodent populations.	Not expected to Occur: The project site does not support nesting or foraging habitat suitable for this species.
White-tailed kite Elanus leucurus	None	FP	Cismontane woodland, marsh and swamp, riparian woodland, valley and foothill grassland, and wetlands. Rolling foothills and valley margins with scattered oaks and river bottomlands or marshes next to deciduous	May occur: The trees within the project site provide low quality suitable nesting habitat.

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			woodland. Open grasslands, meadows, or marshes for foraging close to isolated, dense-topped trees for nesting and perching.	
Purple martin Progne subis	None	SSC	Broadleaved upland forest, lower montane coniferous forest. Inhabits woodlands, low elevation coniferous forest of Douglas-fir, ponderosa pine, and Monterey pine. Nests in old woodpecker cavities mostly, also in human-made structures. Nest often located in tall, isolated tree/snag.	Not expected to Occur: The project site does not support nesting habitat suitable for this species.
Bank swallow Riparia riparia	None	ST	Riparian scrub, riparian woodland. Colonial nester; nests primarily in riparian and other lowland habitats west of the desert. Requires vertical banks/cliffs with fine-textured/sandy soils near streams, rivers, lakes, ocean to dig nesting hole.	Not expected to Occur: The project site does not support nesting habitat suitable for this species.

General references: Unless otherwise noted all habitat and distribution data provided by CNDDB.

Note: CNDDB = California Natural Diversity Database

#### <sup>1</sup> Legal Status Definitions

#### Federal:

FE Endangered (legally protected)
FT Threatened (legally protected)

#### State:

FP Fully protected (legally protected)

SSC Species of special concern (no formal protection other than CEQA consideration)

SE Endangered (legally protected)

ST Threatened (legally protected)

#### <sup>2</sup> Potential for Occurrence Definitions

Not expected to occur: Species is unlikely to be present in the plan area due to poor habitat quality, lack of suitable habitat features, or restricted current distribution of the species.

May occur: Suitable habitat is available in the plan area; however, there are little to no other indicators that the species might be present.

Likely to occur: All of the species life history requirements can be met by habitat present on the site, and populations/occurrences are known to occur in the immediate vicinity.

Source: CNDDB 2020; USFWS 2020

## 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.

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#### Location

Sacramento County, California



### Local office

Sacramento Fish And Wildlife Office

**(**916) 414-6600 **(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.

**Delta Smelt** Hypomesus transpacificus

https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/321

Listed species<sup>1</sup> 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 Fisheries<sup>2</sup>).

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>.

- 1. 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.
- 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:

There is final critical habitat for this species. Your location is outside the critical habitat.

## Reptiles

NAME	STATUS
Giant Garter Snake Thamnophis gigas  No critical habitat has been designated for this species. <a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/4482">https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/4482</a>	Threatened
Amphibians	
NAME	STATUS
California Red-legged Frog Rana draytonii  There is final critical habitat for this species. Your location is outside the critical habitat. <a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/2891">https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/2891</a>	Threatened
California Tiger Salamander Ambystoma californiense  There is final critical habitat for this species. Your location is outside the critical habitat. <a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/2076">https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/2076</a>	Threatened
Fishes	CTATUC
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**Threatened** 

#### Insects

NAME	STATUS
Valley Elderberry Longhorn Beetle Desmocerus californicus dimorphus There is final critical habitat for this species. Your location is outside the critical habitat. <a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/7850">https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/7850</a>	Threatened
Crustaceans	
NAME	STATUS
Vernal Pool Fairy Shrimp Branchinecta lynchi There is final critical habitat for this species. Your location is outside the critical habitat. <a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/498">https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/498</a>	Threatened
Vernal Pool Tadpole Shrimp Lepidurus packardi	Endangered

#### Critical habitats

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

THERE ARE NO CRITICAL HABITATS AT THIS LOCATION.

https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/2246

## Migratory birds

Certain birds are protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act<sup>1</sup> and the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act<sup>2</sup>.

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 <a href="http://www.fws.gov/birds/management/managed-species/birds-of-conservation-concern.php">http://www.fws.gov/birds/management/managed-species/birds-of-conservation-concern.php</a>

There is final critical habitat for this species. Your location is outside the critical habitat.

- Measures for avoiding and minimizing impacts to birds <a href="http://www.fws.gov/birds/management/project-assessment-tools-and-guidance/">http://www.fws.gov/birds/management/project-assessment-tools-and-guidance/</a>
  - conservation-measures.php
- 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 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.

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.)

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.

https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/1626

Breeds Jan 1 to Aug 31

Burrowing Owl Athene cunicularia

This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) only in particular Bird Conservation Regions (BCRs) in the continental USA

https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9737

California Thrasher Toxostoma redivivum

This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) throughout its range in the continental USA and Alaska.

Common Yellowthroat Geothlypis trichas sinuosa

This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) only in particular Bird Conservation Regions (BCRs) in the continental USA

https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/2084

Lewis's Woodpecker Melanerpes lewis

This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) throughout its range in the continental USA and Alaska.

https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9408

Nuttall's Woodpecker Picoides nuttallii

This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) only in particular Bird Conservation Regions (BCRs) in the continental USA

https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9410

Oak Titmouse Baeolophus inornatus

This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) throughout its range in the continental USA and Alaska

https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9656

Rufous Hummingbird selasphorus rufus

This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) throughout its range in the continental USA and Alaska.

https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/8002

Song Sparrow Melospiza melodia

This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) only in particular Bird Conservation Regions (BCRs)

in the continental USA

Spotted Towhee Pipilo maculatus clementae

This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) only in particular Bird Conservation Regions (BCRs)

in the continental USA

https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/4243

Wrentit Chamaea fasciata

This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) throughout its range in the continental USA and

Alaska.

Yellow-billed Magpie Pica nuttalli

This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) throughout its range in the continental USA and

https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9726

Breeds Mar 15 to Aug 31

Breeds Jan 1 to Jul 31

Breeds May 20 to Jul 31

Breeds Apr 20 to Sep 30

Breeds Apr 1 to Jul 20

Breeds Mar 15 to Jul 15

Breeds elsewhere

Breeds Feb 20 to Sep 5

Breeds Apr 15 to Jul 20

Breeds Mar 15 to Aug 10

Breeds Apr 1 to Jul 31

## **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.

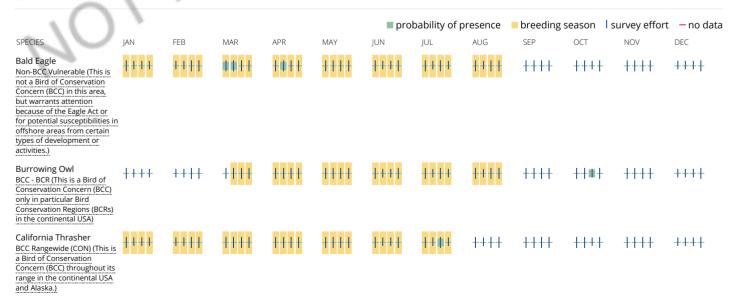
To see a bar's survey effort range, simply hover your mouse cursor over the bar.

#### 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.



Common Yellowthroat BCC - BCR (This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) only in particular Bird Conservation Regions (BCRs) in the continental USA)	++++	++++	+##+	+#++	++ <mark>++</mark>	++++	++++	++++	++++	++++	++++	++++
Lewis's Woodpecker BCC Rangewide (CON) (This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) throughout its range in the continental USA and Alaska.)		++++	+#++	++ <mark>++</mark>	++++	++++	++++	++++	++++	++++	++++	++++
Nuttall's Woodpecker BCC - BCR (This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) only in particular Bird Conservation Regions (BCRs) in the continental USA)	][]][	Ш	Ш				Ш	IIII	Ш	Ш		Ш
Oak Titmouse BCC Rangewide (CON) (This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) throughout its range in the continental USA and Alaska.)		Ш	Ш	1111		HII	Ш	Ш	Ш	Ш		Ш
Rufous Hummingbird BCC Rangewide (CON) (This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) throughout its range in the continental USA and Alaska.)		++++	++++	*#+*	++++	++11+	++#Ⅲ	1111	++++	++++	++++	++++
Song Sparrow BCC - BCR (This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) only in particular Bird Conservation Regions (BCRs) in the continental USA)	<b>    </b> +	III <mark>I</mark> +	++++	++++	++++	++++	++++	+11++	1+++	II++II	****	<b>■</b> ++ <b></b>
Spotted Towhee BCC - BCR (This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) only in particular Bird Conservation Regions (BCRs) in the continental USA)	Ш	Ш	Ш	1111		IIII	Hin.	Ш	1111	Ш		Ш
Wrentit BCC Rangewide (CON) (This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) throughout its range in the continental USA and Alaska.)		++++	+	++++	1111	1111	++++	++++	++++	++++	++++	++++
Yellow-billed Magpie BCC Rangewide (CON) (This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) throughout its range in the continental USA and Alaska.)	- 4	nn	Im	IIII	Ш	1111	+111	+1111	IIII	Ш	Ш	Ш

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

Nationwide Conservation Measures 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. Additional measures and/or permits 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 (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 Knowledge Network (AKN)</u>. This data is derived from a growing collection of <u>survey, banding, and citizen science 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: The Cornell Lab of Ornithology All About Birds Bird Guide, or (if you are unsuccessful in locating the bird of interest there), the Cornell Lab of Ornithology Neotropical Birds guide. 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 <a href="Eagle-Act">Eagle-Act</a> 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 Northeast Ocean Data Portal. 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 NOAA NCCOS Integrative Statistical Modeling and Predictive Mapping of Marine Bird Distributions and Abundance on the Atlantic Outer Continental Shelf 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 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 obtain a permit to avoid violating the Eagle Act should such impacts occur.

#### Proper Interpretation and Use of Your Migratory Bird Report

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, visit the FAQ "Tell me about conservation measures I can implement to avoid or minimize impacts to migratory birds" at the bottom of your migratory bird trust resources page.

## **Facilities**

#### Wildlife refuges and fish hatcheries

REFUGE AND FISH HATCHERY INFORMATION IS NOT AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME

## Wetlands in the National Wetlands Inventory

Impacts to <u>NWI wetlands</u> 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>U.S. Army Corps of Engineers District</u>.

THERE ARE NO KNOWN WETLANDS AT THIS LOCATION.

#### **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.

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.



## **Selected Elements by Scientific Name**

## California Department of Fish and Wildlife California Natural Diversity Database



Query Criteria: BIOS selection



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Species	Element Code	Federal Status	State Status	Global Rank	State Rank	SSC or FP
Accipiter cooperii	ABNKC12040	None	None	G5	S4	WL
Cooper's hawk				0000	0.100	
Agelaius tricolor	ABPBXB0020	None	Threatened	G2G3	S1S2	SSC
tricolored blackbird						
Andrena subapasta	IIHYM35210	None	None	G1G2	S1S2	
An andrenid bee						
Ardea herodias	ABNGA04010	None	None	G5	S4	
great blue heron						
Athene cunicularia	ABNSB10010	None	None	G4	S3	SSC
burrowing owl						
Branchinecta lynchi	ICBRA03030	Threatened	None	G3	S3	
vernal pool fairy shrimp						
Buteo swainsoni	ABNKC19070	None	Threatened	G5	S3	
Swainson's hawk						
Desmocerus californicus dimorphus	IICOL48011	Threatened	None	G3T2	S3	
valley elderberry longhorn beetle						
Elanus leucurus	ABNKC06010	None	None	G5	S3S4	FP
white-tailed kite						
Emys marmorata	ARAAD02030	None	None	G3G4	S3	SSC
western pond turtle						
Fritillaria agrestis	PMLIL0V010	None	None	G3	S3	4.2
stinkbells						
Gratiola heterosepala	PDSCR0R060	None	Endangered	G2	S2	1B.2
Boggs Lake hedge-hyssop						
Legenere limosa	PDCAM0C010	None	None	G2	S2	1B.1
legenere						
Lepidurus packardi	ICBRA10010	Endangered	None	G4	S3S4	
vernal pool tadpole shrimp						
Linderiella occidentalis	ICBRA06010	None	None	G2G3	S2S3	
California linderiella						
Northern Hardpan Vernal Pool	CTT44110CA	None	None	G3	S3.1	
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Oncorhynchus mykiss irideus pop. 11	AFCHA0209K	Threatened	None	G5T2Q	S2	
steelhead - Central Valley DPS						
Progne subis	ABPAU01010	None	None	G5	S3	SSC
purple martin						
Riparia riparia	ABPAU08010	None	Threatened	G5	S2	
bank swallow						
Sagittaria sanfordii	PMALI040Q0	None	None	G3	S3	1B.2
oughtuna cumorum						



\*The database used to provide updates to the Online Inventory is under construction. <u>View updates and changes made since May 2019 here</u>.

#### **Plant List**

11 matches found. Click on scientific name for details

#### Search Criteria

California Rare Plant Rank is one of [1A, 1B, 2A, 2B], Found in Quads 3812174, 3812173, 3812172, 3812164, 3812163, 3812162, 3812154 3812153 and 3812152;

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Scientific Name	Common NameFamily		Lifeform	Blooming	CA Rare Plant Rank	State Listing Status	Federal Listing Status	Habitats		Highest nElevation
Balsamorhiza macrolepis	big-scale balsamroot	Asteraceae	perennial herb	Mar-Jun	1B.2			Chaparral     Cismontane woodland     Valley and foothill grassland	45 m	1555 m
<u>Chloropyron molle</u> <u>ssp. hispidum</u>	hispid bird's- beak	Orobanchaceae	annual herb (hemiparasitic)	Jun-Sep	1B.1			Meadows and seeps     Playas     Valley and foothill grassland	1 m	155 m
Downingia pusilla	dwarf downingia	Campanulaceae	annual herb	Mar-May	2B.2			<ul><li>Valley and foothill grassland (mesic)</li><li>Vernal pools</li></ul>	1 m	445 m
<u>Gratiola</u> <u>heterosepala</u>	Boggs Lake hedge-hyssop	Plantaginaceae	annual herb	Apr-Aug	1B.2	CE		Marshes and swamps (lake margins)     Vernal pools	10 m	2375 m
Juncus leiospermus var. ahartii	Ahart's dwarf rush	Juncaceae	annual herb	Mar-May	1B.2			<ul> <li>Valley and foothill grassland (mesic)</li> </ul>	30 m	229 m
Juncus leiospermus var. leiospermus	Red Bluff dwarf rush	Juncaceae	annual herb	Mar-Jun	1B.1			Chaparral Cismontane woodland Meadows and seeps Valley and foothill grassland Vernal pools	35 m	1250 m
Legenere limosa	legenere	Campanulaceae	annual herb	Apr-Jun	1B.1			<ul> <li>Vernal pools</li> </ul>	1 m	880 m
Navarretia myersii ssp. myersii	pincushion navarretia	Polemoniaceae	annual herb	Apr-May	1B.1			Vernal pools	20 m	330 m
Orcuttia tenuis	slender Orcutt grass	Poaceae	annual herb	May- Sep(Oct)	1B.1	CE	FT	Vernal pools	35 m	1760 m
Orcuttia viscida	Sacramento Orcutt grass	Poaceae	annual herb	Apr- Jul(Sep)	1B.1	CE	FE	Vernal pools	30 m	100 m
Sagittaria sanfordii	Sanford's arrowhead	Alismataceae	perennial rhizomatous herb (emergent)	May- Oct(Nov)	1B.2			Marshes and swamps (assorted shallow freshwater)	0 m	650 m

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