

Nature's Songs

2020 CALENDAR



CELEBRATING 100 YEARS
OF WOMEN'S RIGHT TO VOTE



JANUARY 2020

Barn Swallow, *Hirundo rustica*: Barn Swallows, true to their name, nest in barns and other human structures. Unlike cliff swallows, barn swallows do not nest in colonies. They grace the sky and consume great quantities of flying insects. Migration may take them all the way to the southern tip of South America. *Photo: Thomas Trinko*



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19	Martin Luther King Jr. Day 20 MLK Jr. Day of Service: MLK Jr. Regional Shoreline	21	22	23	24	Asian Lunar New Year 25 Fungus Fair: Tilden Nature Area Youth Job Fair: Hayward Area Senior Center
Fungus Fair: Tilden Nature Area 26	27	28	29	30	31	



FEBRUARY 2020

American White Pelicans, *Pelicanus erythrorhynchos*, and Black-neck Stilt, *Himantopus mexicanus*: In mudflats, saltmarshes, flooded fields, or salt pans, black-necked stilts (see lone bird in foreground) are among the most readily identified shorebirds. Their frequent calling makes them easy to locate. American white pelicans are some of the largest and heaviest birds in North America. Unlike brown pelicans, which plunge-dive for prey, American white pelicans feed from the water's surface. They are protected by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and are a California Species of Special Concern. *Photo: Jerry Ting*



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Ground Hog Day 2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
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16	President's Day 17	18	19	20	21	22	
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MARCH 2020

White-tailed Kite, *Elanus leucurus*: Watch for the delicate “Angel Hawk” hovering on its white pointed wings over marshes, grasslands, and open oak woodlands as it hunts for small mammals, primarily mice. This hawk is a Focal Species for Grassland Bird Conservation and a California Fully Protected Species. *Photo: Jerry Ting*



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15	16	St. Patrick's Day	17	18	First Day of Spring	19	20	21	Sheep Shearing Day: Ardenwood Historic Farm	
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APRIL 2020

Horned Lark, *Eremophila alpestris*: Horned Larks are small birds that live in grasslands and they're roughly the same color and size as a clod of dirt. They thrive in well-managed rangelands and can be spotted searching the ground for insects throughout the Regional Parks. They have undergone a sharp decline in the last half-century due to urban development and loss of agricultural fields, grasslands, and rangelands. *Photo: Jerry Ting*



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<p>Jean Siri, EBRPD Board Director 1992-2006, an environmentalist and civic leader, was an ardent supporter of the 1961 founding of Save San Francisco Bay Association (Save The Bay). In her tenure on the Park District board, Siri was the driving force behind the development of the first regional shoreline dog park at Point Isabel Regional Shoreline and an advocate for underserved communities.</p> 			<p>☾ April Fool's Day 1</p>	<p>Historic Season Begins: 2 <i>Ardenwood Historic Farm</i></p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 Tartan Day Scottish Fair: <i>Ardenwood Historic Farm</i> Egg Scramble: <i>Crab Cove Visitor Center</i></p>
<p>Palm Sunday 5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>☉ 7</p>	<p>Passover Begins 8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>Good Friday 10</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>Easter 12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>☾ 14</p>	<p>Tax Day 15</p>	<p>Passover Ends 16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>● Earth Day 22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>Ramadan Begins 24 Arbor Day</p>	<p>25 FREE Outdoor Movie Night: <i>Lake Chabot</i></p>
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MAY 2020

American Cliff Swallow, *Petrochelidon pyrrhonota*: Cliff swallows are graceful aerial foragers and consume large quantities of insects such as mosquitos and flies. Their nest colonies can be found on buildings, freeway overpasses, bridges and cliffsides. The Park District is fortunate to have several natural colonies located on cliffs, where they are truly cliff swallows! *Photo: Jerry Ting*



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17	18	19	20	21	22	Garin Barn Opening Day: Garin/Dry Creek Pioneer 23
Ramadan Ends 24	Memorial Day 25 Free Day/Open House: Ardenwood Historic Farm	26	27	28	29	30
31			Dr. Aurelia Henry Reinhardt, EBRPD Board Director 1934-1945 , played a critical role in the creation of a Regional Park District in the East Bay and served on the first EBRPD Board. A prominent community leader and president of Oakland's Mills College from 1916 to 1943, Reinhardt was known for her stirring, farsighted lectures of social welfare, international peace relations, and encouraging young women to pursue higher education. In 2019, the EBRPD Board of Directors voted unanimously to the re-naming of Redwood Regional Park in honor of Dr. Reinhardt.			



JUNE 2020

California Least Tern, *Sternula antillarum browni*: During the spring and summer, the “tiniest of our terns” migrate north from the warm beaches of Baja and Brazil to become uncommon-to-rare breeding visitors (late April through August). Due to habitat loss, human disturbance at nesting sites, non-native and over-abundant predators, and modified or polluted foraging sites, this bird is listed as a Federal and California State Endangered Species. *Photo: Jerry Ting*



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JULY 2020

Bald Eagle, *Haliaeetus leucocephalus*: The national emblem of the United States since 1782, the once-endangered bald eagle flourished while under federal and state protection from 1940-2009. After recovering locally from threats of hunting, use of DDT, lead ingestion, pesticides and other toxins, the first bald eagle nest spotted in the Bay Area was at Lake Del Valle in 1996. Eagles also nest at Lake Chabot and several other reservoirs and waterways in the greater Bay Area where fish are abundant. Bald eagles are a California Fully Protected Species. *Photo: Dennis Stanworth*



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<p> Historic Wheat Harvest: Ardenwood Historic Farm</p>	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
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AUGUST 2020

Peregrine Falcon, *Falco peregrinus*, and **Short-Billed Dowitchers**, *Limnodromus griseus*: Short-billed dowitchers probe for aquatic invertebrates by rhythmically inserting their bills up and down into mudflats, tidal wetlands, or shallow freshwater mud. Short-billed dowitchers are on the North American Bird Conservation Initiative Watch List due to population decline. A peregrine falcon flies over the flock as it hunts medium-sized birds. Since the ban on DDT from the early 1970s, supported by large-scale nesting protection and releases to the wild, their populations have recovered. *Photo: Jerry Ting*



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23	24	☾ 25	26	27	28	29
30	31	Georgette Morton, EBRPD Office Administrator In 1931, Georgette Morton joined the campaign for the vote to establish an East Bay Regional Park District. Morton's stellar clerical work landed her one of the first jobs at the Park District in 1934 as the sole office administrator for the Park District in its early years. She worked at the main office that was located at Temescal Regional Recreation Area's historic Beach House.				



SEPTEMBER 2020

Yellow Warbler, *Setophaga petechia*: This brightly colored songbird can be heard singing “I am so sweet, I am so sweet” from willows, wet thickets, and open woodlands as it gleans the foliage for insects. Yellow warblers are listed as priority 2 on California Bird Species of Concern list and is also a Focal Species for Riparian Bird Conservation.
 Photo: Jerry Ting



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<p>Rail Fair: Ardenwood Historic Farm 6</p>	<p>Labor Day 7 Rail Fair: Ardenwood Historic Farm</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>California Admissions Day 9</p>	<p>☾ Alameda Chamber Mixer: Crab Cove Visitor Center 10</p>	<p>Concerts at the Cove: Crab Cove Visitor Center 11</p>	<p>Garin Apple Festival: Garin/Dry Creek Pioneer 12</p>
<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>● 17</p>	<p>Rosh Hashana Begins 18</p>	<p>19 Coastal Cleanup Day: Shoreline and Lake Parks FREE Outdoor Movie Night: Tilden Nature Area</p>
<p>Rosh Hashana Ends 20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>First day of Autumn 22 ☾☉</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 Mine Open House: Black Diamond Mines</p>
<p>Yom Kippur 27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>		<p>Sylvia McLaughlin, Save the Bay Co-founder, was a true-spirited environmentalist and actively engaged community leader for many years. Through McLaughlin's work, the East Bay community can enjoy a cleaner and healthier bay with miles of scenic shoreline trails and native habitat restoration areas. In 2013, the Park District celebrated the re-naming of Eastshore State Park in her honor. Photo: David Sanger</p>	



OCTOBER 2020

Great Horned Owl, *Bubo virginianus*: The booming hoot of the great horned owl can be found in wooded areas and trees throughout the Regional Parks. They are covered in extremely soft feathers that insulate them against the cold winter weather and help them fly very quietly in pursuit of prey. These owls can sometimes be seen in the daylight hours, hidden in treetops awaiting nightfall – their prime hunting hours. *Photo: Jen Joynt*



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18	19	20	21	22	☾ 23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	☉ Halloween 31



NOVEMBER 2020

Great Blue Heron, *Ardea herodias*: Great blue herons nest colonially, often sharing the same tree with great egrets and snowy egrets in Regional Parks locations such as Shadow Cliffs and Don Castro. In addition to foraging in wetlands, they occasionally patrol lawns, where they may snatch a gopher with their long bills! Herons are vulnerable to wetland habitat loss and human disturbances. They are protected by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. *Photo: Jerry Ting*



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29	☉ 30	 <p>The Meyers Sisters As children in the early 1900s, Jeanette, Edith and Mildred Meyers played in the lush garden and estate that is now a part of Dry Creek/Pioneer Regional Park in Union City. In the 1960s the sisters fought the proposed Foothill Freeway, including plans to bulldoze the Meyers home. The sisters were successful and ultimately they deeded 1,200 acres to the Park District.</p>			<p>OCTOBER</p> <table border="1"> <tr><td>S</td><td>M</td><td>T</td><td>W</td><td>T</td><td>F</td><td>S</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td><td>9</td><td>10</td></tr> <tr><td>11</td><td>12</td><td>13</td><td>14</td><td>15</td><td>16</td><td>17</td></tr> <tr><td>18</td><td>19</td><td>20</td><td>21</td><td>22</td><td>23</td><td>24</td></tr> <tr><td>25</td><td>26</td><td>27</td><td>28</td><td>29</td><td>30</td><td>31</td></tr> </table>	S	M	T	W	T	F	S				1	2	3		4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	<p>DECEMBER</p> <table border="1"> <tr><td>S</td><td>M</td><td>T</td><td>W</td><td>T</td><td>F</td><td>S</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td><td>4</td><td>5</td></tr> <tr><td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td><td>9</td><td>10</td><td>11</td><td>12</td></tr> <tr><td>13</td><td>14</td><td>15</td><td>16</td><td>17</td><td>18</td><td>19</td></tr> <tr><td>20</td><td>21</td><td>22</td><td>23</td><td>24</td><td>25</td><td>26</td></tr> <tr><td>27</td><td>28</td><td>29</td><td>30</td><td>31</td><td></td><td></td></tr> </table>	S	M	T	W	T	F	S				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31		
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DECEMBER 2020

California Ridgway's Rail, *Rallus obsoletus*: These handsome gray-and-rusty birds are the largest of the rail breeds and found exclusively in the tidal marshes of the San Francisco Bay. Although known for its clapping call, during mating season you may hear it clapping or purring like a cat. Populations are declining largely due to wetland loss and degradation. Ridgway's rails have been listed as federally and state endangered since 1970 and are a California Fully Protected Species. *Photo: Jerry Ting*



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6	☾	7	8	9	Chanukah Begins 10	11
13	●	14	15	16	17	Chanukah Ends 18
20	☾ First Day of Winter	21	22	23	24	Christmas Day 25
27	28	☉	29	30	New Year's Eve 31	
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Welcome to 2020 – This year’s calendar pays homage to one of the Park District’s most beloved activities – birding. Birds are integral to the ecosystem in the Park District’s more than 125,000 acres of parklands. We are committed to protecting their habitat and have implemented many restoration projects throughout the years, including restoration of California black rail habitat at Point Pinole Regional Shoreline, restoration of “Tern Island” at Hayward Regional Shoreline, and creation of a bird sanctuary for western snowy plover at Martin Luther King Jr. Regional Shoreline.

We are also celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Women’s Right to Vote. In recognition of this historic milestone, this year’s calendar highlights several of the women who contributed to the success of the Park District. Luminaries include Aurelia Reinhardt, who advocated for the founding of the Park District and served on its first board of directors. Women have played an important role in the Park District’s 85-year history of protecting open space and connecting people with nature in the East Bay.

As you explore your Regional Parks, enjoy the variety of fascinating birds you encounter.



Robert E. Doyle
General Manager



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On the Cover

Great Egret, *Ardea alba*: The great egret is a common resident throughout the Bay Area and can be seen foraging in marshes, wetlands and farm fields for everything from fish to amphibians and small mammals. They are sometimes observed along roadsides or in freeway medians hunting “stoically still” while traffic whizzes by. In 1953, the great egret in flight was chosen as the symbol of the National Audubon Society, which was formed in part to prevent the killing of birds for their feathers. *Photo: Geoff Zimmerman*

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Western Snowy Plover (above), *Charadrius nivosus*: This small plover is an uncommon year-round resident along scattered sections of San Francisco Bay beaches. The Park District and the US Fish and Wildlife Service established a snowy plover resource protection area at Crown Beach in 2014 to protect the hard-to-see birds in their overwintering habitat site. Due to human disturbance, increased predation, and habitat degradation, the coastal breeding population is listed as a Federal Threatened Species and a California Species of Special Concern. *Photo: Jerry Ting*

California Quail (right), *Callipepla californica*: The beloved state bird of California, the California quail usually place their well-concealed nests on the ground and forage for seeds, leaves, flowers, and insects in chaparral and brushy areas of the Regional Parks. Their characteristic strut and quick run is especially charming when adult quails are seen ushering a line of babies rapidly toward the protective cover of scrub and bushes. *Photo: Lee Greengrass*

