

Table C-2. Special-status species on the Refuge.

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	Federal/BCC/State/CNPS	Occurrence at Salinas River NWR
Plants		
Sandmat manzanita <i>Arctostaphylos pumila</i>	-/-/1B	Not reported to occur at the Refuge but suitable habitat present.
Monterey spineflower <i>Chorizanthe pungens</i> var. <i>pungens</i>	T/-/1B	Occurs on the Refuge; suitable habitat abundant on dunes and species also occurs nearby.
Robust spineflower <i>Chorizanthe robusta</i> var. <i>robusta</i>	E/-/1B	No populations known to occur at the Refuge; occurs in dunes immediately north and south of Refuge.
Seaside bird's-beak <i>Cordylanthus rigidus</i> ssp. <i>littoralis</i>	-/E/1B	Not reported to occur at the Refuge; suitable habitat present.
Eastwood's goldenbush <i>Ericameria fasciculata</i>	-/-/1B	Not reported to occur at the Refuge; suitable habitat present.
Coast wallflower <i>Erysimum ammophilum</i>	-/-/1B	Not reported to occur at the Refuge; suitable habitat present.
Menzies' wallflower <i>Erysimum menziesii</i> ssp. <i>menziesii</i>	E/E/1B	Probably occurred historically at the Refuge; no populations currently known from the site.
Yadon's wallflower <i>Erysimum menziesii</i> ssp. <i>yadonii</i>	E/E/1B	A population of this species was located on the Refuge in the 1970s, but was likely extirpated in 1980 by natural disturbance of the central foredune community.
Monterey gilia <i>Gilia tenuiflora</i> ssp. <i>arenaria</i>	E/T/1B	Occurs on the Refuge and at Salinas River State Beach north of the Refuge.
Tidestrom's lupine <i>Lupinus tidestromii</i>	E/E/1B	Not reported to occur at the Refuge; suitable habitat present.
Wildlife		
Smith's blue butterfly <i>Euphilotes</i> (= <i>Shijimaeoides</i>) <i>enoptes smithi</i>	E/-	Occurs at the Refuge.
Steelhead <i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i>	T/-	Collected in Salinas River Lagoon in 1963 and 1991. Small numbers likely occur at the Refuge.
Southwestern pond turtle <i>Clemmys marmorata pallida</i>	-/SSC	No known occurrences at the Refuge; occurrences have been reported in the vicinity.
Black legless lizard <i>Anniella pulchra nigra</i>	-/SSC	Occurs at the Refuge in the central foredune and central dune scrub communities.
Common loon <i>Gavia immer</i>	-/SSC	Often forages in the Salinas River Lagoon during winter migration.
American white pelican <i>Pelecanus erythrorhynchos</i>	-/SSC	A small flock often forages and roosts in the Salinas River Lagoon from July through March.
California brown pelican <i>Pelecanus occidentalis</i>	E/E	Occurs year-round at the Refuge, most common between April and December.
Double-crested cormorant <i>Phalacrocorax auritus</i>	-/SSC	Roosts and forages around the Salinas River Lagoon.
White-faced ibis <i>Plegadis chihi</i>	-/SSC	Has been observed at the Refuge during fall and winter migrations.
Osprey <i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	-/SSC	Often forages at the Refuge during fall and spring migrations.
White-tailed kite <i>Elanus leucurus</i>	-/FP	Often forages at the Refuge during winter; known to nest in the vicinity.
Bald eagle <i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>	T/E	May forage occasionally at the Salinas River Lagoon during fall, winter, and spring.
Northern harrier <i>Circus cyaneus</i>	-/SSC	Commonly forages at the Refuge; may nest onsite.
Sharp-shinned hawk <i>Accipiter striatus</i>	-/SSC	Uncommon winter visitor to the area; forages at the Refuge.

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Cooper's hawk <i>Accipiter cooperii</i>	-/SSC	Uncommon winter visitor to the area; forages at the Refuge.
Golden eagle <i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>	PR/SSC, FP	May forage occasionally at the Refuge.
Prairie falcon <i>Falco mexicanus</i>	-/R,C/SSC	Uncommon winter visitor to the area; forages at the Refuge.
Merlin <i>Falco columbarius</i>	-/SSC	Uncommon winter visitor to the area; forages at the Refuge.
American peregrine falcon <i>Falco peregrinus anatum</i>	-/R,C/E	Uncommon winter visitor to the area; forages at the Refuge.
Whimbrel <i>Numenius phaeopus</i>	-/R,C/-	Common in the Salinas River Lagoon and in coastal brackish marsh and northern coastal salt marsh communities at the Refuge.
California clapper rail <i>Rallus longirostris obsoletus</i>	E/E/FP	Reported once from the Refuge; no suitable nesting habitat is found onsite.
Greater sandhill crane <i>Grus canadensis tabida</i>	-/T	Very rare spring and fall migrant at the Refuge and in the vicinity.
Western snowy plover <i>Charadrius alexandrinus nivosus</i>	T/SSC (coastal)	Year-round resident at the Refuge. The beach provides one of the most important breeding areas for this species in the Monterey Bay area.
Mountain plover <i>Charadrius montanus</i>	C/R,C/SSC	Rare winter visitor to the Refuge.
Long-billed curlew <i>Numenius americanus</i>	-/R,C/SSC	Common in the Salinas River Lagoon and in coastal brackish marsh and northern coastal salt marsh communities at the Refuge.
Red knot <i>Calidris canutus</i>	-/R,C/-	Common in the Salinas River Lagoon and in coastal brackish marsh and northern coastal salt marsh communities at the Refuge.
Marbled godwit <i>Limosa fedoa</i>	-/R,C/-	Common in the Salinas River Lagoon and in coastal brackish marsh and northern coastal salt marsh communities at the Refuge.
Short-billed dowitcher <i>Limnodromus griseus</i>	-/R,C/-	Common in the Salinas River Lagoon and in coastal brackish marsh and northern coastal salt marsh communities at the Refuge.
California gull <i>Larus californicus</i>	-/SSC	Very common visitor to the Refuge.
California least tern <i>Sterna antillarum (=albifrons) browni</i>	E/E	Historically nested onsite; now an occasional spring migrant.
Elegant tern <i>Sterna elegans</i>	-/R,C/SSC	A large local population roosts and forages at the Refuge.
Black skimmer <i>Rynchops niger</i>	-/R,C/SSC	Occasionally forages in the Salinas River Lagoon. Potential nesting habitat is present.
Short-eared owl <i>Asio flammeus</i>	-/SSC	Suitable nesting and foraging habitat occurs in tall grassland habitat at the Refuge.
Western burrowing owl <i>Athene cunicularia hypugea</i>	-/SSC	Rare fall migrant and occasional wintering birds in the vicinity of the Refuge.
Willow flycatcher <i>Empidonax traillii</i>	-/E	Rare winter and spring migrant in central coast arroyo willow riparian forest near the Refuge.
Black swift <i>Cypseloides niger</i>	-/R,C/SSC	Rare spring and fall migrant through the Refuge.
Loggerhead shrike <i>Lanius ludovicianus</i>	-/R,C/SSC	Common resident at the Refuge.
California yellow warbler <i>Dendroica petechia brewsteri</i>	-/SSC	May nest in central coast arroyo willow riparian forest near the Refuge.
Purple martin <i>Progne subis</i>	-/SSC	Rare spring and late-summer migrant through the Refuge.

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Song sparrow <i>Melospiza melodia</i>	-/C/-		Common resident at the Refuge.
Bank swallow <i>Riparia riparia</i>	-/T		Rare spring and summer migrant through the Refuge.
Yellow-breasted chat <i>Icteria virens</i>	-/SSC		Rare spring and fall migrant in riparian scrub at the Refuge.
Tricolored blackbird <i>Agelaius tricolor</i>	-/R,C/SSC		Occasionally forages at the Refuge.
Southern sea otter <i>Enhydra lutris nereis</i>	T/FP		Occasionally observed in offshore areas of the Refuge

^aStatus explanations:

Federal

- E = listed as endangered under the Federal Endangered Species Act.
- T = listed as threatened under the Federal Endangered Species Act.
- PE = proposed for listing as endangered under the Federal Endangered Species Act.
- PR = protected under the Golden Eagle Protection Act.
- PT = proposed for listing as threatened under the Federal Endangered Species Act.
- C = species for which the Service has sufficient information on file regarding biological vulnerability and threat(s) to support issuance of a proposed rule to list.
- = no listing.

Birds of Conservation Concern(BCC)

Species, subspecies, and populations of all migratory nongame birds that, without additional conservation actions, are likely to become candidates for listing under the Endangered Species Act of 1973. This is a congressionally mandated list, compiled by USFWS as mandated by the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act (1988 amendment).

- R = Regional.
- C = South Pacific Coast California.

State

- E = listed as endangered under the California Endangered Species Act.
- T = listed as threatened under the California Endangered Species Act.
- R = listed as rare under the California Native Plant Protection Act. (This category is no longer used for newly listed plants, but some plants previously listed as rare retain this designation.)
- C = species is a candidate for listing under the California Endangered Species Act.
- SSC = California State species of special concern.
- FP = species is fully protected in California under California Fish and Game Code Section 3511 (birds), 4700 (mammals), or 5050 (reptiles and amphibians).
- = no listing.

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- 1A = List 1A (species presumed extinct in California).
- 1B = List 1B (species rare, threatened, or endangered in California and elsewhere).
- 2 = List 2 (species rare, threatened, or endangered in California but more common elsewhere).
- 3 = List 3 (species about which more information is needed to determine their status).
- 4 = List 4 (species of limited distribution).
- = no listing.

Sources: California Native Plant Society 2001, California Department of Fish and Game 2002.