

CALIFORNIA CONDOR POPULATION SIZE AND DISTRIBUTION
MAY 1, 2003 (status through Apr. 30, prepared May 5)
GENERAL SUMMARY

TOTAL POPULATION **210**

CAPTIVE POPULATION **131**

Los Angeles Zoo	31
San Diego WAP	33
WCBP Boise	47
Oregon Zoo	0
Mentor birds in field pens	3
Pre-release birds in field pens	17
Southern California	4
Central California	6
Baja California	2
Arizona	5

WILD POPULATION **79**

California	40
Southern California-released birds in wild	18
Central California-released birds in wild	22
Baja California	3
In wild	0
Recaptured, temporarily holding in field pen	3
Arizona	36
In wild	35
Recaptured, temporarily holding in field pen	1

Changes in April:

Southern California – Rec'd 4 pre-release birds and one mentor; 2 wild birds recaptured temporarily for treatment
 Central California – Received 6 pre-release birds
 Arizona – 4 re-released; 1 wild bird temporarily recaptured (behavior)
 Los Angeles Zoo – 9-day-old chick died; 4 young birds and 1 mentor transferred to So. CA pen;
 2 So. Calif. birds were received for temporary treatment of minor leg injuries and will be re-released
 SDWAP – transferred 6 young to Cent. CA pen

Eggs laid in 2003:

Los Angeles Zoo – 7 laid, 4 incubating, 3 hatched, 2 chicks surviving
 San Diego WAP – 10 laid, 4 incubating, 4 hatched, 4 chicks surviving
 WCBP Boise – 23 laid, 7 incubating, 8 hatched, 8 chicks surviving
 Wild, California – 1 laid, 1 incubating
 Wild, Arizona – 3 laid, 1 broken, 2 incubating

Wild population statistics since 1995:

144 condors released (So. CA – 48; Cent. CA – 32*; Baja CA – 3; AZ – 61) *excludes SB# 134 relocated to AZ
 81 alive in the wild in Apr. 2003 (Jan. 1 totals: 13 in 1996; 40 in 1998; 52 in 2000; 59 in 2002)
 50 deaths (0 in 1995; 2 in 1996; 6 in 1997; 5 in 1998; 7 in 1999; 16 in 2000; 5 in 2001; 7 in 2002; 2 so far in 2003)
 13 returned to captivity indefinitely or permanently
 Egg-laying pairs in the wild, California: 2 in 2001; 3 in 2002; 1 so far in 2003
 Egg-laying pairs in the wild, Arizona: 1 in 2001; 2 in 2002; 3 so far in 2003

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See below for detailed summary and explanatory notes

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Southern California	4 (SB# 267, 268, 277, 289)	
Central California	6 (SB# 265, 266, 270, 278, 286, 287)	
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Recaptured, temporarily holding in field pen	1 (SB# 250)	

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Southern California – Rec'd 4 pre-release birds and one mentor (Apr. 23); 2 wild birds recaptured temporarily for treatment: (SB #238 (Apr. 6), #202 (Apr. 16))
 Central California – Received 6 pre-release birds (Apr. 15)
 Arizona – 4 re-released ((SB# 187, 193 (Apr. 4); #126, 162 (Apr. 6)); #250 temp. recaptured (behavior)
 Los Angeles Zoo – 9-day-old chick died Apr. 8; 4 young and 1 mentor transferred to So. CA pen (Apr. 23); SB# 202 & 238 were received for temporary treatment of minor leg injuries and will be re-released
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 San Diego WAP – 10 laid, 1 infertile, 8 fertile, 1 unknown, 4 incubating, 4 hatched, 4 chicks surviving
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Explanatory notes:

SB# - Condor Studbook number

"CAPTIVE POPULATION" includes:

- birds captured from the wild prior to 1988 that are still in a captive facility (e.g., zoo)
 - previously released birds returned to captivity permanently or for care and possible re-release
 - surviving chicks and juveniles (excludes eggs laid)
 - captive-hatched birds retained for captive breeding
 - young birds held in breeding facilities in preparation for transfer to a field pen for release
 - "mentor birds" from a captive facility transferred temporarily into a field pen to aid socialization of pre-release birds
 - birds transferred from a captive facility to a field pen in preparation for initial release or re-release
- WAP is Wild Animal Park (Zoological Society of San Diego); WCBP is World Center for Birds of Prey (The Peregrine Fund)

"WILD POPULATION" includes:

- free-flying birds recently accounted for
- free-flying birds, assumed to be alive, although not recently accounted for
- nestlings in wild nests
- temporarily re-captured wild birds, held in a field pen, that are intended to be re-released soon

"So. Calif." refers to birds originally released at sites from San Luis Obispo County to Ventura County by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Hopper Mountain National Wildlife Refuge Complex. Birds released in the two California release areas now freely intermingle.

"Central Calif." refers to birds originally released at sites north of San Luis Obispo County by the Ventana Wilderness Society. Birds released in the two California release areas now freely intermingle.

"Baja Calif." refers to birds originally released in Baja California by the Zoological Society of San Diego, the Centro de Investigación Científica y de Educación Superior de Ensenada, and the Instituto Nacional de Ecología.

"Arizona" refers to birds in Arizona and several other states east of California, released by The Peregrine Fund.

Mortalities requiring law enforcement investigation often will not be publicly reported immediately.

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