



Black-necked stilt, Audubon California

BENEFITING BIRDS AND PEOPLE IN THE CENTRAL VALLEY

WORKING HAND IN HAND WITH LANDOWNERS TOWARD COMMON GOALS

Where working lands and bird habitats coexist

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.

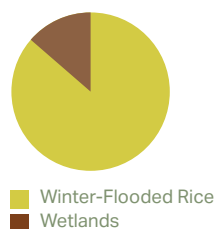
95% of natural habitat in the Central Valley has been transformed for human uses; unpredictable water supplies and other climate change impacts threaten the future of farms, wetlands, and other bird habitats.

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

Limited water supplies should be managed cooperatively to support agriculture, communities, birds, and other wildlife.

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

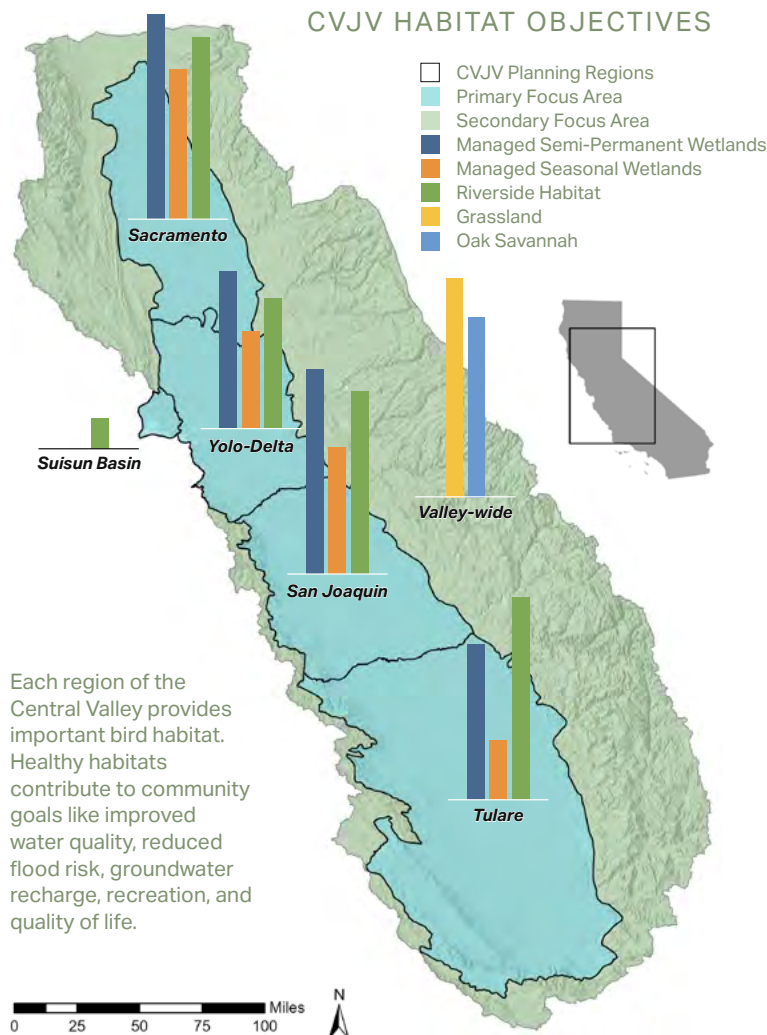
Protecting and restoring habitat on farmland and private wetlands plays an essential role in supporting bird populations and slowing climate change. CVJV member organizations provide access, funding, and technical support to landowners for habitat conservation.



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 BY 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



Greater sandhill crane, Steve J. McDonald

Quick guide to useful information for landowners in the CVJV 2020 Implementation Plan

- See how you can contribute to habitat creation in your region of the Central Valley: Tables 3.1 – 3.6 (pp 13-14).
- Learn more about water supplies for private wetlands and other flooded habitat types: p 47; Table 4.2.3 (p 49).
- Discover incentive programs relevant to you and your farm: pp 63-65, 145, 151, 161.
- See how much habitat on private wetlands and farmlands currently exists and how much more is needed to support healthy bird populations: pp 120, 144.
- Read examples of how farmers and other landowners work with the CVJV to support bird habitat on their land: pp 99, 125, 145, 151, 161, 225.

Let us help you sustain your land and bird habitat into the future

Reach out to the CVJV for ideas about how to provide multiple benefits on your land.

Contact the CVJV Coordinator at (916) 414-6459, www.centralvalleyjointventure.org.

Protect your land now and into the future

- **Implement seasonal bird-friendly practices** on your farm fields or wetlands. Financial support is available from several incentive programs led by CVJV partner organizations.
- **Restore stream-side, wetland, or farm-edge habitat** with financial support from a CVJV partner organization.
- **Time your land use activities strategically** (harvest, flooding, etc.), with guidance from CVJV partners, to ensure safe passage of migrating birds and safe nesting for breeding birds.
- **Permanently protect your land and habitat** with a conservation easement. Work with CVJV partners to develop land repurposing plans.



The state Wildlife Conservation Board's Inland Wetlands Conservation Program was created in collaboration with the CVJV to protect, restore, and enhance wetlands. Flooded rice stubble with Northern pintails, Mike Peters.



Agency personnel & private landowners partnering to protect bird habitat, USFWS



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
Calif. Wildlife Conservation Board
Defenders of Wildlife
Ducks Unlimited
PG&E

Point Blue Conservation Science
River Partners
The Nature Conservancy
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
USFWS
USGS