

See Condors Live From Your Computer

You don't have to go to the top of a mountain to see a California condor nest.

A [brand new web cam](#) is focused on one of the most iconic and hard-to-observe species in North America: the California condor.

The cliffside nest cavity on camera in the Sespe Condor Sanctuary is home to a 5-month-old condor, who is the offspring of a 21-year-old female and a 6-year-old male.

The Condor Cam runs from dawn to dusk. You can watch the chick stretch its wings and feet in yoga-like poses and interact with its parents. The cam brings you more than condors; you can hear persistent calls from acorn woodpeckers, Stellar's jays and common ravens.

In 1982, only 22 California condors survived world-wide. By spring of 1987, all remaining wild condors had been placed in captivity, beginning an intensive recovery effort to save the California condor from extinction.

In 1992, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service began reintroducing captive-bred condors into the wild. Today there are approximately 430 birds.

[Hopper Mountain National Wildlife Refuge](#), CA, provides roosting, breeding and foraging habitat for the California condor.

This year, the [California Condor Recovery Program](#) celebrated a milestone with a record 19 wild condor nests in California. The Service began using cams in 2010 to monitor the nests. One of these cameras provides a live stream [here](#).