

The Kite Call

Ohlone Audubon Society, Inc.

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Serving Southern & Eastern Alameda County CA
Our Mission: To celebrate and protect birds and their habitats in
Southern and Eastern Alameda County
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Calendar

April 4 GENERAL MEETING Via Zoom NOTE TIME: 6:30PM

April 22 FIELD TRIP Pine Canyon

April 29 FIELD TRIP Mill Creek

May 2 GENERAL MEETING Via Zoom

May 6 SPECIAL EVENT Art Show/Field Trip Hayward Shoreline

May 13 FIELD TRIP Mitchell Canyon

June 24 FIELD TRIP
"Behind the Scenes"—
Hayward Shoreline

ZOOM MEETING NSTRUCTIONS:
(APRIL ONLY)
Ohlone Audubon's April membership
meeting is a special event. Please use
the SFBBO link provided and not the
regular Ohlone link.
NOTE 6:30 PM start time!

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MAY 2 GENERAL MEETING TO BE ANNOUNCED!

(We had a late cancellation)

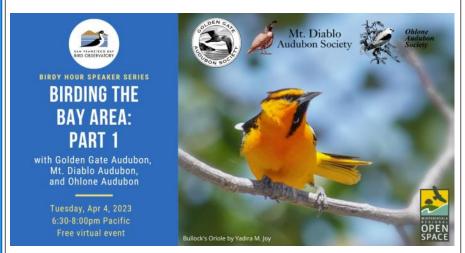
Watch for email announcement or

check the website for details. Will be

via ZOOM.

Membership Meetings

Tuesday, April 4, 2023 6:30 PM (Note time change!) via ZOOM (must register with listed link below)



With hundreds of bird species found throughout the San Francisco Bay Area, we are fortunate to have several birding organizations dedicated to appreciating and conserving the birds here. In the first part of SFBBO's Birding the Bay Area series, Golden Gate Audubon, Mt. Diablo Audubon, and Ohlone Audubon will each share a few of their favorite birding hotspots in the areas they serve, which include the counties of San Francisco, Contra Costa, and Alameda. Join us to learn about great spots to check out, some of the birds you can find, and what makes these areas special!

Speakers:

Jerry Britten, President of Mt. Diablo Audubon Society Whitney Grover, Deputy Director of Golden Gate Audubon Society Bob Toleno, Field Trip Chairperson of Ohlone Audubon Society

Please register - the Zoom link will be sent in the confirmation. If you have any questions, contact Sirena Lao, Environmental Education and Outreach Specialist, at slao@sfbbo.org.

Register here: https://www.flipcause.com/secure/event_step2/ MTc2OTg4/201553

Pine Canyon, Walnut Creek Saturday, April 22, 8:30 AM - noon Leaders: Rich Nicholson and Bob Dunn rsn711@yahoo.com

Enjoy a nice walk through oak woodlands in the Diablo foothills. Paved trails and moderate hills will give us a chance to see birds such as Cassin's Vireo, Rock and Canyon Wrens, and possibly nesting Peregrine Falcons. Scopes can be useful in certain areas, but they are not necessary. If time permits, we will visit the nearby Borges Ranch. Meet at the Diablo Foothills Staging Area parking lot (1700 Castle Rock Rd.) at 8:30 am

Directions: Take 680/24 to Ygnacio Valley Rd. Turn right onto Ygnacio and then turn right again at Walnut Ave. (NOT Walnut Blvd.). Follow Walnut Ave. to the turn circle and bare right onto Castle Rock Rd. Drive past the horse stables to Diablo Foothills parking area, 1700 Castle Rock Rd.

Mill Creek Road, Fremont
Saturday, April 29, 8:30am - noon
Leaders: Megan Jankowski, Juli
Chamberlin and Bob Toleno
bob@toleno.com

Mill Creek Road is an underappreciated birding hotspot in Fremont. It parallels Mill Creek, which creates a rich riparian habitat that flows from Mission Peak. In late April, we hope to see migrants like Ash-throated Flycatcher, Cassin's Vireo, migrating warblers, as well as Rufous Hummingbird, and maybe even a Calliope Hummingbird. Resident Rufous-crowned Sparrow should be singing, and we'll likely hear the song of the recently arrived Grasshopper Sparrows, too. Lazuli Buntings and Black-headed Grosbeaks should be abundant and singing on their breeding territories. We'll walk about 1.5 - 2 miles on a paved road up the fairly gentle hill and then back again.

Directions: From 880 S, take Auto Mall Pkwy east, then get on 680 N for 2 miles, exit on Mission Blvd, turn right, then turn left on Mill Creek Rd. after just a couple blocks. Park on the street near the corner of Mill Creek Rd. and Linmore Dr. There are no restrooms, so be sure to stop at the McDonalds or a gas station on Mission Blvd beforehand to use the facilities.

Field Trips



SPECIAL EVENT!!!!

Hayward Regional Shoreline Interpretive Center Rita Sklar's Art Show + Bird Walk to Tern Colony Saturday, May 6, 10am - noon Leader: Bob Toleno

We have a very special event planned. Meet our own Ohlone member, artist Rita Sklar at the Interpretative Center and view her artwork. See more info on page 3.

After viewing Rita's art, we'll walk about one mile to the viewing area for the tern colony. Least Terns and Black Skimmers will be nesting on the island, as well as hundreds of Forster's Terns, and some Caspian Terns. We also might see some Elegant Terns, which have started nesting in the SF Bay for the past couple years. If we're very lucky, we might catch sight of a migrating Black Tern or two.

Directions: From Highway 92, take the Clawiter Road exit. Westbound, continue onto Breakwater at the light. Eastbound, follow Clawiter north over the freeway and turn left onto Breakwater at the light. Turn left past the gas station to stay on Breakwater, which is the frontage road, one mile to the Interpretive Center.

Mitchell Canyon, Mt. Diablo State Park Saturday, May 13, 8:30 AM - noon Leaders: Rich Nicholson and Bob Dunn rsn711@yahoo.com

Enjoy an easy to moderate walk on a dirt road for a two to three mile round trip. Migration will be in full swing, so we'll be looking for flycatchers, thrushes, vireos, and warblers, in addition to the resident woodpeckers and raptors. Scopes can be useful, but they are not necessary. Lunch is optional as we recap the list after the walk.

Directions: Take SR-24 east or 680-north to Walnut Creek; exit at Ygnacio Valley Rd. Proceed east 8.5 miles to Clayton Rd; turn right. Drive one mile to Mitchell Canyon Rd.; turn right. At the end of the road, enter the park after paying the \$6 entry fee. Meet at the parking lot. Restrooms are available.

Field Trips continued

Behind the Scenes at "Tern Town"
Hayward Interpretive Center.
Saturday, June 24, 2023 8:30 – 11:00AM
Leaders: David Riensche & Maggie Clark
fieldtrips@ohloneaudubon.org
RSVP: maggieclark99@gmail.com

Join us for a behind the locked gates tour at the Hayward Shoreline. We will have an opportunity to see nesting California Least Tern, Western Snowy Plovers and Black Skimmers. We may see migrating Black Terns and numerous other summer shorebirds. Scopes will be essential as we will want to minimize disturbances to nesters. We will have to go in together so be sure to arrive on time. The trip is limited to 20 participants; you must RSVP to the email address above to join this outing.

Directions: From I-880 in Hayward, exit onto Hwy 92 West toward the San Mateo Bridge, then take the Clawiter Road/Eden Landing Road exit. Go straight through the light (do not turn onto Clawiter). Make the first left onto Breakwater Avenue. Turn left to stay on Breakwater Avenue. Go all the way to the end of the street and park near the Hayward Shoreline Interpretive Center.

MEET THE ARTIST! GO FOR A BIRD WALK!

See details for this special event on page 2 (field trips). Rita Sklar's work can be viewed at http://www.ritasklar.com. The website includes her new work, along with past works. (40% discount to members!).

Her show at the Hayward Shoreline Interpretative Center runs March thru August. The Center is now open Fridays and Saturdays.





JOIN DIY EARTH DAY

This April, celebrate Earth Day by making an impact on your local state parks and open spaces! We are calling on our vibrant community of passionate park champions across the state to go out into their communities by participating in our DIY Earth Day Climate Action clean-up! With your help, we're collecting litter and cleaning up the state in local parks, playgrounds, beaches, and neighborhoods.

Climate change and loss of biodiversity pose an existential threat to California's environment, habitats, wildlife, people, and natural landscapes, However: it's not hard to take climate action. Earth Day has shown that when people join forces for a cause, the positive impact can be monumental.

No matter where you are in California, you can participate in our statewide clean-up and contribute to our collective action to protect and increase the climate resiliency of our state parks, beaches, and planet!

How to participate in our 2023 DIY Earth Day clean-up:

1. Sign up here. https://act.calparks.org/a/diy-earth -day

- 2. We'll send you a free Earth Day kit in the mail, which includes a compostable trash bag, a coupon from REI, stickers, a magnet and information to safely clean up litter in your local community.
- **3.** Make a plan with your household and decide when and where you want to make an impact this April. It can be anywhere! Your own street, a local playground, or a state park or beach within driving distance are all great options.
- **4.** Remember to keep track of how many bags of litter you collect, and record it at **calparks.org/diyearthdayreport** by May 1 for the chance to win a special prize from REI.
- **5.** Share your impact with the world! Use the #CalParksEarthDay hashtag and tag @calparks on Instagram, Twitter, and Facebook.

BIRDING OBSERVATIONS

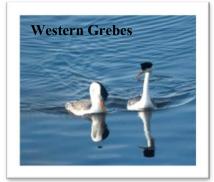
March 2023 By Vicki Robinson

Snow Geese, Ross's Geese and White-fronted Geese are still around.

Wood Ducks and Hooded Mergansers are being seen at Shadow Cliffs, but alas, have not returned to Alameda Creek.

Swallows are returning and setting up in nesting boxes and tree holes. **Tree Swallows** in large numbers and **Violet-green**, **Northern Rough-wing**, **Cliff** and **Barn** are moving in.

Bald Eagles are becoming common in many places with a local pair again nesting at Ardenwood. Another pair of Bald Eagles have set up at a golf course in Alameda.



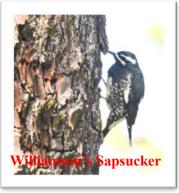
Western and **Clark's Grebes** are at Quarry Lakes doing their courtship behavior which includes *rushing* where the birds run on water.

Ospreys have been seen at Coyote Hills as well as Quarry Lakes and Shadow Cliffs.



Allen's Hummingbirds have been showing up at local feeders and our local Anna's have been seen in nests and feeding babies. A few Rufous have been seen.

Varied Thrushes at Sunol, Sabercat Creek, Vargas Plateau, Coyote Hills and Redwood Park have been seen mixing with large numbers of American Robins.



Merlin's have been seen at Coyote Hills and Lake Elizabeth and other places. They are usually here for the winter but disappear by May.

The star rarity in Alameda County was a **Williamson's Sapsucker** that had many local birders hiking up the hill at Claremont Canyon to get a new county bird.

A **Painted Redstart** has been spending the winter at Agnew's Historical Park in Santa Clara and many birders have had a chance to see it at that suburban park.

(All photos by Vicki Robinson)











President's Corner

- Bill Hoppes

Hope this finds you out birding. Spring migration will be starting before you know it. By the time this comes out I plan to have ticked off Black Rail on my life list after successful Ohlone field trip to Bay Point

Speaking of field trips, have you ever thought about going on a guided trip? Tanya and I just got back from a guided trip to Japan. If you have never been on one there are several reasons I can suggest to give them a try. First reason, they go to places you would have trouble getting to yourself. On our first trip we went to Alaska, which included the Pribilofs and a couple of remote sites near Nome. Sites that we would have had a tough time getting to and birding on our own. Second, the guides know where the birds are. There are many birds that I wanted to see on our trips that I would have never found without the guides. Third, the guides know the birds. All the guides we have gone with are excellent at spotting birds and are incredibly patient and work with all the participants to make sure they all get good looks. Fourth, the tour company handles all the logistics relieving you of major planning headaches. Fifth, you meet interesting birders from all over the world.



Time to start thinking about bird festivals

If you have ever thought about a guided tour, I highly recommend it. You will see great birds in great places and meet great people. Look for a tour company that meets your price range and offers the birds you want to see. There are many good companies out there. Alvaro Jaramillo, our last speaker runs *Alvaro's Adventures* and I have only heard good things about his trips. Other companies I have heard good things about or experienced personally include *Rockhopper, Vent, Wings, and Cheeseman's*. Do your research. Tanya and I have taken tours to Alaska (our first), Costa Rica, Ecuador, Florida and now Japan. Our next one is this fall in South Africa. We have never had less than an excellent time.

As you may remember, I am also a big fan of birding festivals. The one where we had the most fun last year was the Biggest Week in American Birding held at Magee Marsh in Ohio. It is the best place that I have been to see all those eastern warblers without breaking your neck. This year the Biggest Week is 5-14 of May. So go there, or check out the other birding festivals in California, or around the country. Most festivals have switched back from virtual to live.

Finally, the election for the Board is coming up. Look in the this *Kite Call (page 6)* for the slate of officers and the process to cast your vote. It will be online again this year. Whatever you do, time to start thinking about bird festivals to attend, birding from you porch, going on an Ohlone Field Trip, or going on a month long international birding trip, get out there and enjoy the birds.

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Global Big Day— 13 May 2023

On 13 May, join birders from around the world for Global Big Day. You don't have to go birding for 24

hours—even 5 or 10 minutes of watching birds at home makes you part of the team. Last year, more than 51,000 people from 201 countries submitted eBird checklists on Global Big Day. Let's discover what we can accomplish together this year!

Learn about Global Big Day 2023 https:// cornell.us2.list-manage.com/track/click? =b35ddb671faf4a16c0ce32406&id=6596598ac4&a

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THE GREAT BACKYARD BIRD

Between February 17-20, 2023 more than 555,000 people around the world contributed 390,652 eBird checklists and shared 372,905 Merlin bird identifications during the Great Backyard Bird Count, delivering a record-breaking jump in participation over previous years as well as some interesting and unusual species highlights. Snapshot results:

- 7,538 species of birds identified
- 202 participating countries
- 390,652 eBird checklists
- 372,905 Merlin Bird IDs
- 151,479 photos, videos, and sounds added to Macaulay Library
- 555,291 estimated global participants
 Full report at https://www.birdcount.org/2023-final-results/

Conservation

State Parks Commission searches for alternative to Tesla

California State Parks is searching for an alternative location to expand Off Road Vehicle use in the State Parks system, with the protection of Tesla Park now in place. Senate Bill (SB) 155 protected Tesla Park from use as a state vehicular recreation area. The bill also transferred \$29.9 million from the state's General Fund to the Off-highway Vehicle Trust Fund. This was far in excess of the approximately \$9 million State Parks spent to acquire the 3100 acre Tesla Site. The bill also named Henry Coe State Park as a possible new location for ORV use. At over 87,000 acres, Henry Coe's large size makes it attractive to those who want to expand ORV use as they believe large buffers between multiple uses are possible. State Parks spokesman have stressed that no decisions have been made and that although SB 155 mentions Henry Coe, it does not require State Parks to allow ORV recreation there. –B. Hoppes

Nominations 2023-2024

In accordance with the Bylaws of our organization, the slate of officers nominated for the upcoming year must be presented to the membership, followed by the election of officers to occur at the May monthly meeting. In view of the current situation, the slate of Officers for the Board of Directors 2022-2023 FY is listed below and members will be asked to vote "virtually" or by mail. Other board positions are appointed by the President.

Please send your vote (yea or nay) electronically via this link: https://forms.gle/KeFkZRZhJZquCUMG7 or via our Facebook page or via mail to 1922 Hillsdale St, Hayward, CA 94541. Write-ins are also accepted. Please vote by May 31, 2023. Thank you.

Slate of Officers for FY 2023-2024

President: Bill Hoppes

Vice President: Marty Morrow

Treasurer: Gail Ryujin

Recording Secretary: Kathy Robertson Corresponding Secretary: Jackie Bertillion Director at Large (2025) Dave Riensche

I accept th	ie above sla	ate of Office	ers Yea _	_ Nay
Write in:_				

Old Hayward/Castro Valley Hatchery (Historic Brick Building)

On March 9, 2023, the Alameda County Board of Supervisors approved the proposed General Plan Amendment, Rezoning, and Variance located at 1446 A Street, northwest corner, west of Ruby Street, in unincorporated Castro Valley Area of Alameda County. On 11/09/22, the West County Board of Zoning Adjustments approved the site to be rezoned as commercial development and the Planning Commission voted in support of this on 12/05/22. The historic hatchery had become a piano store that recently closed at this proposed site.

This site is located adjacent to Ruby Meadow at a riparian oak woodland and wildlife corridor that needs to be preserved, restored, and protected. It is an opportunity to remove existing blight, preserve history, and restore habitat. The environmental, cultural, and historical significance of the site was dismissed by decision makers. The public asked decision makers to adhere to the zoning law regulations and Castro Valley General Plan, update the plan and its maps with corrections on actual accessible park space, and follow protections that are outlined for biologically sensitive habits, resources, and corridors. During the Ruby Meadow hearings 2-3 years ago, the Ohlone Tribes asked that none of the land be developed. Ohlone Audubon Society continues to align with their stance. - M. Selva

PLEASE CONSIDER AN ELECTRONIC KITE CALL!

We are urging members to switch over to an electronically issued *Kite Call* (but you don't have to! The benefits are a cost savings to our chapter, in both printing costs and postage.

Other benefits include getting it quicker and it is *much more* colorful!!!!!! See all of these beautiful photos in color!

Also, note that links are live! GO GREEN!

Send your request to pagpeg@aol.com

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New and Renewing Members and Donations

Welcome new members and thank you renewing members:

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David Donovan
Julie Gilson
Mike Hall
Jim Hargrove
Christine Hayamizu
Margo Heath
Ruth Ann Hunt
Arnold Joe

Chris Lazik
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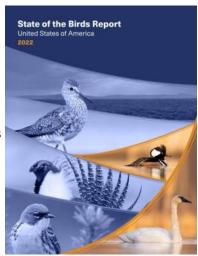
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We thank these members for their donation:

Michael Christopherson Jim Hargrove Christine Hayamizu Ruth Ann Hunt Mary Norton Tamara Reus Marlina Selva

State of the Birds Report 2023 By Bill Hoppes

The State of the Birds Report 2023 published by the North American Bird Conservation Initiative presented a bleak picture of the conservation status of birds in North American. You have probably seen reports of three billion fewer birds in North American and that birds in the U.S. showed downward trends in every habitat except wetlands. In wetlands, increases in waterfowl numbers have only come after decades of investment in habitat restoration and protection. One aspect of the State of the Birds report that interested me was the seventy so-called "tipping point" species. These species have lost two-thirds of their populations in the past fifty years and are on track to lose another 50% in the next fifty years. When I looked at the list, which you can find here (https:// www.stateofthebirds.org/2022/download-pdf-report/), I was surprised to see ten species from our area that appear to be somewhat common. What is happening?



Elegant Tern

We see Elegant Terns in summer in pretty good numbers. That belies their near threatened status. The Elegant Tern has the most restricted breeding distribution of any tern in North America. Only five colonies are currently known. The largest of the five, located on Isla Rasa in the Gulf of Mexico, hosts 90-97% of the worldwide population. Disturbance from humans and feral animals and habitat degradation has reduced available breeding habitat. The Elegant Tern is a highly vulnerable species and is listed as a species of Special Concern in California. Some conservationists believe that the US and Mexico should immediately list the Elegant Tern as endangered and begin recovery programs. (continued on page 8)

State of the Birds 2023 (continued)

Heermann's Gull

This beautiful gray gull with its red bill is here from late summer through winter. The ICUN considered Heerman's Gull Near Threatened as it has a restricted breeding range, with 90% of the world population breeding on Isla Rasa in the Gulf of Mexico. This is the same island as the Elegant Terns nest on, and is only 142 acres in size and 115 feet above sea level. Nesting populations fluctuate widely in response to climatic events, habitat loss, feral animals and human interference.



Isla Rasa in the Gulf of Mexico. The 142 acre island where over 90% of world's Elegant Terns and Heerman's Gulls breed

Least Tern

No surprise here. The breeding populations of Least Tern in California and the interior U.S. are listed as Endangered under the federal Endangered Species Act. Least Terns nest on the ground, where they are vulnerable to predators and to human activity such as beach recreation and loss of beach habitat.

Whimbrel

A surprise here as we usually see them in winter. Whimbrels breed around the world at high northern latitudes. The Canadian Wildlife Service estimates the worldwide population at 797,000 birds and the North American population at 57,000. Hunting in the 19th Century reduced the population. The ban on hunting in North America has resulted in a population rebound, but apparently not back to historic levels. Whimbrels are seriously threatened by habitat destruction, disturbance, and environmental contaminants. The Western Hemisphere Shorebird Reserve Network is working to identify and protect important shorebird wintering and migration stopover areas.

Lesser Yellowlegs

This was a surprise as well, as Lesser Yellowlegs are frequently seen here is winter. The Lesser Yellowlegs has 80% of its breeding range in Canada's boreal region, migrates through the United States and Caribbean, and winters mostly in South America. It has experienced substantial long- and short-term declines, most recently estimated at 25% over three generations (12 years) based on Breeding Bird Surveys, and greater than 50% over 10 years based on International Shorebird Surveys. Declines are expected to continue. Key concerns include the loss of wetland and intertidal habitat used on migration and in winter, and hunting for sport and subsistence, which has been reduced in some areas but likely remains the most significant threat. I was curious why Lesser are at risk and not Greaters. One thing I learned is that they are not that closely related. DNA analysis shows the Greater's closest relatives are the Greenshanks, while the Lessers closest relative is the Willet. As for conservation, the Greater Yellowlegs uses a wider variety of breeding and wintering habitats than the Lesser and is not as dependent on concentrated migrations stopover spots as the Lesser. All these factors are putting the Lesser at greater risk.

Short-billed Dowitcher

Another surprise to see on this list. Short-billed Dowitcher populations declined between 15% and 50% from 1970 to 2015, according to estimates by Partners in Flight. The group estimates the global breeding population at 150,000 individuals. The species is on the Yellow Watch List for Partners in Flight because of its declining populations. Threats include hunting on the wintering grounds, loss of stopover and wintering habitat to development. Long-billed Dowitchers may face many of the same threats but their world wide population is estimated at over 500,000, three to four time that of Short-billed and may mask some of the impacts.

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State of the Birds 2023 (continued)

Rufous Hummingbird

Didn't expect this migrant to be on the list. Rufous Hummingbird populations declined across their range by approximately 2% per year resulting in a cumulative decline of about 67% between 1966 and 2019, according to the North American Breeding Bird Survey by USGS. Rufous Hummingbirds are included on the Yellow Watch List for birds most at risk of extinction without significant conservation actions to reverse declines and reduce threats. The birds winter in the highlands of Mexico, but fewer and fewer hummingbirds make it to nesting grounds in the Pacific Northwest. Clearcutting forests and pesticide use from Mexico up through the West Coast and into Canada are potentially detrimental to the hummingbirds and their habitat, although the actual causes of the decline are unclear.



A good looking Rufous Hummingbird. The State of the Birds Report lists a couple of our more common hummingbirds as species in trouble.

Allen's Hummingbird

Another one I didn't expect to see as this species is fairly common during summer. I will note, anecdotally, that I seem to see far fewer Allen's and Rufous than when I first started birding in the 1970s. Allen's hummingbirds numbers declined by 88% from 1970 to 2019 at an average yearly rate of 4.3%. This was a sharply steepened short-term decline at a rate that was nearly twice as fast as it had been in the previous 50 years and at this rate, the Allen's will lose another half of their remaining population within the next 17 years. Allen's Hummingbirds may not be as adapted to urban environments as other species of hummingbirds and their coastal habitats continue to be under intense development pressure.

Yellow-billed Magpie

No surprise here as Magpies have virtually disappeared over the past 20 years from their historic range in our area. A few years back, I did an article on the significant impact West Nile virus was having on this species.

Tri-colored Blackbird

The decline in this species is well documented. A comprehensive survey of Tricolored Blackbirds in California has confirmed that the Tri-colored population has declined nearly 35 percent in the last three years. A 2011 survey, conducted by Audubon California, estimated the population to be about 259,000 birds, down from approximately 395,000 in 2008. Historic populations once numbered in the millions. Among the key reasons are the loss of wetlands and the destruction of remaining breeding habitat due to changing agricultural practices. The Tricolored Blackbird forms the largest colonies of any North American land bird, often breeding in groups of tens of thousands of individuals. Loss of a single colony, therefore, can have a significant impact on the total population.

No good news here. Slow declines in species numbers can go unnoticed until you realize one day "didn't we used to see a lot more of.......". Another take away is that few of these species have any formal designation such as Endangered or Threatened that require agencies to take recovery actions, so it is incumbent on nonprofits such as Audubon to work hard to develop habitat protection and recovery efforts to reverse these trends. Finally, and you hear this again and again, these species aren't just with us, their annual cycle takes them all over the western hemisphere. Successful recovery will only work when it takes into account their needs throughout the year.



IS IT TIME TO RENEW?

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