

CALIFORNIA CONDOR POPULATION SIZE AND DISTRIBUTION ON  
 JANUARY 1, 2003 (preliminary report, prep. 1/03/03):

TOTAL POPULATION .....198

CAPTIVE POPULATION.....118

Los Angeles Zoo.....32  
 Los Angeles Zoo mentor bird on loan.....1 (SB# 63 in Cent. CA field pen)  
 San Diego WAP.....35  
 San Diego WAP mentor bird on loan.....0  
 WCBP Boise.....47  
 WCBP Boise mentor bird on loan.....0  
 Oregon Zoo.....0  
 Pre-release birds in field pens.....3  
 .....So. CA.....0  
 .....Cent. CA.....0  
 .....Baja CA.....3 (2 HY 2000 cohort [SB# 217, 220]; 1 HY 1991 [SB# 64])  
 .....Arizona.....0

WILD POPULATION.....80

California.....44  
 .....So. CA-released birds..... 21  
 .....In wild.....21  
 .....Recaptured, temporarily holding in field pen.....0  
 .....Cent. CA-released birds.....23  
 .....In wild.....23  
 .....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.....33  
 .....In wild.....32  
 .....Recaptured, temporarily holding in field pen.....1 (SB# 249)

Changes in December:

AZ: recapture of #249 for chelation treatment in field pen

So.CA; Cent. CA; and AZ release areas: release or re-release of 12 other birds recently held at LAZ and in field pens

Eggs laid in 2002: 44 (39 in captivity, 5 in wild)

LA Zoo: 8 laid, 1 broken, 7 fertile, 7 hatched, 6 chicks surviving

SDWAP: 12 laid, 2 infertile, 10 fertile, 2 died in shell, 8 hatched, 8 chicks surviving

WCBP Boise: 19 laid, 8 infertile, 11 fertile, 3 died in shell, 8 hatched, 8 chicks surviving

Wild, California: 3 laid, 3 hatched, 0 chicks survived

Wild, Arizona: 2 laid, both failed

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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

"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
- [Note: mortalities requiring law enforcement investigation often will not be publicly reported immediately.]

"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