

Bird Nest Survey for Felta Creek Restoration Project

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April 26, 2010

The survey was conducted at Felta Creek on April 22, 2010 by Rich Stallcup with CLSI staff Nelia White. Rich Stallcup is a PRBO Naturalist who has been involved with California Field Ornithology for many years. Rich was a founder of PRBO and has served on its Board of Directors, was president of Western Field Ornithologists, was regional editor for American Birds, was a member of the California Bird Records Committee. He has published many scientific papers, 4 books about birds and 60 "Focus" articles in PRBO's newsletter, the Observer. From 1976-1988, Rich was an owner and tour leader for WINGS birding. In 2002 the American Birding Association presented Rich the Ludlow Griscom Award for outstanding contributions to American ornithology. Rich now serves as PRBO's Naturalist and works with the Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary Beachwatch Program. In 1998 he was designated "star of the sanctuary" for Cordell Bank.

The following map identifies approximate locations where bird behavior indicated nests. A 50-foot diameter circle around the spot indicates the area that Rich Stallcup advised avoiding any disturbance if it was a ground-nesting or low-nesting species (migratory: Wilson's Warbler, Orange-crowned Warbler; resident: Bewick's Wren, Chestnut-backed Chickadee) and for the migratory Pacific-slope flycatcher, which nests 20 to 40 feet above the ground, to keep activities restricted to hand tools (no motorized engines like chain saws or weed-whackers) and minimize activity in the area. Each of the spots is flagged on the fence to indicate the areas to avoid. Each of the species is listed as "Least Concern".

This survey serves as notification to the Department of Fish and Game (DFG) for the consultation required in #14 of Notification Number 1600-2008-0277-3. If the advised actions above do not comply with Fish & Game Code of California, DFG will contact Nelia White at (707) 253-1226 or neliaw@fishfriendlyfarming.org upon receipt of this fax to advise us of alternative actions.

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