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.