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CONSERVING BIRDS AND BIRD HABITAT IN THE CENTRAL VALLEY

ADVANCING BIRD CONSERVATION AND COMMUNITY RESILIENCE

Leveraging policy to meet the needs of birds and communities

The Central Valley is a critically important part of the Pacific Flyway, which extends from the Arctic to South America and is used by over 100 million birds of 400 species every year.

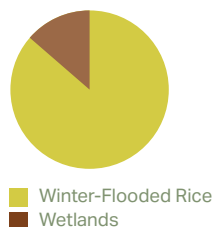
95% of natural habitat in the Central Valley has been transformed for human uses; unpredictable water supplies and other climate change impacts threaten the future of farms, wetlands, and other bird habitats.

Bird habitat can include winter-flooded rice, corn and other grain fields; managed wetlands; river- and stream-side habitat; grasslands; and oak woodlands.

During drought years, limited water supplies should be managed cooperatively to support wildlife and people.

The Central Valley Joint Venture (CVJV) partners with policymakers, private landowners, local governments, non-profit organizations and others to conserve Central Valley birds and their habitats for current and future generations.

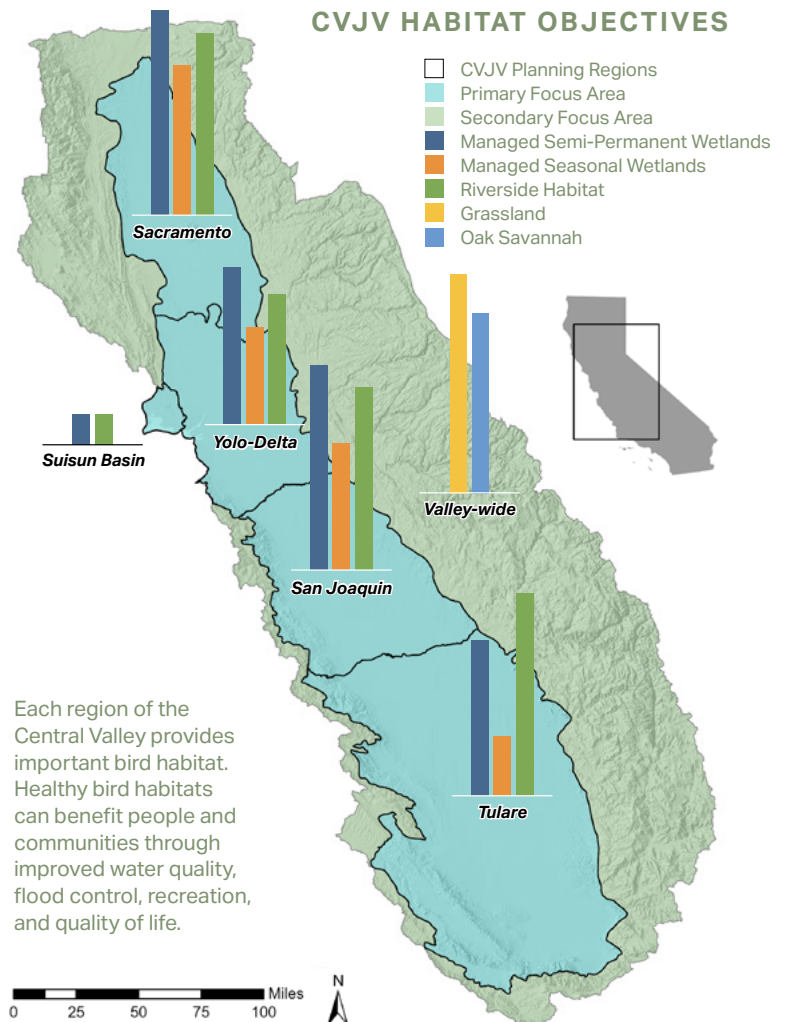
California's elected leaders and other policymakers can use the CVJV's 2020 Implementation Plan to inform land use and water policy decisions to benefit birds, other wildlife, landowners, and communities in the Central Valley.



Unpacking Waterbird Habitat

Flooded rice fields comprise up to 80% of all waterbird habitat in the Sacramento and Yolo-Delta Basins. These fields are critically important to wintering and breeding ducks, shorebirds, and other waterbirds. Other habitat types are also needed throughout the Valley.

CVJV HABITAT OBJECTIVES



ADDITIONAL HABITAT NEEDED 2020-2030

Managed Semi-Permanent Wetlands	34,400 Acres
Managed Seasonal Wetlands	20,000 Acres
Riverside Habitat	33,300 Acres
Grassland	10,300 Acres
Oak Savannah	8,500 Acres



Long-billed dowitchers and dunlin foraging in postharvest-flooded agricultural field, Ryan DiGaudio

CVJV: Your partner in ensuring healthy habitats and communities

Promote long-term benefits for birds and people by supporting legislative priorities and sustainable funding sources for:

- Water resilience and sustainability for meeting California's biodiversity and public health goals.
- Increasing biodiversity through a climate lands strategy: nature-based solutions and wildlife-friendly management practices.
- Habitat restoration and land management that promote environmental justice, water security, flood control, and carbon sequestration for Central Valley communities.

Quick guide: Useful information for policymakers in the CVJV 2020 Implementation Plan

- See how the CVJV is planning for climate resiliency: pp 7-10, 19-24, 67-72.
- Understand water supply challenges and funding priorities to ensure adequate water for wetlands: pp 54-57; Table 4.2.5 (p 59).
- Review programs and regulatory actions that contribute to CVJV goals and objectives, including long-term funding for restoration, maintenance, and monitoring: pp 9, 63-66, 199.
- Read about nature-based solutions that provide co-benefits to communities: pp 73-76.
- See examples of successful working groups recovering at-risk species: pp 215, 225.

Let's promote bird habitat conservation while helping communities, together.

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View and download the CVJV 2020 Implementation Plan at <https://bit.ly/CVJV2020ImplementationPlan>



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CVJV Partner Organizations

Audubon California
 Bureau of Land Management
 Bureau of Reclamation
 Calif. Association of Resource Conservation Districts
 Calif. Dept. of Fish and Wildlife
 Calif. Dept. of Water Resources

Calif. Natural Resources Agency
 California Trout
 California Waterfowl Association
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