

CALIFORNIA CONDOR POPULATION SIZE AND DISTRIBUTION
APRIL 1, 2003 (includes status changes through Mar. 31)

TOTAL POPULATION **199**

CAPTIVE POPULATION **118**

Los Angeles Zoo	34 (incl. 2 chicks)
San Diego WAP	35
WCBP Boise	40 (incl. 1 chick)
Oregon Zoo	0
Mentor birds in field pens	2 (SB# 63 in Cent. CA; # 64 in Baja CA)
Pre-release birds in field pens	7
So. CA	0
Cent. CA	0
Baja CA	2 (SB# 217, 220)
Arizona	5 (SB# 273, 275, 276, 280, 282)

WILD POPULATION **81**

California	42
So. CA-released birds	20
In wild	20
Recaptured, temporarily holding in field pen	0
Cent. CA-released birds	22
In wild	22
Recaptured, temporarily holding in field pen	0
Baja California	3
In wild	0
Recaptured, temporarily holding in field pen	3 (SB# 218, 259, 261)
Arizona	36
In wild	32
Recaptured, temporarily holding in field pen	4 (SB# 187, 193, 274, 281)

Changes in March:

Southern California – one nest discovered
 Central California – SB# 251 and 260 re-released
 Arizona - 3 released Mar. 3 (SB# 272, 274, 281); 2 temporarily recaptured (SB# 274, 281); three nests discovered

Eggs laid in 2003:

Los Angeles Zoo – 7 laid, 0 infertile, 7 fertile, 5 incubating, 2 hatched, 2 chicks surviving
 San Diego WAP – 7 laid, 1 infertile, 5 fertile, 1 unknown, 5 incubating
 WCBP Boise – 20 laid, 3 infertile, 16 fertile, 1 unknown, 15 incubating, 1 hatched, 1 chick surviving
 Wild, CA – 1 laid, 1 incubating
 Wild, AZ – 3 laid, 1 broken, 2 incubating

Wild population statistics since 1995:

144 condors released (So. CA - 48; Cent. CA - 33*; Baja CA - 3; AZ - 60) *one was later re-released in AZ
 81 alive in wild
 50 deaths
 13 returned to captivity indefinitely or permanently
 Egg-laying pairs in wild, CA: 1 in 2001; 3 in 2002; 1 so far in 2003
 Egg-laying pairs in wild, AZ: 1 in 2001; 2 in 2002; 3 so far in 2003

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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 (loaned) to another facility or 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; WCBP is World Center for Birds of Prey

"WILD POPULATION" includes:

- free-flying birds, recent whereabouts is known
- 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 (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 (birds released in the two California release areas now freely intermingle)

"Baja Calif." refers to birds originally released in Baja California

"Arizona" refers to birds in Arizona and several other states east of California

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