

# Breeding Bird Biologist

## Volunteers Check Pulse of Parks



Exuberant volunteers census the pulse of the park's bird population.

Everywhere you go in the East Bay Regional Park District you're greeted by the sights and sounds of birds. You can see the golden eagle soaring majestically in the sky above one of our rugged wilderness areas. Your reward for visiting one of our cattail marshes will be the delightful chatter of the marsh wren. The survival of each of these beautifully crafted creatures is linked to the stewardship of the natural resources found in your East Bay Regional Park District.

Numerous national studies have indicated declines in bird populations. A variety of factors impact bird populations including habitat reductions, predation by domestic and feral cats and environmental contaminants. You can play a key role in the monitoring and management of our feathered companions!



Birds are at the top of many food chains. Their presence in large numbers indicates an area of high biological productivity and ecological health.



Volunteers use spot-mapping method to map the distribution of breeding birds and estimate density by habitat.

Our exuberant Wildlife Volunteers get nose to beak with birds in a number of field research and habitat enhancement projects. Volunteers participating in our long-term monitoring efforts provide critical information about bird populations. Thanks to the help of volunteers, our science-based stewardship staff can set management priorities for promoting, preserving and providing a healthy future for all our precious native wildlife.

### ***How you can make a tax-deductible donation to support the program:***

Please make check payable to the Regional Parks Foundation in support of the "Breeding Bird Biologist Program" and send to the Regional Parks Foundation, P.O. Box 21074, Crestmont Station Oakland, CA 94620