



Southwestern Willow Flycatcher Critical Habitat Designation

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Areas Excluded from Final Critical Habitat Designation:

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service excluded more than 50 percent of the river miles and 68 percent of the acreage proposed as critical habitat for the endangered southwest willow flycatcher in its final rule. The majority of the areas were excluded because habitat protection is being provided for via a different method, such as a habitat conservation plan. In these instances, a critical habitat designation becomes redundant. A few areas were removed because after further evaluation they did not contain the essential habitat elements for the southwest willow flycatcher.

The following are those areas which have been excluded and/or exempted.

Habitat Conservation Plans that cover the flycatcher. The plans have undergone public review and comment, and provide assurances that the conservation measures for the species will be implemented and effective.

- Western Riverside County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan, CA
- San Diego County Multiple Species Conservation Plan, CA
- City of Carlsbad Habitat Management Program, CA
- Lower Colorado River Multiple Species Conservation Plan, AZ, CA and NV
- Roosevelt Lake Habitat Conservation Plan, AZ

U.S. Department of Defense sites with an Integrated Natural Resource Management Plan that adequately address flycatcher conservation measures.

- Camp Pendleton, Naval Weapons Fallbrook and Naval Weapons Station, CA

The Service also evaluated information provided in comments on the proposed critical habitat designation, environmental assessment and economic analysis and considered it in the development of the final critical habitat designation for the flycatcher.

Tribal partnerships on flycatcher management that contain conservation measures for the species will be implemented and effective.

- Hualapai, AZ
- Chemehuevi, CA
- Colorado River, CA/AZ
- Fort Mojave, CA/AZ
- Quechan (Fort Yuma), CA/AZ
- Yavapai-Apache, AZ
- San Carlos, AZ
- Isleta Pueblo, NM
- La Jolla, CA

- Rincon, CA
- San Ildefonso Pueblo, NM
- San Juan Pueblo, NM
- Santa Clara Pueblo, NM

State and Federal conservation plans that provide assurances that the conservation measures for the species will be implemented and effective.

- Overton State Wildlife Area, NV
- Key Pittman State Wildlife Area, NV
- Alamo State Wildlife Area, AZ
- Kern River Wildlife Area, CA
- Sprague Ranch, CA

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, National Wildlife Refuge System with Comprehensive Conservation Plans (CCP) and/or programs that provide for long-term assurances that conservation measures for the species will be implemented and effective. The CCPs are required under the Refuge Improvement Act of 1997.

- Pahrangat National Wildlife Refuge, NV
- Havasu National Wildlife Refuge, AZ
- Cibola National Wildlife Refuge, AZ
- Imperial National Wildlife Refuge, AZ
- Bill Williams National Wildlife Refuge, AZ
- Alamosa National Wildlife Refuge, CO
- Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge, NM
- Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge, NM

Local government, multi-organization partnerships and private entity management plans that provide protections and assurances that the conservation measures for the species will be implemented and effective.

- Los Angeles Department of Water and Power Southwestern Willow Flycatcher Conservation Strategy, Owens River, CA
- San Luis Valley Partnership, CO
- Hafenfeld Ranch, CA
- Salt River Project: Horseshoe Lake, AZ
- U-Bar Ranch, NM
- Rio Grande Valley State Park, City of Albuquerque, NM

River segments re-evaluated and removed in their entirety.

- Pinto Creek and South Fork of Little Colorado River, AZ
- Yucaipa Creek, Wilson Creek, San Timoteo Wash and Cuyamaca Reservoir, CA

After factoring in the above exclusions, three rivers had such minor sections not already covered by some type of conservation that the resulting section was not essential habitat. Thus, these rivers were not included in the designation.

- Cristianitos Creek, CA,
- Bill Williams River, AZ
- San Diego River, CA